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John McEnroe makes a backhand return in his second-round match against compatriot Brian Gottfried at Queen's Club yesterday.

Queen's is one of the oldest tennis tournaments in the world and serves as a warm-up for Wimbledon. That worked out quite well for McEnroe. He won Queen's. And got even warmer, maybe a tad overheated when he famously

screamed 'You cannot be serious!' in the first round of Wimbledon a week later.

It became an iconic phrase associated with the American ever since. He later described the outburst as “a scream that came straight from Queens in my native New York.”

Despite the controversy, Mc Serve went on to win the tournament, defeating the five-time defending champion Bjorn Borg in an epic and rematch of the previous year's final, to claim his first of three Wimbledon titles in four years.

Op deze meer dan fantastische foto, zien we McEnroe as we love him most.

Het kenmerkende kleine broekje, t V hals spencertje en dat naturellement allemaal van Sergio, het houten Dunlop racket, de rode zweetband in his curly hair én z'n verbeterd and most agitated blik. It has is all! McEnroe is optima forma. Got to love him.