

Thunderbird Classic Hopes To Break Golf Jinx

CLIFTON, N.J. (AP) — A group of amateur golf promoters starts out today to break a metropolitan attendance jinx while some strictly professional players try to break Arnold Palmer's grip on Golf's money bags.

The first \$100,000 Thunderbird Classic tournament at the Upper Montclair Country Club appears to have all the elements to make it a box office success — including Palmer, a golfer of great wealth and ability who appeals tremendously to spectators.

Past Tournaments

But the records show that in a decade or more, the only pro tournaments in the New York Metropolitan area to draw really big crowds were two U.S. opens — at Baltusrol in 1954 and at Winged Foot in 1959. In 1955 both the Caval-

alcade of Golf at Westfield, N.J., and the Long Island Rotary open brought disappointingly small crowds and were abandoned.

The Classic was conceived only seven months ago and much of the preparatory work has been done by members of the conservative Upper Montclair club, which never has held a major tournament.

The \$100,000 jackpot, with \$25,000 to the winner, assured a top-rate field. Most of the players here also will be going for the big one next week in the U.S. Open at Oakmont, Pa. — a tournament which carries more prestige but less financial reward than the classic.

Possible Record

If Palmer wins here, he will run his tournament earnings for the year to a record \$84,871.

The field of about 140 also includes the current Open and PGA champions, Gene Littler and Jerry Barber, the entire membership of the 1961 U.S. Ryder Cup team, and most of Palmer's leading rivals on the pro tour, including Gary Player of South Africa, Kel Nagle and Bruce Crampton of Australia and Stan Leonard and Al Balding from Canada.



SHOWING THEIR rewards of a fishing trip to Twin Lakes, British Columbia, Ore. (l. to r.) Tom Meyer, Jerry Davenport, and Howard Jones. The group left Roseburg by plane with Bud Good of Roseburg Skyways May 31 and returned the next day. Most of the 37 caught were Kamloops ranging from 2 to 5 pounds.

Bulldog Turner Joins Forces With Old Pro Gridiron Rivals

NEW YORK (UPI)—Clyde (bulldog) Turner, for eight years an all-center, as new coach of the New York Titans was joined today after 22 years with two men from the other side of the football fence.

One is Harry Wismer, owner of the New York team in the American Football League. The other is little Harold (Bud) Leininger, once an assistant trainer of the Los Angeles Rams.

Both of them formerly were rivals.

"Back when I came out of Hardin - Simmons," Bulldog remembers, "a man named George A. Richards owned the Detroit Lions and he instructed his coaches to draft me number one in the pro football draft. Wismer was his assistant."

But the Detroit coaches went against Richards' orders and drafted a back named Doyle Nave. Richards was so angry that he fired the coaches and sold the team.

"Meanwhile, George Halas of the Chicago Bears drafted me as his number one choice," Bulldog added. "I never had a kick. I enjoyed playing with the Bears and pro football was good to me."

Leininger will be the trainer for the Titans this season and his selection came about as result of Turner's remorse over the punching of a smaller man.

Had Violent Meeting

Their violent meeting occurred during a game between the Bears and the Rams in which there were a number of fist fights on the field. After the game, which the Bears won, the tiny Leininger grabbed the ball and started to make off with it.

"Some big guy on our team knocked him down and took the ball away from him," the massive Turner recalled. "I thought it wasn't quite right."

Turner went straight to the Rams' dressing room where tempers still were blazing. When the Rams saw him there was a general rush in his direction.

"Whoa down a second," Bulldog roared. "I still ain't satisfied with the outcome of all those fights on the field and I'll accommodate any or all of you guys. But I came here for another purpose."

With that, he pushed his way through the scowling Rams and apologized to Leininger for what had happened.

Bulldog ended his playing career in 1950 and then served as an assistant coach of the Bears

for five years. After this he retired to his Texas ranch to breed quarter horses and "put it on a sound financial footing."

Early last year, Bulldog came to New York for induction into the Football Hall of Fame. There he met Wismer again.

"I guess the thing that sold him on me was how badly I always wanted to win," said Turner. "I told him how one time when we were winning by a big score they wanted me to make a bad pass from center so we wouldn't kick the point. Footballs cost \$18 and we were losing too many by kicking them into the stands. I told them I wouldn't make a bad pass for no reason. That point played honestly was worth more than \$18 or any amount of money in the world."

And that, said Turner, is how the Titans are going to play it.

"They're gonna give me everything they've got," he vowed. "and if there's only 11 darned good men, you may see 11 men playing two-way football again. I want guys who want to win."

They don't call him "Bulldog" for nothing.

Gottlieb Sells Team, Will Coach It Now

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Eddie Gottlieb disproved the saying that you can't have your cake and eat it too.

He sold the Philadelphia Warriors of the National Basketball Association for a record \$850,000 so the franchise could operate in San Francisco. Now he becomes its general manager for at least a year here.

And he conceivably could become president of the pro loop since Maurice Podoloff has announced plans to retire after next season.

Gottlieb's appointment with the San Francisco Warriors was announced Wednesday night by Matty Simmons of New York, one of the five partners in the new corporate setup and chairman of its board.

Undisclosed was the salary for Gottlieb, who founded the Warriors 16 years ago in Philadelphia.

San Francisco's Tom Gray takes over as president of the club.

Mock Keeps Tie For League Lead

Keeping in a tie for the Twilight League lead, Mock Motors clobbered the Winston Merchants, 13-0, Wednesday.

Dick Blehm fanned 11 and walked four, while giving up two hits. Carlton and Pruitt tallied the hits for the losers.

Don Wells paced Mocks with 4-5, while Blehm blasted a three-run homer and collected four RBIs.

The victory puts Mock back into a first place tie with Jackson Wholesale, both holding 4-0-1 records. Winston now owns a 1-2 league mark.

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Batteries: Mock Motors; Blehm and Myers. Winston Merchants; E. Carlton, Murphy (4) and Bissonette.

Sports

Midgets Set To Wrestle In Roseburg

The wrestling midgets will headline an all-star pro wrestling card at the Community Building of the Douglas County Fairgrounds Saturday night at 8:30.

Teaming up will be Pancho Lopez and The Brown Panther to take on Irish Jackie and Fuzzy Cupid. Lopez is a newcomer to the ring, weighing in at 95 pounds. Irish Jackie is noted as one of



ROCKY COLUMBO ... in prelim match

the "toughies," and is sometimes referred to as "Dennis the Menace."

The semifinal match will bring together two big men — Shag Thomas and "Wild" Bill Savage. The semifinal battle will be the best two-out-of-three falls or a one-hour time limit. Thomas tips the scales at 240 pounds and Savage at 230. Thomas, an ex-All-American football player, is one of the famed head-butters of the ring.

Savage says if Thomas tries any of his head-butts that he will wear a mask to protect himself. Thomas came back saying Savage can wear anything he wants to, but he will still best "Wild" Bill.

Rocky Columbo and Dick Garza will clash in the best two falls or 30-minute time limit for a preliminary bout.

Saturday's matches at the Community Building will be the first pro wrestling card in Roseburg in three months.

Yesterday's Stars

Major League Stars

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pitching — Ralph Terry, Yankees, posted first shutout of year, allowing only four hits, striking out 10 and retiring 16 men in order at one stretch in 5-0 victory over Cleveland that sent New York into American League lead.

Batting — Joe Hicks, Senators, tripled and scored first run in seventh inning, then provided margin for 2-1 victory over Baltimore with ninth inning homer.

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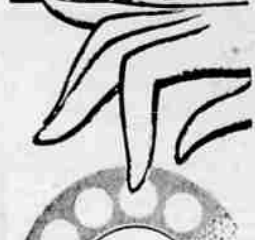


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