

Putt-putt golf interest sweeping the country

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NEW YORK (UPI) — The golf pros have a saying that you drive for fun but you putt for dough — and now they are adding that you also can putt-putt for dough.

Putt-putt golf is the newest sport sweeping the country, with some 330 courses to be in operation by next year. It's a putting game which is differentiated from miniature golf by the fact that the courses are uniform and have none of the barrel and windmill tricks which made miniature golf as skillful as a pinball game.

And in putt-putt golf skill will pay off some \$42,000 in prize money in 1961.

Not only that, but some 30 touring pros of the putter will make the circuit on a tournament wheel extending from Orlando, Fla., through Atlanta, Durham, Arlington, Va., Cincinnati, Long Island, Knoxville, Baton Rouge, El Paso and Los Angeles.

Neil Connor, a Greenville, N.C., college boy, won the national putt-putt championship this year by turning six rounds 26 under par, which is some putting when you figure that the holes average 32 feet with a par of two. He picked up \$2,000 for the victory.

Frank Holt of Savannah, Ga., was the leading money winner of the Professional Putters Association with \$4,101 in 14 tournaments.

Stanford U lineman wins UPI award

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Despite the battering which Stanford's winless legions have absorbed so far this year, they always can count on Jack Butler to move in and try to shove the enemy in the other direction.

Butler, a 204 pound junior from Houston, Tex., earned the United Press International's lineman of the week award last Saturday with a stirring display of defense against powerful Oregon.

Working as a middle linebacker, he was rated in some quarters as the best lineman on the field as he rushed to numerous trouble spots and tried to contain the Ducks' rapid advance. Late in the game, which Oregon won 27-6, he had to leave with a bad shoulder.

"He played a fine game and deserves recognition," coach Jack Curcio said afterward. "He calls our defensive signals and has been a real good boy. Yet we didn't quite know where we would play him before the season opened."

Butler also had good afternoons against Wisconsin and Washington State, Curcio said.

Jack, a junior, entered Stanford as a back but went into the line after a rash of injuries hit the club. He didn't see any varsity action until after the first six games of last season. Now Curcio is more than pleased to have him around.

Bill Kilmer, UCLA's triple threat, won the UPI's Back of the Week award off his great showing Saturday as the Bruins were defeating the Bears, 28-9. During the game, Kilmer scored twice, rolled up 225 yards running and passing and got off three quick kicks which averaged better than 31 yards.

Provident Life takes over first

Provident Life took over first place in the Skyline Bowling League last night with a 3-1 victory over Medo-Land, as George's Blacktop lost three points to Franz Bread.

Other scores saw Seems Barber Shop blank the Bulletin Admen and Coca Cola whitewash Winkle's Union.

Seems Barber Shop had high team game of 882, a new league high, and posted high team series of 2473.

Individual game honors were shared by H. Terwilliger and Art Cole, both with 2068, while Cole had high series of 508.

Only other 200 or better game was rolled by Mel Potts with a 201.

Bound for Hawaii

PORTLAND (UPI)—Lewis and Clark's football team leaves here tonight for Hawaii where the Pioneers meet the University of Hawaii Friday night.

He averaged 33 strokes against par of 36.

Once Played Tailback

"By 1965 we will hold the biggest money tournament ever seen anywhere in the world," asserts Don Clayton, a former University of North Carolina athlete who fathered putt-putt golf.

Clayton preceded "Choo Choo" Charley Justice as the Tarheel tailback and, he says with a country boy grin, "I don't know how it is they remember him and nobody remembers me."

But he is deadly serious when it comes to putt-putt golf.

"Let's look at it this way," he argues. "This is like in track and field. You wouldn't say a man isn't an athlete because he runs the dashes instead of the mile. Well, millions of people putt, and with tremendous skill, even though they can't be a Sam Snead because they aren't gifted with the strength or ability to hit a long ball. Sam is the decathlon star of golf. But putting is a sport, too."

Clayton was a successful business man when ulcers forced him to take a rest in 1954. He tried miniature golf "where a child could do as well as Snead," and then built his own un-tricked putting course. Soon he had three. Then people began to ask how to build them.

Starts Tournament Play

So the tall, handsome Clayton went into business franchising courses and supplying equipment. His principal aim was to "keep out the fast buck, carnival type."

By last year there were 260 in operation from coast to coast with 70 more being built.

Then he came up with the idea for tournament play. The first was a city-wide affair in his native Fayetteville, N.C. By 1957, the first national putt-putt championship drew 128 sectional entries and the winner received a Cadillac.

"But kids heading for college were risking their eligibility when we started giving cash prizes, with \$2,000 to the winner, in 1959," Clayton explains. "So we formed a professional putters association for those over 18. To qualify you must play 10 rounds under 40 strokes. And now we have 1,000 members in 27 states."

Now the hot-shot putt-putt pros make the whole tournament circuit set up by the putt-putt proprietors — and the five leading money winners even did four half-hour television shows this fall.

"I'm a five handicap golfer and I can't begin to putt with these guys," Clayton insists.

For a man with my slice off the tee, it sounds like the sport for which I've been looking.



By Jimmy Hatlo

West Virginia next Ducks drill on offensive play

EUGENE, Ore. (UPI) — Coach Len Casanova sent his University of Oregon gridders through a light drill Monday with emphasis on offensive patterns.

Casanova, whose gridders face winless West Virginia in Portland Saturday, credited Oregon's 27-6 win over Stanford last Saturday to speed and good defensive reaction.

CORVALLIS, Ore. (UPI) — Oregon State guard Mike Kline and tackle Earl Woodward, who have been out of action with injuries, rejoined the squad Monday.

Fullback Bill Monk and wingback Ron Miller, who suffered injuries last Saturday, will be out for the rest of the year.

The Beavers are drilling extra hard on pass defense this week since coaches expect air-minded Stanford to pass considerably when they face Oregon State at Palo Alto this Saturday.

BERKELEY, Calif. (UPI) — The California Bears drilled against Washington offensive patterns Monday in a sweatshirt workout.

Back Don Ison reported with a sore shoulder and probably won't play Saturday against the Huskies.

STANFORD, Calif. (UPI) — Coach Jack Curcio was today looking for a pair of guards to fill in for Errol Scott and Ron Fernandes — both of whom were hurt in Saturday's Oregon battle.

The reserves worked out Monday while the injury-riddled first and second strings took a rest.

SEATTLE (UPI) — Jim Owens,

11 post-season games certified for '60 season

NEW YORK (UPI) — The extra events committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) today certified 11 post-season football games in connection with the 1960 season.

The only newcomer to the NCAA-approved list is the Gotham Football Hall of Fame Bowl game at New York, Dec. 10, according to an announcement released by the NCAA Service Bureau.

Fifteen games were certified last year — the greatest number since the immediate post-war period — but only 12 of these were played.

Prior to the enactment of legislation at the NCAA convention in 1951, which provided regulations governing such competition, as many as 21 different post-season games were played annually.

Here is a list of the NCAA-approved bowl games:

- Dec. 10 — Gotham Bowl at New York
- Dec. 17 — Liberty Bowl at Philadelphia
- Dec. 17 — Bluebonnet Bowl at Houston, Tex.
- Dec. 30 — Tangerine Bowl at Orlando, Fla.
- Dec. 31 — Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla.
- Dec. 31 — Prairie Bowl at Prairie View, Tex.
- Dec. 31 — Sun Bowl at El Paso, Tex.
- Jan. 2 — Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Calif.
- Jan. 2 — Sugar Bowl at New Orleans.
- Jan. 2 — Orange Bowl at Miami.
- Jan. 2 — Cotton Bowl at Dallas.

Bob's Shell ties for first

Pilot Butte Inn was blanked 4-0 by Eagles Auxiliary in the Monday night Owl Loop, to drop into a first-place tie with Bob's Shell, 3-1 winners over Brandis Drug.

Other scores saw Trailways gain third via a 3-1 win over Oregon Trail, while Murray Holt stopped Rock 'n Wood Shop 3-1.

Mary Barker had high series of 521 and high game of 197. Pansy Morris had a 501 series.

The Eagles took team honors with an 816 game and 221 series.

Monday the Bruins spent only 15 minutes of their 2-hour session on offense, concentrating on defense against Mayo's passes. The team also spent time listening to scouting reports of the Air Force attack.

Gals pace grid guessers

The gals took top honors in The Bulletin's weekly football-guessing contest last week, with Marcia McCloskey, 1304 Federal, nailing the \$15 first prize.

Runnerup was Bess H. Bailey 1500 East Eighth, while Roy Kaser of 688 East Revere and Phil Douglass of 605 Columbia tied for third. Miss Bailey won \$7.50, with Kaser and Douglass getting \$1.25 each.

Miss McCloskey and Miss Bailey each missed four, but Miss McCloskey was closest in the tie-breaking department, guessing 53 as the most points to be scored in any of the 23 listed games. Biggest score was 51, the Los Angeles Rams drubbing Dallas 38-13.

Miss Bailey guessed 61 points as the most number to be scored in any game.

Kaser and Douglass each missed five, with Kaser guessing 48 and Douglass 54 — both three points off.

This week's contest may be found on page 10.

Flashy hydros vie in Cup trials

LAS VEGAS (UPI) — The world's fastest competitive boats, the flashy unlimited hydroplanes, take to the water at Lake Mead today as qualifying trials get underway for the Gold Cup race this weekend.

A field of at least 16 craft will participate in the top event of motorboat racing Saturday and Sunday.

Included among the boats participating is the national champion Miss Thriftway of Seattle, which has amassed enough points to win the 1960 title.

Mason services held at Madras

MADRAS — Funeral services were held here this afternoon for Edwin "Ed" Mason, former Jefferson county coroner who was fatally injured in an automobile accident on Saturday, November 5.

Mr. Mason died early Sunday, November 13, at McMinnville General Hospital from injuries suffered when struck by a car as he walked along Highway 221 near McMinnville. Wilmon Forrest Smith, 63, McMinnville, was driver of the car.

For many years, Mr. Mason was a resident of the Madras community and was a mortician, as well as Jefferson coroner. Following the death of his wife two years ago, he moved to Salem to live with his daughters, Mrs. Hazel Waltz and Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson. A sister, Myrtle Shutt, also lives in Salem, as do four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held today at 2 o'clock at the Madras Methodist Church with the Rev. Charles Kerr in charge.

Burial followed in the Mt. Jefferson Memorial Park.

TRIES STRANGLING WIFE

HOUSTON, Tex. (UPI) — Jesse Garcia, 36, told police he tried to strangle his wife in a supermarket parking lot Monday with a piece of baling wire for his own protection.

"She shot me a month ago, and I wasn't going to give her another chance," Garcia said.

Willamette U near playoff

SALEM (UPI) — Willamette University moved a step nearer an NAIA football playoff invitation Monday when school athletic officials received a "feeler" letter.

NAIA officials asked Willamette to mail brochures of the team and coaches and other data.

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