

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Becker sweeps Chang for ATP Championship

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — An emotional Boris Becker won his first major title in three years, beating Michael Chang 7-6 (7-3), 6-0, 7-6 (7-5) in the ATP Championship final Sunday.

Becker won the event twice previously and this was his seventh final. He was runner-up in 1985, 1986, 1989 and 1994, when he lost to Pete Sampras.

Becker had not won a major tournament since the 1992 ATP Championship. His last Grand Slam title was the Australian Open in 1991, when he held the No. 1 ranking for 12 weeks.

Graf outlasts Huber in five-set baseline battle

NEW YORK (AP) — Steffi Graf survived blisters on her right foot and only the second women's five-set final in 94 years Sunday to win the WTA Tour Championships title Sunday.

"It's an incredible end to an unbelievable year," Graf said, after outlasting German compatriot Anke Huber 6-1, 2-6, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.

The baseline battle on the blue Madison Square Garden carpet lasted more than 2 1/2 hours.

Elkington, Calcavecchia scramble for Shootout win

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Steve Elkington and Mark Calcavecchia combined for a 13-under-par 59 in a scramble format Sunday to win the \$1.1 million Shark Shootout by one shot over Lee Janzen and Chip Beck, who had a final-round 57.

Elkington and Calcavecchia, who finished with a 32-under 184 total in the 54-hole event, started the back nine with eight consecutive birdies. It was Elkington's second Shark Shootout title and Calcavecchia's first. Each won \$150,000.

Sorenstam caps 1995 with sixth victory

GOLD COAST, Australia (AP) — Annika Sorenstam shot a 4-under-par 69 Sunday to win the Australian Ladies Masters championship by a record eight strokes. Her 72-hole total of 270 — 22-under-par — was also a tournament record.

The win was the sixth of the year for U.S. Open champion Sorenstam, who was the leading money winner on both the U.S. LPGA and European tours. She collected \$33,750.

On Monday night in New York, Sorenstam will be presented with an award as Player of the Year on the U.S. LPGA Tour.

Tritscher captures third career slalom victory

BEAVER CREEK, Colo. (AP) — Austria's Michael Tritscher held off an unexpected second-run challenge from France's Sebastien Amiez to win a men's World Cup slalom Sunday.

Tritscher, runner-up to Italy's Alberto Tomba in last season's slalom standings, posted his third career victory, edging Amiez by only .03 seconds.

SPORTS SHORTS

Moore sparks UNC-Greensboro to win

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Julie Moore was perfect on six free-throw attempts and played a game-high 33 minutes to help the University of North Carolina Greensboro defeat the Charlotte Royals, 87-76, in exhibition women's basketball Sunday afternoon.

Moore, an alumna of Westport Central, finished with 14 points and 8 rebounds. Alisa Moore took top statistical honors in the game; she poured in 27 points and collected 12 rebounds. Both Moores are seniors.

The Spartans completed the exhibition season with a 1-1 record. They open the regular season Friday night against Illinois at the Georgia Tech Comfort Inn Classic in Atlanta, Ga.

Sabres shut down Senators

The Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Dominik Hasek had 31 saves and recorded his first shutout of the season as the Buffalo Sabres defeated the Ottawa Senators 6-0 Sunday night.

The Senators, playing with a two-man advantage late in the second period, were denied by Hasek, who came up with several big saves, including one lying on his back, to preserve the shutout.

The Vezina Trophy winner continually frustrated the last-place Senators, who lost their eighth straight and dropped to 6-13-0 in the Northeast Division.

Donald Audette had two goals and Brad May, Matthew Barnaby, Pat LaFontaine and Derek Plante each scored one for the Sabres, who have won four straight. Buffalo improved its record to 9-9-1 and reached .500 for the first time since the second game of the season.

May scored first for the Sabres at 8:06 of the first period. Jason Dawe dug the puck out from behind the net and passed to May, who spun and backhanded his shot past Senators goaltender Don Beaupre.

Flyers 3, Canucks 2, OT

PHILADELPHIA — Chris Therien's first goal of the season 32 seconds into overtime lifted the Philadelphia Flyers over the Vancouver Canucks 3-2 Sunday.



AP Photo

Buffalo's Rob Ray (right) pummels Ottawa's Dennis Vial during the first period Sunday.

Anatoli Semenov sent a pass from behind the net to the left point to Therien, whose wrist shot just snuck inside the left post and past goaltender Kirk McLean to extend the Flyers'

unbeaten streak to four (3-0-1). The defenseman's last goal came April 2 against the New York Rangers.

The Canucks, 0-5-1 in their last six games, had tied it 2-2 on

Weary Clinton can't hold off Albany

PLATTSBURGH — The Clinton Community College men's basketball team squandered a double-digit lead in the first half and succumbed to the Junior College of Albany, 92-86, Sunday afternoon.

"We were tired, playing five games in eight days," Clinton coach Eric Arnold said. "We sat back on the lead rather than put them away."

Powered by Rodney Seale and Ed Johnson, Clinton (3-5) forged an 11-point lead midway through the first half. The Junior College of Albany inched back during the remainder of the half and tied the game at 44 on a tip-in at the first-half buzzer.

Jason Mathius, Mark Ring and Jeff Woodell paced JCA in the second half. The trio hit nine of their 10 3-pointers after the break. Ring and Woodell finished

with 19 points while Mathius added 13. Shaheed Brown netted 16.

"We turned the ball over and weren't getting to their 3-point shooters in the second half," Arnold said.

Despite the 3-point parade by JCA, Clinton stayed even until the final five minutes.

Seale finished with 29 points for Clinton while Johnson added 19. Jason Lewis netted 15 and Stephen Fuller notched 11.

The Cougars return to action Tuesday when they visit Plattsburgh State's junior varsity.

Jr. College of Albany 92, Clinton C.C. 86
Jr. College of Albany (92)
Ring, 7-1-19; Woodell, 7-2-19; Brown, 6-3-16; Greene, 4-3-13; Mathius, 5-0-13; Shuron, 4-0-8; Kuzmich, 1-0-2; Rogers, 1-0-2; Mack, 0-0-0; Perry, 0-0-0; Townsend, 0-0-0
Totals 35-9-92
Clinton C.C. (86)
Seale, 13-2-29; Johnson, 9-1-19; Lewis, 5-5-15; Fuller, 4-2-11; LaCount, 2-1-5; Strong, 2-0-4; LeMere, 0-0-0; Spenser, 0-3-3
Totals 35-14-86
Halftime: Tied at 44
3-point goals: Ring, 4; Mathius, 3; Woodell, 3; Greene, 2; Brown, Seale, Fuller.

Hudson Valley C.C. 87 North Country C.C. 56

TROY — Five players scored in double-digits to lead Hudson Valley. Paul Honsinger topped all scorers with 17 points. Chris Sculucco and Rahem Williamson netted 12 points while Mike

Alexander Mogilny's 16th goal 3:13 into the third.

Panthers 4, Mighty Ducks 3

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Brian Skrudland scored twice and Jody Hull once during a 3:07 span midway through the third period as the Florida Panthers rallied to beat the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim 4-3.

The Panthers, who entered the NHL with the Ducks in the 1993-94 season, met their expansion cousins for the first time since New Year's Day 1994 and improved their record against them to 3-0. Scott Mellanby got Florida's other goal on a first-period power play.

Anaheim blew a 3-1 lead that Steve Rucchin, Joe Sacco and Peter Douris had given them in the first 11:23 of the opening period. Skrudland scored the game-winner at 11:14 of the third for the Atlantic Division-leading Panthers, who lead the NHL with 31 points (15-5-4).

Sharks 3, Blackhawks 2

CHICAGO — Recently-acquired goaltender Chris Terreri stopped 28 shots to help the San Jose Sharks defeat the Chicago Blackhawks 3-2 and snap a seven-game losing streak.

San Jose, which won for just the second time in 20 games this season (2-14-4), got goals from Ulf Dahlen, Craig Janney and Kevin Miller.

Denis Savard scored twice for Chicago (9-8-3), which plays its next seven games on road.

Cherry and Ryan Ratigan contributed 11.

North Country (0-3) trailed by only 13 at halftime but couldn't maintain the pace. Mike Frechette led the Saints with 14 points while Corey Fountain and Lamar Phillip added 11.

North Country hosts Jefferson C.C. Tuesday night.

Hudson Valley C.C. 87, North Country 56
North Country (56)
Frechette, 5-0-14; Fountain, 3-4-11; Phillip, 3-5-11; Lane, 3-3-9; Brothman, 1-2-4; Puercher, 1-1-3; Muehle, 1-0-2; Fadden, 1-0-2; Thornton, 0-0-0
Totals 18-19-56
Hudson Valley C.C. (87)
Honsinger, 4-8-17; Sculucco, 5-2-12; Williamson, 5-2-12; Cherry, 5-0-11; Ratigan, 2-7-11; Wyley, 4-1-8; Edwards, 2-2-7; Longmire, 3-0-6; Santana, 1-0-2
Totals 31-22-87
Halftime: Hudson Valley C.C. 44-31
3-point goals: Cherry, Edwards, Fountain, Honsinger

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