



Hemmed In University of San Francisco forward Jerry Hickey crouches low, pondering which way to turn as University of Southern California's Joe White guards the basket in the closing minutes of the USF-USC game in San Francisco's Cow Palace. Waiting for Hickey to make up his mind are USC center Stan Christie (26) and USF's John Hanley (14). USF won, 55-41. (Acme Telephoto.)

15-Year Old Girl Crowds Jones as Golfing Legend

By OSCAR FRALEY
(United Press Sports Writer)

New York, Jan. 30 (AP)—Marlene (she's got lovely legs, too!) Bauer, a slick 15-year-old chick who can really belt a golf ball, was crowding Bobby Jones today for honors as golf's youngest legend.

Just in case you hadn't noticed, marvelous Marlene took a 4 and 3 shelling from Polly Riley in the finals of the Helen Lee Doherty tournament at Miami this past weekend. The tip-off, however, is that Marlene is news anymore when she finishes second!

Certainly, Marlene already is to women's golf what Jones was to the men's game—and maybe more. Jones didn't break 80 until he was 10 years old. Miss Bauer did it at 10. The Jones worshippers will tell you that equipment and teaching methods have improved since then. Well, I'll bet Marlene is prettier, anyhow.

And she can play her fair share of competitive golf, too. At 15, she was named the 1949 woman golfer of the year by the Official Golf Guide. It was an honor she had been working toward ever since her father, Dave, a golf pro, started her swinging a club before she was four.

"She quit playing with dolls when she was five and cried because I wouldn't let her enter a tournament," her father laughed. "The reason was that most opponents would think that a five-year-old was a nuisance and would resent her playing. But even at that age she was proud of her ability to count correctly and knew her golf etiquette."

Which is more than can be said for some 10-cents-a-hole adults.

By the time she was eight, Marlene made the tournament grade, qualifying in the first 16 in the South Dakota state championship. She played in the western open at nine and then the family moved from Aberdeen,



Rodeo Queen Lovely Wanda Smith, queen of the 10th annual Palm Springs rodeo. "Rides and shoots almost as well as Annie Oakley," says Trav Rogers, chairman of the affair.

Dick Dunkel's College Basketball Power Index

EXPLANATION—The Power Index provides a direct comparison of the relative strength of any two teams for this season to date. Thus, a 50.0 team has been 10 scoring points better than a 40.0 team on their comparative records, in which scoring margin has been weighed against strength of opposition. This does not necessarily mean that a 50.0 team should defeat a 40.0 team by exactly 10 points in the future. Teams rarely follow past performance that closely. Furthermore, the ratings are not adjusted for such factors as home court, injuries and foultrouble. The Dunkel system correlates records of all college teams and was started in 1929.

Rank	Team	Record	Power Index
1	Holy Cross	22-4	82.4
2	LaSalle	20-3	78.3
3	CCNY	21-7	77.7
4	Kansas State	21-3	77.3
5	Duquesne	20-3	75.3
6	Wisconsin	20-3	74.9
7	Long Island	20-3	74.5
8	Minnesota	20-3	74.5
9	Ohio State	20-3	74.5
10	W. Ky. State	20-3	74.4
11	Bowling Green	20-3	74.3
12	Illinois	20-3	74.3
13	Villanova	20-3	74.3
14	N. C. State	20-3	74.3
15	Notre Dame	20-3	74.3
16	St. John's	20-3	74.3
17	Cincinnati	20-3	74.3
18	Indiana	20-3	74.3
19	S. Francisco	20-3	74.3
20	UCLA	20-3	74.3

Baseball's Dream Batting Nine

AP Newsfeatures

These nine major leaguers would make up a dream offensive team for any manager. They are the players who led the hitters at each position in 1949. Six are National Leaguers.

 TED WILLIAMS Red Sox .3427	 BOB THOMSON Giants .309	 STAN MUSIAL Cards .338
 GEORGE KELL Tigers .3429	 VIC LOMBARDI Pirates .347	 JACK ROBINSON Dodgers .342
 LUKE APPLING White Sox .301	 ROY CAMPANELLA Dodgers .287	 TED KLUSZEWSKI Reds .309

Ski Tow Installed to Promote Lebanon Sports

Beirut, Lebanon—Picturesque Lebanon, which wants to become the Switzerland of the middle east, is installing the first ski tow in this part of the world.

Construction of the mile and half-long tow will continue through the mid winter. The tow will have 150 chairs and a capacity of 240 skiers an hour, and will cost about \$70,000.

The tow is being erected on the slopes of the Kornef Es-Saouda, about 10,000 feet high, highest peak in the country. It is just inland from the Mediterranean port of Tripoli and in the vicinity of Lebanon's famous cedars on nearby Dahr El-Kadib.

The purpose is to attract more winter tourists to this pleasant land, crowded with remnants of ancient Phoenicians, Roman and Greek civilizations. The tourist business—an important segment of the national economy—has not been very good since the fighting in neighboring Palestine.

Another step in the plan is to build more tourist accommodations—especially for skiers. Hotels would be inadequate if any great stream of tourists headed this way.

Right now, the slopes of the Lebanese mountains are just the place for skiers who want to enjoy the sport without distraction of large crowds. The season, opened in late December, lasts through March. Some snow fields remain through May.

If the skier wants to vary his activities, he can drive in a few hours to the bathing beaches of Beirut. The sea remains warm enough for swimming the year round.

The mountains, dotted with old monasteries, tiny villages and laboriously-built terraces for grape vines and olive trees, were once covered with great cedar forests.

These cedars supplied the wood for the galleys of the Phoenicians, for the temple of Solomon and for various structures of the Egyptian pharaohs. Now there are only a few remaining.

Farr Remembers United States as Grand Paradise

(AP Newsfeature)
By BEN PHILEGAR

Brighton, Eng.—One-time boxer Tommy Farr, now owner of a thriving pub and director in

Is Pro Basketball More Rugged?

By HUGH FUERTON, JR.
New York, Jan. 30 (AP)—The other day George Mikan advanced the argument that pro basketball is tougher than the college game because "you never play eight games in ten nights in college like we're doing right now." . . . By way of rebuttal, Max Keiffer points out that in 1938 the Central Missouri State Mules of Warrensburg played five straight nights in the NAIB tournament, spent the sixth driving 645 miles from Kansas City to Denver, then played three more days in the AAU tournament before they were eliminated. . . . Sign of spring: the arrival of the first major league spring training roster—from the Pittsburgh Pirates. . . . Word relayed from Washington quotes Howie Odell thus: "Seattle is my home territory now. I'm not looking for any other job anywhere. I'm interested in Iowa only because that's my home state."

Old Pro Golfer Finds Modern Game Is Better

(AP Newsfeature)
Dallas — William R. (Bill) Mackenzie, who has gone through all the eras of golf, says the present one is the stuff.

Mackenzie, a professional for 41 years, compares the golfers of today with those when he first broke in and finds much to be happy about.

Getting intoxicated back yonder was an established rital for most players at a tournament. "They got drunk each night and they did it because each knew that since his opponent was doing the same thing there would be no advantage for anyone," Mackenzie says.

Purses were not big enough to worry about and in the second place there were four country clubs for each professional and if his club didn't like his actions he would move on without batting an eye, the veteran Dallas Country Club pro explains.

"If those guys hadn't been playing golf, liquor would have killed them," he grins. "They could work away the effects by playing 36 holes of golf a day."

Tournaments paid only about \$1,000 then with \$500 to the first place winner. Today first place in any tournament draws more than \$1,000. And there are many more tournaments.

Mackenzie figures the new order in golf really started when Francis Oulmet, a youngster,

Hitting the Blood Line

A couple of real sleepers turned up in the National Football league draft when Detroit named John Karris of Illinois and the Giants took Ebert Van Buren of Louisiana State. . . . Seems nobody else knew their "original" classes graduate this year. . . . It was the latter choice which caused George Halas to exclaim to the Eagles' Greasy Neale: "You let them get Steve Van Buren's brother. Why, any time I see a fellow who vaguely resembles George McAfee, let alone having McAfee's blood, I'm going to nab him."

Sportsmention

Earl Hilligan, the American League publicist, points out that Ted Williams is No. 1 on the list of American Leaguers who have lifetime batting averages over .300, but Ted's .352 leaves him behind Ty Cobb, Rogers Hornsby and Joe Jackson on the all-time list. We'll take Luke Appling, with 311 for 20 years. . . . Query for the U. of South Carolina: How about a plug for Chuck Prezioso, who was first string football fullback, first string basketball guard probably will play No. 1 on the golf team? . . . When Bud (coach of the year) Wilkinson was line coach at Syracuse U., he also served as head coach of hockey and golf. . . . The boys around the International Boxing club are moaning about lack of co-operation. Seems when Jim Norris' nag Nell K. won at Hialeah the other day, nobody knew she was starting.

Quote, Unquote

Bill Veck: "I understand Steve O'Neill is going to do a little scouting. I guess he'll have to do it from memory. He certainly didn't see any athletes last year when he was coaching at third base for our club."

Weak End Notes

Scotty Perkins, Georgia Teachers College basketballer, pulled one for the book recently

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