

'Ben's Best of Decade,' Say Hogan's Fellow Golfers

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF
(AP Newfeature)
Haringen, Tex. — Wee Ben Hogan, whose golf comeback is a glittering saga of sport, is rated by his fellow golfers as the greatest player of the past ten years—a decade that covers one of the golden areas of the links.

Seventeen top performers, most of them long in the big-time, were asked their opinions during the recent Rio Grande Open tournament here. Hogan got the nod over Sam Snead, the brilliant swinger from West Virginia, by almost two to one. This despite the fact that Hogan was out of golf for several years through service in the Army and because of his auto accident.

Here's how the golfers voted:
CARY MIDDLECOFF—"Byron Nelson was the most conservative and missed fewer shots; Hogan outthought all the others, and Snead had the best swing. Snead has won more tournaments so I will have to give it to him."

DICK METZ—"Hogan has the greatest competitive spirit and no weakness in his game."
JULES HUOT of Montreal—"Snead is the greatest. He has power, accuracy and ability. His only weakness is the 'odd put'. He can knock the ball closer to the pin with any club from any position."

JIM TURNESA—"Snead is the best shot-maker but Hogan is the game's top thinker. I wouldn't choose between them."

LAWSON LITTLE—"I'll take Nelson from 1940 to 1945; Hogan the rest of the time. Nelson was greatest at the long iron and driver; Hogan made more shots. Nelson wouldn't get mad and quit if he wasn't around the top but Hogan worked hard no matter where he stood. He got mad but never let it affect his game. I would not choose between them but take each for his period."

CLAYTON HEAFNER—"Snead has the natural ability and is the game's greatest swinger. Hogan thought before he played, Snead afterward. Of the two I'll take Hogan."

JIMMIE DEMAREE—"Hogan and Nelson were the greatest golfers of all time. I saw Bobby Jones, Walter Hagen and all the others and they were not in the same category with Nelson and Hogan. Check scores and see what I mean. This is bunk about courses being easier today than then. And they played with a small ball which, if used today, would mean even lower scores. If I had to choose between them I would take Hogan because of his determination and will to win. Nelson had the ability but if he couldn't win he wouldn't try."

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short ones once in a while but never gets credit for the long ones he sinks."

HENRY RANSOM—"Hogan by far. He was leading money-winner the most times and won the Vardon Trophy the most."
GEORGE FAZIO—"Ben Hogan is my choice. I pick him on his record and the fact that he always beat everybody. Nelson is next."

Hogan was picked outright by nine players, Snead by five. In the group are three men who won the National Open—Little, Worsham and Middlecoff. Little also won the national amateur.

It would appear that the little man is the big man of golf in this area.

WONDER OR WASHOUT? Texas Battler Ponders Future in Big Time Ring

By OSCAR FRALEY
(United Press Sports Editor)
New York, March 9 (U.P.)—You're a kid from the "sticks" who never had a shot in the big time and, while you know you have got what it takes, your head is whirling and you've got butterflies in your belly. . . .

That's Bobby Dykes, a welterweight out of Austin, Tex., a rugged, dead game youngster with an explosive punch who has gone into the glare of the overhead lights 55 times and knocked 28 guys dead.

You've never been counted out, in that limbo where all fighters go eventually, and you feel strong and healthy and you feel like a champion. I would take Hogan because of his determination and will to win. Nelson had the ability but if he couldn't win he wouldn't try."

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Early Releases Of Legal Trout Are Under Way

Early releases of legal-sized trout from Oregon state game commission hatcheries for the pending trout season are well under way, the commission reported today.

Lakes and streams along the southern Oregon coast have already been stocked with 82,000 yearling cutthroat trout. Tahkenitch, Siltcoos, Woahink, Tenmile and Floras lakes received a good share of these fish. Coastal streams in Lincoln county have received 24,000 steelhead, 11,000 rainbow and 27,000 cutthroat from the Alsea hatchery, and the fish tankers are still rolling in that area.

To meet the increased production of the fish hatcheries, the game commission now has six fish liberation trucks, three of them new, and seven portable fish tanks, five of them new. The fish tanks were designed and built by game commission personnel during the winter months. They are fully insulated to maintain low water temperatures, and the aeration system consists of centrifugal pumps driven by power take-off equipment.

The portable tanks are readily mounted on the bed of a pickup truck. With these portable tanks the fish hatcherymen may undertake liberation of small loads of fish without the services of the big fish tankers. Last year the large fish tankers each averaged 43,000 miles hauling fish to the lakes and streams of Oregon.

The yearling fish now being released run from five to nine inches in length.



Handstand Antonino Rocca does a handstand as he straightens out for a three-point landing after being thrown by Gene Stanlee, "Mr. America," in a wrestling match at Madison Square Garden in New York. The match ended in a draw after 46 minutes and 21 seconds. (Acme Telephoto.)

SCORES in the ALLEYS

(Complete Results)
University Alleys
CIVIC LEAGUE
Salem Lions No. 1 (2)—Kimmell 434, Roy 449, Purser 450, Rostell 297, Batters 438, Skayton Lions (1)—States 428, Moran 385, Christensen 451, Schalkitch 465, Jordan 444.
Hollywood Lions No. 1 (2)—Mootry 418, Gillespie 457, Collins 409, Hanna 452, Moose Lodge No. 2 (1)—Smith 419, Golin 432, Hedine 394, Cooley 406, Smrzes 314, Salem Lions No. 2 (3)—Holmes 450, Godes 487, Henderson 458, Smith 468, Starratt 485, Jr. Chamber (0)—Schmidt

Sprinter Helen Stephens Is Still Showing Speed

Fulton, Mo.—Back in 1936, Helen Stephens won the 100-meter dash in the Olympic games. Her time was 11.5 seconds, a mark since equalled but never bettered.

The 17-year-old Missouri girl came home to acclaim and honor. She ran some exhibition races after that but dropped out of competition.

Miss Stephens, dubbed the "Fulton Flash," still is in sports, but now it's basketball.

During the day she audits the accounts of finance officers of the departments of the Army and Air Force at the general accounting office in St. Louis.

In her off hours she manages and plays with the Olympic Co-Eds, who meet only men's teams.

At 31 and near the 200 pound mark, Miss Stephens averages more than 20 points a game. "I don't seem to get any worse as the years roll by," she admits with pride.

To prove it she'll put on an exhibition race wherever the Co-Eds happen to play.

"I still offer to run against the fastest local boy, usually the high school sprint star," she related, "and manage to defeat most of them in a dash across the gym."

No one took Fulton high school coach W. Burton Moore very seriously in 1932 when he reported, "I think I may have an Olympic prospect."

Moore, now assistant coach at Iowa State, helped Miss Stephens develop her style in the next two years. In March, 1935, he took her to St. Louis, where she outran the great Stella Walsh over the 50-meter route in the record time of 6.6.

When informed she had just defeated the great Polish star, holder of most of the world track titles for women, Helen drawled: "Who's Stella Walsh?"

She went on to establish 10 world, Olympic, United States and Canadian records.

In addition to her running achievements, she was an honor student at Fulton high

Capitol Alleys

MAJOR LEAGUE
Cupboard Cafe (3)—Henderson 524, White 512, McCluskey 480, Evans 523, J. Glott 603, Capital Bachelors (0)—Wilkinson 556, Young 414, Blaser 522, Poulin 510, Latson 481.
Acme Motor (2)—Mittch 581, Pricen 586, Irons 564, Steinbock 485, Hartwell 529, Corvallis Mechanics (1)—Kennedy 567, Ross 522, Starr 558, Green 459, Sellinger 543.
Salem Hardware (2)—Thee 555, Hagen 521, Logan 493, Boyce 594, West 570, Maple Sporting Goods (1)—H. Myers 500, Wicklund 475, Lindsay 473, D. Pace 504, Valdez 497.
Cina's Coffee Shop (2)—Phillips 557, O'ary 526, Farmer 482, Bone 501, Oslund 548, Woodry's Furniture (1)—Kitchin 579, Olinier 510, Perry 546, Foreman 428, Adolph 476.
May's Lunch (2)—Parley 538, Allen 591, Carlson 492, M. Hartwell 479, Griswell 502, La. Yon's of McMinnville (1)—Myers 527, Ryals 545, Kraft 548, Minder 572, G. Glott 518.
High individual same: Olet Boyce of Salem Hardware, 243. High individual series: Frank Evans of Cupboard Cafe, 632. High team same: Salem Hardware, 1974. High team series: Acme Motor Co., 2909.

Duck Pin

AUTOMOTIVE LEAGUE
Kaiser Fraser (3)—Lewie Nelson 382, Red Foster 413, Bill Hamer 360, Mike Fleck 312, Jim Louie 352, Cadotte (1)—Herbert Berry 382, Bud Fry 314, Bud Ready 370, Don Bowser 325, Charlie Campbell 342.

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Western Internationals Load with New Players

By LOYD BULMUR
Seattle, March 9 (U.P.)—Report from the Western International league baseball front:

Wenatchee is loading up with left-handed pitchers. At last report, six southpaw hurlers were wearing Chief colors, including Fred Bessana of Lincoln, Calif.; Vern Kahout, Jay Dahle, Tom Briessinger, and Cliff Bartholomew.

Kahout, Ragni and Dahle last year with Bremerton. Briessinger comes from Albuquerque.

The Chiefs also have right-hander Alton Lee signed for service. The 22-year-old ex-Bremerton hurler was credited with two losses for the Blue-jacket cause last season before being farmed to Bosie of the Pioneer league.

It appears that Fred Huber, a Pasco businessman, gave the tip-off to tri-city Braves officials which resulted in their signing Ken Michelson of Eastern Washington College football and baseball fame. The Hector, Minn., boy will turn 20 six days before the Braves are scheduled to open training at Lindsay, Calif., March 30.

The Braves, inheriting most of Wenatchee's 1949 fourth-place club, have quite a bit of talent to work with. Jim Warner, who grossed the most total bases in the class B circuit last year, 344, and also established a new home run record of 43.

Clinton Cameron, Wenatchee first baseman-outfielder who won last year's batting title with a .380 mark, also is set in a Brave's uniform.

Leo McCollum, 1949 winner of 14 games, chestily predicted he would get 20 on the right side of the ledger this season for the Braves. McCollum worked three shutouts and gave an earned-run average of 4.63 to rank among the upper half of the WIL moundmen.

Two other WIL players will shake hands March 27 at Lewiston, Ida., when the Great Falls squad of the Pioneer league starts training.

Backstop Lee Winters of tri-city and Lou Briganti of Wenatchee have been farmed out to the class "C" Montana team.

The 1950 brain trust of the league is generally combing the PCL training camps these days. The men who make the decision are Joe Oringo of Yakima; Bill Brenner of Spokane; Alan Strange of Vancouver; Reupert Thompson of Wenatchee; Marty Krug of Victoria; Ad Liska of Salem; Jim Brillhart of Tacoma and Charlie Peterson of Tri-City.

Czech Skater Is Lone European to Win World Title

London, March 9 (U.P.)—Europe, which always has had at least one world figure skating champion, will continue its unbroken string another year thanks to graceful Aja Vrzanova.

The beautiful 19-year-old Czech girl won the women's title last night to thwart a clean sweep by the United States in the three-day world championships.

Dodez (2)—Johnny Cooley 446, Dallas Kiser 435, Frank Jones 392, Hal Wilson 375, Howard Mummy 357, Warner Myers 21—P. B. Churchman 351, Ed Owen 345, Boyd Szaile 410, Bob Hulst 324, Earl Brooks 491.

Co. G National Guard (1)—Tom Brown 338, Roy Greene 355, Bill Goddard 384, Frank Baker 345, Bob Strong 335, Valley Electric (3)—Elmer Hieser 340, Earl Lambert 374, Gus Quiring 393, Wals Quiring 385, Ferd Halzer 345.

Bulek (0)—Harry Wilson 408, Harvey Lovell 290, Jim Hall 354, Dave Moon 440, M. Van Dell 454, Ford (4)—Vern Book 459, Bob Burns 474, Arnold Holmes 418, Al Wolf 382, Glenn Schroyer 471.

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