

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Patty Berg Sets Women's Links Record With Hot 64 at Richmond

Richmond, Calif. — (UP) — Freckle-faced Patty Berg of Minneapolis set a new world record for women golfers today as she burned up the Richmond County club with a miraculous 30-34-64.

Playing from regulation tees on the 6,339 yard course in the \$3,000 Richmond Open, Miss Berg posted 10 birdies and had two bogies. Par for the course is 35-37-72. Women's par is 36-39-75.

The former world record was 66 and was shared by Babe Didrikson Zaharias and Opal Hill.

Putter Helps

Miss Berg's key to success today was a brand new hammer-head putter which she bought yesterday from host professional

Pat Markovich. With this putter she took only 11 putts on the first nine holes for her five under par 30. On the backside she had four birds and a single bogie—the latter coming when she three putted from 30 feet away. She tanked one on the 16th hole 31 feet for a bird; she had a 25-footer on the sixth, a 15-footer on the 9th and a 12-footer on the 18th.

"It was the greatest round of golf I have ever played," Miss Berg said.

Miss Berg was playing with young Marlene Bauer, who was overshadowed despite the fact she broke men's par also with a 71. That was the course record for women until Patty tanked her final putt for the gallery of 500 fans.

Women's Golf Activities

There were 40 players entered in the medal play for ladies' day at Rogue Valley Country club on Thursday.

Mrs. Mahr Reymers was the winner in the A division with a net 36; Mrs. Francis Cheney and Mrs. Sam Colton tied in the B division with a net 40; Mrs. James Koeble and Mrs. James Snider tied in the C division with net 38a.

Winners in the beginner's division were Mrs. Clover Dorries and Mrs. H. D. McClure who tied.

Next Thursday, May 1, the regular monthly business meeting and luncheon will be held at the club at 12 noon. Play will follow for the longest drive on holes No. 3 and No. 8. Players may choose their own partners and those not having a partner will be paired at the tee.

Ties Men's Mark

Miss Berg not only set a new world record for women and a new course record for women, but she tied the all-time men's record on this course set by E. J. (Dutch) Harrison four years ago.

Miss Berg's amazing 64 put her seven strokes in front of the field for the first round with 36 holes still to be played. Behind Miss Bauer's 71 came Betty Jameson, Austin, Tex., with an even men's par 72; followed by four shotmakers with 73's; National Amateur Champion Beverly Hanson, Indio, Calif., 35-38; Betty McKinnon, Dallas, 36-37; former National Amateur Champion Louise Suggs, Carrollton, Ga., 38-35; and National Open Champion Betsy Rawls, Austin, Tex., 38-35.

In the 74 bracket were Shirley Spork, Detroit; Peggy Kirk, Ponte Verdra, Fla., and Alice Bauer, Sarasota, Fla.

Betty Bush, Chicago redhead, had a 35-40-75, while Babe Didrikson Zaharias of Tampa, Fla., defending champion in this event, and Marilyn Smith, Wichita, Kan., each had 76 on nines of 37-39.

Stranahan Victor In North-South Golf Tournament

Pinehurst, N. C. — (UP) — Frank Stranahan, playing like a machine, swept to a smashing 8 and 7 victory over veteran Frank Strafaci in a pouring rain here Saturday to win his third North and South Invitation Amateur Golf title.

Holding an almost unbeatable six-up lead going into the afternoon round of the 36-hole finals, Stranahan kept his flawless irons and beautiful putting form intact despite the soaking downpour.

He was down in four on the 29th hole and Strafaci, of Flushing, N. Y., missed the eight-footer he needed to halve the hole by a foot.

The Toledo, O., sparkplug heir then turned back the comeback bid of the 41-year-old New Yorker who took the title here in 1938 and 1939 and lost out in the 1941 finals in his last bid for the coveted crown.

Scores Yesterday

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Pittsburgh 2 4 4
Cincinnati 9 9 1
Dickson, Lapalme (6), Waugh (6) and Garagiola; Webbeier, Smith (6) and Semlinick.

Brooklyn at New York, postponed, rain and cold weather.

Philadelphia 8 10 2
Boston 0 9 2
Roberts (2-1) and Burgess; Blockford, Jones (7), Johnson (7) and Cooper.

Chicago at St. Louis, night.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
St. Louis 0 3 2
Chicago 5 11 0
Pilette, Paige (7) and Courtney; Dobson (2-1) and Lollar.

Cleveland 0 1 0
Detroit 12 13 1
Lemon, Brisse (6), Chakales (7) and Hegan; Houtteman (1-2) and Ginsberg.

New York at Washington, night, postponed, rain.
Boston at Philadelphia, postponed, rain.

CALIFORNIA LEAGUE
Ventura 1 4 1
San Jose 2 7 3
Rosh and Welk; Heritage and Alwood.

Standings

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Coast League
Los Angeles 6, Portland 5 (10 innings)
San Francisco 4, Sacramento 3
Seattle 4, Oakland 1
San Diego-Hollywood (postponed, rain)

National League
St. Louis 8, Pittsburgh 4
Chicago 7, Cincinnati 3
Philadelphia at Boston (postponed, rain)
Brooklyn at New York (night, postponed, rain)

American League
Cleveland 3, Chicago 4
New York at Washington (night, postponed, rain)
Boston at Philadelphia (night, postponed, rain)
Only games scheduled.

Western International
Spokane 7, Vancouver 3
Leavenworth 15, Victoria 5
Yakima 6, Tri-City 7
Wenatchee 5, Salem 4

Water Skiers Race to New World Record

Miami, Fla. — (UP) — A pretty blonde and her husky companion whizzed across the Atlantic to a new world's water-skiing distance record Saturday, barely escaping tragedy when 20-foot waves dunked them in the shark-infested seas 60 miles out of Miami.

A huge wave tore the tow line from a hapely Evie Wolford's grasp and her partner, 33-year-old Bruce Parker, released his line to save her after they had skimmed 135 miles from Nassau in the Bahamas.

"We agreed that if one fell, the other would let go," said the 21-year-old blonde. "So Bruce let go and joined me in the water."

When the storm-tossed seas overpowered the Amityville, N. Y., couple, they were near Gun Cay, more than two-thirds of the way on their 196-mile non-stop trip from Nassau to Miami. But it bettered by 15 miles the previous mark set by Franz Steinhart on Lake Michigan.

"Neither of us are very tired," Parker insisted. "If we had a break in the weather we could have made the trip easily."

DUDEN IN TOURNEY
Sacramento, Calif. (UP) — Lloyd Mangrum of Los Angeles, former national open champion and annually one of the nation's biggest money winners; and Jerry Barber of Pasadena, the putting expert, Saturday entered the State Open Golf tournament starting Thursday. Bob Duden, Portland, Ore., also is a late entrant.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturdays

Pitching Lapses Gives Seals Win

San Francisco (UP) — Sacramento Southpaw Glenn Elliott had pitching lapses in two innings Saturday and the San Francisco Seals took advantage of them for a 4-3 victory over the Solons before 2,008 fans.

Fireman Bob Muncruff had to be called from the Seal bullpen in the ninth inning to snuff out a Solon rally. With one out and the tying and winning runs on the bases, Muncruff replaced Matt Zidich, Seals' second and winning pitcher, and dampened Sacramento's bid.

Elliott, a deliberate, crafty southpaw, allowed 11 hits. Four of them came in the fourth inning, costing him two runs, and another four came in the eighth, costing him two more tallies.

Four singles by Jimmy Moran, Joe Grace, Bill McCawley and Len Noren deprived Elliott and Sacramento of the game. It was Noren, a rookie playing his first game at first base, who drove Grace home with the deciding score.

Barbara Romack Womens' Titlist

Pebble Beach, Calif. — (UP) — Little Barbara Romack, possessor of the smoothest swing in golf, rejoined the touring golfing brigade at Richmond Saturday after winning the 1952 California State Women's Amateur championship on the soggy Monterey peninsula country course.

In annexing her third major crown of the year Friday, Miss Romack thumped tiny Mrs. Ruth McCullah, a born battler from Los Angeles, 5-3.

Seattle — (UP) — The Seattle Rainiers Saturday announced the sale of righthand pitcher Clarence Beers to Toledo of the American association and catcher Joe Erault to Little Rock of the Southern association.

USC Trojans Win Intersectional Track Encounter

Los Angeles — (UP) — USC's NCAA track champions took the lead in the first event Saturday and paced two Texas collegiate rivals all the way to win an intersectional triangular track meet before a wind-blown crowd of 5,177 in Memorial Coliseum.

Under overcast skies the Trojans amassed 78 points, Texas A&M 60, and Texas university 32.

The Trojans' big shot putter, Parry O'Brien, tossed the 16-pound ball 55 ft. 3 1/8 inches on his first toss and then set back while the rest of the field tried to catch him. NCAA Champion Darrow Hooper, Texas A & M, almost did as he flipped the ball 55 ft. 2 1/4 inches on his first toss, but was unable to better it in his six remaining throws.

It was the first time in a collegiate dual meet that two weight men have bested 55 feet.

BOWLERS RANK SECOND
Audrey Swoape and Clara Teter of Medford ranked second in senior division women's doubles after rolling last week-end in the Delake Bowling tournament, it was reported Saturday. A Friday report said they had ranked third with their 1081 total. The top mark was 1128.

Two Shooters Leading Field In Golden West Competition

Reno — (UP) — Shooting in the Golden West Grand American trapshoot resumed Saturday after being interrupted Friday by frequent rain showers.

Following the shooting that was completed Friday, Rudy Etchen of Sun Valley, Ida., moved into contention with Seattle's Arnolds Riegger for the high overall shooting championship.

Etchen added a 99x100 scored Friday to a 100x100 he fired a

Woman War Correspondent Weds Air Force General

Reno, Nev. — (UP) — War Correspondent Marguerite Higgins and Maj. Gen. William E. Hall, commander of the 4th Air Force, were married here last Thursday a few hours after his divorce from his first wife was made final in Oklahoma, it was disclosed Saturday.

CALIFORNIA WINS
Los Angeles (UP) — Last place California launched a 14-hit attack off three University of Southern California pitchers Saturday to topple the CIBA league leaders, 10 to 4. The Bears scored their upset partly on the bat of Left Fielder Tom Keough, who collected three hits in six trips, to drive in two runs.

North-South Thinclad Tussle Set for May 24

The annual Portland-Southern Oregon high school track meet will be held at the Lincoln high field in Portland on Saturday, May 24, at 8 p.m., according to Bob Newland, Medford high school track mentor.

That is the word he has received from Eldon Jenne, Portland school athletic director. The meet, held the past three seasons in Medford, definitely had been slated for Portland this year but tentatively was scheduled for May 23.

DYKES VICTOR

New York — (UP) — Welterweight Bobby Dykes slugged his way to a unanimous 10-round decision over Ted Murray of New York Friday night in a nationally televised fight from St. Nicholas Arena.

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