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King, Richards win; Connors upset victim

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PORT WASHINGTON, N.Y. (AP) — A sleepy Billie Jean King and controversial Renee Richards reached the quarterfinals of a \$20,000 women's tennis tournament Wednesday night.

For King, in her comeback effort to again reach the top of women's tennis, it was a rough day. She shook off the effects of jet lag following a 19-hour flight from Tokyo and a sleepless Tuesday night to win two matches and catch the field.

She beat Maren "Peanut" Louie of San Francisco, 6-1, 6-2, at the start of the day program, which resulted in second-seeded Marcie Louie, Peanut's older sister, losing to 16-year-old Caroline Stoll of Livingston, N.J. Stoll won, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6, by taking the third-set tiebreaker 5-3.

Then King of New York went out and defeated Glynis Coles of Great Britain, 6-4, 6-4, at night after Richards, the 42-year-old transsexual ophthalmologist from Newport Beach, Calif., eliminated 17-year-old Donna Rubin of Rye, N.Y., 6-1, 6-2.

Fourth-seeded Jane Straton of Salt Lake City and Mary Carillo of New York, seeded seventh, reached the quarterfinals earlier in the day.

Carillo, winner of the Tallahassee, Fla., tournament last week, has won seven straight matches without losing a set.

Riggs-Richards doubles

BALTIMORE (AP)—Sports hustler Bobby Riggs and tennis transsexual Renee Richards will compete in a doubles match at the Baltimore Civic Center, it was learned Wednesday.

Informed sources could not say whether Riggs and Dr. Richards would play against each other or be paired on the same doubles teams. They were also unable to say when the match would take place.

Riggs gained national attention a few years ago for his "battle-of-the-sexes" matches with Margaret Court and Billie Jean King.

Richards support

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — The Women's Tennis Association announced Wednesday its support of the U.S. Tennis Association's position that Renee Richards be required to take another sex chromosome test as qualification for participation in the National Open Championships.

Richards reacted bitterly to the decision.

In a statement, the WTA said it took its position that Richards be required to take the Barr Body test a second time after consulting with Dr. Daniel D. Fedderman, a professor and chairman of the department of medicine at the Stanford University School of Medicine.

According to the WTA, Fedderman said the finding of a positive Barr body test in a person who once was a male "is extraordinarily difficult to explain. When confronted with such results, I'd ordinarily repeat the test."

Richards said angrily: "Any woman can pass or fail that test on any of several different occasions. There are women playing now who are requested to take it a second time because they failed it. I'm being asked to take it again because I passed it. I'll be asked to take it as many times as necessary until I fail it, and that's the one they'll use."

Richards said previously she had taken the Barr Body test in Little Rock, Ark., two weeks ago, and it showed she had more than the minimum number of chromosomes required for women competitors in the upcoming French and Italian open championships and the Wimbledon tournament. The U.S. Open is scheduled for September.

She said she already had been accepted as a participant in the French and Italian opens on the basis of the test results, and the latest decision constituted personal discrimination and jeopardized her chances for participation in them, along with Wimbledon.

Fedderman, who specializes in endocrinology, was consulted by WTA representatives.

The WTA said that based on information supplied by Richards' representatives, the results of her recent test in Little Rock must be confirmed in order to explain the contradiction between current medical evidence regarding her Barr body count. The information would seem inconsistent with the results.

Following the USTA decision Monday, Richards had threatened a personal damage suit.