

Bentley Wins Southern Oregon Golfing Crown in Gruelling Duel

CLARK VANQUISHED ON 36TH HOLE BY COOL ASHLANDER

Four Foot Putt Brings Title After Closest Competition Ever Seen In Rogue Valley Course Classic.

Through 35 holes of the southern title golf ever seen in Oregon, H. Bentley of Ashland waded a heroic battle yesterday at Rogue River Valley golf course against the unerring skill and persistence of Leland Clark, winning from him by one stroke the seventh annual Southern Oregon golf championship.

A gallery of 200, who saw the cool, calculating pair tee off all square after leaving the 35th, huddled to watch Bentley and Clark pilot the two white pellets onto the 36th green and proceed to fight it out with their putters. Thanks to his most amazing and valuable approach shot of the day, Bentley was lying 25 feet from the pin in two, while Clark, who had faltered momentarily on the rough that skidded dangerously just over the end of a trap, was lying three, but half again as close to the cup.

Clark stepped up quickly and putted—four feet too far. It was Bentley's chance to tie the match, but his downhill, curving putt, edged a scant inch from the lip of the cup. With everything to gain, Bentley putted smartly for four feet to win the contest, taking a par four to Clark's five. Both cards tallied 154 strokes for the 36 holes.

The steady, hard-fought match was an uphill grind all the way for Clark, who played beautifully from the tee, safely with his iron, but poorly in several costly instances on the green. He won the first hole of the day, but lost his one up margin on the fourth never again to be in the lead.

Clark sinks 40-footer
At the end of the first nine, Bentley was two up. Leland won No. 10 to cut the lead in half; they halved No. 11. Bentley won No. 12 with a par three and was three up at the end of the next four holes. The young insurance man cut the lead down one notch when he took No. 17 with a par four, and on No. 18 Clark sank a sensational 40-foot putt for a birdie three to end the morning rounds one down. The most beautiful shot of the day, the long, curved push was also one of the very few remarkable green shotes, as both players were decidedly off on their putting.

Both teed off before a large gallery in the afternoon with hard, clean drives that gave each an easy par four on No. 1. On his next drive Clark hit the rough, overshooting the green on his second shot, but dropping the ball four feet from the pin in a nice recovery. Bentley overshoot the pin and took two putts, while Clark sank his lone green shot to win the hole and square the standing. They halved No. 3 and teed off on the fourth still all square.

Both were on in two, but Bentley's first putt missed the cup and stopped on the lip to give Clark a difficult, three-foot stroke with only a fraction of an inch clearance. Measuring the hairbreadth lie, Clark surprised the gallery with a fast putt that grazed the other ball and gave him a four to halve the hole. They continued their neck and neck stride by halving No. 5 in par four.

Bentley Steel Nerved
Sensational drive, which featured his game, gave Bentley a one up lead on No. 6 when he pitched onto the green with a beautiful 40-foot approach over a trap, and sunk the easy two-foot putt for a birdie four. Taking no such chances, Clark had pitched to the side of the bunker, and although his 30-foot putt teased the cup, he took a five.

The only hard luck in the afternoon's rounds was Bentley's on No. 7, when he hit a tree in trying to recover from the rough to take a six against Clark's par four as the standing again switched to all square.

Bentley was on in one and two putted for a par three on No. 8, while Clark snuffed a short uphill putt to take a four and go one down again. He was playing under a severe handicap with the margin continuously teetering away from him, but Clark took No. 9 to square the count as Bentley dubbed an approach into the rough and took six strokes to hole out. Both missed easy putts, their scores climbing high under the pressure.

Bentley Regains Lead
Halving the short No. 10 in par three, they stayed all even through No. 12, both missing easy putts again on the 11th green with a return of the fitters. It cost Clark the 13th hole when he aimed his drive over the fence, but his second tee shot slid well down the fairway. Both were on in three, but Clark three putted while Bentley holed out in two to go into his persistent one up lead.

It was Bentley's turn to miss a short putt on the fourteenth, Clark squaring the match with a par four. As they went over the hill, Clark's iron shot went trapezoid, stopping on the edge, however, in deep grass. They both two putted, but Leland's extra approach shot again put him one down in a crucial spot that carried over to No. 17 as they halved the sixteenth hole with pars.

Clark Makes Great Shot
The Medford player temporarily

delayed defeat on No. 17 with a beautiful exhibition of control in the face of one of the most critical points in his golfing career. Clark's drive carried halfway down the fairway to give him a long approach shot across the end of a bunker. He stepped up briskly and sent the oval on one of the truest iron shots of the day, placing it four feet from the pin. Bentley was also on in two, but missed his 15 foot putt, and Clark won the hole in what was to be his last bid for the 1935 championship.

The play-off on the 36th was Bentley's through superior golf, an iron nerve and a determination that marked his performance from the start. The Ashlander has been turned back after nearing the finish on several heartbreaking occasions during the seven-year history of the tourney, and once was runner-up. "All things come to him who waits," he laughed as he received the silver championship trophy.

The scores:
Bentley—first eighteen, 37, 39—76. Second eighteen, 41, 37—78. Final score, 154.
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Timmy Trims Emmens.
Playing the best golf of his career, Earl Timmy defeated Tom Emmens, 3 and 2, for the first flight championship, ending on the 16th hole, four over par. It was a close contest until the last few holes, when Timmy edged away and had the best of it consistently. Timmy defeated George Harrington, 2 up, and Emmens defeated Bud Simmons, 1 up, on the 19th, in the first flight semi-finals.

The outstanding match of the tournament, from a standpoint of close competition, was the sixth flight final between Roy Pruitt and R. W. Ruhl. Pruitt, who has played the game of golf only three weeks, not only ended the regulation 18 holes even up with Ruhl, but halved the 19th. Then he did the same thing on the 20th, the 21st, the 22nd and the 23rd, finally winning the match with a birdie on the 24th hole.

When Bob Hammond, Jr., who defeated his first two opponents in the tournament, using only a four iron, a niblick and a long-shafted putter, prepared to play Marvin Clark of Grants Pass with the same limited equipment, for the second flight championship, he was met with a challenge to do so from the Climate City shot-maker.

Hammond reflectively reviewed Marvin's record, finding that the Grants Pass man is also exceptionally talented as a three-club specialist. Bob decided to accept his full set of clubs again, and thereby crossed his Rubicon.

It ended 3 and 1 for Clark, after a bitterly-contested 17 holes of full-fledged golf. Using his favorite three

sticks, Hammond, who has been twice winner of the tournament and in semi-final competition four times, eliminated H. A. Johnson, 2 up, in the semi-finals. Clark stepped into the final bracket via a one up defeat of Bob Maertz.

Henselman Wins.
George Henselman defeated H. Lamons of Oakland, a left-handed golfer, 5 and 3, in the final of the third flight. Henselman won the match by virtue of a 12-foot billiard shot off Lamons' ball, on the edge of the cup. Henselman defeated Harry Ravizza, one up on the 19th, and Lamons defeated William McAllister, 4 and 3, in the semi-finals.

Other winners were:
Fourth Flight.
Dr. Harvey Woods defeated his brother-in-law, Don Provost, 3 and 2. Dr. Woods defeated Walter Leverette, 2 up, and Provost defeated H. B. Kelton, 3 and 1 in the semi-finals.

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PRUITT STAGES A GREAT FINISH IN 1ST GOLF MATCH

The record for long distance hitting in yesterday's golf tournament, went to the winner and runner-up in the sixth flight, Roy Pruitt and Bob Ruhl, who had to play six extra holes before the bunion defay was decided.

Ruhl, former "tin cup" champion, had easy going the first nine, having Pruitt two down at the 10th. Adding two more to be four up, the editorial divot digger decided there was nothing to do but coast in on his No. 2 iron to an easy victory.

Pruitt, who has only played golf three weeks, whereas his opponent has played off and on for 30 years—had a different idea, however, and at the 13th hole proceeded to get hot, sink a sweet par—his second—and win four straight holes, evening the walkathon at the 16th. This was one of the greatest comebacks of the tournament.

Roy was so hot that he steeled when he advanced to the first tee for the extra hole, but a gallery of two hooked on to the match at this point, which probably accounted for his slicing into the rough and getting a snappy six which his opponent duplicated after dubbing three shots straight.

The second hole was also halved, when Pruitt went to the woods on the hill and Ruhl sympathetically went into the woods on the other side of the green. So was the third, because Roy suddenly felt tender, heared and refused to sink his fourth putt. Nothing new at the fourth, Pruitt's drive settled at the trunk of a tree in the rough to the right, but Roy learned his head up against it (the tree), and made a perfect out—both going down in four.

The fifth extra hole really should have settled the conflict, for Ruhl was half stymied by Pruitt, and had to make a carom to save the day, but Roy told him how it was done on the Elks' billiard table, and the newspaper editor proved an apt pupil.

The long sixth finally ended the cross-country hike when Pruitt sank a one-putt from the far edge of the green for a birdie 4, and his opponent was lining up his putt for a 5 or six.

Both men walked from the fifth green to the club house unassisted, where the victor bought a bottle of beer for his victim and drang a couple of oranges himself.

Half of the gallery dropped out at the fourth hole, the other half stuck

BROWN BOMBER PLANS WEDDING AFTER FIGHT

CHICAGO, Sept. 3.—(AP)—Wedding bells are going to ring for Joe Louis, the Detroit bomber.

Miss Marva Trotter, Chicago stenographer, said today she and Louis plan to be married in New York after his fight with Max Baer there September 24.

"I'm not marrying him because he is a great fighter," said the slightly built 19-year-old girl. "He's a fine man, modest and gentlemanly."

CHICAGO CARDS SIGN ST. MARYS HALFBACK

CHICAGO, Sept. 3.—(AP)—The Chicago Cardinals of the National professional league announced the signing today of Al Nichelini, 203 pound halfback from St. Mary's college of Oakland, Cal.

HOW THEY STAND

By the Associated Press

City	W.	L.	Pct.
San Francisco	45	33	57.7
Milwaukee	45	34	57.0
Portland	44	35	55.7
Seattle	41	36	53.2
Los Angeles	39	40	49.4
Oakland	37	43	46.3
Sacramento	36	44	45.0
Hollywood	29	51	36.3

National

City	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	79	47	62.7
New York	76	48	61.3
Chicago	70	52	57.5
Pittsburgh	74	58	56.1
Brooklyn	58	68	46.0
Philadelphia	57	71	44.3
Cincinnati	56	74	43.1
Boston	33	91	26.6

American

City	W.	L.	Pct.
Detroit	33	44	43.4
New York	23	52	30.8
Cleveland	55	61	47.9
Boston	55	63	46.9
Chicago	63	62	50.4
Philadelphia	51	71	41.8
Washington	53	74	41.7
St. Louis	50	76	39.7

Oregon Weather
Fair tonight and Wednesday, but considerable clouds or fog in northwest portion and on coast; slightly warmer in northeast portion tonight but cooler interior of west portion Wednesday; moderate north west winds off the coast.

PORTLAND WELCOMES WELTERWEIGHT CHAMP

PORTLAND, Sept. 3.—(AP)—Portland was headquarters today for a world champion prizefighter. Barney Ross, who rules the ranks of the welterweights, swooped down out of the sky yesterday in a United Air liner to resume training for his outdoor bout with Baby Joe Gans at the municipal stadium next Friday night. Ross was accompanied by his co-managers, Sam Puan and Art Winch.

Mayor Carlson led a committee of civic leaders in extending a hearty greeting to Barney.

Scores Yesterday

Coast League
Portland, 6-2; Holywood, 5-6. San Francisco, 4-3; Oakland, 9-5. Missions, 9-7; Seattle, 3-3. (Second game called in fourth).
Sacramento, 5-8; Los Angeles, 4-2.

American League
At Detroit, 6-5; Chicago, 1-0. At Cleveland, 1-7; St. Louis, 4-2. At Boston, 9-2; Washington, 5-8. First 11 innings, second 13 innings. At Philadelphia, New York, postponed.

National League
At Chicago, 3-2; Cincinnati, 1-4. At St. Louis, 4-5; Pittsburgh, 2-1. First 11 innings, second 13 innings. At Brooklyn, Boston. At Philadelphia, New York, postponed.

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