

Nichols Declares PGA Site Suited To Nicklaus' Power

NEWTOWN SQUARE, Pa. (AP)—Bobby Nichols, the "Louisville Slugger," said a record breaking 35-33 Monday at the scene of next month's PGA championship and then venturing the opinion the course was readymade for U. S. Open king Jack Nicklaus.

Nichols, 26-year-old Texan now playing out of Louisville, was one of a host of golf's touring pros who played the 7,045-yard Aronimink Country Club course in a pro-amateur tournament. He barely missed a 25-foot putt on the 18th green, which would have given him a 67.

Earlier on the hot, sunny day, Marty Furgol, 44-year-old veteran professional golfer, also scored a 35-33—66, one stroke under the 69 set by Ted Turner in the 1936 Philadelphia Open. Turner now teaches at Wianno Golf Club, Cape Cod, Mass.

Nichols, who finished tied for third place with Phil Rodgers in last week's U. S. Open at Oakmont, near Pittsburgh, with a 72-hole total of 285, said he felt Aronimink, about 25 miles west of Philadelphia, would be just as tough in the July 19-22 PGA as was Oakmont.

Nichols said he favored Nicklaus because the course played longer than Oakmont and thus was suited to the long-ball hitting Open champion from Columbus, Ohio.

The long curving putt he hit on the 18th was his best of the day,

Nichols said, although it missed by an eyelash of dropping in for a new record. He said he knew Furgol had a 68, but wasn't aware of the course record possibilities until he heard a spectator comment on it just before he putted.

There was a difference of opinion among the pros as to whether Aronimink would be as tough as Oakmont. The only thing all agreed on was that the long ball hitter had a definite advantage on the par 35-35—70 course.

Angler Purchases Cards Return Date July 1

PORTLAND (AP)—Anglers who purchased salmon and steelhead punchcards during the 1961 season must return those cards to the state Game Commission by July 1 or face the possible denial of a salmon-steelhead license.

Phil Schneider, state game director, announced this and said that more than one-half of the almost 190,000 punch cards issued are still out.

Schneider said that the importance of these cards towards the future of salmon and steelhead cannot be overemphasized. Reliable records and facts are an absolute necessity in determining water needs for fishery purposes, he said.

Aaron's Long Ball Leads Braves; Dodgers Win 1-0

By United Press International
Hank Aaron hopes today that one of the longest homers in baseball history coupled with a 400 batting average since Memorial Day "means I'm finally gonna hit my real stride this year."

"I hit one ball harder in my life but I never hit one longer," said Aaron after his 465-foot grand-slam homer into the left center field bleachers at New York's Polo Grounds led the Milwaukee Braves to a 7-1 victory over the New York Mets.

"I've had some trouble getting started this season but maybe I'm on my way now."

Aaron's soaring drive off Jay Hook was only the second ball ever hit into the left center field bleachers in the modern history of the park. Milwaukee teammate Joe Adcock hit the first, in 1953, and Babe Ruth is credited with having reached that sector twice in 1921 when the wall was about 30 feet closer to home plate.

Brock Reached Bleachers
Outfielder Lou Brock of the Chicago Cubs became the first major leaguer to reach the right center field bleachers on Sunday, although Luke Easter once did it in a Negro National League game.

Aaron, one of the National League's top power hitters since 1954, said he hit a ball "harder" for a homer in the sixth game of the 1957 World Series with the Yankees, but conceded, "I didn't know I had the strength to reach the bleachers at the Polo Grounds."

Aaron was batting only .279 on May 29 but since then has hammered away at a .400-clip that has raised his average to .325. He looks once again like the all-around power hitter who won batting titles in 1956 and 1959 and led the Braves to pennants in 1957 and 1958.

Aaron also had two singles and drove in a total of five runs to pave the way for Bob Shaw to win his ninth game against two losses. Shaw yielded 11 hits but had a shutout until the ninth when Joe Christopher singled in the Mets' run. Frank Bolling's homer and a triple by Gus Bell were the other big blows of the nine-hit Milwaukee attack.

Koufax Busted Gibson

Sandy Koufax bested Bob Gibson in a battle of fireball pitchers as the Los Angeles Dodgers shaded the St. Louis Cardinals, 1-0, and the Cincinnati Reds downed the Pittsburgh Pirates, 6-5 and 4-2, in other National League games. The Minnesota Twins routed the Kansas City Athletics, 9-4, in the only American League game.

LIONS INK THREE

DETROIT (UPI)—Terry Barr, Gary Lowe and Glen Davis, three leading members of the Detroit Lions, have returned signed contracts to the National Football League club for the 1962 season.

Barr caught 40 passes for 630 yards last season; Lowe, as a defensive halfback, intercepted five passes, and Davis, a former track star, caught nine passes after missing most of the season.

Tommy Davis' ninth-inning hits and fanned eight. The victory raised Koufax' season record to 10-2 while the loss was Gibson's fifth against eight wins.

Don Blasingame, Frank Robinson and Chico Cardenas homered in the first game and Jerry Lynch homered in the nightcap for the Reds. Joey Jay won his 10th game and Bob Purkey hit Minnesota's attack that brought

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NINA, a schooner owned by Decoursey Fales of New York City, heads for Bermuda in the 635-mile Newport to Bermuda yacht race. Nina was stocked a few miles behind the current leader, Northern Light, when the latter was spotted only 158 miles off St. David's Head Monday. (UPI Telephoto).

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