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Sedgman stirs memories

YOUNG PRO THRASHED

Roy Barth, a young American tennis professional, learnt a bitter lesson — youth is no substitute for experience — at the Dunlop Australian Open championship at White City yesterday.

And, the man who handed out the tennis sermon of the day was Frank Sedgman, 43, one of the all-time greats of the game.

The setting was a familiar one for Sedgman. For it was here, White City, that he scored one of his greatest tennis triumphs 20 years ago.

Almost single-handed, he took Australia to a stunning 3-2 Davis Cup Challenge Round win over the United States.

Sedgman's imprint on that tie was colossal. He won both his singles, beating Ted Schroeder and Vic Seixas, and partnered Ken McGregor to success in the doubles.

Yesterday Sedgman, hitting a stream of winners, several memorable cross-court passing shots, brought back memories of that Davis Cup tie.

Barth, 23, a professional of a few months standing, was never in the game, with Sedgman dominating the court in a 6-3, 6-1, 6-1 win.

"I guess I hit them pretty well out there today," said Sedgman.

ROSE BEATEN

If Sedgman, Wimbledon champion of 1952, continues to hit them pretty well he's going to trouble his next opponent, 12th seeded Fred Stolle, in the second round.

Mervyn Rose, who lost his singles matches in that same Davis Cup Challenge Round 20 years ago, also appeared against an American, Bob Lutz, 23, who was too strong for the 41-year-old Australian.

Rose put up a great rearguard fight in the third set. Down 1-5, he drew level at 5-5 before losing the set 5-7 and the match, 3-6, 4-6, 5-7.

Englishman Graham Stilwell had several good chances in his first round match against Australian Owen Davidson, the former All-England Club and English Davis Cup coach, before losing in four sets in a two and a half hour match, the longest of the day.

Davidson won 6-4, 6-4, 6-7, 6-4.

South Australian left-hander Barry Phillips-Moore upset professional John Alexander after Alexander held a commanding lead in the match.

Phillips-Moore came from behind to win 6-3, 3-6, 1-6, 6-3, 6-3.

There was an upset in the first round of the men's doubles when Sydney players Geoff Pollard and Ray Wilson, beat fancied South Africans Frew McMillan and Bob Maud, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

The program was cut back to 25 matches instead of the originally scheduled 40.

In a pupil v coach match, Australian Owen Davidson, playing a low backhand, outlasted Englishman Graham Stilwell in a four-set first round game in the Dunlop Australian Open championship at White City yesterday.

Easts sign Chatfield to strengthen pack

By ALAN CLARKSON

Eastern Suburbs Rugby League club have signed former North Sydney second-rower Warren Chatfield,

Chatfield, originally listed for $5,000, was released to Eastern Suburbs for $5,000 was released to Eastern Suburbs for $3,000.

He signed a three-year contract on Saturday.

A strong running, robust forward, Chatfield will add strength and depth to the brittle Eastern Suburbs pack.

Chatfield has not trained this season.

So it could be a few weeks before he is considered fit enough for first-grade.

Manly-Warringah selectors have bracketed half-backs Dennis Ward and Eddie Whiley for the final-round match against Newtown in the pre-season competition at Brookvale Oval on Friday night.

With winger Derek Moritz back after serving a week's suspension, the team

WARREN CHATFIELD

DENNIS WARD

is the same that scored such a resounding win over Western Suburbs last Friday night.

The selectors have retained Bobby Fulton as five-eighth, with young Terry Randall again in the centre with John McDonald.

Fulton, who injured his hand, was able to train yesterday morning and is expected to be fit to play.

Canterbury - Bankstown's returning stars, Les Johns and Terry Reynolds, have failed to regain their places in the first-grade team for Saturday night's match against Cronulla-Sutherland at Belmore.

The selectors have retained Peter Inskip as full-back and Les Hutchings as half.

Both played impressively on Friday night, especially Hutchings, who gave a polished display of intelligent half-back play.

Five-eighth Alan Burwell and second-rower Norm Thomas could not be considered because of injuries.

Balmain's young second-rower, Joe Walsh, will see a specialist today to determine the extent of his knee injury.

Four players will face the NSW Rugby League judiciary committee tonight after being sent off in matches over the weekend.

They are Mal Reilly (Manly), Don Rogers (Western Suburbs), Graham Lye (Parramatta) and Phil Flack (Newtown).

They bring the tally of players sent off in the pre-season series to nine.

Teams for the final round of the Wills pre-season competition:

MANLY: [illegible]

PARRAMATTA: [illegible]

CANTERBURY: [illegible]

HOLLAND'S AMAROO TRIUMPH

By ALAN WOOD

Don Holland won the first round of the Sun 7 gold medal series in an incident-packed race at Amaroo Park, yesterday.

The race, for series production cars, was a triumph for Holden with Torana XU1s taking the first four places.

Two 10-lap heats decided the starters in the final.

In the first heat, Leo Geoghegan (Valiant Pacer) started from pole position after recording the fastest practice time on Saturday.

Don Holland got the jump on Geoghegan at the start, but surrendered the lead on the third lap coming out of pit straight, and the white Pacer was never headed for the rest of the race.

CONSISTENT

Holland drove consistently from second place to qualify for the final, with Max Douglas (GTHO Falcon) third.

The second heat was led throughout by Fred Gibson in a Falcon GTHO with Nick Petrilli (Falcon GTHO) second and Peter Williamson (Torana XU1) third.

The final was a thriller from start to finish.

Holland got the best start with Geoghegan tucking in behind and Gibson in third place.

Geoghegan passed Holland on lap five, going into Brabham Loop, with Gibson firmly entrenched in third place.

On lap 12 Gibson had a lose going through Brabham Loop and retired with a bad oil leak.

A lap later, Geoghegan surrendered the lead to Holland, with a lose at Rothman's Corner and a lap later retired when a tyre blew out a Brabham Loop.

When the tyre blew, Geoghegan lost control and hit the bank.

Holland went on to win the race by 10 seconds from Peter Williamson, with Graham Moore and Geoff Leeds filling other places.

REVENGE

All drove Torana XU1s.

Fastest time of the race was shared by Fred Gibson and Leo Geoghegan at 1m 2.3 sec.

Gibson claimed his revenge, however, in the Better Brakes teams match race.

This race was conducted over three, three-lap heats with cars representing the three major series marques, Falcon GTHO, Torana XU1 and Valiant Pacer.

Despite the large number of novice drivers entered at the meeting, there were surprisingly few accidents.

Only one driver, Geoff Spence, required treatment.

Spence was involved in a collision with fello-Mini driver, Mick Lacey, in the Rothman's Trophy Race for sports saloons and touring cars.

The cars collided coming out of Brabham Loop and overturned on the short straight before STP Corner.

Lacey was taken to Parramatta Hospital for observation.

Richer breeding era for Victoria

The racing world of BERT LILLYE

MELBOURNE, Sun. —Victoria's thoroughbred breeding industry this week moves into a new, richer era with the 51st Annual Yearling Sales in Melbourne.

Victoria has been the "Cinderella" State for years, following a sharp decline in the strength of its stallions, brood mares and market.

The decline began about 15 years ago and was not arrested until last year.

One of Victoria's top studmasters today told me that last year he made his first decent profit in 10 years, and he had to acquire one of Australia's most successful young stallions before he emerged "out of the red."

Victoria's renaissance stems from the success of such stallions as Better Boy, Showdown, Althrey Don, Don Juan and Star Affair.

The real impact will not be felt, however, until the Victorian studmasters can restock with top-class mares, which will take time and a lot of money.

But this week the improvement in Victoria's status as a thoroughbred breeding State will be felt, mainly through the offering of 19 Showdown yearlings and 13 of Better Boy's progeny.

One could feel the enthusiasm today when the yearling parade was staged for the first time in Melbourne's magnificent new sales pavilion.

It has an amphitheatre design which follows closely on the pattern of America's sales pavilions.

More than 1,000 buyers can be seated under an insulated roof, with the auctioneers conducting their business from a pulpit overlooking the raised tan bark parade area.

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Ken Cox, who stands Showdown at his Stockwell stud, yesterday celebrated his sixtieth birthday.

It would have been a grand birthday "gift" if Royal Show, Dual Choice and Silver Sharpe could have credited Showdown with a win each, but Ken was happy with a win, a second and a third.

The three placings netted $12,500 in stakes, which took the season's earnings by Showdown's progeny to $204,000.

This is a remarkable achievement considering that Showdown has only two crops racing.

Ken Cox was generous in predicting the likely top-priced yearling.

This is a handsome chestnut Showdown-Alecon colt, the second foal of his dam, who was a top-class race mare in Melbourne.

He comes from the same family as Caranna, Book Link and Pialo.

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ROY HIGGINS

George Moore and Roy Higgins made some interesting comments when interviewed on television today.

George did not hesitate when asked his opinion of Baguette.

"He's very good, but definitely not in Vain's class," he said. Moore also rated Dual Choice as "very good."

"She had me worried for a moment when she began to make up ground on Baguette 100 yards out, after he had headed her easily," George said.

Then the conversation switched to Melbourne's unbeaten two-year-old Tolerance.

"In my mind, Tolerance should miss the Golden Slipper to concentrate on the AJC Sires' Produce Stakes. He is a champion," Higgins said.

"I hope he does not come to Sydney," Moore replied.

Moore then gave his opinion that Magnus was probably Sydney's best Golden Slipper hope.

"He's more adaptable for a race like the Golden Slipper than the other youngsters . . . but Beau Rouge will beat Fairy Walk," Moore said.

Listening to great jockeys such as Higgins and Moore voicing intelligent opinions on future events stimulates public interest in Melbourne's racing.

In Sydney, AJC rules forbid jockeys to discuss future events.

In my opinion this is a ridiculous regulation.

Sydney racing at the moment needs all the public goodwill it can muster.

If jockeys were allowed to discuss future racing, more public interest would be attracted (free of charge) than is now whipped up by the AJC's costly public relations service.

SPORTS CORNER

GOLF

SINGAPORE, Sunday. — Haruo Yasuda, of Japan, won the Singapore Open golf championship here today with a final two-under-par round of 69.

He finished with a 72-hole total of 277, two strokes ahead of Japan's Takaaki Kono and Australian Peter Thomson.

Scores in detail:

SQUASH

NEW YORK, Sunday.—Australian Ken Binns, from Newcastle, lost his semi-final in the North American professional squash racquet championship at Atlantic City, New Jersey, yesterday.

In a five-point play-off, Mohibullah Khan, of Boston's Harvard Club, volleyed deeply across court to beat Binns 9-15, 15-4, 15-7, 18-15.

WRESTLING

AMERICAN Tony Rose and Italian Donna Christenello will clash with Sandy Parker and Vicki Williams in a women's tag match at the Civic Hall, Cabramatta, on Friday night.

Killer Kowalski meets Dusty Rhodes, Mario Milano goes in with Bulldog Brown and Dick Murdoch opposes Tony Garcia in other matches.

TROTTING

WESTBURY (New York), Sunday. —Australian pacer James Darren notched his third successive win at the Roosevelt Raceway here last night.

He scored a half-length victory over Leroy N. in the $15,000 ($A13,390) Spring Series pace.

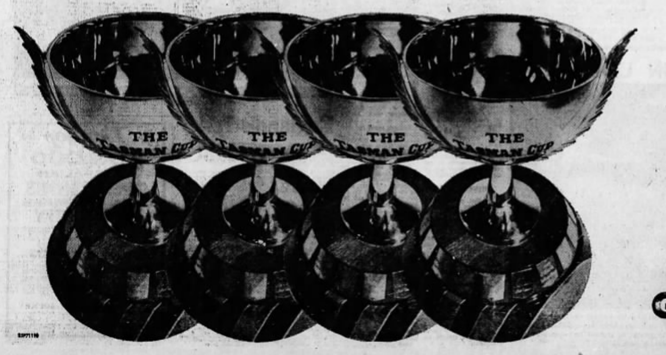
Anthony Abbatiello guided the five-year-old gelding across the line in 2:01.4, the best time so far recorded for the distance at the raceway.

CRICKET

AUCKLAND, Sunday. — The New Zealand Cricket Council tonight accepted the Australian proposal for twin tours between the two countries in 1973-74.

The tours would include three Tests in each country.

Shell makes it four in a row



Jim Clark in '68, Chris Amon in '69, Graeme Lawrence last year–and now in 1971, Graham McRae–all winners of the coveted Tasman Cup.

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