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WHO: Steffi Graf of West Germany vs. Martina Navratilova of the United States

WHEN: Today, 8 a.m. (EDT).

TV: WKYC Channel 3.

SEEDINGS: Graf No. 1, Navratilova, 2. SERIES: Navratilova leads, 7-4. LAST MEETING: Graf won at Wimbledon,

5-7, 6-2, 6-1.

WHO GRAF BEAT: Julie Salmon, 6-1, 6-2;

Kim Kessaris, 6-2, 6-1; Anne Minter, 6-1,

6-3; Monica Seles, 6-0, 6-1; Arantxa Sanchez,

7-5, 6-1; Chris Evert, 6-2, 6-1.

WHO NAVRATILOVA BEAT: Jill Hetherington,

6-3, 6-2; Kristine Radford, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; Nicole

Provis, 6-0, 6-3; Hana Mandlikova, 6-3, 6-2;

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WHO: Boris Becker of West Germany vs.

WHU? Bons becker or west Germany vs. Stefan Edberg of Sweden.
WHER: Today, following women's match.
SEEDINGS: Edberg No. 2, Becker 3.
SERIES: Becker leads, 10-7.
LAST MEETING: Edberg won, 6-3, 6-4, 5-7,

3-6, 6-2, in French Open semifinals. WHO EDBERG BEAT: Chris Pridham, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6; Dick Matuszewski, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4; Jan Gunnarsson, 7-5, 7-6, 6-3; Aaron Krickstein, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5; Paul Chamberlin, 6-1, 6-2, 6-0; I. Lendl, 7-5, 6-7, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.

INSIDE

Hammel has lead in Toledo Classic

Penny Hammel shot a 5-under-par 66 to take a two-stroke lead heading into the final 18 holes in the Jamie Farr Toledo Classic. Reigning U.S. Open champion Liselotte Neumann is in second place. Betsy King — a winner of four tournaments this year is another shot back Story on Fage 2-D.

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THE PLAIN DEALER

WIMBLEDON TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

SPORTS

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 1989

Tribe loses, 4-3, in 11 innings

STAFF WRITER

SEATTLE — Jesse Orosco proved a poor substitute for stopper Doug Jones last night as the Indians' squandered a tworun, ninth-inning lead and lost to Seattle,
4-3, in 11 innings at the Kingdome.

Dave Valle drove in the winning run in the 11th with a bases-loaded grounder that should have been an inning reading duable.

should have been an inning-ending double play. With one out, Valle sent a hot shot to second baseman Jerry Browne. It looked like a double-play ball, but Browne bob-bled it and was only able to get one out as

Henry Cotto scored the game winner.
Cotto started the 11th with a single. Orosco fanned Greg Briley, but gave up a double to Jeffrey Leonard to put runners on second and third. After an intentional walk to Darnell Coles, who sent the game into extra innings with a two-run homer in the ninth against Orosco, Valle brought home the game winner.
Billy Swift (5-2) was the winner.

Major league managers differ with the fans in seven positions on the All-Star voting.

■ Thirty-three players earned \$847,500 in bonuses for making the American and National League teams. Page 7-D.



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down, Carter bounced back to Swift on the

James was caught between third and second and tagged out in a rundown. After Carter took second on a wild pitch, Pete O'Brien was intentionally walked for the third time of the night so the Mariners could pitch to the slumping Cory Snyder.

game, hit into a force play to end the

Orosco, subbing for Jones who'd worked 31/3 innings to win Friday's night's game, erased a 3-1 Indians' lead and Bud Black's

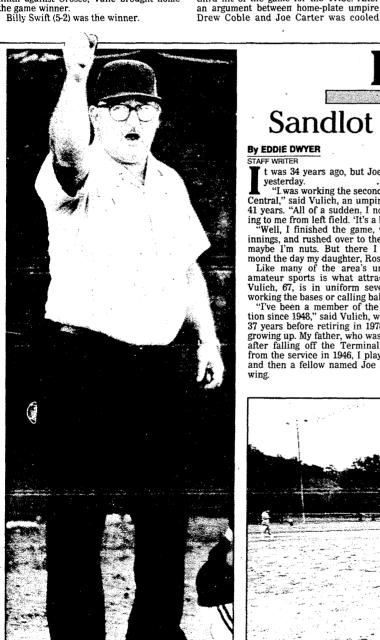
bid for his eighth victory by giving up a two-run homer to Darnell Coles in the ninth to send the game into extra innings. Black, looking for his seventh victory in his last 11 appearances, started the ninth by walking Alvin Davis. That was it for the left-hander as Orosso replaced him. left-hander as Orosco replaced him.
Orosco, trying to save his second game of

the season, fanned Jeffrey Leonard, but then threw a fat, 2-1, pitch to Coles that the Mariners' right fielder yanked over the left-field wall.

The Indians had taken a 3-1 lead in the

top of the ninth on Carter's RBI-double. It was the first run produced by the Tribe's inept offense since James gave Black a 2-0 lead with a first inning homer off Seattle starter Brian Holman.

SEE TRIBE/10-D



DEDICATED

Sandlot umpires enjoy themselves

By EDDIE DWYER

In a study of ineptitude and futility, the

Indians' offense stranded 14 runners. The Tribe had a chance to rip the game open

in almost every inning, but couldn't do it. In the 11th, Dion James doubled for his third hit of the game for the Tribe. After

t was 34 years ago, but Joe Vulich recalls it like it was

"I was working the second of three games at old Euclid Central," said Vulich, an umpire on Cleveland's sandlots for 41 years. "All of a sudden, I noticed my mother-in-law wav-

41 years. "All of a sudden, I noticed my mother-in-law waving to me from left field. 'It's a baby girl,' she yelled.

"Well, I finished the game, which, by the way, lasted 16 innings, and rushed over to the hospital. I must love this or maybe I'm nuts. But there I was, out there on the diamond the day my daughter, Rosanne, was born."

Like many of the area's umpires, Vulich's passion for amateur sports is what attracted him to the profession.

Vulich 'G' is in wiferm even days and right a work.

Vulich, 67, is in uniform seven days and nights a week, working the bases or calling balls and strikes.

"I've been a member of the Cleveland Umpires Associa-The been a member of the Cleveland Umpires Association since 1948," said Vulich, who was employed by TRW for 37 years before retiring in 1978. "I was sort of a rowdy kid growing up. My father, who was in construction, died in 1929 after falling off the Terminal Tower. After coming home from the service in 1946, I played ball for a couple of years and then a fellow named Joe Raymond took me under his wing.

Joe was like my godfather. He got me started umpiring CYO games and then I went to the umpire's school for five years. It took me seven years, but I made it to Class A ball."

Vulich, whose son, Joe Jr., works for the Ice Capades in

Palm Springs, Calif., never learned to drive a car. Rose, his wife of 37 years, takes him to every game.

"Rose didn't know much about baseball or softball when we met," said Vulich. "Sometimes she stays and watches me ump and other times she goes home and picks me up later. She's my right hand."

Although he believes the local amateur game has deteriorated, especially hardball, Vulich still enjoys being around young people. He says he generates energy from their enthusiasm

"I love the high school kids," he said. "I also ump the little 7- to 9-year-olds and teach them how to bat. When it gets to be work, I'll quit. But right now, I just can't get away from

While the pay has gradually improved from the \$2.50 or \$3 a game that Vulich and other veteran umpires started on,

money is not an incentive for several of the men in blue. According to Don Schmook, president and assigner of the Cleveland Association, umpires are paid \$12 a game for SEE UMPIRES/11-D



Veteran John Lucchese calls a strike, and then performs one of the umpire's many duties, brushing off home plate.

'Mean shoes' a tough fit for new OSU coach

he first thing Randy Ayers is going to need is some mean shoes. The kind you kick butt with, preferrably

the ones with the steel toes.

As Ohio State's new and, yes, surprising head basketball coach, finding a pair that fit might be a big problem.

See, Ayers has never had to wear the mean shoes in the family. As an Ohio State assistant, he was forever cast as the benevolent older brother to the players the good cop to Gary Williams' loud, bad

williams would scream, yell and make a young charge wish he'd taken up lawn bowling. Ayers would go and ease the damage, telling the young player: "Look,



it's for your own good. He doesn't mean anything by it. Now stop pouting and let's

go for a sundae. Now, as head coach at the Ohio State University, Ayers must understand this: No more Mr. Nice Guy. Question is, though, will the mean shoes fit? Will he be willing to wear them? And if and when he does brandish them, will his players respond as they should?

Actually, we talked about just that subject (Wednesday) night when I met with the team," Ayers said. "I told them there are going to come times when I have to make a decision, a tough decision, and I'm going to make that decision based on what is best for the program.

"Tve always had a good rapport with these young men. I think they've always felt they could come into my office, sit down and talk. You get especially close when you're recruiting them. And I'm sure that will continue. . . . But no one player is bigger than the program."

Ayers laughed. "Of course, I'm sure someone will try to test me," he said. Count on it.

It's one thing to be the sweet and doting favorite uncle, the one who comes over every couple of days bearing gifts. He can afford to be a softie because he doesn't have to get the little brats off to bed every

It's another to play poppa, tempering all the light and the love with the proper doses of discipline and direction.

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A disgusted Ivan Lendl after losing a point to Boris Becker.

Lendl's anguish goes on

NEW YORK TIMES
WIMBLEDON, England — The rain,
the grass, the officiating and Boris
Becker conspired to defeat top-ranked
Ivan Lendl yesterday in the semifinals

Lendl would be considered the most complete player in the world if he could capture Wimbledon just once. But no amount of effort or will was able to overcome his essential discomfort, as he lost to Becker in five sets, 7-5, 6-7 (2-7), 2-6, 6-4, 6-3,

(2-7), 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Lendl, twice a finalist, six times a semifinalist, and currently the No. 1 player in the world, dueled ably with Becker through two sets but suffered a failure of nerve in the fifth and left Wimbledon the way he usually does, angry, after Becker's victory.

The match sent Becker 21 into the

The match sent Becker, 21, into the finals against the defending champion. Stefan Edberg of Sweden, who stunned him in four sets in last year's final.

The Becker-Lendl match, originally scheduled for Friday, was put off a day because of a lengthy rain during Edberg's victory over John McEnroe on

A spotty rainfall that renewed its vigor right after yesterday's match caused the postponement of the women's final between Steffi Graf and Martina Navratilova until today.

"We know each other really well; we know our weaknesses and strengths," said Becker of Edberg. Becker holds a 10-7 record against the Swede, but was defeated by him last

month in the French Open.

Yesterday's defeat hit Lendl even harder than did his four-set loss to Becker in 1988's semifinal here.

"I don't think I did anything wrong today," said Lendl, who sent a curt nod in the direction of the Royal Box as he hurried from the court. "I was SEE LENDL/3-D"

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