Webster says broken promises are the reason he is now a member of the

New York Knicks. The 7-foot-1, 240-pound pivot-man, who led the Seattle SuperSonics to the National Basketball Association championship series last season before becoming a free agent, says he was all set to sign a new contract with the SuperSonics last Friday.

'We had reached an agreement, but some things turned out not to be true," Webster said at a news conference at Madison Square Garden Tuesday. "I thought we had agreed on certain things, but when we sat down I saw that was not the case.'

Webster and his agent, Larry Fleisher, then reopened negotiations with the Knicks, who had been after Webster all summer long, especially after failing to lure Bill Walton from Portland. They met with Knicks President Mike Burke over the

No-trade clause

forced Schulman

to draw the line

SuperSonics owner Sam Schulman

says he was willing to give center Marvin Webster a sauna, whirlpool,

car for his wife, airline and hotel

accomodations for his parents and

But he drew the line at a no-trade

Schulman commented a prepared

statement Tuesday after the free-

agent center signed a five-year

He said some of Webster's contract

demands, such as unspecified time off

when his wife gave birth, seemed "frivolous and greedy" but "would have been acceptable" except for

Webster's demand for a no-trade clause during the length of the con-

"He (Webster) admitted he did not

request this from the Knicks,

Schulman said. "To me this would

have been nothing but a continuation

of the madness that is overtaking pro

The owner said both National

Basketball Association teams had bid \$3 million, but the Knicks offered

\$500,000 over five years and \$100,000

in deferred payments, while the Son-

ics offered \$300,000 over five years

He said he hoped Webster

"becomes the savior of the Knicks

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The Knicks sat down and told me things and they turned out to be true," said Webster. "I respected that. They treated me honestly. That's why I'm here. It wasn't a matter of money at all. It was the way I was treated.'

But the money didn't hurt. Knicks officials would not reveal the precise terms of the contract, but Madison Square Garden President Sonny Werblin did say it made Webster the highest paid Knick ever. Bob McAdoo currently earns \$500,000 a year, while Webster's contract has been estimated at \$3 million over its fiveyear duration.

"I consider myself a pretty good center and expect to be paid as such," said Webster. "But really, money was not the decisive factor.

Fleisher, however, said he had an agreement with Sam Schulman, president of the Sonics, but that the club's board of directors then turned

"I was in total shock," Fleisher "And I said there was no way Marvin could go along with the deal. Schulman said the major hitch

which prevented Seattle from signing Webster last week was the center's insistance on a three-year no trade item to be included in his contract. Schulman said other provisions of

agreement Seattle offered Webster included a whirlpool bath, a new car, an unlimited number of airline tickets for Webster's parents so they could come to Seattle and see their son play and time off when Webster's wife had

"I was willing to give him all of those," Schulman said in a telephone interview from Chicago. "But the notrade agreement — that's what broke

### Open flavor troubles Borg, Austin

NEW YORK (AP) - The U.S. Open Tennis Championships have started with an entirely new flavor. And at least two top players, Bjorn Borg and Tracy Austin, have yet to acquire a taste for it.

Both won their opening-night matches easily Tuesday, but Borg was troubled by the pacing of the surface, a fast, synthetic covering, and Austin felt the fans were a little stand-offish.

'The players are going to have to take more chances," said Borg, who is seeking his first U.S. Open crown. He obviously had some misgivings about the man considered his strongest opponent. "This is Connors' best surface. He's grown up on it."

Borg, the three-time Wimbledon champion, claimed he was more cautious than usual but he had no trouble taking down South African Bob Hewitt 6-0, 6-2.

Austin, the 15-year-old fifth-seed in the women's draw, downed Trish Bostrom 6-0, 6-1.

As the men's first round continues today, defending champion Guillermo Vilas was to play Cliff Drysdale, Connors was to battle Tom Gullikson, Vitas Gerulaitis was to meet Pascale Portes of France, and it was to be John McEnroe vs. Sherwood Stewart, Brian Gottfried vs. Australian Phil Dent and Arthur Ashe vs. Ross Case of Australia.

Borg's and Austin's matches were the christening for the brand new National Tennis Center, the \$10 million effort by the U.S. Tennis Association to give the Open a home suitable to its long-burgeoning popularity. The move also took the Open away from the slow claylike courts of Forest Hills, a change that is likely to benefit Americans.

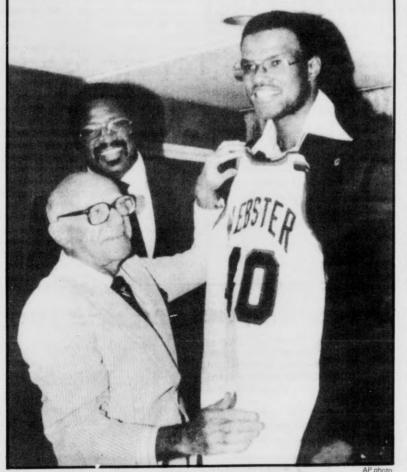
Set among 15 acres that were the grounds of the 1964 World's Fair, the modern center features a stadium holding a 20,000 center court arena and a 6,500-seat grand stand. The old stadium at the tradition-laden West Side Tennis Club in Forest Hills seated only 12,000.

The first-night attendance was 6,186, and Austin noticed a difference in the way they received her.

"I don't think they're rooting for me as hard as they did last year," the blonde prodigy observed. "Then I was

But the speed of the surface, apart from surprising her, didn't seem a bother. "It plays like a normal hard court," she said.

Austin breezed past Bostrom, who entered the draw as an alternate when Francoise Durr defaulted with an injury suffered in a bycycling



Madison Square Garden boss Sonny Werblin checks the fit of Knicks uniform on Marvin Webster

## How much is Webster worth?

have to send to Seattle for signing center Marvin Webster as a free

President Sonny Werblin, referring to Larry O'Brien, the commissioner of the National Basketball Association who makes the decision when the two teams cannot reach an agreement on their own. "I don't think he'll break up the Knicks.'

This is the second year the compensation procedure has been in effect under provisions of the Robertson Agreement with the Players Association. In all cases last year. O'Brien did not once send a

NEW YORK (AP) — What com- front line player from one team to pensation will the New York Knicks another, preferring to put together a compensation package from draft choices, reserve players and cash.

That may change this year, "I imagine the commissioner will however, not only in the Webster case be fair," said Madison Square Garden but in Houston's signing of former Golden State star Rick Barry.

"We have to sit down and see where we go from here," said Seattle Coach Lenny Wilkens, obiously unhappy at having lost Webster, who helped the Sonics to the NBA championship series last year. "Our next job is to decide what we feel is fair compensation in return for Marvin.

If the two teams cannot agree on their own, each will present a final proposal to O'Brien, who will then decide between one or the other.

Sources say the Knicks are

prepared to let the Sonics choose from among draft choices, cash or two veterans, forward Spencer Haywood and guard Jim Cleamons.

The Sonics are unlikely to be satisfied with that. They are expected to ask for either Bob McAdoo, the Knicks' top scorer and rebounder last season, or two-year veteran forward Lonnie Shelton and a first-round draft

The Knicks do not want to part with either McAdoo or Shelton, but felt the chance to sign a pure center like the 7foot-1 Webster was an opportunity they could not afford to pass up.

"You don't often get a shot at a center like Webster," said Knicks Coach Willis Reed. "When you do, you have to grab at it and not worry about what it's going to cost.'

### Davis cards 143 for NW golf title

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) Olympia's Mike Davis turned in a two-day score of 143 to win the Pacific Northwest Professional Golfers' Association championship Tuesday with a two-stroke lead over Bob Johnson of Tacoma.

Davis carded a 74 after his opening day 69 to finish one under par at the Meadow Springs Country Club. Johnson shot a 70, the day's best round.

Tied for third at 146 were Pat Fitzsimons and Chuck Milne of Salem, Ore, and Rick Acton of Kirkland.

Following were Bob Duden of Portland, Ore., at 147; Mike Reasor of Seattle and Mike Campbell of Auburn

# UCLA figures to be a factor

LOS ANGELES - Terry Donahue has enjoyed excellent success in his two years as UCLA's head football coach, but he is still trying to achieve two big goals.

He is seeking more diversification in the Bruins' offense and he'd like to see them land in the Rose Bowl.

Donahue says the Bruins will offer a more diversified offensive look this year, with more passing. They have an experienced quarterback in Rick Bashore, last year's starter, and two of the finest running backs in the country with James Owens and Theotis Brown.

Whether they can qualify for the Rose Bowl may depend largely on the outcome of their season opener - a Sept. 9 date with Washington's defending Rose Bowl champion Huskies in Seattle.

When the Pacific-10 Skywriters made their seventh tour stop here Tuesday, Donahue was cautious about listing the Bruins in the favorite's role for the conference title and Rose Bowl berth.

The Bruins, who went 9-7-1 in Donahue's first season as head coach, came close to claiming the Rose Bowl ticket a year ago, but USC beat the Bruins with a last-minute field goal, which sent Washington to Pasadena and left UCLA with second place in

the Pac-8 and 7-4 for the season. Donahue hedged when asked if he thought the Bruins deserved to be favored in the 1978 race.

"I think UCLA has a good team," said the 34-year-old coach. "If we improve every week and stay healthy, we'll be a factor. I don't know if we can win it. but I do know that we can influence the race.
"I look for the four California

schools (UCLA, USC, Cal and Stanford) along with Washington to dominate the conference," Donahue said. "I do think one of the four California schools will win it. I would be surprised, but not shocked, if one of the Arizona schools wins the conference in their first year in the conference.

The Bruins' hopes will revolve around the established headliners on offense - Owens, Brown and Bashore and a defense headed by huge nose guard Manu Tuiasosopo, two-time All-American linebacker Jerry Robinson and all-conference free safety Kenny Easley.

For years, the Bruins have been known as a running team on offense. The forward pass made guest appearances once in a while.

Donahue is trying to change that image, and he thinks UCLA is making progress in that direction.

We're trying to become a more balanced football team," Donahue said. "We are making progress, but we are still not where we want to be. We would like to have it so that when a defense plays against UCLA, we want them to have to stop the pass as well as the run."

Last year, UCLA had 601 rushing plays and passed only 174 times in 11 games (an average of 15 passes per game). However, when the Bruins did pass, they enjoyed some success, throwing for 1,248 yards; they rushed for 2,569 yards.

We hope to throw 20-22 times a game," said Bashore, who won the starting QB job over Steve Bukich a year ago and "is clearly our No. 1 quarterback at this time," according

'We're still running the option, but we're more balanced," Bashore said. 'We're still running a lot of the same plays as last year, just different

Donahue added: "We'll run out of the I formation, we'll use a split-back offense, the single-back set and some other things I won't go into right now (obviously not wanting to tip off the Huskies).

Up front on offense, the Bruins have some huge, experienced linemen, although two of their best - center Brent Boyd (240) and right guard Jim Main (250) — are currently hobbled with injuries.

The Bruins lost three of their top four receivers a year ago, but tight end Kent Brisbin, who started five games as a split receiver last season,

When it comes to running backs, the Bruins don't have anything to worry about - if Owens and Brown stay healthy. And there is depth. "That is probably as deep a position as we have on our squad this year," Donahue said.

The 5-11, 173-pound Owens, a worldclass hurdler on the Bruin track team, led UCLA with 938 yards rushing last year - the sixth highest single-season total in the school's history. The 6-2, 220-pound Brown already is the seventh-greatest career rusher in UCLA history with 1,631 yards, although he missed 31/2 game last year with a dislocated elbow suffered in the season opener.

The UCLA defense will feature a key position switch, moving Tuiasosopo from tackle to nose guard. 'The move has proven to be a successful one," Donahue said.

"When you're a 50 defense, you need to have one of your better lineman as the nose guard. The defense revolves around the nose guard," Donahue said.

Tuiasosopo has lost 20 pounds since last season, putting him at 248 pounds. "I cut down on Samoan food and all that good stuff," he said.

The Bruins are promoting Robinson, their deluxe inside linebacker, as a Heisman Trophy candidate. The 6-2, 215-pound senior already is a two-time consensus All-American, and if he is a consensus All-American — picked by four organizations who select All-American teams - he would be the first to win such an honor since Doak Walker of Southern Methodist University (1947-48-49).

"He (Robinson) is the most unspoiled, quote, star player, I've ever been associated with," Donahue said. 'What I like best about him is his ability to practice — he is a great practice player. Of course, he has the talent to roam from sideline to sideline because of his speed.'

Donahue's biggest concern as the 1978 season approaches is the Bruins' kicking game "That's our No. 1 question mark.

I'm a little bit concerned about our kicking game because of a lack of experience," Donahue admitted.

But the Bruins have a wealth of proven stars - Brown, Owens, Bashore, Robinson, Tuiasosopo and Easley - and if they can find offensive diversification they're looking for and shore up a couple of areas on defense, they will be among the Pac-10 contenders. Especially if they knock off the Huskies in the opener.

## Orantes retains 'Pro' title, cool on U.S. Open chances

BROOKLINE, Mass. (AP) Manuel Orantes of Spain is the U.S. Pro Tennis champion for the second year in a row, but he doesn't think too highly of his chances heading into the U.S. Open.

'I'm not too confident because I don't have any time to get ready for the Open," Orantes said Tuesday night after retaining the U.S. Pro title with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over veteran Harold Solomon on Longwood's clay

Orantes, the 1975 U.S. Open champion, is seeded ninth this year. However, he figures to be hurt by the shift from clay, his favorite surface, to cement at Flushing Meadow, N.Y.

The 29-year-old Spaniard broke a long winless streak in whipping Solomon in the rain-delayed final of the \$200,000 U.S. Pro event at Longwood. He hit a slump after winning here last year, showing only a victory in Tokyo in the fall until his

Orantes needed just 1 hour and 34 minutes to dash Solomon's hopes and walked off with top prize money of \$27,200 in the 51st annual tournament.

#### Seales scores fifth-round knockout

SEATTLE (AP) - Ray Seales of Tacoma trapped Sammy NeSmith against the ropes and scored a knockout Tuesday night to retain his U.S. Boxing Association middleweight championship.

The victory at 2:49 of the fifth round boosted Seales' record to 50 victories, four losses and two draws, while NeSmith dropped to 24-4.

Action was slow in the first two rounds before Seales connected early

with a left in the third round of the scheduled 15-round bout. His Indianapolis opponent came back with an overhand right to the head that opened a slight cut over Seales' left

In the fifth round, Seales said NeSmith was "taking some good right shots, and I could tell he was going down when I caught him against the ropes when he was exhaling



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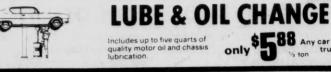
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