

# SPORTS



## Whit Taylor praises UNC defense

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Like the snooty rushee who awoke on bid day to find she was all dressed up with no place to go, Vanderbilt quarterback Whit Taylor abruptly realized Saturday that he had to change his style to survive.

On the fourth Commodore possession of the game, Taylor faded back and found himself surrounded by blue. He moved right two steps and linebacker Mike Wilcher cracked an arm around his helmet. Taylor ducked it, still moving right and popped a 21-yard pass to fullback Ernie Goolsby.

With 5:31 left in the third quarter, Taylor pulled back to pass, dodged three North Carolina defenders, lowered his head and shot up the middle for a 13-yard gain.

Whit Taylor wasn't born to run. He's not fast, and he's more accurate and more comfortable when he can plant his cleats in the pocket and fire away. But Vanderbilt's offensive line boasts only one returning starter, and the quicker, bigger, more experienced Tar Heel defensive line chased Taylor all afternoon.

"It was tough because we were doing things we hadn't done before; I hadn't done that in a long time — run," Taylor said. "It is amazing. I thought I got away from Wilcher one time and he got me from behind; they're all fast."

To compound the problem, North Carolina held Goolsby, who raced for 134 yards last week against Memphis State, to just 28 yards on the ground, and

Taylor tried to pick up the slack, rushing 13 times for 63 yards. But he was also sacked five times for 44 yards and was thrown for loss after loss when he tried to run. Final picture: Taylor lost 68 yards on the ground for a net rushing day of -5 yards.

It wasn't pretty.

For Taylor it wasn't unusual either. Vanderbilt squeaked out a 4-7 record last year, and as a member of the powerful Southeastern Conference, the Commodores frequently play conference whipping boy for Alabama, Georgia and Florida.

"To me it's an honor to play teams like that," Taylor said. "Not many people who play college football get to play Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina in their career. It helps anybody to play those teams. There just aren't that many around anymore."

At 5-foot-11, 185 pounds, Taylor probably wasn't born to quarterback either. He has trouble seeing over the line and although he has a quick release, the senior said his football career would end this year unless he gets an unexpected call from some pro club.

A consensus pre-season All-SEC selection, Taylor connected on 15 of 28 passes Saturday for 157 yards to complement his 17 of 35 for 196 yards the week before against perennial loser-Memphis State.

Against the stingy North Carolina defense, Taylor could engineer only one Vanderbilt drive into the end zone. With the score even at 3-3, and the ball on his own 42-yard line, Taylor rocketed that 21-yarder to Goolsby, and after a loss of two yards, kept the ball and motored

right for eight yards. After a pass interference call netted the Commodores 20 more yards, Taylor rolled and fired an easy 11-yarder to tailback Norman Jordan for the score.

But that was the last time Vanderbilt put together any sort of sustained drive. For much of the second half, Wilcher, and defensive tackle William Fuller especially, raced after Taylor in the Vandy backfield, while the Tar Heel secondary blanketed Taylor's targets. Taylor's only option was to run it himself.

"That's one of the best defenses I've played against," Taylor said. "And they have a good secondary. Our guys had to go further to get open."

"I had to scramble a lot more, run a lot more. I don't like interceptions."

And he didn't throw any. But Taylor didn't throw more than one TD pass all day either and the running game sputtered and died. Taylor possesses a quick release, but he doesn't like to move if he can help it, and he's not as accurate on the run. The Carolina defense made Taylor move.

With Alabama next week and Georgia and Florida not far behind, it's not going to get any easier for Taylor or Vanderbilt. Asked if he thought he faced anything tougher than North Carolina in Alabama or Georgia, Taylor grinned.

"I hope not."

## Connors captures his fourth U.S. Open title At 30, Jimbo re-emerges as best in pro tennis

By LEW PRICE

"Nothing I do is ever planned. I have a good time playing and sometimes I go nuts."  
— Jimmy Connors, Sept. 10, 1982

Nine years ago he was the bad boy of tennis. Today he is loved by all. He can rouse a crowd when he takes off on one of his frenzied gestures of energy, punching the air and strutting like a peacock between points. He has been called a sporting adventurer. No one has given more of himself to the game.

James Scott Connors turned 30 on Sept. 2, two days after the 1982 U.S. Open began.

Ten days later he won the championship for the fourth time.

The Open victory, combined with the Wimbledon championship he won two months ago, should easily make Connors the world's No. 1 ranked player of 1982.

Even years have been special for Connors. In addition to this year's success, he was the world's No. 1 player in 1974, '76 and '78, winning the U.S. Open each of those years and Wimbledon in 1974.

Connors' U.S. Open record of 60 wins and nine losses is unparalleled. Only Vic Seixas has more wins — 75 — but it took him 29 years to get them.

Because his game is infused with power and has daring rivaled by few in the history of tennis, Connors has re-established himself as the best in the game, after a four-year vacation at the No. 2 and No. 3 spots.

Numerous elements contribute to Connors' resurgence.

For starters, John McEnroe, everybody's favorite to dominate the tour, fell victim to hard times early in the year and has been able to get his act in gear.

Next to Don Budge's (1938) and Rod Laver's (1962, '69) Grand Slam years, McEnroe's 1981 was one of the greatest years ever engineered by a tennis professional.

He ended Bjorn Borg's stronghold on Wimbledon by destroying the Swede in the finals, then he beat him again in the U.S. Open, winning that title for the third straight year — the first man to do that since Bill Tilden won six straight between 1920-25. In addition, he led the United States to its 27th Davis Cup victory.

Thus, McEnroe entered 1982 the dominating but tired force of the game. The precise angles and surgeon's touch lost a little of their razor's edge and suddenly the awesome McEnroe serve was returnable.

Hampered by an ankle injury, McEnroe refused to rest and continued to put his

reputation and ranking on the line week after week.

McEnroe is a true ambassador of the game. He is the only top-ranked male to play both singles and doubles. Most players avoid the hectic scheduling of two events and concentrate on the big money in singles.

Playing both events, however, has taken its toll on McEnroe. During the last five days of Wimbledon, he played an unheard of four singles matches and five doubles matches.

McEnroe entered the Wimbledon finals mentally and physically exhausted and again put his soul on the line in the longest Wimbledon final in history — 4 hours, 14 minutes — losing to Connors 3-6, 6-3, 6-7, 7-6, 6-4.

Following Wimbledon, McEnroe passed up playing big money exhibitions and went to work for his country. He had a hand in winning all three points as the United States edged Sweden 3-2 in Davis Cup play. Playing for virtually no money, the hobbled McEnroe won the decisive match over Mats Wilander. The marathon match lasted more than six hours.

These days you can see the fatigue on McEnroe's face and in his game. Connors saw it at Wimbledon and Ivan Lendl has seen it every time they have played this year. Lendl has beaten McEnroe in their last six meetings. He may be temporarily down, but McEnroe is not out — not by a long shot.

Ivan Lendl...now there is an interesting player.

Lendl has put together a spectacular season by winning 11 tournaments, most against such notables as Jimmy Arias and Mel Purcell. He has amassed over \$1.5 million in prize money, an all-time high. Yet, he is ranked only third. In all fairness he does have the six wins over McEnroe and even managed to beat Connors once in 10 tries, but his showing, or non-showing in the major tournaments has left him suspect as the world's top player.

It is hard to respect Lendl as a man despite a base-line game that can only be described as brilliant.

Case in point. It is the 1981 Volvo Masters. A biggie. It is a round-robin event, in which every player plays every other player in the field. The winner is determined by total victories.

Lendl is playing Connors and loses the first set. He then purposely loses the se-

cond set in a matter of minutes so he will meet Gene Mayer in the next round rather than Bjorn Borg.

Case in point. Lendl has taken up the tactic of smashing easy winners at opponents. It is legal play, but dangerous and unnecessary. He already has hit Vitas Gerulaitis in the forehead on such a ploy.

Case in point. Lendl skipped Wimbledon this year because he was allergic to grass. So what did he do during the most prestigious tournament of the year?

He played golf. An odd sport for someone allergic to grass.

Many have argued that Lendl, a Czech, is not obsessed with being No. 1 like we Americans are.

Don't believe that for a minute. He has too much talent and has been working diligently for a year with Polish star Wojtek Fibak.

Lendl just doesn't have what it takes to be a champion. A champion doesn't give away sets and skip the most important tournament of the year and he doesn't take pot shots at his opponents.

Say what you like about McEnroe berating himself and officials on the court, but document one time when he has ever tried to hurt another player on the court or when he has failed to put his ranking on the line for all comers by skipping a tournament.

McEnroe is a past and future No. 1 player; he is forever a champion and Lendl, well, he has the physical ability and could be reckoned with in the future, but neither is on level with Connors this year.

It is a shame his long-time nemesis, Borg, has been on a year-long sabbatical from the sport. Connors has lifted his game enough to overtake Borg with the Swede at his best. For the record, Connors did beat Borg in two exhibitions prior to the U.S. Open.

So, in plain and simple terms, 1982 belongs to Jimbo.

He has won a record 95 tournaments in his career and now finds himself at a crossroads in his career. To play or not to play?

Following his semifinal victory in the Open, Connors said, "Getting to the final doesn't do me any good...my job isn't done yet."

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## Major Leagues

As of Monday afternoon					American League				
National League					East				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	86	63	.577	—	Milwaukee	89	80	.527	—
Philadelphia	81	67	.547	4½	Baltimore	87	62	.584	2
Montreal	79	69	.534	6½	Boston	82	67	.550	7
Pittsburgh	79	69	.534	6½	Detroit	74	78	.490	14
Chicago	68	83	.443	20	New York	73	78	.490	16
New York	57	91	.385	28½	Cleveland	72	75	.490	18
					West				
Los Angeles	85	65	.567	—	Kansas City	84	65	.564	—
Atlanta	82	67	.550	2½	California	84	65	.564	—
San Francisco	79	70	.530	5½	Chicago	79	69	.534	4½
San Diego	75	75	.500	10	Seattle	70	78	.473	13½
Houston	69	80	.463	15½	Oakland	62	87	.416	22
Cincinnati	55	94	.369	29½	Texas	59	90	.396	25
					Minnesota	56	93	.376	28

## Volleyball team opens season in Carmichael

By LINDA NIXON  
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Professors at UNC are not the only ones teaching honor students this year. Volleyball coach Beth Miller seems to have her hands full of them — but her students are athletes who have ranked in honors for playing some great volleyball.

Last year the team posted a 37-12 record, won the ACC Tournament, finished second in the state tournament and won the Region II championship. With that impressive season and only one player lost to graduation, Coach Miller is enthusiastic about the team.

"Our strong points are going to be that we do have returning players with experience," she said. "We've got the ability to do well. It just depends on how well we pull things together."

The team opens its season against East Carolina tonight at 7 p.m. in Carmichael, with five of its top players returning from last year. Outside hitter Laura Held, named to the All-ACC, All-State and All-Region teams, will be one of the team's strongest assets.

"Laura has improved a lot over the last three years," Miller said of the 5-foot-8 senior from Glencoe, Ill. "She's a strong hitter and a good defensive player."

Held will be joined by All-State senior Katie Howard, also an outside hitter. "Katie uses a variety of offensive shots which make her game more effective," Miller said.

Juniors Donna Meier and Sandy Schmidt and sophomore Linda Kantz are three additional players who will give the team depth on offense and defense.

Meier, named All-ACC and All-Region last year, should be strong at the middle blocker position and "an offensive threat at all times," Miller said. Outside hitter and middle blocker Schmidt, MVP in the ACC Tournament, also will be effective because of her strength and excellent vertical jump, Miller said. Kantz, who came on strong as a freshman last year, should see a lot of action at the setter position.

"She has good court sense and a very accurate setting," Miller said. Kantz was named All-State and All-Region last year.

With these honor students returning and a strong record behind them, the team plunges into the season. However, there will be a few things different about this year.

Miller terms this year's schedule the toughest the team has ever faced. Part of the reason for this is that it plays in three prestigious tournaments: the Lamar Tournament in Beaumont, Texas, the Florida State Tournament and the Maryland Tournament.

The team will also be playing all of the ACC teams during the regular season, something they have not done previously.

"We've never really played Maryland or Clemson during the season," Miller said. UNC's usual nemesis, N.C. State, also looms ahead.

Also different about this year is that all of the teams in the AIAW have switched to the NCAA. This move will put UNC in contention with the top teams in the country during the NCAA Tournament — provided they qualify for it. This year they must win the ACC Tournament to compete in post-season play.

## THE Daily Crossword By H. Kermit Jackson

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