

Super Swede captives Grand Prix Tournament

NEW YORK (AP) — "I'm the happiest guy in town," said a beaming Bjorn Borg, and with good reason.

Borg, the spectacular, stoic Swede, extended his mastery over the Grand Prix Masters, blanking a New York jinx and reaffirming his status as the

best tennis player in the world. "I was very eager for this one to be the first man off the beaten Gerulaitis, my friend and practice partner, in all 15 rounds of meetings. I've never won a big title in New York. I've wanted to win here for a long time. It has been clear to many times, it feels great to finally win."

Borg has never won the U.S. Open, and called that "my next goal" very, very important to me.

Meanwhile, he pocketed \$100,000 for winning the eight-month event at Madison Square Garden that serves as the Grand Prix circuit. If there was even any question about who is the best tennis player in the world, Borg answered it.

"The money is great, but I prefer the title," said Borg. "To win the Masters was very important. I have to put this title very high, because the best players in the world were here."

BEAT THEM ALL. And Borg beat them all. One by one they fell, and only one they left by the wayside: Rostov Tanner, Jimmy Connors, John McEnroe and Jimmy Gerulaitis.

Sunday's final was decided in the fifth game of the first set. With the score tied 2-2 and Gerulaitis serving, Borg's brilliant passing shot was used to take their toll. Gerulaitis struggled to maintain control, sending the name after three nine times and saving nine break points. But, finally, Gerulaitis let the volley come, giving Borg all the opening he needed.

Not Furtner, with a 68 at La Quinta and Mike Sullivan, 71 at Bermuda Dunes, were a single stroke back at 277. At 275 were George Cade and Victor Regalado. Cade shot 69 at Indian Wells. Regalado, who had shared the third round lead with Nelson, three-pulled from two feet at Bor. Spuds Daves and had to settle for a 73.

Lance Wadkins, a two-time winner last season, Mark Hayes and Bob Murphy were tied at 272. Murphy and Hayes each had a 71 at La Quinta and Wadkins a 71. Arnold Palmer, three under par after 36 holes, played the fourth round with the prominent amateur group host Hope, Jackie Gleason and 11 other presidents. Ford and paid the price before the huge galleries that followed them, earning a bright, warm desert sun. Palmer, who won this title five times including his 1973, shot a 78 and failed to qualify for the final round at 284.

Stadler shoots for first win

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — Pat Stadler, yet to win on the PGA tour, was poised and confident entering today's final round of the rain-delayed Bob Hope Desert Classic.

"No, I'm not anxious," the bearded man said after gaining a tie for the top spot with Larry Nelson after the completion of 72 holes Sunday. "I'm pretty confident. What's gonna happen is gonna happen. I've been there before in contention. I think I can handle it."

"I'm driving the ball well, and that's important on these golf courses." Stadler, 34, Nelson, meanwhile, is having problems on the tee. He has hit right and wrist in a bad way three weeks.

"I'm hitting everything to the right," said Nelson, who won 19 titles and a major in 1970 on the season's money-winning list with \$281,000. "It was probably the shot that got away to the right, that led to a triple-bogey seven and a chance to lose the lead alone."

He and Stadler were tied at 71 at 22 holes in the final round on each of four desert courses: Nelson rallied from

Austin earns top money

CINCINNATI (AP) — Chris Evert-Lloyd knows she's at a crossroads. She says she does her mother, Colette Evert, who watched her become a star last April.

Evert knows what her daughter is going through — torn between a desire to regain the top spot and settling down with John Lloyd, who she married last April.

"It's going to be the toughest year of her career," Mrs. Evert said after attending through a news conference that caused her daughter to weep at any point. "It's anything positive going to come out of this interview."

Lloyd admits she's not as mentally hungry as Austin for victory. "It's not life or death anymore if I win or lose."

Lloyd knows she's got to change that attitude in order to beat Austin and others like her.

Potvin remains sidelined

NEW YORK (AP) — Denis Potvin's injured hand will require more extensive rehabilitation than first anticipated as the New York Islanders defenseman will not return to active duty until around March, the National Hockey League club announced Sunday night.

Potvin, a first-time all-star last season, suffered the injury Nov. 30 and underwent surgery Monday. Originally, the recuperative timetable called for Potvin to begin the team after about six or eight weeks.

Oilers end long slump at Buffalo's expense



LEON SPINKS ... scores RO

Spinks batters Spaniard

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Alfredo Evangelista mounted a lot to Leon Spinks — the former mariner, former Olympian, former stunt driver and former world heavyweight boxing champion.

Spinks was the man who took the title away from Muhammad Ali in February, 1978, only to have Ali take it back seven months later. Between Ali and Evangelista, there was the first round knockout at the hands of South African Gerrie Coetzee last April.

By Saturday, it was down to either Spinks or the Spaniard. And after five rounds of mutual pounding, the Spaniard was raised in the count.

"I was just trying to prove to myself I could get back in there. That's all I'm not all washed up," Spinks said after he knocked out Evangelista in a slugfest.

The 26-year-old Spinks, now 8-2 1/2 as a pro, has his eye on the world title again. Not right away, he said, but he'll be back by the end of the year.

Spinks plans to fight gain within two months. He will keep the extra weight that put him at a hefty 209 pounds. Spinks says his body is "maturing."

For Spinks, the world is right again. "NEW LEON," he felt more in control of himself. This is the new Leon," he said.

By THE CANADIAN PRESS Edmonton Oilers and Winnipeg Jets broke out of lengthy slumps Sunday night at the expense of teams perched in much loftier positions in the National Hockey League.

Winnipeg Jets 3, Edmonton Oilers 2. Montreal 2, Los Angeles 1. Detroit 1, Philadelphia 0. Buffalo 1, Boston 0. Quebec 1, Vancouver 0.

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The Oilers, within their previous six games, edged Buffalo Sabres 5-3 at Edmonton. The Jets, who hadn't won in nine games, defeated Los Angeles Kings 5-3 in Winnipeg.

"It was a physical game, the kind I like," said Oilers' play-by-play man, Edmonton coach Glen Sather said of the Saturday night game.

Edmonton now has a record of 10 wins, nine ties and 22 losses. The Oilers' all-over-all record is 21 wins, 19 ties and 22 losses. That's not much to compare with Buffalo's second-best overall league record of 17 wins, 11 ties and 10 losses.

The Oilers edged the Boston Bruins defeated Chicago Black Hawks 6-2, Chicago Black Hawks edged Detroit Red Wings 3-2, and Philadelphia Flyers played to a 1-1 draw with St. Louis Blues.

LEAFS, CANADIENS WIN Saturday night. Toronto Maple Leafs defeated Vancouver Canucks 6-4, Montreal Canadiens 5-4, Philadelphia Flyers 4-3, St. Louis Blues 2-1, Quebec Nordiques 5-2. Boston defeated Atlanta Flames 5-3.

New York Rangers blanked the Jets 3-0, New York Islanders topped Washington Capitals 4-1, Chicago edged Pittsburgh Penguins 3-2, Los Angeles beat Minnesota North Stars 6-5, and Hartford Whalers, with Gordie Howe making his first appearance in a regular-season game in Detroit since 1971, tripped the Red Wings 6-4.

Eight-winger Dave Lumley's second goal of the night with less than three minutes left in the game gave Edmonton its win. Centre Stan Smith had two goals and Dave Hunter and Doug Hicks one each.

NHL TOP TEN By THE CANADIAN PRESS National Hockey League scores. Leaders after weekend games.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Team, Points. Dionne, LA 59; Lefleur, Mtl 45; Taylor, Mtl 45; Simmer, LA 36; Gagny, Edm 35; Trottier, NYI 24; Perreault, Edm 24; Fesenko, StL 16; Gare, Buf 11.

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and Bob Miller also scored for the Bruins. Lanny McDonald and Mike McEwen returned for the Rockies.

"Now, it's our turn to laugh," said Jonathan, referring to Cherry's jovial mood after Colorado's earlier success against the Bruins.

Colorado goaltender Bill McKenzie was carried off the ice on a stretcher with an injury to his left knee in the first period after Wernink crashed into him while scoring Boston's first goal.

Hawks 3 Wins 2. Grant Mulvey scored a pair of power-play goals, raising his season's total to 23, and Hitch Preston added another to lead Chicago to the win. Mike Polugno and Willie Huber, with a short-handed goal, drew Detroit close after the Red Wings had fallen behind 3-0 after two periods.

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Chilliwack earns split in weekend junior play

By THE CANADIAN PRESS Chilliwack Colts pulled one game out of the fire, but didn't have enough for a second as they split a pair of weekend games in British Columbia Junior Hockey League action.

The Colts edged Nanaimo Clippers 7-6 in overtime Saturday night and then dropped a 2-2 decision on the road to Bellingham Blazers Sunday.

In other games Saturday, Kelowna Packers defeated Richmond Sockeyes 4-1 and Revelstoke Rockets dumped Merritt Canadians 7-1.

Sunday, Penitenc Knights defeated Revelstoke 6-4 and Abbotsford Flyers edged Kelowna 6-5.

In Chilliwack, Doug Trotsak scored two goals, including the winner at 8:07 of overtime, to give the Colts the win and move them to within four points of second-place Nanaimo in the Coastal Division.

Loyal Goodey also scored a goal for Chilliwack. Alf McVie, Doug Miles, Darrel Leachy and George McEwen added singles. Dave Robinson and Dave Wilson each scored twice for Nanaimo, while John Newberry, Rick Simons and Mickey Wilgress completed the scoring.

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of Bellingham were outstanding. In Richmond, Gary Leach scored three goals to lead the Buckerons past the Sockeyes. Ranzo Berra scored the other Kelowna goal.

Randy Hall tallied for Richmond, which was outshot 36-35.

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