

Northern Tops Northwest Field with 72-69 AME GOLFERS IN AMATEUR TOURNEY

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—(AP)—An outstanding field, including U. S. Western and Public Links champions, the Canadian Open winners and two other Cup stars, was safely off today for the first round of the National Amateur golf tournament at the Baltusrol Club, Springfield, N.J., Sept. 9-14.

More than 900 golfers fired holes qualifying rounds in national tournaments throughout the country Tuesday for the open spots in the amateur field, last held in 1941.

Chicago, Frank Stranahan, one of the nation's brightest newcomers from Toledo, O., led a 40-man field, shooting 140. Winner of the 1940 U.S. Open, Stranahan, a four-under-par score of 140. Winner of the 1940 U.S. Open and Great Britain tournaments, he fired

rounds of 69 and 71. Among other Chicago qualifiers was Smiley Quick of Inglewood, Calif., National public links king, with 75-75-146.

Henry Martell, Canadian amateur champion from Edmonton, Alberta, qualified at Minneapolis with 154.

Chuck Kocis, Michigan State Open title and former Walker Cup player, took medalist honors in the Michigan district qualifying play with a 36-hole card of 144.

Ray Billows of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., twice a U. S. Amateur finalist and ex-Walker Cup star, barely squeezed through the tough New York district play, firing a 155 and finally winning a berth in a special playoff.

George Hamer of Columbus, National Intercollegiate, Southern Amateur and All-American

amateur king, took a berth with a 145 score. Joe Ahern, Portland, led Pacific Northwest qualifiers with 72-69-141.

Joining the 141 qualifiers in the tournament proper will be eight exempt players and James L. Ukauka, who qualified earlier at Honolulu, bringing the field to 159. Exempt as former U. S. Amateur champions are defending titleholder Marvin "Bud" Ward of Spokane, Wash., who won the last tournament at Omaha, Neb., as well as in 1939; Dick Chapman of Greenwich, Conn., 1940 winner; Willie Turnesa, New York, 1938; Johnny Goodman, Omaha, 1937; Johnny Fischer, Cincinnati, 1936; Max Marston, Cincinnati, 1935; and Chick Evans, Jr., Chicago, 1916 and 1920.

American-born Bob Sweeney also is exempt, having won the British Amateur title in 1937.

Dodgers Down Cardinals 7-3

By JACK HAND
(Associated Press)
Failure of the St. Louis Cardinals to capture their final home series from Brooklyn has assured National League fans of a dog-eat-dog pennant scrap down to the final wire with the schedule favoring the Dodgers.

When Manager Leo Durocher took his Brooks on their last tour of the West he said he would be satisfied if his club could split even on the road. So far, the relentless Dodgers have won five of nine games, and although they have lost their 1 1/2 game lead, they still are tied for first place.

Eddie Dyer's Red Birds had a chance to put the crusher on the invaders Tuesday as a win would have put them two full games ahead. Instead the Brooks rocked Harry Brecheen, Ted Wilks, Fred Schmidt and Red Barrett for 16 hits and a 7-3 victory. Kirby Higbe was the winner.

Chicago warmed up for a visit from their old Dodger sparring mates by squeezing past New York 2-1.

Boston walloped Pittsburgh, 9-1, as Rookie Warren Spahn spun his seventh victory.

Detroit finished its season's business at Yankee Stadium by edging out New York 7-4 in 10 innings.

Test Flores earned his fourth straight victory as Philadelphia made it seven wins in its last eight starts, downing Chicago 5-2.

The St. Louis Browns had to work hard for a 4-2 verdict over Washington although they collected only four hits off Sam Zolack.

Axeman Grid Start Slated

Football gets under way at Eugene High School next Tuesday when Coach Henry Kuchera opens a "daily double" practice session that will continue for two weeks—until the opening of school. Sessions will be held at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. at Civio Stadium.

Equipment will be issued to players Saturday and Monday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Kuchera urges all candidates to pick up equipment during these periods.

Evening, with some dozen lettermen expected to report, will open an eight-game schedule at Civio Stadium, September 20 against University (Eugene) High. Five of the eight games will be played at the Stadium.

Patty Berg Takes Open Medal Honors

By HAL WOOD
SPOKANE, Aug. 28.—(AP)—A self-styled "full-time cripple," red-haired and freckled Patty Berg, has taken over the role of everyone's favorite to capture the richest crown in all women's golf.

Miss Berg made her first start in match play Wednesday in the Women's National Open golf tournament after blanketing the field Tuesday to win medalist honors with 73-72-145, seven strokes better than second-place Babe Didrikson Zaharias.

All six of the professionals qualified for the match play.

Betty Jean Rucker, Spokane amateur, finished third in medal play with a 74-79-153.

Among other top finishers, were the Hawaiian women's amateur champion, Jackie Pung, who came through with a 79-78-157; and Amateur Beverly Hanson, Fargo, N. D., 81-74-155.

Professionals Betty Jameson, San Antonio, Tex., and Betty Hicks, Long Beach, Calif., had 77-81-158 and 78-81-159, respectively. Mrs. Clara Callender Sherman, Pasadena, Calif., had 84-76-160; Mary Moez, Portland, Ore., 78-82-160; Helen Dettweiler, Indio, Calif., 80-81-161; and Hope Seignious, Greenboro, N. C., 82-79-161.

Army Threatens to Sever Relations

WEST POINT, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Charging that "fantastic" offers had been made to Army football players this summer to transfer to other schools, Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, superintendent of the military academy, implied strongly today that Army might bar the offending institutions from its sports program.

The statement was inspired by a charge made last week by Coach Allyn McKee of Mississippi State that Tom "Shorty" McWilliams, first-string Army halfback, had been unsuccessful in an attempt to resign from West Point and return to Mississippi State, where he played in 1944, "because he is a star football player."

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Braves, Billies Await Playoff

The coveted Cascade Baseball League crown will go on the block Wednesday night at Civio Stadium where the first of a three-game championship series between the Snellstrom Braves and Hills Creek Billies will be played. Game time will be 8:30 p.m. The second game will be played Sunday afternoon and the third game, if necessary, the following Wednesday.

Manager Al Lightner's Snellstrom sluggers captured the first-half flag in a walk, but ended in a second-place tie with the Hills Creek Reds for the second-half title—a full game behind the Billies.

While the Braves defeated the Reds 7-6 in ten innings on the strength of Pete Taylor's two home runs, the Billies, on the other hand, dropped a 7-6 verdict to the Miller Lumbermen in their last start.

Manager Wayne Phillips plans several practice sessions before Friday in hopes of getting his Billies back in to form for the important series. Winner of the series collects 60 percent of the player share, while the loser takes 40.

One of the features of Friday night's game will be the presentation of the league championship batting crown, and trophy, to Centerfielder Dick Wright of Hills Creek. The presentation will be made by Bill Greene, league president. Wright won the title with a .389 average, four percentage points more than Outfielder George Walker of the Braves and Catcher Eddie Adams of the Lumbermen. Adams, incidentally, suffered a broken thumb in the last game of the season.

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Hudson Plans Golf Classic

By RUSS NEWLAND
PORTLAND, Aug. 28.—(AP)—The idea of a tournament for the world's professional golf championship may seem far-fetched at first blush but actually it is in the nebulous stage now. And if and when it takes place, Robert A. "Bob" Hudson intends to sponsor it right here in Portland.

Hudson, in case anybody hasn't been reading the sports pages lately, is the man who sponsored the recently concluded National P. G. A.

He is strictly an amateur promoter in the field of golf. That is, he goes into this with no thought of personal gain. Hudson is a local business man with wide and varied interests throughout Oregon.

Hudson jumped from the minor leagues to the majors in three years of golf promotion—or sponsorship. In 1944 he guaranteed the first Portland Open for \$10,000. The next year he upped the Open tournament to \$15,000. His bid of \$25,000 brought the National PGA blue ribbon event to Portland this year. In addition to the championship purse, he laid on an extra \$2500 for a pre-tournament exhibition match.

Having staged the country's second most important tournament in which professionals participate, the U. S. Opens being No. 1, Hudson now has ambitions to bring the U. S. Open as well as a world championship tournament to his home city.

The bidding for the U. S. Open is so spirited it may be years before Hudson realizes his ambition in this respect. But his "world championship" plan holds out real possibilities.

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Horseshoe Meet Staged

Jay Crabane topped a six-man field in a round-robin horseshoe tournament held on the fine East-side Eugene courts last Saturday, winning all five of his matches and tossing 118 ringers. Alford DeVries was second with four wins in five matches and 116 ringers.

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HIGHCLIMBER

By DICK STRITE
Francie Coghlan, coach of all sports at St. John's Military Academy, one of the leading private schools in the Los Angeles area, has just returned from Gold Arrow Camp for boys, located in the California high Sierras and conducted by Mannie Vezie. Coghlan, former St. Mary's of Eugene athlete, has been assistant to Vezie for several years.

Speaking of the possibility of Vezie accepting the position assistant to Tex Oliver and as football backfield coach of the Oregon Webfoots this fall, Coghlan questions any action. Vezie last year sold his chain of shore repair and purchased a suburban ranch to care for kids over week-end of a junior dude ranch. Under ordinary conditions Mrs. Coghlan could probably handle the chore, but she has been quite ill the past five months and it's Coghlan's guess that Mannie will be the rumored offer to return here for a third season as an assistant coach.

We feel that the former Notre Dame end and Loyola University (Angelo) coach, would be the best assistant Tex could find at the date.

One of our readers sends an interesting column written by Paul Herman, sports editor of the Los Angeles Times, in which he expresses amazement at Tex Oliver's prediction that Oregon will be one of the four or five best football clubs in the Pacific Coast Conference. Tex' statement to Zimmerman follows: "We're going to have pretty fair football team at Oregon this fall. We may not win them, but we have a good team and we'll make a good account of ourselves in every game this year."

Tex also explained to Zimmerman the reason he is so anxious to have his squad fly on the longer trips. Starting with the USC game in Los Angeles in November 2, Oregon plays UCLA in Portland, Washington in Seattle, and OSC at Corvallis on consecutive weekends. By flying to Los Angeles and Seattle the Webfoots would not practice sessions and be as well prepared for all four rivals they had played all the games in Eugene, Train travel, for example, would cut at least two days off the preparation for the USC UCLA games, and at least one for the Washington and OSC tilts.

In the same note was a clipping from the Daily Trojan, USC newspaper, that plans are going ahead for a NCAA basketball tournament similar to the present basketball setup, with eight zones as the hoop sport. The statement comes from Coach Sam Stryker of SC who says that the summer vacation period will be ideal for the program, permitting sufficient time for collegiate teams to travel for inter-sectional games.

Al H. "JX" Smith, one of Eugene's leading baseball fans and the first fellow at the park on game nights, suggests a "Hal" night for the benefit of the Giustina Reds pitcher who suffered a broken wrist in league play. "Hal" Smith, who hasn't missed a game in two seasons, believes two All-Star teams of equal strength should be selected to play a season finale. Only difficulty would be start of high school football, with Eugene High booking daily night drills starting September 3.

Charles Christensen, Bill Cloyes and Bill Borchers, who umpired Salem-Stars game Monday night, turned back the \$22.50 coming in for services into the Active Club's benefit fund. Manager Gullic, incidentally, wanted to bring his Senators back to Eugene for a post-season game—but again football has first call.

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