

Sport

Jones-McCallum bout Nov 22

TAMPA, Florida, Oct 29: Roy Jones Jr. generally regarded as the best pound-for-pound boxer in the world, will meet former champion Mike McCallum for the soon-to-be declared vacant WBC light heavyweight title on Nov 22, reports AP.

The main event on an eight-fight card billed as "Fire On Ice" will be televised from the new 160 million dollars Ice Palace in downtown Tampa.

Jones, who has a sparkling 33-0 record with 29 knockouts, has made five successful defenses of his 168-pound (76-kilogram) super middleweight crown since beating then-champion James Toney two years ago. He will be stepping up to the 175-pound class against the 39-year-old McCallum (49-3-1, 36 KOs).

Jones, 27, stopped No 1 contender Bryant Brannon with a second-round TKO in his most recent fight on Oct 4. Earlier this year, the Pensacola fighter made headlines by playing in a pro-basketball game with the USBL's Jacksonville Barracudas just a few hours before knocking out Eric Lucas in a title fight.

McCallum, who turns 40 in December, will be trying to regain the title he lost to Fabrice Tiozzo on June 16, 1995. He is also a former WBA middleweight and light middleweight champion.

"Roy Jones, Jr is the most exciting fighter in the world today and might very well be the best of all time," said Tampa attorney Steve Yerrid, who heads a local promotional group that helped land the title fight for the Ice Palace.

The undercard will feature a WBO junior featherweight title bout between champion Marco Antonio Barrera (43-0, 31 KOs) and Junior Jones (42-2, 26 KOs).

Becker leaps forward

PARIS, Oct 29 (AFP): ATP men's tennis rankings issued here Monday:

1. Sampras (USA)	4,807
2. Chang (USA)	3,886
3. Becker (GER)	3,575
4. Kafelnikov (RUS)	3,251
5. Ivanisevic (CRO)	3,222
6. Muster (AUT)	3,161
7. Ferreira (RSA)	2,403
8. Agassi (USA)	2,363
9. Krajceck (NED)	2,333
10. Rios (CHI)	2,030
11. Martin (USA)	1,923
12. Enqvist (SWE)	1,838
13. Costa (SPA)	1,757
14. Courier (USA)	1,634
15. Mantilla (SPA)	1,589
16. Siemerink (NED)	1,549
17. Stich (GER)	1,518
18. Edberg (SWE)	1,489
19. Berasategui (SPA)	1,489
20. Pioline (FRA)	1,468

WTA rankings

MIAMI, Oct 29 (AFP): WTA women's tennis rankings issued here Monday:

1. Graf (GER)	335,787
2. Seles (USA)	(by special ruling)
3. Arantxa (SPA)	205,47
4. Conchita (SPA)	185,90
5. Huber (GER)	174,84
6. Novotna (CZE)	166,80
7. Davenport (USA)	155,63
8. Majoli (CRO)	153,23
9. Hingis (SRI)	148,33
10. Date (JPN)	141,46
11. Fernandez (USA)	103,84
12. Brenda (NED)	92,96
13. Paulus (AUT)	87,70
14. Magdalena (BUL)	87,64
15. Rubin (USA)	84,67
16. Halard (FRA)	82,82
17. Habsudova (SLO)	81,54
18. Spirlea (ROM)	77,57
19. Pierce (FRA)	77,18
20. Coetzee (RSA)	76,02
21. Wiesner (AUT)	69,23

Edberg extends sojourn

PARIS, Oct 29: Former world number one Stefan Edberg postponed what was expected to be his Paris farewell late Monday night by victory over tough German opponent Michael Stich on the first day of the 2.5 million dollar Paris Indoor Open, reports agencies.

The 30-year-old Swede, who reigned for 72 weeks as world number one back in 1990 and 1991 and who is to retire after 13 years on the senior tour, raced to a 6-2, 6-4 win in less than one-and-a-half hours.

He now faces Austria's third seeded 'king of clay' Thomas Muster for a place in the last sixteen — and if he can reproduce the same dazzling tennis which overwhelmed Stich there is no reason why he should not reach a probable quarterfinal against sixth-seeded and three-time champion Boris Becker.

After Paris, Stockholm will be Edberg's final pro tournament although he should play in the Davis Cup final against France Nov 29-Dec 1.

"I am still playing good tennis but I'm not satisfied because it's not good enough for me," Edberg said on his retirement plans.

He beat Stich in a battle between two former Wimbledon champions. The quality of the field has Edberg ranked 17th in the world, and Stich, 20th, unseeded and meeting in the first round.

Stich was unhappy over a call that led to his first set loss. The German vented his frustration over what he thought was a missed call and challenged chair umpire Rich Kaufman.

Stich contested a break point in the sixth game of the first set.

Edberg set a forehead that Stich thought was beyond the baseline but was ruled in by Kaufman to bring Edberg back

to deuce. Stich went on to lose the game to put Edberg up 5-1. Stich continued to berate Kaufman with some strong language. "You short-brained or what," Stich was heard to say when Kaufman was trying to explain the calls.

Stich was sure he was right and wanted to look at the TV replays to prove his point. After the match, Stich felt otherwise.



STEFAN EDBERG

"At the moment I was angry because I thought it was important," Stich said. "But now I didn't lose the match because of that."

In the second set, Edberg made the key break in the ninth game to go up 5-4. Edberg made another good service return to handcuff Stich and force an error.

This time Sampras and Becker are in the same half of the draw so a semifinal meeting is only possible between them.

Strong field for Sydney int'l tennis

SYDNEY, Oct 29: Americans Monica Seles and Todd Martin have agreed to defend their titles at the Sydney International tennis tournament in January. Tennis Australia announced Tuesday, reports AP.

Joint world number one Seles and American Davis Cup player Martin will again use the event as their final warm-up for the Australian Open, which runs from January 13-26.

Seles is a four-time Australian Open champion but has been troubled for most of this year by a shoulder injury.

Tennis Australia president Geoff Pollard said the January 5-11 Sydney tournament would have strong fields for both the men's and women's singles.

Entries for the men's event include last year's runner-up Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia, Australians Mark Philippoussis and Pat Rafter, Marcelo Rios of Chile, Britain's Tim Henman and French Davis Cup players Arnaud Boetsch, Guy Forget and Cedric Pioline.

Seles rivals in the women's draw will include American Lindsay Davenport and Swiss teenager Martina Hingis, while 15-year-old Russian Anna Kournikova will make her Australian debut.

Coppola sticks to his guns

BUENOS AIRES, Oct 29: A lawyer for Guillermo Coppola, Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona's manager, said on Monday that cocaine was planted in the home of his client, reports Reuters.

Coppola was arrested to weeks ago in a police raid that found a pound (500 grams) of cocaine in his luxury apartment. He was charged with possession of drugs for sale and could face up to 20 years in prison.

His lawyer Mariano Cuneo Libarona said Coppola was wrongly indicted because the drugs were planted in his apartment.

Testimony given in court on Monday by two women showed that the drugs supposedly confiscated in Guillermo Coppola's house were put there to implicate him in a criminal case, the lawyer said in a statement.

The two women, Julieta Lavalle and Samantha Farjat, reportedly told a judge that another woman involved in the case, Natalia de Negri, could have planted the cocaine in Coppola's apartment.

One of Likhovtseva's problems was getting used to the carpet. "I had just come from Montreal where I had played on a hard court surface and the ball traveled much faster," said Likhovtseva, who faces Seles on Wednesday.

Jana Novotna, Lindsay Davenport and Iva Majoli have berths in the second round with opening-round bye.

Solid start for Hingis

CHICAGO, Oct 29: Swiss teen sensation Martina Hingis turned her first-round match into a light work-out at the Ameritech Cup tennis tournament on Monday, reports agencies.

The fifth-seeded Hingis took just 40 minutes to steamroll American Jelene Watanabe 6-1, 6-1 in a match the precocious 16-year-old said was "like practice for me."

"I have more confidence in what I'm doing," said Hingis, who is coming off her first tour victory at Pilderstadt, Germany.

"Two years ago, I wouldn't have played her like I did today. I feel very prepared coming in to this tournament."

Hingis, whose ranking is up to a career-high eighth in the world, will get her chance to show just how prepared she is later in the week.

Six of the top 10 players in the world are entered here, including co-world number one Monica Seles, who will play her first match in more than a month on Wednesday.

Seles has not played competitively since leading the United States to the Fed Cup title over Spain last month. She spent the last four weeks undergoing a training regimen aimed at avoiding surgery on her injured shoulder.

Hingis easily and efficiently covered the entire court Monday in beating Watanabe for the third time in as many meetings.

Forest falter further

LONDON, Oct 29: Everton piled on the misery for Nottingham Forest at the City Ground on Monday as they plundered their first away win of the season to transform themselves from relegation candidates to European contenders, reports AFP.

Craig Short was on hand after just five minutes to power in an inawing corner from Andy Hinchcliffe past Forest keeper Mark Crossley.

Everton were by far the better side in driving rains as third bottom Forest played like a team which knows it is in for a long hard winter.

Teenage striker Michael Branch could have made it two on 25 minutes after robbing Steve Chettle 20 yards out. But he fired into the side-netting rather than seeking out the better-placed Graham Stuart.

Forest briefly threatened on 32 minutes when Short was booked for tripping David Phillips. Phillips drove in the free kick but the unmarked Jason Lee sent his header wide of the far post.

Branch then set his sights again for the visitors, testing Crossley with a low drive from the edge of the box shortly before the break.

Forest came out fighting in the second period but could not break down a well-narrshalled Everton defence.

Everton's square pass across the box but Earl Barrett blocked the shot.

Saunders then set in a looping header, but veteran Welsh keeper Neville Southall tipped it over the bar.

With the rain making conditions ever more difficult, Crossley rescued Forest on the hour, diving to his right to parry Gary Speed's 25-year drive as Everton looked to put the issue beyond doubt.

Afterwards, Everton manager Joe Royle said he was delighted with the commitment his side had shown, particularly as the three points had sent the Merseysiders soaring into eighth place in the Premiership table.

Forest counterpart Frank Clark could only reflect on his side's poor showing as they slumped to their fifth defeat of a campaign in which they have yet to win at home.

The former European champions have not won a league match since the opening day and Clark admitted that "We've just got to start winning."

Asked about whether he had considered the dreaded consequences of relegation, Clark said candidly, "Everyone worries about it."

Julie pays the price

ATLANTA, Oct 29: The wife of the International Olympic Committee's vice president has been fined 2,000 dollars for a run-in with an Atlanta police officer during the Olympic Games, reports AP.

Julie Pound pleaded guilty last week to charges of failure to comply with traffic instructions and disorderly conduct, according to her lawyer, Jim Martin. He said she was fined 1,000 dollars on each count.

Mrs Pound was arrested July 31 and charged with refusing to comply with a police officer's obstruction, using abusive language and simple battery.

Connors canters

HOUSTON, Oct 29: Jimmy Connors defeated Johan Kriek of South Africa 6-3, 6-3 to win the singles title of the 150,000 dollars Gallery Furniture Champions' tournament, reports AP.

The 44-year-old Connors, seeded second in the 12-man, over-35 tourney, broke Kriek's serve twice in the first set Monday and once in the second to dominate the unseeded Kriek.

With the title, Connors also collected the 40,000 dollars first prize and reclaimed the lead in the Nuveen Tour point standings with 2,070. Andres Gomez is second, while Kriek moved up two notches into third place with 1,005 points.



Everton's Craig Short rises to head the ball past Nottingham Forest goalie Mark Crossley during their English Premier league encounter on Oct 28. Everton won 1-0. —AFP/UNB photo

Biggies' moment of truth

LONDON, Oct 29: The European Champions' League this week reaches the point of no return where mathematical certainties take the place of dreams and hopes, reports Reuters.

Juventus, the reigning European champions, and Manchester United — despite conceding 11 goals in their last two matches — should clinch their places in the last eight by ensuring they finish in the top two positions in Group C with wins over Rapid Vienna and injury hit Ferencvaros respectively.

Borussia Dortmund will also guarantee their place in the quarter-finals from Group B if they complete the double over Atletico Madrid at home, while Porto will virtually ensure top spot in Group D if they follow up their away win over Rosenborg with a home victory.

Rosenborg striker Jahn Ivar "Mini" Jakobsen will miss Wednesday's match after being sent off two weeks ago in Trondheim where Port won 1-0.

Also doubtful is Rosenborg captain Bent Skarmerud, who is reluctant to leave home because his partner is just about to have a baby.

AC Milan must recover from their surprise 2-1 defeat in Gothenburg two weeks ago with a victory over the Swedish champions to banish serious doubts about their chances of advancing from Group D with Porto.

Until this week Rangers and Widzew Lodz, who have both lost all their matches in Groups A and B respectively, have been hoping for a dramatic change in fortune — and unlikely results elsewhere — to keep alive their hopes of progressing.

But their interest in the competition is almost certain to end after Wednesday's matches against Ajax and Steaua Bucharest respectively.

Group A features Ajax, Grasshopper Zurich and Auxerre on six points and Rangers on none, with Ajax leading on goal difference.

Ajax travel to face a Glasgow Kurnikova off the mark

MOSCOW, Oct 29: Russia's rising star, 15-year-old Anna Kurnikova, beat Germany's Yelena Wagner 6-0, 6-4 Monday in the first round of the 400,000 dollars Kremlin Cup women's tournament, reports AP.

Kurnikova needed only 51 minutes to down Wagner at the indoor Olympic Stadium.

Another Russian, Yelena Makarova, defeated sixth-seeded Silvia Farina of Italy 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.

Austrian Sandra Dopfer ousted Park Syng-Hee of Korea 6-1, 6-4. In the next round, Dopfer will face top-seeded Conchita Martinez of Spain.

Romania's Ruxandra Dragomir, seeded fifth, defeated Henrieta Nagyova of Slovakia 6-1, 7-5. Seventh-seeded Barbara Schett of Austria downed Italian Rita Grande 6-4, 6-4, and Asa Carlsson of Sweden beat Spain's Gala Leongarsia 6-4, 7-5.

outfit missing three suspended players — Paul Gascoigne, skipper Richard Gough and Australian Craig Moore as well as injured first-choice goalkeeper Andy Goram — and should add three more points to the ones they picked up when they beat Rangers 4-1 in Amsterdam two weeks ago.

Auxerre will be without young striker Thomas Denaud for their vital match against Grasshopper in Switzerland.

Denaud, who scored twice against Glasgow Rangers and once against Grasshopper in Auxerre's last two European ties, hurt his ankle after scoring the opening goal in his side's 7-0 thrashing of Lyon on Friday and will be out of action for six weeks.

Grasshopper will be out for a revenge after narrowly losing 1-0 at Auxerre and looking forward to a win which would practically give them a place in the quarter-finals.

While Turkish champions Fenerbahce will lose their tenuous foothold in the Champions' League if they are beaten by Manchester United and Juventus defeat Rapid Vienna, their Istanbul rivals Galatasaray travel to European Cup Winners' Cup holders Paris Saint Germain in a very strong position.

Galatasaray won the first leg of their second-round tie 4-2 in Istanbul two weeks ago and will be full of confidence after winning 8-1 in Izmir against Altay on Sunday.

In the UEFA Cup, Internazionale, bidding to win the trophy for the third time in seven seasons, will be looking to follow up their 3-1 home win against Parma on Sunday with a win over Casino Graz of Austria.

Inter were unimpressive winning the first leg 1-0 in Austria two weeks ago and are unlikely to underestimate their opponents again.

They will field their full-strength side against the Austrians, which includes Ciriaco Sforza of Switzerland, Englishmen Paul Ince, Argentine Javier Zanetti, Frenchman Youri Djorkaeff and Chilean Ivan Zamorano, who scored twice against Parma.

Tensions are likely to be running high in Newcastle, where the English team — worth out 15 million pounds (24 million dollars) world record signing Alan Shearer who is recovering from a groin operation — attempt to overcome a 3-2 first leg deficit against Ferencvaros of Hungary.

The English side find themselves trailing after gifting Ferencvaros three goals with sloppy defending in Budapest but their England striker Les Ferdinand, whose goals two week ago sparked a Newcastle comeback, is confident the first-leg deficit can be overturned.

Office of the Executive Engineer
Feni O&M Division, BWDB, Feni

Tender Notice

1. Tender Notice No.	02/96-97
2. Name of work	Re-excavation of canal, repair & maintenance of roads, office housing, bridge of SRP under Feni O&M Division, BWDB, Feni (12 groups).
3. Estimated amount	Each group Tk 2.48 lacs to Tk 4.98 lacs.
4. Earnest money	2% of estimated amount / 1% for FD holder.
5. Rate of tender documents	P/set 400.00 (four hundred) (Non-refundable).
6. Eligibility of contractors	Enlisted C&D Class contractor of BWDB, 1996-97 (as per group list).
7. Place where tender documents will be available	a) Sonali Bank, Mohipal Branch, Mohipal. b) Sonali Bank, WAPDA Branch, Dhaka. c) Sonali Bank, Sonapur Branch, Noakhali. d) Agrani Bank, Dalabazar Branch, Lakshampur.
8. Last date for selling of tender documents	11.11.96 up to Banking hours.
9. Place of dropping tender	a) Office of the Executive Engineer, Feni O&M Division, BWDB, Feni. b) Office of the Executive Engineer, Noakhali O&M Division, BWDB, Noakhali. c) Office of the Executive Engineer, Dhaka O&M Division-II of BWDB, Dhaka. d) Office of the Executive Engineer, Lakshampur, WD Division, BWDB, Lakshampur.
10. Date for dropping of tender	10.11.96, 11.11.96, 12.11.96 up to 12.00 Noon.
11. Date for opening of tender	12.11.96 at 12.30 PM.
12. Tender invited by	Md. Abdul Quader, Executive Engineer, Feni O&M Division, BWDB, Feni. Md Abdul Quader Executive Engineer Feni O&M Division, BWDB, Feni

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Bangladesh Water Dev Board
Office of the Executive Engineer
Saidpur Water Dev Division-I
BWDB, Saidpur, Nilphamari

Tender Notice

1. Tender Notice No.	04/1996-97/SWD-I
2. Name of Work	Construction of Box Culvert over Village Road at different places adjacent to Rangpur and Bogra Irrigation canal under Saidpur WD Division-I, during the year 1996-97
3. Location of Work	Under PS Rangpur (Sadar), Badarganj, Dt. Rangpur and P. S. Kishoreganj, Dt. Nilphamari.
4. Estimated Cost	Tk 10,36,800/=
5. Time allowed	120 (one hundred twenty) days
6. a) Earnest money 2 1/2%	Tk 26,000/=
b) Token earnest money 1%	Tk 10,400/=
7. a) Date for receiving of tender	a) Receiving 4.11.96 AD, 21.7.1403 BS, 5.11.96 AD, 22.7.1403 BS during office hours and up to 12.00 Noon on 6.11.96 AD, 23.7.1403 BS
b) Date for opening the tender	b) 6.11.96 AD, 23.7.1403 BS at 12-30PM
8. Eligibility of tenderer	Enlisted "A", "B" & "C" Class Contractors of BWDB for 1996-97
9. Name and Address of the Banks where tender document will be available	a) Sonali Bank, Saidpur Branch, Saidpur. b) Rupali Bank, Rail Crossing Branch, Rangpur and c) Sonali Bank, WAPDA Branch, WAPDA Bhaban, Motiheel C/A, Dhaka-2.
10. Name and Address of the offices where tenders will be received	Office of the Executive Engineer, Saidpur WD Division-I, BWDB, Saidpur. b) Office of the Executive Engineer, Rangpur Canal Divn, BWDB, Rangpur. c) Office of the Superintending Engineer, O&M Circle, 156/157, Rupali Sadan (3rd floor), Motiheel C/A, Dhaka.
11. Any other information if required	Office of the undersigned during office hours.
12. Last date of purchasing tender document	5.11.96 AD, 22.7.1403 BS.
13. Cost of tender document	Tk 750/= per set (non-refundable)
14. Address of the advertiser	Executive Engineer, Saidpur WD Divn-I, BWDB, Saidpur, Nilphaman. G M Shamsuddin Executive Engineer Saidpur WD Division-I, BWDB, Saidpur, Nilphaman

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Golfers who are participating in the Alfred Dunhill Masters golf championship pose with the trophy prior to the kick-off in Hong Kong on Oct 29.

— AFP/UNB photo

Office of the Executive Engineer
Chandpur Mech. Division
BWDB, Chandpur

Tender Notice

Tender enquiry No. 02/1996-97 (MDIP)

Tenders in BWDB Form No. 2 under sealed cover with 11"x5" sized envelope are hereby invited from the enlisted 'C&D' class contractors of BWDB or Bonafide supplying firms for the following supply inconnection with "command area development" project under Meghna Dhargadaga Irrigation Project, during the financial year 1996-97.

Group No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Cost of schedule (Non-refundable)	Time allowed for execution of supply	Eligibility of the tenderers
'A'	Supplying Transformer Oil centrifuging Machine for MDIP		2.5% of the quoted amount	750/-	150 days	'C' Class enlisted contractors of BWDB/ Bonafide supplying firms.
'B'	Supplying 2 (two) nos. cooling water pumps including all accessories tools & plants for Uddamdi & Kalpur pump house under MDIP.		do	400/-	120 days	'D' Class enlisted contractors of BWDB/ Bonafide supplying firms.

2. Tender receiving & opening date
a. Receiving date: 12-11-96, 13-11-96 up to Office hours, & 14-11-96 up to 12.00 Noon.
b. Opening date: 14-11-96 at 12.30 PM.

3. The name of the officer through which tender documents will be received
a. The Office of the undersigned, b. Executive Engineer, Comilla O&M Division, BWDB, Jhawali Comilla, c. Executive Engineer, Dhaka O&M Division, Seraj Building, Motiheel Commercial Area, Dhaka.

The tender schedule and necessary documents will be sold from a Sonali Bank, Shohajar Branch, Chandpur, b. Sonali Bank WAPDA Branch, Motiheel Commercial Area, Dhaka & c. the office of the RAC Chief/RAC, BWDB, Comilla on cash payment of non-refundable value mentioned above upto 13-11-96 during the banking & office hours.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason and does not bind himself to accept the lowest one.

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Executive Engineer
Chandpur Mech. Division
BWDB, Chandpur