

Edberg is coming

By JAMES HOGGETT

Sweden's Stefan Edberg, the third-ranked player in the world and two-time Australian Open champion, confirmed his entry for the 1988 Player's International Men's Tennis Championships during a media conference held last Monday at the Four Seasons Hotel.

The \$815,000 Player's International will be played August 6-14 at the National Tennis Centre at York University.

Edberg, 22, finished as runner-up in the Players International for the second straight time when he lost 6-3, 7-6 to Ivan Lendl at last year's championship at Jarry Tennis Stadium in Montreal. He lost a close three-set decision to West Germany's Boris Becker in the 1986 final at Toronto.

"I have been close in each of the last two Player's finals and I'm looking forward to improving on that result this year," Edberg said. "This championship is one of the best in the world and it would be a major win since it always attracts the top players on the Nabisco Grand Prix circuit."

John Beddington, tournament director, added that Player's is celebrating its 10th year as sponsor of the championships and the increase in prize money is an indication of Imperial Tobacco's dedication to Canadian tennis.

"Tennis Canada is proud that

Player's has been with us for the last 10 years and our joint commitment to presenting a world-class championship is reflected in an increase of prize money from \$175,000 in 1978 to \$815,000 in 1988," Beddington said. "Players is one of the longest standing major sponsors of any Super Series championship in the world," added Beddington.

Edberg has been ranked in the top five since 1985 and finished second to Lendl in 1987 after winning seven singles titles and reaching the final in four other events. Edberg also played a major role in Sweden's third Davis Cup championship in four years and earned \$1,587,467 (US) in prize money.

Edberg, a native of Vastervik, Sweden and resident in London, England, opened 1988 with a five-set semi-final loss at the Australian Open to champion Mats Wilander. He won at Rotterdam over Czechoslovakia's Miloslav Mecir and has earned \$106,680 (US) in prize money this season, moving his career earnings to over \$3,680,000 (US).

The Player's International, a Super Series tournament on the Nabisco Grand Prix circuit, is the major championship between Wimbledon and the US Open. Last year's Player's Challenge in Montreal set a world attendance record for a one-week outdoor tennis championship with more than 118,000 spectators.

Toronto's newest DH ready to come to York

By GREG BRADY

In a recent administrative move President Hurry Authurs contract was picked up by the Toronto Blue Jays in exchange for the rights to George Bell.

According to administration officials Authurs will be employed as the Jays new DH. Officials have also stated that Bell has indicated that he will settle for nothing less than the President's position. In addition, Bell as also indicated that he expects an appointment to Housing and Food Services. The appointment leaves former director of Housing and Food, Norm Cranberrysauce out of a job. But Cranberrysauce was immediately moved into the job of university Provost, while acting Provost Tommy Meindyourownbusiness becomes the Jays new backstop against lefties.

Meindyourownbusiness will also act as the interim manager now that Jimmy Williams has accepted an appointment as York's new president. A statement from the university read, "Williams has shown his inability to make decisions, making him perfect for the President's role." Bell accepted William's new position in stride, but in an act of defiance he extended the contract of Beaver Foods for another 50 years.

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DRINKING AND DRIVING: Zamboni driver Fred Hickman has apparently flattened the infamous Yoee in the famous Ice Palace. Officer Schultz investigates Yoee's tragic accident.

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Yoee's flat, charges coming

By PETER PARKER

A freak accident which occurred last Thursday at the Ice Palace has left York's mascot Yoee in serious condition at the York Finch General Hospital.

The incident occurred at about 9:45 am, just as a recreation pick-up game concluded in which Yoee was participating. Most players had left the ice palace to allow the zamboni to flood the surface.

As the zamboni driver backed onto the ice surface, he failed to notice that Yoee was still on the ice. "I couldn't believe it," said a shaken Fred Hickman, who was driving the zamboni, "I was just backing out and all of a sudden I heard this loud thud, crunch and squish underneath the zamboni."

Yoee lay motionless on the ice as

rink attendant Luigi Salerno came to administer first aid. "I never saw anything happen like this before," Salerno said, "I don't understand what could have happened. Fred (Hickman) is a very experienced zamboni driver, he's driven for over 20 years."

Athletic events manager Rob Martellacci, was at the Ice Palace at the time the incident occurred. "I was here getting ready for a faculty game at 10:00," Martellacci said, "then I heard all this commotion and then someone yelled 'go call an ambulance.' I then came out of the dressing room to see what had happened. That's when I saw Yoee squished on the ice, flat as a pancake."

Martellacci and Yoee were best of friends. They were often seen

together around campus, and sporting events; the two were inseparable. When Yoee's job got the best of him, Martellacci was often seen carrying Yoee to his car to take him home. When Harry Arthurs denied Yoee his own plush office and private secretary, Martellacci shared his office with Yoee. "I just hope to God that Yoee is OK," said a concerned Martellacci.

Yoee was immediately taken to York-Finch General Hospital and underwent emergency surgery. "There was very extensive internal hemorrhaging of his arteries," said Dr. Len Frankstone, head surgeon at York-Finch. "He appears to be out of the critical stage but right now it's touch and go."

No charges have been laid as yet, but Metro Police have ordered a full investigation into the matter.

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