

## Tennis tourney brings top players to York



### The men's segment of the Player's International returns to the National Tennis Centre with best card ever

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The world's best male tennis players will be fighting it out for the remainder of the week at the Player's International Tennis Championship as they proceed through the semi-finals to the climactic finals this Sunday.

The tourney is being held at the National Tennis Centre situated in the northeast corner of the York campus.

The prize money totals \$450,000, the contest's richest purse ever. The \$60,000 first prize may be one reason—possibly the only reason—that the event has attracted such a strong international field, headed by the world's number one ranked tennis player, John McEnroe.

Since he exploded onto the scene in 1977, McEnroe has consistently been ranked among the world's three best. In his rookie year, he was the youngest man ever to gain a semi-final berth at Wimbledon. Since then, he has won over 50 titles, and more importantly, over \$5 million in prize money. In 29 matches this year, McEnroe has lost only one; and that to his nemesis Ivan Lendl.

Lendl is considered by many in the tennis world to have the most devastating groundstrokes on the tour. A three-time Player's champion, Lendl will also face stiff competition in Jimmy Connors, who has always been a crowd-pleaser in Toronto, with his fierce determination on court.

Connors has proven to be one of the most consistent champions of the last two

decades, having been ranked among the world's top three players since 1974. In 1983 Connors became the first male to win 100 career singles titles.

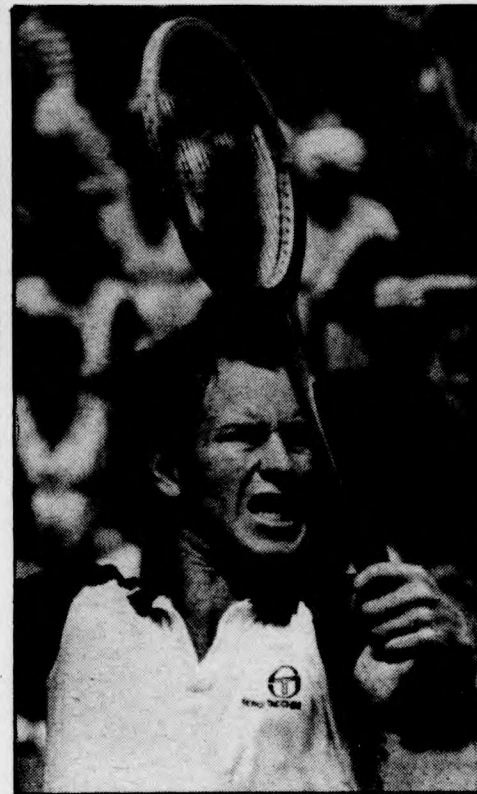
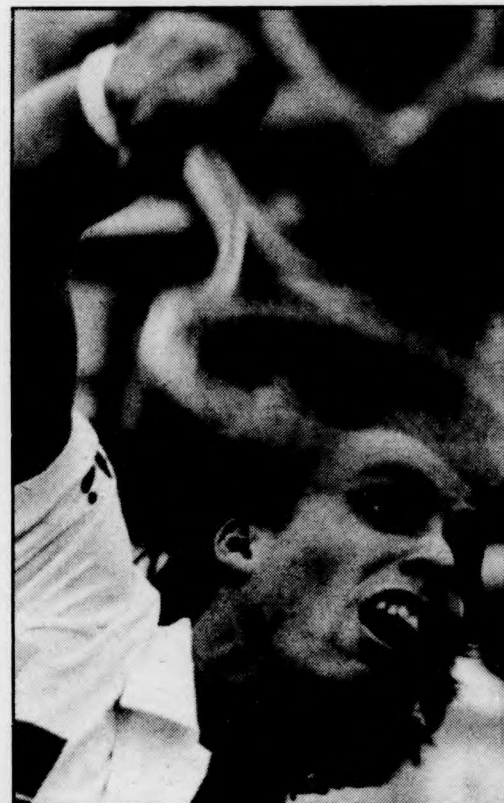
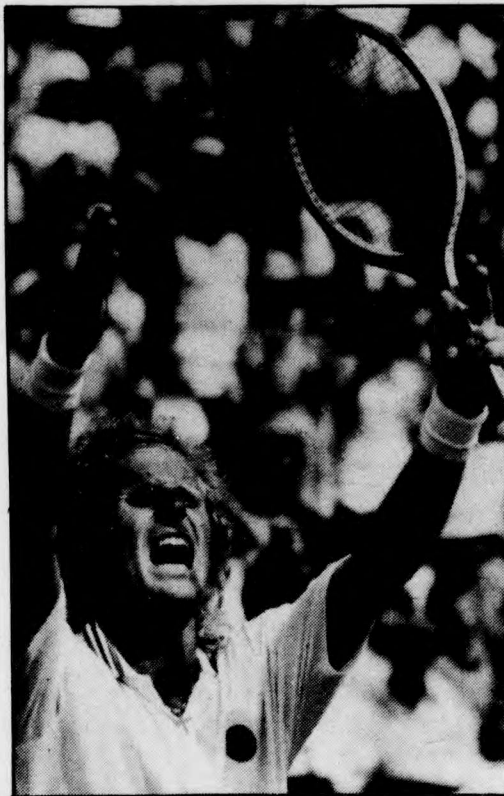
Jimmy Arias, from nearby Grand Island, will also be part of this year's draw. Arias was part of the teenage invasion of the late '70s, turning professional at the age of 16.

Arias earned his current position, among the world's top 10 players, primarily because of his clay court wins at last year's Italian and Sicilian Opens, and the US Clay Court Championships.

Joining this tennis elite will be Glen Mienibata—Canada's highest ranked male player ever, Vitas Gerulaitis, the 1982 singles champion plus Anders Jarryd (last year's runner-up).

In an attempt to make the early round matches as competitive as possible, Imperial Tobacco Ltd. will honor the most outstanding performances—in winning or losing cause—with the Player's Performance-of-the-Round awards.

One problem which seems to plague this event year after year is the last minute player withdrawals due to questionable "injuries." The problem stems from the fact that this tournament is regarded by most players as a warm-up for the US Open. Consequently, when there appears to be a risk of injury, players would rather withdraw than jeopardize their chances at the lucrative US tourney.



Clockwise from left:  
1982 champion Vitas Gerulaitis; 3-time champion Ivan Lendl; No. 1 seed John McEnroe; Canada's best, Glen Michibata

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### YUFA conciliation

YUFA and the administration are also squaring off over affirmative action, the organization of computer services and the conditions of the libraries.

"The number of women in the university—teachers, and particularly those in the upper ranks, such as professor—is declining. This is alarming," said Rinehart. The YUFA membership voted to demand an eventual ratio of 50 percent men and 50 percent women.

Acknowledging that this issue is a "hard one to answer," Farr said, "I don't think there is support among the Deans for other than hiring on qualification."

Rinehart claims that as a result of a reorganization of the computer services on campus "the faculty lost a certain amount of control" over these services. YUFA would like to be "better informed and consulted" about computer services, says Rinehart.

When the computer services were reorganized, "I don't think they made a lot of effort to find out what was going on," replied Farr, who said "there is an anti-computer ideology within YUFA." Some, like the humanists, said Farr, might be jealous of the computer allocations (of funds).

Finally Rinehart said the sad conditions of the library breaches their university contract which "calls for them to provide and maintain an atmosphere and climate in which we (YUFA) can do our work."

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