

Louis Says Seven Negroes To Play in Phoenix Open

San Diego, Calif. (AP)—Joe Louis revealed today that seven Negroes will enter the Phoenix open golf tournament—the first PGA competition ever to welcome Negro professionals.

Louis himself cracked the color ban in the San Diego tournament here last week. But Negro professionals were not permitted to play along with him. Saturday the PGA changed its rules to permit Negroes to play if invited by the local sponsors, and Louis said seven would take advantage of it at Phoenix.

They'll compete against the top stars of the game, including Ted Kroll, deadpan New Hartford, N.Y., pro who shot a last-round 70 yesterday to win the San Diego open with 276. Jimmy Demaret shot a 69 yesterday to finish second with 279.

The big news was the end of the Negro ban, however, and the announcement that the Phoenix tournament would welcome them. Louis will lead the influx.

"We plan to arrive in Phoenix early enough today to get in a practice round or two prior to the qualifying," he said before departing for the Arizona sun capital last night.

Two top Negro pros are included in the group, Bill Spiller of Los Angeles and Ted Rhodes of Nashville, Tenn. Other Negroes making the Phoenix junket are Leonard Reed, Louis' secretary and a good amateur golfer; and Eural Clark, Charlie Cecil, and Bill Phillips.

In the few previous non-PGA co-sponsored tournaments in which they have competed against the top white pros, the Negro stars haven't done too well. Occasionally they have finished in the

money, winning a few hundred dollars—but never doing well enough to threaten the leaders.

Actually, the PGA has dumped its racial problem into the laps of the sponsoring organizations—which, in Phoenix, is the

Tony Trabert Says Seixas Deserves Honor

Bainbridge, Md., Jan. 21 (AP)—Tony Trabert, dethroned as the nation's number 1 tennis player, admitted today that Vic Seixas was the man who really rated the honor.

Tentatively ranked first for the 1952 season in mid-December, the 21-year-old Trabert suddenly was dropped to third place by the U. S. Lawn Tennis association over the weekend while Seixas was moved to the top.

"Naturally, I was disappointed," said the freckle-faced Trabert, a seaman recruit at the naval training station here, "but Seixas really earned the right to be at the top."

The USLTA, which revised its rankings amid an exchange of bitter opinions at its 71st annual meeting in New York, explained the only motivation was the players' performances in Australian competition and the Davis cup matches.

Dick Savitt of Orange, N. J., Wimbledon champion and winner of the 1951 Australian singles, moved from third place to second during the session which usually is given over to merely "approving" the ranking committee's recommendations.

Art Devlin Wins In First Leg of Trip to Norway

Cary, Ill. (AP)—Skier Art Devlin took the Norge Ski Club championship with him today as he left on the first leg of his journey to the winter Olympics at Oslo, Norway.

Devlin, 29, of Lake Placid, N. Y., looked in peak form yesterday as he won the 46th annual Norge crown here with the longest jump of the meet—a soaring 196 feet. He also scored a top 220.3 in form ratings for the winning jump and another of 195 feet on his second effort.

Devlin and other American skiers will leave today for New York for a stop over before journeying to Oslo for the winter games. The Olympics begin Feb. 1.

Devlin's Olympic teammate, Wilbur Rasmussen of Ishpeming, Mich., was second in class A competition with jumps of 187 and 190 feet and a form rating of 216.1.

But four other members of the American Olympic ski team had little luck on the fast and tricky jump. Corby Perry Smith and Keith Wegeman both of Steamboat Springs, Colo., Billy Olson of Eau Claire, Wis., and Ralph Bietila of Ishpeming all fell and failed to place.

Clarence Hill of Ishpeming was third with 214 points, followed by Clarence Rasmussen of Ishpeming and Karl Martitsch of Austria.

Only accident of the championship, held at Fox River Grove, came when Art Hill of Ishpeming broke his leg as he slipped on straw laid at the end of the run.

Walt Nelson, Beloit, Wis., won the senior competition for men 32 years or older. He totaled 190.3 points and had a jump of 162 feet. Jim Severson of Eau Claire, Wis., won class B and Rudy Maki of Ishpeming was winner of Class C competition.

Bill Rigney Signs 1952 Giant Contract

New York (AP)—The New York Giants announced yesterday that reserve infielder Bill Rigney had signed his 1952 contract, becoming the 10th member of the National League champions to agree to terms.

Oregon Swimmers Win; OSC Swim Team Loses

(By the Associated Press) The University of Oregon defeated a Portland swimming team and Oregon State college was defeated by another Portland team in practice meets Saturday. At Eugene Yosh Terada won two events to lead Oregon to a 49-26 win over Multnomah Athletic club. At Corvallis, a youthful Aero club team captured all but one event to defeat Oregon State 57-20.

In his six years in the major leagues, Ralph Kiner has received 661 bases on balls, 489 of them in the last four seasons.

Portland Aero club, the Columbia Athletic club, the Vancouver, Wash., Recreation association and two Portland area YMCAs.

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Golfing Band Moves Out of Sunny (?) Cal.

San Diego, Calif. (AP)—The golfing band quit California this week, most of them with a sigh of relief.

Monday a chosen few golfers head to neighboring Palm Springs for a two-day \$5,000 pro-amateur event at the exclusive Thunderbird Golf club.

All will assemble in Arizona for the \$10,000 Phoenix Open next week-end.

The newest celebrity in golf-and-recipient of a belated invitation to the Thunderbird club party—is Ted Kroll, a youngish looking man of 32, of Polish descent, from New Hartford, N. Y.

Kroll won the \$10,000 San Diego Open Sunday. He led at the start, with a spectacular 65, and he led at the finish, with a stubborn 70, with rounds of 69 and 72 in between.

The result gave the ex-caddie a 12 under par 276, \$2,000 in cash, and his first major triumph. Jimmy Demaret, who collected \$2,500 for winning the recent

Salem Academy Defeats Sacred Heart, 60-56

Salem Academy defeated Sacred Heart Academy, 60-56, in the first meeting of the season between the two Capitol league teams from Salem Saturday night at Salem Academy.

The ball game was a nip-and-tuck affair all the way. The score was tied at 48-48 near the game's end.

Bob Johnson and Bob Brotherton dunked 25 and 23 points respectively to pace the Salem Academy victory.

The Sacred Heart Jayvees won the preliminary, 40-27.

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Louise Suggs Finally Wins In Tampa Open

Tampa, Fla., Jan. 21 (AP)—After five straight years of frustration as runnerup, victory finally came to little Louise Suggs of Carrollton, Ga., in the Tampa Women's Open Golf tournament.

The poker-faced Miss Suggs shot an even women's-par 74 on the final round yesterday to win the top prize of \$1,000 with a four-day total of 293 strokes. Her 72-hole score was three strokes below women's par.

Five strokes behind Miss Suggs came Babe Didrikson Zaharias, who has beaten the tiny Georgia miss numerous times during the past few years.

Mrs. Zaharias, who now plays out of Tampa, also shot a final round 74 for a 298 total that earned her \$750. Barbara Romak of Sacramento, Calif., was the low amateur in the field, carding a fourth round 79 for a 309 total.

Al Dorow, Michigan State's topnotch quarterback, established nine new Spartan records during the grid season.

South Division Takes Time Off For Final Exams

Los Angeles (AP)—Southern Division Pacific Coast Conference basketball teams take time out for mid-term exams this week, and the amazing California Bears will have until Feb. 15, at least, to enjoy their position atop the standings.

Conference hostilities resume then, with the teams opening the second half of their campaign, fortified with a menu of inter-sectional contests starting Jan. 30.

California took the lead over the week-end by twice upsetting UCLA, 61-59 and 54-51, behind alert work off the backboards and heads up play by the second string.

Cal now has won 4 and lost 2 in league competition.

UCLA dropped into a second place tie with the peppery Trojans of Southern California, who knocked off Stanford twice, 63-58 and 75-64.

Counterpoint Wins Feature At Arcadia

Arcadia, Calif. (AP)—Counterpoint, who nosed out Phil D. in the \$23,800 San Fernando stakes Saturday, will be in even better shape for the Santa Anita maturity a week from next Saturday, trainer Sylvester Veitch said today.

"He wasn't as fit as I thought he was," Veitch said, "but he'll be a lot tighter for the next one."

Snowslide Traps Two Men at Sun Valley Mountain

Sun Valley, Ida. (AP)—Veteran skiers faced blinding blizzards and threat of avalanche today as they recovered the bodies of two men buried in a snow slide on the ski slopes of 9,000-foot Baldy mountain.

A third man, Ski Instructor Victor Gottschalk, was taken alive from under the crushing mass of snow, but he died a short time later.

The missing men were Arthur Gardner, 39, New York City, and George Fraser, 35, Ensena-da, Mexico.

The snow avalanche roared down from the top of Baldy Saturday and funneled into the Broadway run ski course.

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Sets New Record Rev. Robert Richards, representing Illinois Athletic club, clears the bar with pole vault of 15 feet, 3 inches during the Inquirer Charities track meet at Philadelphia. Rev. Richards broke his own record of 15 feet, 2 inches and set a new track meet record for the pole vault. (Telephoto)

Gunderson Wins Ski Jump Event

Everett, Wash. (AP)—William Gunderson, Seattle, won the class A event in the Pacific Northwest Ski association's first annual Snohomish county Snow-fair jumping tournament held here yesterday.

Gunderson scored 210.2 points to win the event. He was followed by Ola Giestrud, Wenatchee; Wilmer Hampton, Leavenworth Ski club; Olav Ulland, Seattle, and Hans Wold, Revelstoke.

Jim Henninger, Vancouver, B. C., Ski club, won class B top honors. Rignar Ulland, Seattle, was second; Kjell Bakke, University of Washington, third, and Per Skugerund, Vancouver, B. C., fourth.

Senior class laurels went to Eloy Wold, Totem Ski club, Tacoma, with 197.6 points.

Wold was followed by Nordahl Kaldahl, Vancouver, B. C.; Hermond Badde, Leavenworth Ski club; Gunar Gunarson, Revelstoke Ski club; and Nick Nyland, Pilehuck Ski club.

Some 12½ thousand tons of crushed ice were used to take the place of real snow for the event.

Charley Comiskey Gets Job Offers

Chicago, Jan. 21 (AP)—Charley Comiskey's attorney said the former vice president and secretary of the Chicago White Sox has received several job offers since his resignation Friday. "Charley won't make any sudden decisions, thought—he'll take his time before accepting anything," said Attorney Byron Getzoff. Getzoff said that 28-year-old Comiskey's resignation from the family-owned White Sox was a closed book now.

Dates for AAU Senior Swim Meet Announced

Portland (AP)—Oregon's annual AAU Senior Swimming meet will be held at the Multnomah club here Jan. 26-27, officials reported Saturday. Teams already entered include those from Oregon State, Oregon, the

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