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TODAY'S SPORT PARADE

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NEW YORK, July 17 (UP)—Who was the greatest golfer of all time—Byron Nelson or Bobby Jones?

That little question is causing more friendly dispute today among golf enthusiasts than any other issue in sports. Nelson's victory Sunday in the national P.G.A. championship at Dayton, O., added zest to the argument. It was his eighth straight triumph in recent tournaments sponsored by the Professional Golf association, the most remarkable winning streak in the game's history. It brought his earnings for the year to \$31,500, a new high for six-and-a-half months of play.

There's no question "Lord Byron" is the greatest golfer in action today. And it's our opinion he is playing a better game than Bobby Jones did when the famous Atlanta was at his peak. But, let us emphasize this point: Nelson's apparent superiority now doesn't prove he could have beaten Jones had they met when Bobby was at his best.

The Nelson-Jones argument is mighty interesting, and it's good for golf because it stimulates interest in the pill-pounding pastime; but it's more difficult to come up with an answer than to decide, for example, who made the better heavyweight—Joe Louis or Jack Dempsey? It is a more difficult question because the lapse of time since Jones was in his heyday is far more important in golf than it is in boxing. Fighting has changed little since the great Dempsey was at his peak in sports' "golden decade"; but golf has changed much—the style of play, equipment, condition of courses, etc.

In our opinion, one can make this factual comparison between Nelson and Jones. Nelson plays his short irons better than Bobby ever did. However, they compare almost equally in other departments of the game. Both topped their contemporaries in wood play— from tee and from fairway. Both were the best of their times in medal play; however, Walter Hagen always could beat Jones in match play, and if "The Haig" were in his prime now he'd unquestionably beat Nelson also. Hagen was the greatest match-player of all time.

It is important to remember that in Jones' last nine open championships, he finished either first or second. That's an amazing record, when one recalls he was competing against such greats as Hagen, Sarazen, Armour, Barnes, etc. Yet, Nelson's record over the past few years is brilliantly impressive, too. He beat everyone worth while in this tournament or that; and the average tourney player of today is a lower scorer than the average of Jones' day, which is to be expected because of improvements in golf.

The northern clubs hopped on John Marshall for six runs in two innings and were ever headed. The winners tagged 17 hits, including six doubles. They were threatened only once during the evening when they got three runs on one hit, two walks and a error. Seattle's Carl Fischer was credited with the win while Marshall, a Hollywood right hander, was charged with the defeat.

The PCL pennant race resumes in earnest today with Seattle meeting San Francisco at Seattle, Hollywood at Portland, San Diego at Oakland and Sacramento at Los Angeles.

Oliver Returns to Coach at Oregon

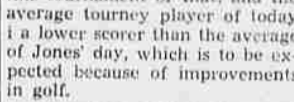
EUGENE, July 17 (UP)—Lt. Comdr. Gerald A. "Tex" Oliver, just returned from three years of naval service, assumes his old duties today as varsity football coach at the University of Oregon. He was placed on inactive duty by the navy a week ago.

Oliver, who served in the navy as head football coach at St. Mary's pre-flight and director of recreation and physical training in both the Atlantic and Pacific areas, said he would begin shaping up his football prospects as soon as possible, in lieu of a tough nine-game coast conference grid schedule next fall.

The football mentor admitted he wasn't sure whether his manpower situation was good enough to put a creditable eleven on the field.

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Tottering Tigers Still in First As Senators Lose

Need Hitting, Pitching To Stay Long

By CARL LUNDQUIST
NEW YORK, July 17 (UP)—It is risky to pick flaws in a pennant favorite right after it apparently has shaken a serious slump, but the wonder of it all today is that the tottering Tigers still are in first place.

A browse through the books reveals they are suffering from a serious case of base hit anemia. That wasn't surprising since the prevailing belief has been that prize pitching has kept the club up in the race. But, it was a shock to learn the club has only three dependable starters at present and it is without a top flight relief pitcher.

Since competition began with the eastern clubs on June 27, starting pitchers have been able to go the route in only seven out of 19 games and the co-ace of the 1944 staff, Paul (Dizzy) Trout hasn't started and finished a winning game since May 9, three weeks after the season began. Trout, who didn't accompany the team on its current trip, is down with lumbago in a Detroit hospital and he is an extremely big question-mark in the team's plans for the remainder of the season.

Even with a 12-hit attack which produced a 9 to 4 victory over the Yanks at New York yesterday, the Tiger lineup has a season average of only .248. Second baseman Eddie Mayo is the hardest hitting regular at .287 and the rest scale down to shortstop Skeeter Webb who is tapping a bare .179.

The victory, coupled with double deflation of the Senators by the Browns at Washington, 7 to 3 and 5 to 1, put the Tigers three full games ahead. Veteran Al Hollingsworth and youngster Newman (Tex) Shirley pitched the twin wins for the Browns.

Unpredictable Bobo Newsom won his second straight after losing 12 in a row, a two-hit, 7 to 1 triumph which gave the Athletics a split after the White Sox won the opener, 6 to 2. Leroy Schalk hit a three-run homer to give Johnny Humphries a victory over the A's ace, Russ Christopher, in the opener. It was Christopher's fourth straight loss. Bobby Estalella hit two homers for the A's in the second game.

Cleveland made all its runs in the sixth, two of them on a homer by Pat Scerrey, to top the Red Sox at Boston, 3 to 2. Allie Reynolds won his ninth game.

The Cubs scored twice in the last of the ninth to beat the Giants, 4 to 3. It was Chicago's fifth straight win and their 16th in 17 games. Singles by Harry Lowrey and Raul Gillespie after a walk and an error produced the deciding tallies. Ray Starr relieved Claude Passeau to gain his first victory of the season.

The runner-up Cardinals kept pace at St. Louis with a 2 to 0 shutout by Harry Breechen over the Braves. Breechen, who has been out with arm trouble was making his first start since June 23. He gave up six hits. Tom Seals, shelved as a starting pitcher by Manager Leo Durocher when the Dodgers were winning, came back now that they are losing to win his second straight starting assignment, beating the Pirates at Pittsburgh, 8 to 4. The Dodgers made 12 hits, including a two-run homer by Augis Galan.

Baseball Standings

By United Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE		
	W.	L.
Chicago	48	29
St. Louis	45	34
Brooklyn	45	35
Pittsburgh	41	38
New York	42	41
Boston	39	40
Cincinnati	37	38
Philadelphia	21	63

AMERICAN LEAGUE		
	W.	L.
Detroit	44	32
Washington	40	34
New York	41	36
Boston	41	36
Chicago	40	39
St. Louis	37	38
Cleveland	36	39
Philadelphia	26	51

(Pacific coast unchanged.)

Byron Nelson Not To 'Rest Back'

DUBUQUE, Ia., July 17 (UP)—Byron Nelson, new Professional Golfers' association champion, has denied rumors he may retire from tournament golf to rest an ailing back.

Nelson, here for an exhibition match with Harold (Jug) McSpaden, Sanford, Me., told reporters yesterday, "my back is all right — after all, I won the PGA title yesterday after seven full days of golf."

Flatbush Toreador Returns To Ring

MADRID July 17 (UP)—Sidney Franklin the Brooklyn bull-fighter, will be back in the Madrid bullring tomorrow for his first performance in the Spanish capital since 1934.

"I feel fine, I'm walking on air ever since I learned I would fight Wednesday in the Madrid ring," quoth the Flatbush toreador when he announced his forthcoming tussle.

Champ's Injuries Are Not Serious

PHOENIXVILLE, Pa., July 17 (UP)—Physicians at Valley Forge general hospital said today the injuries lightweight champion, Cpl. Bob Montgomery suffered in an automobile accident are not serious and will not affect his boxing career.

Montgomery, home on furlough from Luke field, Arizona, suffered muscle strains of the back and right shoulder and a lacerated knee when the car he was driving overturned near Princeton, N. J., as he was going from New York to Philadelphia. His wife and three year old son also were injured.

No Fruit Loss in Cannery Strike

PORTLAND, July 17 (UP)—While no break has developed in the labor strike hampering operations of the Libby, McNeill and Libby, the cannery here has suffered no loss of fruit through spoilage, K. C. Hardwick, northwestern district superintendent, said today.

Hardwick said more employees are returning to work every day, with 150 on hand today. He added a force of 250 is necessary for efficient plant operation.

Three hundred workers are out protesting dismissal of Kenneth Smith, former president of workers' AFL union, who reportedly has been working to obtain a CIO charter.

REMOVE MORE CONTROL

WASHINGTON, July 17 (UP)—The war production board today removed production controls on the manufacture of new locomotives and railroad cars. WPB said manufacturers now can take orders for these items.

BACK TO PRACTICE

SOUTH BEND, Ind., July 17 (UP)—Eight lettermen from the 1944 Notre Dame football squad and 102 other gridiron aspirants have reported for summer practice, coach Hugh Devore said today.

Ace Udet Committed Suicide, Knowing Luftwaffe Would Fail

By CURT RIESS
BERLIN (NEA)—The world-famous flyer, Ernst Udet, wasn't killed while trying out a new model of the Luftwaffe in 1941, as official reports stated then. He committed suicide because he foresaw his own doom and the defeat of the Luftwaffe, this correspondent learned from an unimpeachable source.

Udet had won world fame during the last world war as a member of the feared Richthofen flying squadron and afterwards when he toured the world as a stunt flyer, easily outclassing all rivals. Udet had never been a nazi and was even known for his sharply ironical criticism of Hitler before 1933.

That is why everybody was astonished when he entered the party and became leading man in the Luftwaffe. Ever since his sudden death, rumors have indicated that he didn't die as officially stated. This correspondent declared in 1942 that his death was caused either by suicide or assassination.

Now I have talked to the woman who loved Udet and who was his mistress during the last years of his life. She has furnished what I consider ample proof of his suicide. This is her story.

False Production Figures
Udet never entered the party, but late in 1933 he was informed by Goering, his former comrade in the Richthofen squadron, that he "had been welcomed into the party." Since he didn't wish to flee from Germany, he couldn't refuse the job in the Luftwaffe. Soon he was top production man, as chief of the so-called "C" department.

Udet found out that all production figures were shamelessly falsified. Not even Goering was given correct figures, and then Goering changed them again to please Hitler more. The idea was to heighten German and lower allied production figures.

Hitler, who constantly dreamed of destroying the British Isles, demanded more bombers. Udet, in spite of falsified production figures, knew German capacity

though he will report to his company in San Louis Obispo for further assignment. Prior to entering the army in December, 1942, Westenskow was a stenographer for Union Pacific railroad.

John Kirigia, USN
has recently been promoted from the rank of lieutenant junior grade to lieutenant senior grade. He is stationed at San Francisco, in the industrial personnel office.

Lieutenant Kirigia was formerly in charge of the employment office in La Grande. His wife, the former Peggy Ferdinandsen, and their two children are in California with him.

Ralph O. Connor, La Grande resident, recently received a promotion from second lieutenant to first at the San Francisco port of embarkation, installation of the army transportation corps. He is presently assigned to Camp John T. Knight.

Lieutenant Connor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Connor of Elgin, Ore., and the husband of Mrs. Beatrice H. Connor of 1805 X ave., La Grande. He has a brother, Ray W. Connor, serving with the navy.

Car Sellers Need 'Authorization'

All sellers of used cars, used trucks and used motorcycles who expect to charge warranted rates on and after Aug. 1 were reminded today by E. J. Klein, district PA automotive price specialist, to obtain at once their authorization. Applications are available at all local OPA boards.

Dealers must meet following conditions: (1) Must be generally engaged in business of acquiring for sale, selling, and repairing and reconditioning used vehicles; (2) Have a place of business for their display and sale; (3) Have adequate shop and equipment; (4) Must apply to OPA for dealer authorization on OPA form 694-2193 available at all local boards; (5) Required to post authorization in shop.

SIGN TO FIGHT

CHICAGO, July 17 (UP)—Promoter Jack Kearns said today he had arranged for a 15-round bout at Chicago between Ray (Sugar) Robinson, Negro welterweight, and Jack Lamotta, middleweight 131½ centender. Kearns said the date would be set as soon as the two fighters, both New Yorkers, agreed on the weight.

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Ernst Udet, world-famed air ace, did not die in a crash, as the gestapo claimed. He ended his life in despair over the Luftwaffe's chances for victory, Curt Riess reports.

and knew also that Germany couldn't produce enough bombers to defeat England. Also, knowing allied production potentialities, he was certain that American and English bombers would eventually devastate Germany. Therefore he declared:

Recommended Building Fighters
"Let's stop producing bombers. We need fighters. Twenty thousand fighters by the end of 1943, or Germany is lost."

Goering told him that Hitler wouldn't listen to such talk and insisted on bombers. When Udet made a second attempt to persuade Goering, the Reichsmarshal said:

"If you remain stubborn, I can't protect you any longer."

Udet, dining that night with his mistress in an elegant restaurant in the west end of Berlin told her, "That means the concentration camp. I don't want to end there. I will kill myself."

During the next two days the lady in question never left Udet, who all that time was more or less drunk. Then she left him to

go home to have a night's sleep. As soon as she entered her apartment the telephone rang. Udet's voice came over the wire:

"You leave me alone in the darkest moment of my life. Good-by."

She raced back to Udet, but found him dead. He had shot himself.

Half an hour later officials of the Luftwaffe removed Udet's body. It was taken to a nearby airport and neatly arranged under a wrecked plane. Then the story of the accident was released.

I talked to inhabitants of the apartment building where Udet lived at No. 4 Pommersche-strasse. They confirmed the story and told me that the gestapo had threatened death to any who would reveal the unofficial version.

Subsequent developments proved that Udet was a good judge of what the Luftwaffe couldn't accomplish, and of what the allied air forces were capable of doing to Germany.

No Coverage of Conference Will Be Permitted

BERLIN, July 17 (UP)—Lieut. Col. John Redding, U. S. army public relations officer, announced today the Big Three had decided to abide by its original decision that there be no coverage of the conference" by correspondents.

Redding's announcement meant that allied correspondents officially accredited in Berlin will not be permitted to enter the area in which the conference is taking place or to reveal any information obtained within the compound.

It was not clear immediately whether Redding's threat to suspend any correspondent for 72 hours if he attempted "to approach" the compound still stood.

However, he said that military censorship will not halt any report which a correspondent filed, whether true or false, and that there will be no censorship of speculative dispatches.

Redding said the army itself immediately would cease providing any news about the conference except for acting as a transmitting medium for any information given it by the conferees to pass along to newsmen.

EQUAL HOUSING

WASHINGTON, July 17 (UP)—John B. Blandford, jr., national housing administrator, announced today families of returning veterans and men in service are now eligible to obtain vacant privately-financed war housing on an equal basis with essential war workers.

Second Liquor Tax Distribution Made

SALEM, July 17 (UP)—Second quarterly distribution of revenue from liquor taxes was made to cities and counties today by the state department. A total of \$35,465.79 was disbursed.

Thirteen cities of less than 2,000 population received the first benefits from the census conducted for them by the state department, as increased population increased the share they received.

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Carl Hill McClure, seaman first class, who is giving laboratory instruction in navy aeronautical photography in Miami, Fla.

He is the 22-year-old son of Mrs. C. H. McClure, 1502 First street, La Grande. He attended elementary school in Weiser, Idaho, high school in La Grande, graduating with the class of 1940, and was a student at Eastern Oregon college at the time he entered the navy, August 28, 1943.

He attended a naval school at St. Mary's, Calif., before being transferred to Pensacola, Fla., and later to Miami.

OUR MEN IN SERVICE

Pvt. Donald Oriap Mitchell and Pvt. Stanley Henry Horyna, marines, are included in navy war casualties released today. Mitchell, wounded, is the husband of Mrs. Norma A. Mitchell, Joseph, and Horyna, also wounded, is the husband of Mrs. Margaret Horyna, Ontario. No details were given.

Pvt. Herman Herbert Young erroneously was listed as killed in action. Private Young, son of Rose M. Powell of Elgin, was wounded in action and is now in the General hospital in San Francisco.

Young, a member of the 24th division of the 21st infantry on Mindanao, was awarded the Bronze star for meritorious service. He was in the outfit with Verlin Keffer of La Grande.

Private Young, 18-year-old, was inducted Nov. 21, 1944, and went overseas four months later.

His mother is the wife of Henry Powell, marshal of the city of Elgin.

Pfc. Donald C. Kilby, whose home is Crook and Alden street, La Grande, is with the 35th infantry division in Germany guarding essential installations and institutions, part of the occupation work of the regiment. A hospital guarded by these men had a German general and six full colonels as patients. Food warehouses at Aufhagen and Roderberg, a railroad and highway bridge over the Weser river, near Hanover, a mine shaft and three displaced persons camps were recently under the care of these 137th Yanks.

First Lt. David K. Stone is spending his pre-embarkation leave in La Grande at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Stone. He will leave Sunday to return to his company at Camp Fanning, Tex. Lieutenant Stone is in the same regiment as Lt. Col. Edwin Briggs, also of La Grande.

Walter Kostechka, carpenter's mate second class, who has been on a repair ship in the south Pacific for 36 months, is a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar G. Olson. Prior to entering the navy, Kostechka was a fireman on the Union Pacific railroad out of Pendleton.

T/4 Claude Westenskow, a member of the Timber Wolves of the 104th division, infantry, is in La Grande for a 30-day furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Westenskow, after 10 months duty in the European theater of operations.

He wears the ETO ribbon with three battle stars, the Good Conduct medal and the Bronze Star for meritorious service in Belgium, Holland and Germany during the period from Oct. 23, 1944 to May 8, 1945.

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