

U.S. TENNIS

It's all a joke, fumes Buster

by IAN BARNES

BUSTER MOTTRAM and Virginia Wade, Britain's top players, yesterday won through to the second round of the United States Open Championship — and then slammed a tournament that rates itself on a par with Wimbledon.

Buster, though winning 4-6, 7-5, 6-4, 7-6, a match in the championship for the first time — over Californian Robert Van't Hof — called the \$285,000 event "A pain, a disgrace, a joke."

Virginia, who became the first winner of the tournament with her 59-minute 6-3, 6-3 demolition of 22-year-old Paula Smith, blasted the outside court on which she had played as "impossible."

She claimed: "It was covered in ridges and bumps and there was no way of knowing which way the ball would bounce."

Patches

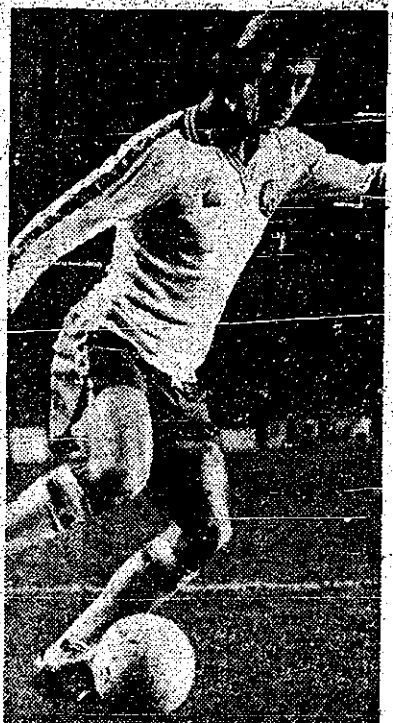
The \$6 million National Tennis Centre at Flushing Meadow, New York, is open for use by the public 10 months a year. Miss Wade, played on a court which had patches in its rubberised cement surface and lamented:

"It's ridiculous that only the two show courts have been resurfaced. This court is as bad as it was last year."

Buster, sweating out a match that stretched over nearly five hours — including a rain delay — in temperatures over 30 degrees, also had some frightening line calls to contend with.

"One linesman made at least ten mistakes," he fumed. "I hate it here. They try to compare this with Wimbledon, but this tournament is a pain. It's all hassle!"

Mark Cox, the only other Briton in action on the opening day, had the edge in experience over Australian Dave Carter, but his 36-year-old legs ran out of power in the heat and humidity. Carter won 6-6, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2, 6-1.



George... In business

LEAGUE CUP EXTRA... ALL THE MATCH ACTION

KING GEORGE

Charlie rules again

Southampton 5 Wrexham 0

CHARLIE GEORGE is back in business.

He turned on a sparkling show at the Dell as Southampton, beaten finalists last season, swept Wrexham aside in this League Cup second round first leg.

George was transferred from Derby for £315,000 last December then played only three games for his new club because of cartilage trouble.

Now he is fully fit and is clearly going to make a big impact.

GEORGE stamped his authority on the match right from the start and

scored his first goal at the Dell in the 12th minute with a full length diving header from Graham Baker's cross.

On the half hour Wrexham goalkeeper Eddie Niedzietki found George's fierce shot too much to handle and PHIL BOYER raced in for a simple goal.

Saints then put together a brilliant five man move—with George giving a great pass—which ended with BAKER stealing in to head home.

Wrexham had little to offer and it needed a goal-line clearance by

Graham Whittle to prevent Chris Nicholl from scoring immediately after half time — but they could not stop Saints on the hour. A right wing corner by Steve Williams was headed into the goalmouth by Nicholl and BOYER nodded the fourth.

Southampton drained all Wrexham's Cup hopes just four minutes from the end when BAKER, so impressive in midfield, was on the spot to sweep the ball in after Alan Hill failed to clear a Nick Holmes' centre.

Two-goal Mike rescues Chelsea

Plymouth 2 Chelsea 2

By John Lloyd: QPR 2 Bradford City 1

CHELSEA manager Danny Blanchflower last night hit out at his team after their disappointing draw at Plymouth.

He said: "It was our worst in all areas this season and we were fortunate to get away with it."

The player he had to thank for saving him any more embarrassment was former England youth international winger Mike Fillery, 18, who scored twice.

Fillery's fine opportunism was crucial against a side who bounced back spectacularly after he had given Chelsea the lead in their first attack.

He exchanged passes with Tommy Langley before rifling in an unstoppable shot.

Droy and left Barota stranded with a low drive.

Trusson had enough chances to complete a hat-trick but Fillery was restricted to just one—and he again seized it in great style.

Droy headed down Ian Britton's corner and the winger made no mistake. Chelsea seemed more intent on survival in the second half and held out with Barota's luck and flair.

TALKATIVE Tommy Docherty was silenced last night by Fourth Division fighters Bradford City who kept Queens Park Rangers to a slender lead.

Docherty, the new manager of Second Division Rangers, declined to attend the waiting press conference and sent his apologies.

The Doc's men had the encouragement of a fifth

minute lead from David McCreery, the £250,000 signing from Manchester United.

But big-hearted Bradford would not be subdued and the enterprising men from Division Four were finally rewarded in the 66th minute.

David Stanforth headed a classic equaliser.

Rangers' face was saved by teenager Dean Neal who clipped his first senior goal just inside the far post to ease the pressure on Rangers for the trip to Valley Parade.

Villa look a Shaw bet

By David Miller: Colchester 0 Villa 2

Gillingham 1 Norwich 1

GARY SHAW, England's youth international, last night softened the blow of Andy Gray's impending departure from Villa Park.

His two headed goals at Colchester, one in each half, should be enough to see Villa through to the League Cup third round.

Shaw 18, and deputising for injured Brian Little, demonstrated an opportunistic eye for goals and had Colchester frequently under pressure.

Yet Villa, three times winners in five finals, would not be smiling this morning had

Eddie Rowles not squandered two open chances in the first quarter of an hour of the second half with Villa only one in front.

Colchester belied their status for much of the match. Bobby Hodge almost put them ahead after only two minutes.

With Colchester pressing, one could not have been confident about Villa's defence in the second half until Shaw snatched his second with 2 quarter of an hour to go.

And only a clearance off the line by Mike Pecker near the end denied Shaw his hat-trick.

NORWICH must thank £90,000 buy Alan Taylor that they start level at Carrow Road next Wednesday.

For it was TAYLOR, making his debut for the First Division leaders in the absence of injured Justin Fashanu, who chipped in with a timely 69th-minute equaliser.

John McDowell, Taylor's former West Ham team mate, had done the strong running which led up to the chance.

They had struggled through-

out the first half against a keen, strong-running Third Division side, who took a deserved lead a minute before the interval.

Irish striker Damien Richardson floated over his corner kick and 18-year-old England youth international Steve Bruce headed the ball back across goal for skipper JOHN OVERTON to head in.

Earlier, Norwich had been saved by a goal-line clearance from Kevin Bond, the man whose two goals had beaten Leeds on Saturday.

Once level, Norwich played with more class and composure despite Gillingham's non-stop assault.

DOGS AND REST OF THE SPORT IN SHORT

WALTHAMSTOW. — 7.45 Rebinair Prince 11-4 fav (SFF 4-3 23-25), 8.3 Court Swallow 9-2 (SFF 3-2 23-73), 8.41 Stradbrook Boy 7-2 (SFF 1-4 23-30), 8.40 Timmy Boy 11-4 fav (SFF 3-5 21-20), 9.0 Deise Corherus 4-1 (SFF 2-6 21-90), 9.20 Lucky Miss 4-1 (SFF 3-4 21-69), 9.48 Weston Beauty 3-1 (SFF 1-2 22-22), 10.0 Wednesday Wizard 7-2 (SFF 3-1 21-30).

WHITE CITY. — 7.45 Robinswood Jack 20-1 (SFF 3-5 28-81), 8.1 Blue Move 4-1 (SFF 2-4 21-90), 8.11 G Wallow 4-1 (SFF 2-6 24-54), 8.35 Nebuloso 5-1 (SFF 3-2 18-56), 8.53 Strictly Solo 4-1 (SFF 1-6 23-34), 9.3 Derby Wonder 5-2 fav (SFF 4-0 21-21), 9.27 Barling Linnet 3-1 36 fav (SFF 8-4 22-54), 9.45 Karies Champion 5-1 (SFF 1-2 23-12), 9.53 Gurrella. — £205.07. Duella. — £12.37.

ROMFORD. — 7.45 Anna's Midlet 7-2 (SFF 3-6 22-04), 8.2 El Premio 11-8 fav (SFF 5-4 21-09), 8.29 Annandale 11-10 fav (SFF 5-1 44-0), 8.40 Cash For Barry 4-1 (SFF 4-6 21-33), 9.3 Market Gunner 8-4 fav (SFF 3-3 22-66), 9.40 Flying Birdie 3-1 (SFF 6-5 22-66), 9.40 Old Bolshie 5-1 (SFF 2-1 21-30).

4-5 £1-64), 10.0 Freckled Jean 7-2 (SFF 2-1 21-12), N.R.: True Fable. **BLOUGH**. — 7.39 Eastfield Ruth 2-1 fav (SFF 4-2 21-30), 7.48 Ballyhelgus Post 7-4 fav (SFF 4-6 21-13), 8.2 Rangers Lucy 4-1 (SFF 3-2 21-69), 8.19 Goodish Blue 11-4 (SFF 2-3 96p), 8.36 L T's Phantom 10-1 (SFF 4-3 22-09), 8.54 Ocean Breeze 8-1 (SFF 5-1 24-69), 9.11 Quest For Gold 9-2 (SFF 6-4 24-18), 9.30 Blush 8-1 (SFF 1-2 28-63), N.R.: Greenfield Chick.

HAWKEYE'S FANCIES. — HARRIN GAY. — 8.34, Nameless General, 8.51, Chorus Line, 9.27, Counting Kid, 9.45, Irish Cheer (nap), Express, 9.15 Wentworth Legend (nap), WEMBLEY. — 8.20, Westmead Joy, 8.35, Purvis Pursuit, 9.16, Pagan Gold, 9.55, Bohemian Swell (nap), WIMBLEDON. — 8.0, Flery Lacken, 8.15, Syntekik Lass, 8.30, Houseful RAMSGATE. — 8.19, Danas Magic, 8.36, Rathbrack Boy, 8.53, All Candour, 9.46 Superkela (nap).

ASSOCIATION LEAGUE CUP

Second Rd: First Leg
BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 PRESTON (0) ...1
Ainscow 13,660
Dillon
BILTON (0) ...1 SOUTHEND (0) ...2
Gowling 15,370
BRIGHTON (1) ...2 CAMBS UTD (0) 0
Horton, Ward 15,370
BRISTOL C (1) 1 ROTHERHAM (0) 0
Ritchie (pen) 6,981
BURNLEY (1) ...1 WOLVES (0) ...1
Dobson Palmer—6,103
CHESTERFLO (1) ...3 SHREWSBY (0) 0
Birch (pen) 5,119
Moss 2

COLCHESTER (0) 0 A VILLA (1) ...2
6,221 Shaw 2
DONCASTER (2) 3 EXETER (1) ...1
Lister, Ripley 4,636
Nimmo
EVERTON (1) ...2 CARDIFF (0) ...0
Kidd 18,061
GILLINGHAM (1) 1 NORWICH (0) ...1
Overton Taylor—10,594
GRIMSBY (1) ...1 HUDDERSFLO (0) 0
Cumming 7,803
NORTHAMPTN (0) 3 OLDHAM (0) ...0
Reilly 2 (1 pen) 3,053
Ward
NOTTS CO (0) ...0 TORQUAY (0) ...0
5,865

PLYMOUTH (2) 2 CHELSEA (2) ...2
Trusson 2 Fillyer 2—10,822
QPR (1) ...2 BRAD CITY (0) ...1
McCreery 8,560
Neal

SWINDON (1) ...1 CHESTER (0) ...0
Mayes 6,965
SOUTHAMPTN (3) 5 WREXHAM (0) ...0
George, Boyer 2, 13,920
Baker 2

SHEFF WED (0) 1 MAN CITY (1) ...1
King Villson

WEST HAM (2) 3 BARNLEY (0) ...1
Brooking, Pearson 12,320
Cross

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP.—Second Rd: First Rd: Stenhousemuir (0) 1
St Mirren (2)

UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE. — Prom: Desborough 4 Long Buckby 0
Kempston 1 Amphil 0—Stamford 1
Rothwell 0—Stewrt and 1, 1 Irthling-
bore 2—Wolverton 1 Bokingham 2—
Woolton 2 Eynesbury 0.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE. — Midland: Barry 2 Bedworth 0—Corby 0 Banbury 2—Methy 2 Taunton 1—Wellingboro 2—Kidderminster 3—Southam 1—Basingstoke 1—Hillingdon 1—Bognor 2—Hastings 2—Canterbury 1—Gosport 2—Dartford 4—Crawley 1—Dunstable 1—Aldershot 1
COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE. — Ash 0—Godalming 2—BAC (Weybridge) 3—Luton Sports 1—Cobham 1—Chessington 3—Malden 0—Clarnon 0—Lightwater 3—Yateley 1—Wesfield 3—Singerwater 1
TOWNS AND COUNTRY LEAGUE. — Ely 4—Histon 0—Tiptree 1—Haverhill 1—Hitchford 2—Wiseben 0
HITCHHI Cup.—First Round: Corinth Casuals 0—Epsom 7—Hornchurch 0—Clapton 2—Kingstonian 2—Hungerford 1—Walton & H 2—Eastbourne Utd 3—Cambridge 1—Maldenhead 0—Exham 0—Hampton 1—Wembley 3—Southall 1—Wokingham 0—Chesham 4—Horsham 1—Lewes 2

AMATEUR PURSUIT 4000m.—Quarter Finals: M-D Bunt (Sw) 4-51.31s by N Makarov (Rus) 4-54.62s; M Bidi-nost (Ita) 4-51.72s by H Wolf (E Ger) 4-52.42s; J Lammerting (Hol) by J Jankiewicz (Pol) (two punctures); A Bonde (Fra) 4-54.56s by D Grylls (U.S.) 4-56.53s.
LAWN TENNIS
U.S. MEN'S PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (Chestnut Hill, Massach-
usets).—Final: J Higuera (Sp) by R Gildemeister (Chile) 6-3, 6-1.
ATP MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP (Kings Island, Ohio).—Final: P Fleming (U.S.) by R Tanner (U.S.) 6-4, 6-2.
U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS (New York).—Women's Singles, first round: V Wade (G.B.) by B Smith (U.S.) 6-3, 6-3; D Fromholtz (Aust) by D Evers (Aust) 6-3, 6-2; O Lloyd

(U.S.) by T Riedel (W Ger) 6-0, 6-0.
Men's Singles, first round: V Geru-laitis (U.S.) by M Edmondson (U.S.) 6-0, 6-2; 7-5; R Curren (S Afr) by A Panatta (Ita) 6-3, 7-5, 7-6.
SHOW JUMPING
THORPE PARK GRAND PRIX (Chertsey).—Sanyo San Mar (H Smith), 1; Forever (E Edgar), 2; True Grit (F Welch), 3. **THORPE PARK GRADE A**, B. Fieldmaster (C Brad-
ley, 1; Harris Home Care (D Broome), 2; Roace (P Dunning), 3.

SPEEDWAY
NATIONAL LEAGUE.—Peterborough 49 (1 Clark 1), 5 Flatman 9, D Gooderham 9) Stoke 29 (C Turner 16, 1 Gledhill 9).
MIDLAND CUP. — Semi-final, First Leg: Leicester 44 (J Boulker 10), 10 Fawell 9) Swinden 33 (B Kilby 10, B Crump 9).

U.S. BASEBALL

MONDAY'S GAMES. — American League: New York Yankees 7 Texas 4—Toronto 7 Oakland 1—Seattle 6 Cleve-land 5—Detroit 3 California 2—Boston 4 Chicago White Sox 2—Kansas City 10 Milwaukee 9—Minnesota 1. Baltimore 5 Minnesota 1.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Houston 3 Montreal 0—Cincinnati 4 Philadelphia 2—Los Angeles 4 Pittsburgh 2—New York Mets 2 Atlanta 1—Atlanta 5 New York Mets 1—San Diego 5 Chicago Cubs 4.

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Ward just in time

Brighton 2 Cambridge 0

PETER WARD, Brighton's talented young striker left it to the last kick to give his team a two goal lead.

Ward scored in the dying seconds to salvage some of Brighton's pride and give them their first win of the season, but they had to fight for every ball.

After 20 minutes Peter O'Sullivan netted but play was held back for a foul on Tedy Maybank.

Brighton finally took a deserved lead when skipper Brian Horton scored a superb goal. Ward dazzled his way across the edge of the box and found Horton running in to crack an unstoppable shot past goalkeeper Webster.

Then as the referee looked at his watch Ward pounced on Tom Finney's bad back pass to give Brighton a victory that should be enough to earn them a third round place in the League Cup.

Hansen still out

DEFENDER Alan Hansen is still feeling the effects of a thin strain, and 22-year-old Colin Irwin continues for Liverpool, who field the side that beat West Brom 3-1 against Tranmere in the League Cup.