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Arthur Ashe Was 11-2 Underdog

Ashe Grabs Wimbledon Title

From Wire Dispatches  
WIMBLEDON, England — Richmond native Arthur Ashe thrashed heavily favored Jimmy Connors in four sets Saturday to win the Wimbledon singles championship, the most prestigious title in tennis.  
Made an 11-2 underdog by British bookmakers, Ashe stunned the defending champion, 6-1, 6-1, 5-7, 6-4, to become the first black man to win a Wimbledon crown. The victory was worth \$22,000 to Ashe. It followed by less than two months his capture of the World Championship Tennis title.  
The 22-year-old Connors, nearly 10 years Ashe's junior, had looked invincible in winning his first six Wimbledon matches without losing a set, including a blitz of Roscoe Tanner in the semifinals. Also, Connors had beaten Ashe in their three previous meetings.

BUT FROM THE start of Saturday's final, Connors was on the defensive. Ashe, who usually employs a powerful serve-and-volley game, changed his tactics for his first match on grass against Connors. Ashe chipped and dinked and threw up lobs. He served solidly all the way, and his forehand volley, his major weakness, was strong throughout.  
Connors won the first game and then was swamped. Ashe won nine games in succession, and at the changeover in the second set, with Connors down in games, 0-3, a voice in the center court gallery called out, "Come on, Connors!"  
Shouted back Connors, "I'm trying, for chrissakes!"  
Ashe went on to complete the first two sets in only 45 minutes. Then he took a 3-2 lead in the third set.  
Finally, Connors began asserting himself. He hit two fine service returns to break Ashe and even the set at 3-3. Ashe had two break

points in the first game, two in the seventh and two more in the 11th, but he failed to make them good.  
AS ASHE SERVED to save the set at 5-6, Connors hit three strong forehand returns and broke him to win the set. The Belleville, Ill., resident had seemingly turned it around.  
Connors' manager, Bill Riordan, and close friend Ilie Nastase stood in the stands, waving their arms and shouting.  
Connors broke Ashe's service for a 2-0 lead in the fourth set, then he won the next game on his own service. Ashe served to cut the gap to 1-3, then hit another good lob that started him on the way back into the command.  
On the last point of the fifth game, Ashe sped across the court and whipped over a forehand. Connors put his return out of court, and Ashe had broken back.

BOTH MEN HELD their service to 4-4, then Connors, serving, ran into a barrage of winning backhands from Ashe. The champion made one poor shot in that game. He stood at the net with an open court and netted a forehand drop. He lost his service, and Ashe led, 5-4, serving for the match.  
Two service winners and a backhand volley took Ashe to match point.

How Ashe Did It

Arthur Ashe says via transatlantic telephone that hard tournament road paid off, and Chauncey Darden's Sportview hails "King Arthur." Both on Page E-1.

Off the next service, Connors knocked a half-hearted return high into the air. The majority of a crowd of more than 17,000 rose and began cheering even before the ball came down. Ashe smashed the shot away and became the champion after 12 years of trying.  
He had never before advanced past the semifinals. He lost in the semifinals in 1968 (the year he won the U.S. Open at Forest Hills) and 1969, both times bowing to Rod Laver of Australia.  
ASHE WAS NOT ONE of those surprised he had won. "If you are a good player," he said, "and you find yourself winning easily, you are not surprised."  
He said the Wimbledon title was his second greatest victory, ranking behind his participation in the United States' victorious Davis Cup effort in 1968.  
Connors' refusal to play for the U.S. Davis

Cup team in the recent past has been publicly criticized by Ashe, and Connors retaliated recently by filing a \$5 million suit for libel against Ashe. "I never thought about it (the suit) either before the match or during it," said Ashe.

There was only a brief handshake between them as the match ended, and no conversation. Ashe raised his fist to the crowd after he hit the winning smash.

HE SAID HE WAS waving to his friends — legal adviser Donald Dell and others — in the stands.  
Connors, the No. 1-ranked player in the world after winning the 1974 Wimbledon and Forest Hills championships, demonstrated that the loss had not affected his opinion of his talents.

"They don't know how to play me," Connors said. "They have to play out of their minds to beat me, as Arthur did today."  
"They think somehow I'm the man to beat. That is a compliment to me. I came here with my head high, and I can go out of here with my head still high."

The all-American final, the first at the All England Tennis Club in 28 years, capped one of the best Wimbledon's ever for the United States. Americans either won, or had a share in all five championships.

Billie Jean King won her sixth singles title over Australia's Evonne Goolagong Cawley on Friday, the same day Americans Alex Mayer and Vitas Gerulaitis took the men's doubles. Saturday, Ann Kiyomura of San Mateo, Calif., paired with Kazuko Sawamatsu of Japan to win the women's doubles, 7-5, 1-6, 7-5, over Francoise Durr and Betty Stove. Then Marty Riessen of Amelia Island, Fla., paired with Australian Margaret Court to beat Allan Stone and Miss Stove, 6-4, 7-5, in the mixed doubles.

Debate Increasing on Site For Convention Center

By Bill Miller  
The campaign that went on for several years to get a convention-exhibit center for the city of Richmond has turned into a battle over where to put it now that the city is committed to building it, and observers expect the battle to get much hotter before it ends.  
Most of the fighting over the center's site thus far has been quiet — letters written to concerned groups, appearances by one side before a group whose support was important, and presentations and debates before City Council when it was deliberating over whether to include financing for early stages of the project in the 1975-76 capital outlay budget.

Collision Report Held Falsified

By Seymour Hersh  
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WASHINGTON — The commander of a Navy submarine on an intelligence patrol inside Soviet waters was ordered to file a series of falsified reports in the late 1969 after an at-sea collision with a Soviet submarine, according to former crew members.  
The American submarine, the Gato, was on a highly classified reconnaissance mission as part of what the Navy called the Holystone program when she struck the Soviet submarine about 15 to 25 miles off the entrance to the White Sea, in the Barents Sea in northern Russia, the crew members said. During the patrol, they added, the Gato had been as close as a mile to the Soviet coast.  
The Holystone operation, which more recently has carried the code names Pinnacle and Bollard, involves the use of specially equipped electronic submarines to spy inside the waters of the Soviet Union and other nations. The intelligence-gathering operation was initiated in the early 1960s.

THE FORMER crew members of the Gato said that a few days after the collision, their commanding officer was ordered by the Navy's Atlantic Fleet command in Norfolk to prepare 25 copies of a top-secret report alleging that the

Charles H. Phillips Jr., a Richmond realtor, is by virtue of his outspokenness and activity level the recognized leader of one of the sides. His camp — which includes questioning area hotel and motel owners-managers, and business owners from the Coliseum area advocates putting the convention center in the Adams and Broad street area.  
Their main opponent is the city administration, which has followed a consulting firm's recommendation and asked council to put the center on the block bounded by Marshall, Clay, 5th and 6th streets — adjacent to the Coliseum.

IN THE MIDDLE is council, which is being asked to approve a resolution supported by Mayor Thomas J. Bliley Jr. to authorize City Manager William J. Leidinger to begin spending the \$1,491,600 included in the 1975-76 capital outlay budget for planning of the center. Council is slated to act on the Bliley resolution at its meeting July 14. Figuring they had better get some support for their position from council members, Phillips' camp will be actively engaged next week in speaking to groups who have tacitly or openly endorsed the Coliseum area site and may ask Councilman Wayland W. Rennie to introduce a resolution tying the center to the Adams and Broad streets area.  
However, administration officials, fearing that a council resolution would mean defeat of the Bliley paper, have argued that the approval to spend the already appropriated funds will not tie the city irrevocably to any one site.

The fight to get a convention center for the city gained ground significantly when council appropriated \$20,000 in the 1973-74 budget for a consultant's study on (1) whether the city should have a center, (2) what type of facility should be built, and (3) where it should be built.  
The report, received April 15 from the Development Research Division of Booz-Allen & Hamilton Inc., of Bethesda, Md., said the city should build the center because it stands to gain more than \$7 million a year in money spent by conventioners.

IT SAID THE center should have about 100,000 square feet, with a great deal of flexibility incorporated so that it could either handle one large convention or a number of smaller meetings.

The consultants said, too, that the center



Stepping Out

A tame deer stepped out from between members of an honor guard during departure ceremonies yesterday at Camp David for President Suharto of Indonesia. During talks with President Ford at the presidential retreat in the Maryland mountains, the Indonesian

leader was assured that the United States remains committed to an active presence in Southeast Asia despite the American withdrawal from Indochina. Suharto left Camp David for Japan, his last stop on a five-nation tour.

Rural Land Price Rise Likely to Slow in State

Editor's note: This first story in a series on land in Virginia summarizes regional articles written by reporters of The Times-Dispatch. State Staff, which will appear this week. Material for the series was gathered from local and state records and interviews with local real estate agents, county and state officials, economists and researchers.

By Steve Barr  
Rural land prices in Virginia have increased dramatically during the last few years, but for the first time in 15 years, the rate of increase is expected to slow substantially.  
State and national figures show the slowdown in prices has followed the downturn in the economy.

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The current slackening, however, does not indicate that farm and undeveloped land will be bought at bargain prices this year or in the future, according to interviews with real estate and land sales professionals throughout Virginia.

For an eight-month period ending Nov. 1, 1974, the average value per acre rose only about 1 per cent a month, said Miss Sada L. Clarke, an associate economist with the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond.

The eight-month figure of 8.1 per cent, she said, is the "first telltale sign ... it is rising still, but at a lower rate."

IN CONTRAST, between November 1973 and March 1974, the average value per acre increased 3.7 per cent per month. A 12-month period beginning in March 1973 showed a 30 per cent annual increase in the per-acre price.

The boom between 1973 and 1974 was almost unheard of in Virginia," Miss Clarke noted. Between 1970 and 1974, per-acre value of land almost

doubled, figures gathered by the crop reporting service show.

In 1970, the average acre of land with buildings was worth \$288; by 1974, the latest period for which data are available, that price had increased to \$328. In 1974, the average total value per farm of land and buildings was \$88,800, a staggering investment for someone wanting to become a farmer.

Now "it's practically impossible for someone to go out and start farming," Robert E. Schooley, state statistician at the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce, believes. The exceptions, he said, are persons whose family already owns land or leases it.

BECAUSE OF the various types of land found in the state, state officials said statistical averages cannot always be

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'Take a Chance,' Israel Is Advised

From Wire Dispatches  
WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger suggested Saturday that the degree of future American support for Israel would be linked to whether the Israelis "take a chance" and make the territorial concessions needed to bring about a new Egyptian-Israeli accord in the Sinai.  
Meanwhile, a mine exploded in a Moslem training center in Lebanon, killing at least 30 Moslem guerrillas and wounding 60 others, and Israeli security forces were forced to use a water cannon to disband demonstrators angered by Friday's bombing in downtown Jerusalem.  
The Israeli Cabinet meets today to decide whether to withdraw from the two strategic mountain passes of Mt. Lebanon after earlier refusing to do so for the limited political concessions offered by Egypt. The United States has been privately urging Israel to accept and thereby provide momentum to the efforts for a diplomatic solution.  
Kissinger, in an interview with the American Broadcasting Co. Saturday, said the Israeli choice would be difficult

because "whatever decision they make is going to have problems."

Kissinger said the United States sympathizes with Israel's dilemma and said "we understand their fears" about giving up further territory in the Sinai. "But we also feel that they must take a chance on making progress towards peace, because any other approach is going to lead to a war sooner or later which is going to have serious consequences, above all for the people of Israel," he said.

Kissinger then added, "But the United States will stand behind them in conditions in which we can reasonably say to our people that progress is being made."

Israel has expressed concern that a request for \$2.5 billion in economic and military aid in the fiscal year that began July 1 would not be fully supported by the Ford administration unless she gave up the mountain passes.

Kissinger seemed to confirm that Israeli belief.

In Brussels, meantime, informed sources said Kissinger

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Block Near Coliseum Being Pushed by City Administration for Convention Center