

Former Champs, Newcomers Reach Second in Meet

Nelson Eliminates Sarazen; Byrd Still in Running

By **WALTER BYERS**
DAYTON, O., July 12 (UP)—Forgotten champions and unfamiliar newcomers fought for survival today in the second round of the most celebrated of big league golf tournaments, the 27th national PGA championship.

Byron Nelson of Toledo, O., still rated the man to beat, and his old pal, Sammy Byrd of Detroit, are about all left of the game's troupe of modern stylists who have dominated golf during the past two years.

Old Champs
 The rest of the field of 16, heading into the second day of 36-hole match play, was made up of champions of bygone days plus a sprinkling of budding stars.

Among the brighter newcomers is Jack Grout of Hinsdale, Ill., whose accurate woods and iron knocked P. H. Sikes, defending champion, out of the running yesterday, 5 and 4.

Sore Hands
 Leading the parade of old timers was Johnny Revolta of Evanston, Ill., the swarthy, kinky-haired Italian who blasted Frank Kringle, Linden, N. J., out of the opening round, 10 and 9—thereby saving wear and tear on his blistered hands, made sore by extra practice rounds.

Revolta, 1935 PGA titleist and one of the four former champions left, plays Byrd today while Grout goes against Ky Laffoon of Chicago.

Clarence Doser of Hazledale, N. Y., who has often been close but never has won a major tournament, was another unexpected threat. He upset Harold Jug McSpaden of Sanford, Me., 5 and 4, in the opening round.

Legs Gave Out
 Nelson, methodically shooting the same mechanical game which made him golfdom's greatest money winner, dropped a sentimental favorite out of the tournament yesterday when he licked Gene Sarazen, 4 and 3. The brash little New Yorker, who won the first of his three PGA titles 23 years ago, stuck with Nelson for the first 10 holes. Then those short, stocky legs began telling him he was 43 years old.

Denny Shute, Akron, O., double-winner of the PGA back in the '30s, kept his comeback alive by defeating Barney Clark of Englewood, Colo., 4 and 3, while Bob Kepler, Columbus, who coached Ohio State to a clean sweep of NCAA golf laurels this spring, defeated G. Hank Schmitter, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2 and 1.

TODAY'S SPORT PARADE
 By **JACK CUDDY**
 UP Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, June 12 (UP)—Racing biggies—who display touching sentiment for horses, but little "horse sense"—must have splashed tears of sorrow into their coffee saucers this morning because Uncle Sam has halted the flight of Sea Swallow.

Sea Swallow, you may remember, is C. S. Howard's brown three-year-old colt which traveled in boss-pullman's total of 5,291 miles during the past two months, while our fighting men were being shipped about the U. S. in cars so jammed, at times, that they would have anguished an enduring sardine.

Booted Bangtails
 There is a possibility the Swallow's "grand tour" stimulated J. Monroe Johnson's kicking leg when he booted the bang-tails off the choo-choo yesterday. J. M. J. is director of the office of defense transportation, you know. He not only booted them off the railroads, he also pitched forked the hay-burners off the public truck vans.

Of course, Mr. Howard's colt—son of mighty Seabiscuit—was not the only equine excursionist since the racing ban was lifted May 9; but he might be called the "haws celebre" because this pilgrim pony apparently was the worst offender of good wartime taste.

If you have at hand a map of the North American continent, you can follow the wanderings of this out-mangling Marco Polo. When the ban was lifted in May, Sea Swallow was at Agua Caliente, Mexico, where he had won his first two starts.

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Mother Aspires To Be First Woman Jockey in Ohio; Turfmen Praise Riding



"Which one do you ride, mother?" Four-year-old Tommy Davis is interested as Mama, woman jockey, looks over racing program.

By **NEA Service**
HAMILTON, O., July 11—One of the country's ablest women jockeys is keeping her fingers crossed hoping her application for a riding license in Ohio will soon receive approval of the state racing commission.

She is Mrs. Wendha Davis of Chickasha, Okla. Mrs. Davis is the wife of an overseas service man and mother of a four-year-old boy, Taddy.

While Mrs. Davis waits for word from the commission, she exercises horses at the Butler county fairgrounds where a 19-day meeting of running races is in progress.

Meanwhile, the commission awaits a ruling on women jockeys by Ohio's attorney general.

There is, currently, nothing in the state racing law barring feminine saddle experts, nevertheless it is quite clear that the law makers didn't have women in mind when they authored the bill in 1933. All of the pronouns in the law governing jockeys are "he" or "him." The apprentice rule also contains only "he" or "him," never "she" or "her."

Mrs. Davis is an attractive, doesn't hesitate to tell her age. It's 23 and she weighs 104 pounds.

Mrs. Davis has indicated that she won't battle for what she believes her right to don silks in Ohio, in the event that her application is rejected. She says she has been riding "all my life" at fairs in Oklahoma and Nebraska where, apparently, men and women are jockeys.

Horsemen at the local track marvel at Mrs. Davis' riding prowess as she puts the camp-followers of E. G. (Red) Mahoney, by whom she is employed, through their paces. And one of her biggest boosters is W. C. (Bill) Daly, the starter here.

SIXTH in the Breakers. Heartened by this improvement, he grabbed a rattler for New York's Belmont park, where he advanced a notch by winding up fifth in the Belmont stakes.

There is an old saying travel is broadening. Well, it must have broadened the Swallow's stride, because he took a jump up to Suffolk Downs, Mass., and there won the Yankee handicap July 4. The amazing alfalfa inhaler stunned everyone with this victory, paying \$34,000 to the few seafaring bottle-toters who had backed him because of his name combination. This triumph also earned 25,675—largest purse in the handicaps' history—for owner Howard, Pacific coast automobile magnate.

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A "Rabid" Fan?

PORTLAND, July 12 (UP)—Baseball is still the great "gnashal" pastime.

Linton Tice, 44, of Portland, arrived at Emanuel hospital Wednesday, attendants reported, for treatment of a bite on the side of his head, suffered during a ball game at Portland park.

No Odds Offered On Pennant Races, Teams Too Close

By **CARL LUNDQUIST**
NEW YORK, July 12 (UP)—Broadway oddsmakers, closing their books on the pennant races because the teams are so closely bunched, conceded the Detroit Tigers and St. Louis Cardinals a bare margin as favorites today, but said they wouldn't take any wagers on either team.

As the squads lined up for the start of the second half of the season, only two clubs, the Philadelphia Phillies and Athletics, seemed completely out of contention. Several others are long shot possibilities, but at least six clubs in the National and five in the American definitely must be rated as contenders.

"I wouldn't quote any odds for betting on the pennant races this year, as close as they are, because if I did I would be likely to lose a lot of money," one oddsmaker reported. The others said they are confining their activities to horse racing and preparing advance information for the football season.

The consensus of odds on both leagues:

- National**
 St. Louis 2 to 1.
 Chicago 3 to 1.
 Brooklyn 5 to 1.
 Boston 8 to 1.
 Pittsburgh 8 to 1.
 New York 10 to 1.
 Cincinnati 10 to 1.
 Philadelphia 100 to 1.

- American**
 Detroit 2 to 1.
 New York 4 to 1.
 Washington 4 to 1.
 Boston 8 to 1.
 St. Louis 10 to 1.
 Chicago 10 to 1.
 Cleveland 15 to 1.
 Philadelphia 100 to 1.

Dodgers Lower
 The Cards were favored despite the fact they are currently in third place, a game and a half behind the leading Cubs and a half game behind the second place Dodgers. The Dodgers, who amazed the baseball world with a sustained spurt that put them in the league lead for 24 days, were lightly rated by the books, who feel apparently that they were playing over their heads.

Both of the Boston clubs were rated as likely first division occupants, although the Braves are in sixth and the Red Sox in fifth.

At Home
 The Cards, who open a long home stand against the Giants tonight, are expected to put on one of their typical late season pennant drives. The Cubs, now working on a 10-game winning streak, begin their home stand against the Braves, whom they recently trounced four times in a row at Boston.

The Dodgers have a chance to recoup against the Reds at Cincinnati. The Pirates, likewise shaken up after a road trip begin a home stand against the faint Phillies.

The Yankees and Senators have big opportunities in the American. Tied for second, four and a half games behind the Tigers, they begin long home stays. The champion Browns, who failed to improve their sixth place position at home, have a chance to get off to a winning start on their trip by playing the Athletics. The Tigers may run into difficulties at Boston.

Rainiers Gain On Beavers With Two Wins Over Stars

Oakland Scores First Run In 34 Innings

By **United Press**
 The gap between first-place Portland Beavers and second-spot Seattle Rainiers was narrowed to two and one-half games when the Beavers were topped last night by San Francisco, 4-1.

While Lefty O'Doul's lads were coming out of their slump, the Rainiers were slapping the bottom-rung Hollywood Stars down twice, 1-0 in the first and 6-2 in the second.

Solons Win
 In other Pacific Coast league games, the Sacramento Solons continued their drive to clinch a first division berth by trouncing the Oakland Acolris for the second straight night, 8-4; and the Los Angeles and San Diego Padres split a twin bill, 4-3 to the Seraphs in the first, 4-2 to the Padres in the nightcap.

The big news of the day in Oakland was the fact that, while the Oaks lost, they were able to score their first run in 34 innings. They had been shut out the last eight innings of a game Saturday; blanked twice on Sunday, again on Tuesday—so there was some cause for celebration. However, their defeat was the fifth in a row. Bud Basley, the Nevada school teacher, chalked up his sixth triumph, against one loss since reporting to the Solons at the close of the school year.

Clincher
 In Los Angeles, the Padres made a "gift" of the first game when pitcher Bob Ferguson walked Rip Russell in the last of the ninth with the bases loaded and the score tied. The second tilt saw Angel hurler Don Osborn reciprocate the kindness when he threw the ball wildly to the outfield to let in Lou Vecilich with the clinching score in the eighth frame.

Two fine pitching performances brought the Rainiers their twin victory over the Stars. In the first Joe Demoran bested the veteran Newt Kimball. The Twink twirler allowed only three, but two of them—a single by Joe Passero and Hal Patchett's triple.

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Club Owners Will Talk Over Series

WASHINGTON, July 12 (UP)—The fate of the 1945 world series may be decided today in the joint summer session of major league club owners.

The site of the meeting in the nation's capital, where club owners will be able to discuss transportation problems and other possible obstacles to the annual diamond classic with government officials, was considered significant.

Although there was no announcement of conferences with J. Monroe Johnson, director of the office of defense transportation, it was regarded certain that the club owners or the league presidents would consult him while the meeting is in session.

—came together in the fourth inning for the lone score.

The Beavers scored only in the first frame when Frank Shone doubled and Barton and English singled. San Francisco scored twice in the eighth on a triple by Gus Suh.

The Pyramid of Khufu, at Gizeh, is said originally to have contained 2,300,000 stones, each two and one-half tons in weight.

Chiffley Elected Leader, Premier

SAN FRANCISCO, July 12 (UP)—Joseph W. Chiffley was elected leader of the Australian labor party in Canberra and will become 16th prime minister of the commonwealth. Radio Melbourne announced today.

Chiffley, now federal treasurer, succeeds John Curtin as labor party leader and prime minister. Curtin died last week.

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