

Porky Oliver, jovial champ of golf laughs, dead at 46

WILMINGTON, Del. (UPI)—Ed (Porky) Oliver was mourned by pro and duffer alike today in the world of golf he brightened for 20 years with sparkling play and a matching wit.

The 46-year-old Oliver died Wednesday in Memorial Hospital after a 16-month battle with cancer which had reduced him to a shadow of the round, 240-pounder who sprinkled the pro trail with laughs and buffoonery while getting his share of tournament victories.

Although Oliver was a member of the U.S. Ryder Cup team three times and won several important championships, the big ones always got away from him. But he

looked upon these setbacks philosophically.

"Money is important, but without laughs life just wouldn't be worth the battle," he used to say.

Tides Him Over

Oliver's jolly nature helped tide him over two operations and other ailments which set in during his long struggle against cancer. His concern was mostly for his wife, Clara, and their four children.

"They're all taking it fine, taking it in stride," Oliver would say. About himself "You just have to pray and have faith," he would say.

Oliver learned at the outset of his career to accept a twist of fate with a shrug of the head.

His biggest setback occurred in the 1940 National Open in Cleveland when he finished in a tie with Lawson Little and Gene Sarazen. Oliver, however, was disqualified from taking part in the playoff because he had started his final round 22 minutes early. Porky cried in the clubhouse but quickly recovered his poise and sense of humor.

Just Misses Again

In 1946, Oliver finished second to Ben Hogan in the PGA championship and was runner-up to Julius Boros in the National Open. In 1953, Hogan defeated him in the Masters.

The 5-foot-10 Oliver loved to eat and toured the circuit in a station wagon equipped with two well stocked refrigerators. His appetite often was compared with Babe Ruth's. It was typical of Oliver to down a few hot dogs, hamburgers and several bottles of soda pop as a between-meals snack.

Oliver always was among the top 10 golfers during his prime.

On Sept. 30, Sam Snead and Bill Collins will play an exhibition at the Green Hills golf course here for the Porky Oliver Fund, a trust to provide an education for the four Oliver children—Ed III, Robert, John, and Jo Ann.

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Bud Hertzler accident victim

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Hertzler, who was appointed advertising manager of the Bellevue electronics firm in April, 1960, was employed by UP in Seattle and later was transferred to Vancouver, B.C., where he served as bureau manager for British United Press before resigning to join United Control as a public relations man.

Contact lost with satellite

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (UPI) — Radio contact with the Discoverer XXXI, launched last Sunday afternoon into polar orbit, has been lost, the Air Force announced Wednesday.

The satellite and its gold-plated capsule containing scientific instruments failed to separate Wednesday over the North Pole, foiling the Air Force's hopes of recovering the capsule over the Pacific Ocean near Hawaii.

IC teams open loop action Friday

Intermountain Conference. Friday's games (all 8 p.m.):

La Grande at Redmond

Prineville at Hermiston

The Dalles at Pendleton

Saturday's game:

Baker at Bend (1:30 p.m.)

Other games:

Sisters at Dufur (Friday).

The third edition of the Intermountain Conference football rivalry opens Friday with six of the eight league teams in action.

The Baker at Bend game is set for 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the new Bend High Field.

Of chief interest locally Friday is the La Grande at Redmond game, in which the Panthers will be shooting for their third straight win at the expense of the winless La Grande Tigers.

Redmond opened the season at Parkrose with a 32-6 win and followed with a 19-7 victory at Madras last Friday.

La Grande has played only one game thus far, losing at Baker last Friday 6-0.

Redmond's Sturza Injured

The Panthers have had only one real serious injury in two games, but it could be a costly one.

Offensive and defensive half-

back Ed Sturza suffered a broken arm just above the wrist in last Friday's Madras game and will be out for several weeks.

The hard-running junior picked up more than 70 yards in less than one half last Friday.

Sturza, a junior, was also a defensive stalwart for Coach Gale Davis' club.

Replacing Sturza at halfback will probably be 135-pound Don Walrous, the quick-starting junior who chalked up more than 100 yards in the second half of the Madras game after Sturza was injured.

Other Backs Listed

Don Charlton is expected to go at the other halfback spot, with Brian Massey also scheduled for lots of duty.

Denny Van Matre will be at quarterback, with Gary Cutting at fullback.

La Grande was held to a total of 85 yards, all on the ground, against Baker. But, on the other hand, the Tigers also came up with a fine defensive performance for their first game of the season — holding Baker to a total of 173 net yards and one touchdown.

The Tigers have a strong defensive unit paced by ends Gerry

and Dan Morris and tackles Larry Smutz and Ralph Lacer.

Top ball carriers for La Grande are Rick Gerry, Larry Nice and Steve Waite.

Bounce Back

Prineville isn't sure what to expect against the in and out Hermiston Bulldogs.

Hermiston lost an opener to a strong Jesuit club 26-6, but bounced back with a 23-7 win over Milton-Freewater — a team that Pendleton barely beat the week before 7-0.

The Bulldogs feature the passing of Dick Furrer, the defensive end play of Jack Miller and the running of halfback Tom Bray and fullback Jim Johnson.

But Prineville also bounced back in its second game last week, beating Sandy 25-6 after losing an opening-game battle to Lebanon 13-0.

Another Friday game has Pendleton favored to beat The Dalles in a night game at Pendleton's Round-Up stadium.

Pendleton Early Favorite

Both teams, along with Bend, ended in a three-way tie for the conference crown last fall — all ending with 6-1 league records. Pendleton was tabbed with the

favorite's role in pre-season forecasting.

The Bucks feature the passing of Tony Svetich, end play of Steve Bunker and the hard running of fullback Jim Christensen.

Other top Pendleton backs include Dave Thorne, Bob Thorne and Gary Hereford.

The Dalles, despite a 24-0 loss to

WyEast last week is still a threat with quarterback Mark Jensen in there to pass.

SIGHTLESS SUCCESS

BOSTON (UPI) — Twenty-seven blind men and women have made a total profit of \$103,500 during the past fiscal year managing vending stands, snack bars and plant cafeterias in Massachusetts.

Average earnings were \$4153, compared with \$3358 the previous fiscal year. The blind managers operate under the federal - state sponsored Small Business Enterprises Program.

INSECT ADVICE

COLLEGE STATION, Tex. (UPI) — The Texas A&M College extension service warns farmers not to grab the closest insecticide when bugs begin to nibble into farm profits.

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Spencer said there definitely will be one next July. But the question of a pre-primary convention has not been decided.

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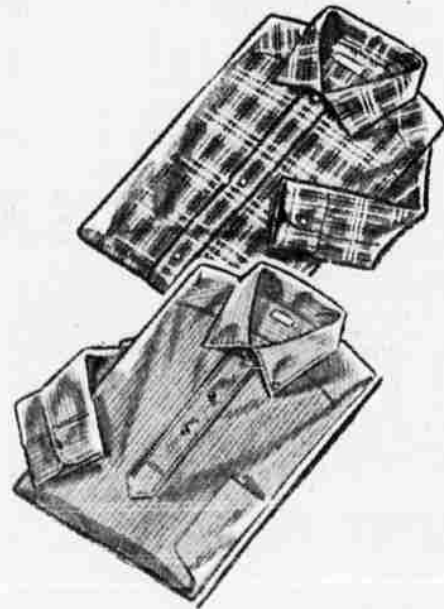
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