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Nelson May Become 'Babe Ruth of Golf'

By WALTER BYERS
CHICAGO, July 31 (UP) — A little freckled faced kid, using a crosshand grip, grabbed a golf club in a Ft. Worth, Tex., caddy yard to take a practice swing 21 years ago. Today he rules alone. He's J. Byron Nelson, tall Texan, now 33.

Nelson, by breezing to victory in the all-American open yesterday, stretched his winning streak to nine straight individual tournaments for an all-time record. He thereby reached the stage where he very likely will pocket \$80,000 this year — an unheard-of sum in sports until the Bambino received that much for his home run swatting a Yankee outfielder.

Sure Shot

The little kid with the awkward grip never dreamed of such money when he first took that practice swing. And he never dreamed of it during the depression when his railroad auditor job was knocked out from under him and he had to turn to golf for a living.

Nelson played his first tournament in 1932 and ended with \$12.50 for the year. But today, after winning the record \$13,600 in war bonds that goes to the all-American open champion, he boosted his winnings for seven months in 1945 to \$45,200.

Brutal Margin

His victory in the open, by the brutal margin of 11 strokes over Gene Sarazen and Lt. Ben Hogan in second place, sets him up almost as a sure shot to win \$80,000 this year. There is a tournament every week from now through December and with that possible money plus the numerous exhibitions Nelson plays, the man with the steady hands and icy nerves appears to be golf's first and possibly only "Babe Ruth."

Few could doubt that he'd reach that sum if he could have seen him run a great field of golfers into the ground yesterday as he took the all-American with a 72 hole total of 269 strokes, 19 under par over a tough tournament course, the 6,770-yard Tam O'Shanter.

For his four rounds he had a 68-68-68-67 to bury completely such golfers as Sammin Sammy Sneed, Hogan, Harold (Jug) Mes-spiden and the rest.

Enough

Sarazen and Hogan shot brilliant rounds for 280 strokes, eight under par and sufficient for victory in the pre-Nelson days. Mes-spiden, Denny Shuts, of Akron, C., and Vic Ghezzi of Deal, N. J., star in their own rights, weren't far off the pace with 281s, yet that was only good for a fourth place tie.

Art Doering of Denver won the amateur by one stroke when he

holed a curving 10 foot putt on the final green for a 72 yesterday and a 72 hole total of 282 strokes. Hot on his heels was Bob Cochran of St. Louis who came in with a blazing 67.

Marine Lt. Patty Berg, making a comeback after a year as a recruiting officer, took the women's open title by one stroke over when she shot a 77 yesterday to Dorothy Germain of Philadelphia Miss Germain's 80.

In a third place tie were Phyllis Otto, Atlantic, Ia., and Betty Jameson of San Antonio, Tex., each with 321 strokes.

Portland, Stars Meet This Week; Some Good Games

By United Press

The head and the tail of the Pacific coast baseball league—Portland and Hollywood—go at it again this week starting Wednesday night down in southern California. The two teams don't play Tuesday evening because the Beaver club must be permitted extra time to make the long coast junket.

The rest of the week's schedule boasts some potentially excellent games. Second-place Seattle visits the San Francisco Seals who are currently holding down third spot. However, between them, the gap is so great—nine games—even on the remote possibility the Seals do snap out of their lethargy and sweep the series they couldn't overtake the skiffmen.

A slam-bang week-long battle is anticipated at San Diego with manager Billy Raymond's team supplying the opposition. Only two games stand between the Padres and their right to tenancy in fifth position.

Los Angeles comes up from the south this week and into Double-day park in Sacramento to tangle with the Solons. The seraphs, who failed miserably last week against Hollywood when they lost the series to the Stars, 6-1, may hit their stride in the cooler climate.

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Today's Sport Parade

By JACK CUDDY UP Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, July 31 (UP)—In an effort to work up a feud between colleges and the national football league, some collegians have made much of the recent Roger Harding case—without understanding the case.

You may recall that Harding, playing with the University of California last year, was the outstanding center on the Pacific coast. When he was signed recently by the Cleveland Rams, loud wails of protest rose from the U. of C. graduate manager Klint Evans and Coach Buck Shaw.

Protest

Evans said, "if the national league plans to continue to come on the campus signing outstanding players who intend to graduate and who have college eligibility remaining, it may some day find all the colleges in the land co-operating with the rival league—the all-America conference—which has declared a strict rule to leave college players alone until they have concluded their college eligibility."

Before paying too much attention to Mr. Evans' protest, perhaps we should point out that the University of California brass hats took young Harding very much to task because he became involved in a campus prank aimed at returning the "red axe" from Stanford U. to California U. at Berkeley. The "red axe," we understand is the Pacific coast facsimile of the "little brown jug" over which Michigan and Minnesota battle, or the "old oaken bucket" for which Indiana and Purdue tilt.

Not Eligible

Anyhow, the U. of C. authorities decided that Harding was over-zealous in his activities to recover the "red axe" from Stanford. And they declared, summarily Harding was ineligible for the first three Pacific conference games this fall.

Harding, who already had been instructed by the Cleveland Rams to go back to school, became "fed up" with the Golden Bear's decision that he should sit out half the season at Berkeley. He politely suggested the U. of C. officials take a swan dive into the bay. Then he contacted the Cleveland Rams.

Cleveland was given permission by national league headquarters to sign Harding when it was established he had been declared ineligible by his university.

McCarthy Likely To Quit; Five Others 'Out?'

Coleman Fired By Graves; Others Not Satisfied

By CARL LUNDQUIST
NEW YORK, July 31 (UP) — One major league manager is down, another out and at least five more may be slated to go before the 1946 season rolls around, a check into the baseball boss situation indicated today.

Joe McCarthy, manager of the Yankees was down in bed at home near Buffalo from worry over the worst New York team he has managed. It was reported reliably he had decided not to return and that President Larry MacPhail would name a new manager in a day or so.

New at Braves

Bluff Bob Coleman is out as manager of the Braves, turning in his resignation after a bad road trip climaxed by a none game losing streak as yet unbroken. Lou Bissone was named to replace him by General Manager John Quinn, who said he would continue "as long as he does a good job."

Meanwhile there were grumblings of fans at Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Philadelphia in the National and at Cleveland and Washington in the American.

McKeechie, Too

Fiery Frankie Frisch of the Pirates, whose players unfortunately don't always reflect his enthusiasm, is blamed in some quarters for the lack of consistency that has characterized them this year. The Pirates, pre-season choice of many writers to win the pennant, now are in fifth place.

Likable Deacon Bill McKeechie of the Reds has another of his typical teams at Cincinnati, a "good field, no hit" club. Few equal it in low-scoring tight defensive play, but the fans there are longing a little for a slambang club that goes for breaking up games with homers.

No Better

The long-suffering Philadelphia fans have noticed no improvement in the Phils since Ben Chapman inherited the impossible job of getting them out of cellar.

Ossie Bluege of the Senators, who might qualify for a job in the state department after his "good neighbor" efforts with the Latin America players he inherited, was under fire last season, but rose in stature when the team bounced back into the pennant picture recently. However, it isn't going well now and the heat may go on again. The Indians, who are disappointing year after year, seem to be as high in the race as could be expected as such personnel, but Cleveland long has been a managerial "grave yard" and young Lou Boudreau might will be the next victim.

Cards Drop

The Giants were disappointing after a fine start, but Mel Ott is fairly safe even though there has been some criticism of his handling of players. Leo Durocher, never a favorite of General Manager Branch Rickey, seems safe from the clutches of everyone but MacPhail after his stand-out job with the Dodgers this season. If his old boss beckons, he might yield to the temptation to manage the Yankees.

In the only major league game yesterday, the Reds ended a six-game losing streak with a 5 to 4 victory over the cards at St. Louis. Eddie Miller, with a triple and a two run double, led the way for Ed Heusser's seventh win, which he achieved over rookie Ken Burkhardt. It was the Cards' 16th defeat by one run this season and the fifth to Cincinnati. They dropped to third place.

Deeds Filed

C. J. Eaton to Raymond E. Swan et ux, portion of Lot 18, all of Lots 19, 20, Bk. 147, Chaplin's addition, La Grande city, \$10.

Thomas Armstrong McKinstry, by administrator, to William M. Harvey et ux, portion of Lot 1, Bk. 38, Chaplin's addition, La Grande city, \$3810.

C. D. Putnam et ux to Charles Cater et ux, portion of Lot 5, Bk. 8, Coggan's addition, La Grande city, \$1 and other considerations.

M. Mildred Schmore to Clarence J. Hazelwood et ux, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and portion of Lot 5, Bk. 67, Hindman's addition, Elgin, \$10 and other considerations.

Union county to W. L. Lane, Lots 11, 12, 13, Bk. 14, Chaplin's addition, La Grande city, \$175.

Esther H. Pitts to Walter L. Lane, portion Lot 4, Bk. 4, Coggan's addition, La Grande city, \$1 and other considerations.

State of Oregon to Eastern Oregon Federal Savings and Loan association, portion of SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Sec. 8, Twp. 3 S, R. 38 E, \$1 and other considerations.

Eastern Oregon Federal Savings and Loan association of Baker to Jesse Breshers et ux, portion of tract "H" of Rotog's addition, La Grande city, \$5 and other considerations.

Mesquitoes could be worse. Only adults bite, and then it's only certain species, and of these species it's only the females.

Today We Pay Tribute to—



Chief Petty Officer Richard G. Walker, N.A.T.T.C. Corpus Christi, Texas, who instructs radar and is lead chief in the hangar at the main base.

He is 29 years old and the son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Walker, 1811 Spruce street La Grande. He attended Greenwood elementary school and La Grande high school.

Walker formerly worked for Radio & Music Supply Co., and at the time of his enlistment in the navy was employed by the West Coast Telephone company.

His wife, the former Annie Moore, daughter of Henry Moore of Island City, is in Texas with him.



Lt. Col. Phares O. Sigler, whose wife and children live in La Grande, is with the judge advocate general's department at the Alaskan headquarters.

The range of services under Colonel Sigler includes everything from the problems involved in courts-martial to the procurement of payment for claims of military and civilian personnel who have suffered loss or damage of property or injury because of army operations. Military personnel and their dependents, whenever the latter may be in Alaska, are given such legal assistance as they may require in connection with both official and personal affairs.

One of the more interesting variations of JAGD activities found only in the north is the consideration of claims arising from the ravages of williwaws, ice, floods and the darkness peculiar to Arctic Alaska.

Lt. Charles (Boots) Walsum, U. S. navy, is here visiting relatives and friends. He is a graduate of La Grande high school.

Pfc. Shirleigh D. Tucker, jr., 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shirleigh Tucker of 1601 Fifth street, La Grande, was recently awarded the Combat Infantryman's badge and the Good Conduct medal, while serving as a rifleman in an infantry regiment which is engaged in mopping up operations against the remnants of a once powerful Jap force on a Pacific outpost.

The combat infantryman's badge, which is the fighting foot-soldier's mark of distinction, is awarded only to members of the infantry who have performed satisfactorily in actual combat against the enemy. It signifies that he is an accomplished fighting man, and has passed the final test of training.

The Good Conduct medal is presented "for fidelity through faithful and exact performance of duty, efficiency through capacity to produce results, and behavior such as to deserve emulation."

Private Tucker was engaged in farming prior to his induction at Ft. Lewis, Wash., in May 1944.

After completing basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif., he embarked for the Pacific in November 1944, and joined his present organization the following month, at a South Pacific base.

In addition to the above awards, he also holds the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon with a bronze battle star.

William H. Lovan son of Mr. and Mrs. Oren Lovan left for Portland Thursday evening and enlisted in the merchant marines Friday. He will go to Catalina island for his five weeks of preliminary training.

TRANSFERS TITLE
WASHINGTON, July 31 (UP)—The White house said today President has signed legislation transferring a tract of land in Douglas county, Oregon, known as the Roseburg rifle range, from the war department to the reconstruction finance corporation.

Poor Repairs On Warships Due To Man Shortages

New Devices Left Off Sometimes, Says Committee

By DEAN W. DITTMER
WASHINGTON, July 31 (UP) —A special congressional committee reported today repaired warships are leaving west coast shipyards without the latest and best equipment because of a shortage of skilled help.

Rep. John J. Sparkman, D., Ala., head of the special house military affairs investigating committee, said in some cases ships are sent back to sea "without being adequately repaired."

Blames Army

The committee placed part of the blame on the army. "It is apparent the war department, under the cloak of military necessity, has not cooperated sufficiently with war activities and other governmental agencies in these areas," the report said.

Calling for immediate action by the office of war mobilization to alleviate the west coast manpower situation, the group recommended that the proper agencies consider:

1. Means of inducing 4-Fs and workers not subject to selective service to remain on war jobs.
2. Continuation of liberal draft deferments until job-jumping of 4-Fs can be stopped.
3. Increased efforts to recruit skilled labor.
4. Release from armed forces of men having skills needed for war activities which are now having emergency manpower shortages on condition they go to and remain in specified jobs.
5. Relieve the west coast of as much war traffic as possible by using Atlantic and gulf ports to the maximum extent possible.

Ship Repair

Most acute west coast manpower problems were said to be in the railroads and ship repair yards.

In one case, the report said, a large carrier was scheduled to leave a shipyard on a certain date. "When the time came for that ship to leave, although it was in condition to fight, all betterments were not completed, and it was able to put into air only 90 percent instead of 100 percent of its plane capacity within a given time," the report said.

Two Appointed To State Health Jobs

SALEM, July 31 (UP) — Miss Dorothea Moore and Harold A. Bishop have been appointed state supervisors of health and physical fitness instruction in the public schools of Oregon. Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, announced today.

Miss Moore is a graduate of the University of Colorado, and took her master of arts degree at the University of Oregon, where she was instructor of physical education.

Bishop was recently released by the army. He was athletic officer and assistant plans and training officer at Fort MacArthur. He is a graduate of Springfield college in Massachusetts, and is working on his Ph. D. at the University of Oregon.

WEATHER ODDITY

The moon's tilt at the so-called "wet" and "dry" angles can be predicted accurately hundreds of years in advance, but wet or dry weather cannot be foretold weeks ahead.

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CHEERI-OO-LA-LAI — Peri Shirley Tapert, five feet three inches of Texas puchritude, brought cheer to the boys at a Hollywood aquacade held at Harlingen B-28 gunnery school, where she acted as cheer leader. No doubt she made the boys swim faster.

Officer's Story Of Wife's Death Investigated

BERLIN, July 31 (UP) — The army's inspector general held a long session with Capt. Carl G. Schultz today, trying to discover whether the Chicago officer actually received notice his wife had been killed before he married a WAC sergeant.

Schultz, who claims his brother wrote him his wife had been killed, accidentally, recently married WAC Sgt. Kanella Koulouvaris of Brooklynn in the first army wedding to take place in Berlin.

The army clamped down on all news concerning the investigation but promised to release findings "when the investigations are complete."

Neither Sergeant Koulouvaris nor Schultz is available for comment, but the last person to talk to the captain said he had become highly emotional and seemed almost near the point of breaking down. He even sobbed at times.

Eisenhower Not In Agreement With Truman

WASHINGTON, July 31 (UP) — Army circles here are wondering about the ultimate disposition of the question of allowing army wives to join soldier husbands who are assigned to occupation of Germany. Interest has been heightened by the apparently divergent views held by President Truman and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Truman told the service paper Stars and Stripes he is opposed to soldiers' wives visiting Europe. He said he didn't want Americans to "settle in Europe" and thought the problem could best be solved by bringing home the soldiers as soon as possible.

When Eisenhower was in Washington recently he told newsmen in answer to questions that Mrs. Eisenhower would not accompany him back to Europe, and added:

"I think for the people that are going to stay indefinitely, sooner or later we should, if possible, take their families over. But Germany today is destroyed as a country; it is a hostile country, and we are short of quarters, of food, of everything else. Until it is possible to establish policies by which any G.I. as well as myself can take advantage of it, it would seem to be out of character, at least for me, to seek a favored position."

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