



GOLFDOM'S COMEBACK KID—Bantam Ben Hogan, making his return to competitive action after a near fatal auto-bus collision last year, displays some of the oldtime skill that gave him a two-over-par 73 in the opener of the 24th Los Angeles Open golf tournament.

Hogan Opens Crosby Golf

Pebble Beach, Cal., Jan. 13.—(U.P.)—Ben Hogan, the mite with the fight, took another stride in one of sports' most stirring comebacks when he teed off today in the \$10,000 Bing Crosby pro-amateur golf tournament.

Sam Snead, the long-driving star from West Virginia who tied little Benny for first place in the recent Los Angeles open, was also in the field and the competition promised a renewal of their epic duel.

But Hogan has the show, for the nation was warmed by his dramatic return to action after the highway accident which almost cost him his life last winter. The tournament is 54 holes on a different course each day. It starts on beautiful (and tough) Cypress Point. Tomorrow the competition is at the wooded Monterey Peninsula layout and the finale on Sunday is on world-famed Pebble Beach.

Attempts Made To Derail Two Trains

Chicago, Jan. 13.—(U.P.)—North Western railroad officials reported today that a deliberate attempt was made to wreck two fast passenger trains as they entered Chicago.

The Twin Cities 300, en route from Minneapolis, and the Valley 400, bound here from Green Bay, Wis., plowed into piles of heavy switch bars, pieces of rail, angle irons and other maintenance equipment on Chicago's north side.

Both trains remained on the tracks and none of the passengers was injured.

The Twin Cities train had 300 passengers aboard. The Valley 400 was carrying 170 passengers.

The trains ground to such quick stops that they skidded, flattening more than a score of wheels. Air reservoirs under one diesel locomotive were punctured.

RADIO PERMIT ASKED
Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—(U.P.)—The federal communications commission said today it had received an application for the Bay Broadcasting company of North Bend, Ore., for a construction permit for a new standard station.

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Sports

Green's Mobilgas Top Local AAU Cage Games

Green's confectionery official captured the first half of the local AAU Basketball league championship in convincing manner last night when it walloped a hapless Brownie's Plumbing and Heating quintet 79 to 32 at the junior high school gym.

Second game of the night in the same place saw Mobilgas walloping Groceteria 101 to 40 to close its first half season.

This score built up by Mobilgas was the largest final tally rung up in a local AAU basketball game in at least three years as Waldron tossed in 34 points

Crusaders Vie Here Tonight; Other Games

St. Mary's high of Medford will oppose Prospect high in a class B county basketball conference game on the local parochial school floor with the varsity tilt slated today for 8:15 p.m. after a preliminary at 6:45 p.m.

Other county B school games tonight will find Talent at Butte Falls, Rogue River at Phoenix and Gold Hill at Jacksonville. Rogue River and Butte Falls are undefeated on conference play to date and figure to be victors in their respective games this evening.

The game at St. Mary's gym tonight could be close as the local Crusaders quintet has shown continued improvement even though it has dropped both conference games played this season. Prospect downed Talent 48 to 41 and has lost to Jacksonville 48 to 27.

Jacksonville should have little trouble against Gold Hill.

Basketball

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
New York U. 80, Duke 64
Holy Cross 69, St. Louis 55
North Carolina State 72, William and Mary 58
Florida 64, Stetson 51
Texas 52, Rice 32
Texas A & M 43, Arkansas 35
E. Montana 57, Montana Mines 46
Central Wash. 75, St. Martins 33
Pacific Lutheran 85, College of Puget Sound 52
Oakland Blue and Gold 66, Stewart Chevrolet 51.

EUGENE HIGH WINNER
Eugene, Ore., Jan. 13.—(U.P.)—Eugene high school set down Corvallis 44 to 34 in a Big Six league basketball game on MeArthur court here last night.

Frank Rush Raises Total Rifle Club Shoot Total

Frank Rush raised his total shooting score to a high 384 Wednesday night at the Medford Rifle club shoot in Merriek's basement.

Other high scores were made by Lew Conger 381, Max Terenbach 376, Marion Smith 374 and Roy Banta 374. Twenty-one members competed.

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and Stacy 32 to pace the victors. Milkowski and Stanley with 10 and 12 points respectively, led the Groceteria team.

Gasmen Ahead All Way
Mobilgas was ahead from the start with the score reading 19 to 13 at the first quarter, 36 to 19 at the half and 66 to 40 at the third period pause.

Opening tilt of the evening found Smith with 24 points and Riggs and Gatlin each of whom tossed in 17 pace the Green's quintet to a victory. Marshall set down 13 points to lead Groceteria.

It actually was a rampaging rally by Green's in the second half that boosted the margin over Groceteria so high with Gatlin, Smith and Riggs doing 70 per cent of their scoring in that time. Green's led the first quarter 9 to 7, the half 24 to 14 and the third 54 to 21.

Next AAU basketball games at the junior high will be Monday when Crater Lake Lumber faces Brownie's at 7 p. m. followed by the Groceteria playing Mann's Department store about 8:15.

Church Cage Loop Opener Saturday Eve

Opening games in the Church Basketball league will be played Saturday in the YMCA gym with four contests slated starting at 6 p. m. Wallace Baumer, youth program director, announced today. The league will continue its season through Saturday night, February 25.

Starting the series tomorrow at 6 p. m. will be St. Mark's Episcopal church vs. Foursquare Gospel, followed by St. Mary's Catholic vs. First Christian, 7 p. m.; Central Christian vs. First Methodist, 8 p. m., and First Presbyterian vs. St. Peter's Lutheran church, 9 p. m.

Boys 12 through 14 years of age will take part in the games at the Y with a playoff between the four teams finishing the season early in March. A dinner is planned for the winning team and each player on the team will receive a ribbon.

No admission will be charged spectators attending games, Baumer stated.

Bud Wilkinson Given Coach Of Year Award

New York, Jan. 13.—(U.P.)—Charles (Bud) Wilkinson of the University of Oklahoma, chosen as "football coach of the year," accepted the award today "on behalf of a great university, a great coaching staff and above all, a great football team."

Wilkinson was selected for the distinction in a poll of the nation's leading coaches conducted by the New York World-Telegram and Sun and Associated Scripps-Howard newspapers.



WASHED OUT—Jerry Barber prepares to dry off a little after receiving a towel from his wife at the finish of the game in the 24th Los Angeles Open Golf Tournament being held at the Riviera Country Club. Barber finished 2 over par (73) for 54 holes and a total of 210, only to have the Ruler Committee notify him 30 minutes later that the event was called off and his score disqualified because of rain.

Crewman Injured In Kodiak Air Mishap

Kodiak, Alaska, Jan. 13.—(U.P.)—One crewman was injured when a military air service C-54 carrying 21 passengers plunged off a runway into Kodiak bay.

The Alaska air command said the plane on a flight from Adak to Kodiak, overshot the naval operations base runway when landing.

Lt. W. E. Hartman, co-pilot, whose home address was not available, suffered head lacerations. Officials said the plane, piloted by Lt. A. Hadleman, Great Falls, Mont., apparently suffered brake failure.

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