

Bobby Jones Named Top Golfer of Half Century

Editor's Note — O. B. Keeler, who wrote this story on Bobby Jones, the grand slam king of golf and just selected in an Associated Press poll as the greatest golfer of half a century, is the only man to watch Jones win all 12 of his national championships. Keeler writes a special column for the Capital Journal. He is a former president of the Golf Writers Association and is considered the dean of the fairway reporters.

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Atlanta, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Robert Tyre Jones, Jr., the Bobby of golf, very likely was selected as golfdom's greatest in 50 years in the Associated Press poll because he won what is called "the grand slam."

But I wonder, and we old-timers should have the license to do a lot of wondering if the grand slam was Bob's greatest feat.

I personally don't think it was and I have an idea there is another phase in Bob's tremendous stretch of winning years of which he may be just a bit more proud.

In the last nine years of his career, from 1922-1930, Bob played in 12 open championships, nine American and three British. He scored first or second 11 times in those 12 starts.

That could easily be greater than the startling, publicity attracting grand slam.

Today Bob (he detests the name Bobby) approaches his 48th birthday — March 17. He's already a granddaddy. And he's slowly recovering from a serious back operation performed in October 1948.

Some 20 years ago Bob injured the fifth vertebra of his spinal cord. The operation was designed to relieve pressure on his motor nerve which nearly immobilized his right side. He has just about recovered except for his right leg. There's still a slight drag, but he's getting better, though not enough for 18 holes of golf.

Turning time backward, to the advent of this young American sportsman, it seems almost incredible that Bob Jones could have competed in major league golf — meaning national championships — for 15 years, and yet retire at the age of 28.

He qualified and won his first two matches in the U. S. amateur of 1916, soon after winning the Georgia state amateur, at the age of 14. Beginning in 1916, he played in every U. S. amateur, through 1930; in the U. S. open from

1920 through 1930, inclusive; in the British amateur in 1921, 1926 and 1930; and in the British open in 1921, 1926, 1927 and 1930, incidentally winning the last three, you might say in succession.

He played in the first of the Walker Cup international matches, in 1922, and in 1928 and 1930, being U. S. captain in 1928 and 1930, and never losing a match at singles, and only one, in the foursomes.

And in 1930 Bob did what had never been done before, never since and possibly will never be done again:

He grand slammed golf — winning the British amateur and open and the American amateur and open.

No other man has won more than two of the four in the same season. As the competitor to achieve this aim would have to be an amateur it seems more and more likely that the classic verdict by George Trevor, former sports editor of the New York Sun, is correct:

"He has entrenched his record safely and forever within the impregnable quadrilateral of golf."

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BASKETBALL

COLLEGE SCORES
(By Associated Press)

Centralia J.C. 56, Lower Columbia J.C. 44.
Stanford 66, San Francisco Olympic club 56.
San Jose State 50, San Francisco State 49.
Cornell 50, Fordham 48.
Temple 59, Army 52.
West Virginia 66, Virginia 46.
Yale 69, Amherst 51.
Connecticut 78, Dartmouth 71.
Williams and Mary 46, George Washington 50.
Navy 73, Catholic Univ. 44.
Alabama 53, Mississippi 60.
Georgia Tech 58, Georgia 51.
Arizona 73, Santa Clara 45.
New Mexico A&M 44, New Mexico 33 (Overtime).
St. Louis 62, Illinois 47.
San Francisco 66, John Carroll 58.
DePaul 74, St. Joseph's (Ind.) 64.
Indiana State 66, Eastern Illinois 69.

BELT FOR 1950 ATHLETE
New York—(AP)—Ray Hickok, Rochester, N. Y., sportsman, plans to present a \$10,000 diamond-studded belt to the professional athlete of the year for 1950. Hickok, former captain and stroke of the Rollins College crew, plans to have 150 sports writers vote on the year's top professional athlete.

Louis Defers 'Comeback' Decision Until March

Miami, Fla., Feb. 2 (AP)—Former Heavyweight Boxing Champion Joe Louis will decide next month whether to attempt a comeback or stay retired.

Louis, who boxed an eight-round exhibition with Tiger Gene Jones of Camden, N.J., here last night, said after the bout he would announce a decision in March.

Asked if he intended to remain retired or try a comeback to regain the title he gave up last year, Louis replied:

He said when he finished the current exhibition tour, which still has about a dozen appearances to go, "I'll make some kind of decision."

The tour will end on March 9, probably in Atlanta, Ga. Louis did not elaborate on what his decision might be.

An estimated 15,000 saw Louis box Jones in the Miami baseball stadium. The former champion weighed 223 pounds and clearly outboxed the 198-pound Negro from New Jersey.

SCORES in the ALLEYS

Capitol Alleys
MAJOR LEAGUE
Cupboard Cafe (2)—Henderson 607, White 545, McCulley 483, Evans 450, J. Oltz 553, Cline's Coffee Shop (1)—Cline Sr. 860, Oliney Sr. 317, Farmer 430, Bone 405, Oland 483.
Corvallis Merchants (2)—Kennedy 563, Ross 377, Blair 460, Cox 591, Reintlinger 469, Woodruff's Furniture (1)—Kilcher 584, Olinger 524, Perry 508, Foreman 500, Adolph 512.
Mehler's Sporting Goods (3)—H. Page 401, Wicklund 518, Kenyon 540, D. Page 452, Valdez 537, Capital Bedding (1)—Young 522, Blair 505, Wilkerson 513, Shuppe 448.
Acme Motor (2)—Mirich 503, Priesen 450, Irons 578, Steinbock 512, Mar's Lunch (1)—Kay 551, Gregory 491, Oliney Jr. 594, Criswell 517.
Salem Hardware (2)—Thede 521, Hansen 537, Logan 485, Boyce 578, West 582, La Van's of McMinnville (1)—Meyers 482, Beala 528, Kraft 515, Minder 479, O. Oltz 527.
High individual game and series: Dwan Henderson of Cupboard Cafe, 224 and 607.
High team game and series: Salem Hardware, 1018 and 2055.

University Alleys
CIVIC LEAGUE
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Jr. Chamber (2)—Schmidt 498, Porter 421, Schaefer 391, Wedel 465, Dierck 502, Stavin (1)—Bates 497, Morgan 500, Christensen 535, Schlatz 392, Jordan 483.
Home Loiter No. 2 (1)—Smith 438, Schulz 372, Hildre 338, Coater 488, Emvree 313, Kivans (1)—Berr 365, Calvert 350, Stalman 384, Pickett 395, McKinnon 583.
Home Loiter No. 1 (2)—Thompson 557, Prudette 472, Howler 332, Frank 537, Myer 378, Salem Lions No. 1 (1)—Porter 393, Hoy 443, Kimmell 439, Hostler 435, Sauer 470, LeTerpener 584.
Hollwood Lions No. 2 (2)—Hanna 415, Tindall 400, Ayers 372, Gillock 302, Collins 413, Salem Lions No. 1 (1)—Blodgett 390, Young 316, Ford 472, Blaverson 375, Delaney 515.
High team: Salem Lions No. 2 2460.
High individual game and series: Frank, 180 and 537.

STATE HOUSE LEAGUE
Tax Com. No. 1 (2)—Welch 580, Welzel 562, Mazon 380, Huhla 426, Johnson 515, Veterans Affairs (2)—Street 376, Poma 481, Elton 452, Hillerich 483, Ryan 419, Forester (2)—Perry 488, Garcia 484, Meyer 469, Pluton 402, Maul 471, Hiway No. 1 (1)—Griffith 421, Towle 354, Kayser 452, Williams 440, LeTerpener 584.
Ind. Accident No. 2 (1)—Christie 436, Ansb 467, West 456, Harris 565, Quastman 448, Hiway No. 2 (1)—Brown 480, Van Fell 320, Collins 368, Eboen 300, White 371.
Tax Com. No. 1 (2)—Wallace 552, Kiss 380, McHaffery 440, Blair 410, Street 422, Printers (1)—Kwiel 514, Miller 340, Stone 423, Machinery 413, Mills 509.
Ind. Com. No. 1 (2)—Buchanan 428, Gordon 528, Baynes 477, Baker 448, Unston 140, Hiway No. 4 (1)—Schupp 458, Harby 346, McCallister 448, Woods 403, Querry 484.
No. of State (2)—Miller 302, Kine 512, Grant 450, Porter 426, Schutte 490, Hi-

'Most Improved Team' Tag Seems to Fit the Tigers

By FRANK ECK
(AP Newsfeatures Sports Editor)

New York—One week before the 1949 baseball season ended, Casey Stengel was besieged by writers who sought his opinion on whether the Yankees or Red Sox would win the American League pennant. Stengel took off his cap, scratched his head and said:

"Hey, wait a minute, if this thing lasts much longer the Detroit Tigers will win it."

At that juncture the Tigers were in third place, 7½ behind the deadlocked Yankees and Red Sox. It was impossible for them to win for Red

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Jockey Culmone Knows Way Home

By GENE PLOWDEN
(AP Newsfeatures)

Miami, Fla.—A little boy from Sicily who didn't know what a horse race was three years ago is burning up Florida tracks this winter.

He is Joe Culmone, who was born in Delia, Sicily, and won't be 19 years old until May 14.

When Joe came to this country with his father in September, 1946, he didn't know a word of English and didn't understand what racing was all about when he heard a race being broadcast the following spring.

It was explained to Joe and not long afterwards he turned up at Garden State Park, near his home in New Jersey, weighing 76 pounds.

Joe got a job with Tony Mazzeo as a hot walker. A "hot walker" cools off horses after a workout or a race. Mazzeo now holds Joe's contract and they live together.

Culmone had his first mount at Tropical Park here in December, 1946, but he didn't reach the winner's circle until June 4, 1949. On that day at



Winter Sensation—Though he arrived from Sicily less than four years ago, Jockey Joe Culmone, 18, shown astride Big Dance, is one of the riding stars of the Florida season. Leading rider at Tropical, he now is at Hialeah Park.

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All but one of the New York Giant's home night games will be played either on a Tuesday or Friday this season. Eight nocturnal games are on Fridays, five on Tuesdays and the final on Wednesday, Sept. 6, against the Boston Braves.

Monmouth Park in New Jersey he booted home Orestone for a payoff of \$73.40 for \$2.

He scored triples at Garden State and Pimlico last season but it wasn't until he returned to Florida this winter that he hit his stride.

During the 41-day Tropical Park meeting he brought in 45 winners, an average of better than one a day.

Jockey Joe hit the headlines again the second day of the Hialeah Park meeting. He won the feature with Missab, Mrs. Al Sabath's Aisab filly, which returned \$87.70 for \$2. Culmone has two brothers, one a physician, and three sisters in Sicily. His father lives in Atlantic City.

The little fellow, who can make 103 pounds when necessary, hopes to follow in the footsteps of his hero—Eddie Arcaro.

27-year-old shortstop. Lipon is heading for his third season and it could be his best.

The one bright spot in Detroit's infield is George Kell. The former Athletic third baseman nosed out Ted Williams for the American League batting crown last season with .3429. By hitting that high, he moved his seven-year major league total from .297 to .305. He now has hit above .300 four straight years, pretty good for a fellow who less than two seasons ago had his wrist fractured by Vic Raschi and his jaw broken by a Joe DiMaggio bat.

The Tigers are long on pitching strength, have a good two-pitchout catching department in Aaron Robinson and Bob Swift and an outfield of Vic Wertz, Johnny Groth and Hoot Evers that is one of baseball's best. It should be an interesting season in Detroit.

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