

# Middlecoff Sets Out in PGA Quest

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Northville, Mich.—(U.P.)—Cary Middlecoff, the golfing dentist who is at the top of his game, set out today after the only major golf championship he never has won—the PGA tournament.

Declaring that "I'm playing the best I ever have," Middlecoff, fresh from victory in the Miller Open at Milwaukee, was favored along with two other veterans in this trying test of golf. Co-favored with him were Sam Snead, three time winner of the title and twice runner up and defending champion Chick Harbert, the pro at the Meadowbrook Country club, site of the tourney.

But while Middlecoff was satisfied with his game, Snead said that he wasn't "doing anything right."

"It's not only my putting, it's my whole game that is off," Snead said, "and I don't have too much hope."

**Par 71 Course**  
However, those who know Snead well say he often does his best when he is dissatisfied with his game.

Harbert, who figures the nation's best pros will have little difficulty over the 6,701-yard par 35-36-71 course, said his game was "only average." Although he doesn't have to qualify, he will tee off with 133 others in today's first of two 18-hole qualifying rounds.

Most of the pros are familiar with Meadowbrook and the course has been especially easy for Middlecoff, who won two Motor City opens over it.

The practice round scores indicated that par is going to take quite a beating.

Jay Hebert of Woodmere, N.Y., shot a four-under-par in a practice round Tuesday after a 67 on Monday. Mike Turnesa came in with a 67. Middlecoff, conserving his energy for the tournament proper, went only nine holes and did not keep score.

# Rocky Castellani Has New Look in Fight Training

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Has Baby-faced Rocky Castellani turned killer?

The Cleveland middleweight contender looked all the part Tuesday as he teed off against two sparring partners in the final stages of training for Friday's nationally televised bout at the Cow Palace against Ray Robinson.

Castellani's "new look," complete with bulging eyes and massive left hooks, is a far cry from the bicycling boxer of last August who carried these gymnasium tactics into the ring against Bobo Olson and easily was defeated in his bid for the middleweight title.

**Changed Style**  
"I've changed my style," Castellani explained after his workout. "There was no color in it and I decided I never would get anywhere on a bicycle. In fact, I changed it before the 13th round of the Olson fight."

Rocky said that his corner told him he had to mix it more if he expected to salvage his abortive bid for the crown. And he has decided to switch for good.

Castellani points with pride to his eighth round knockout of Moses Ward and subsequent victories over Chico Varona and Holly Mims as products of his new approach to the business.

Yet he said he reserves the right to start back pedaling again if he thinks he can actually win a fight that way. And that goes for the 34-year-old Robinson.

# Albright, Hall Scrap To Draw

Seattle — (U.P.) — Plans for a late August outdoor bout here featuring former heavyweight king Ezzard Charles were somewhat up in the air today as the result of a blistering 10-round draw fought by big Bob Albright and Toxie Hall.

Albright, 216, Los Angeles, and Hall, 196, Chicago, tangled in a featured heavyweight bout at Civic Auditorium here last night and came out even.

**Steaming Left**  
Hall, a more experienced ringman, used a steaming left hook to great advantage in the early going and had the heavier Albright virtually out on his feet at the end of the sixth.

But Albright weathered the storm and came on to take charge in the final rounds to earn the draw. The winner was to have met Charles in a bout at Sicks' Stadium late in August providing Charles gets by Hurricane Jackson Aug. 3 at Syracuse.

# Bruce Cudd Two Strokes Pace in WA

Rockford, Ill.—(U.P.)—A 36-year-old golfing veteran who is right at home led the field today into the third round of the 53rd Western Amateur golf tournament.

Alex Walsh, an attorney playing on his home Rockford Country Club course, led the field after 36 holes with a four-under-par 71-67-138.

The bulky 164-man field was trimmed to the low 90 scorers for today's third 18-hole medal round. Another 18 holes Thursday will determine the low eight who will begin match play Friday.

Walsh, despite his home

course advantage, could boast of no more than a one-stroke lead over a duo of hot linksmen. Knotted at 139's were Harold Brink of Grand Rapids, Mich., who shot a 70 Tuesday, and Don Bisplinghoff of Orlando, Fla.,

# REDS RECALL GROSS

Philadelphia — (U.P.) — Don Gross, left-handed pitcher who was taken to spring training by the Cincinnati Redlegs, has been recalled by the National League club. Gross, 24, compiled an 8-2 won-lost record at Nashville at the Southern association where he struck out 114 batters in 125 innings.

who carded a three under 68 in his second 18.

Just one more stroke behind at 140 were Bruce Cudd, defending champion from Portland, Ore., who's automatically one of the final eight; James Blair III, of Jefferson City, Mo., James Jackson of Glendale, Mo., and 20-year-old ex-caddy from Milwaukee, Robert Brue, the first day co-leader.

Ed Merrins, Meridian, Mich., and Rex Baxter of Amarillo, Tex., the other opening day leader, had 142's while Hillman Robbins Jr., national inter-collegiate champ last year, came in with 143.

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## CELTICS SIGN SIX

Boston—(U.P.)—The Boston Celtics pro basketball team had six players under contract with the signing of veteran Don Barksdale and rookie Henry Dooley. Barksdale was the Celtics' fourth highest scorer last season. Six-three Dooley of Wiley (Tex.) college scored 2478 points in four collegiate seasons.

## WEBER QUALIFIES

Portland — (U.P.) — Ron Weber of Prineville won Oregon's lone position in the USGA junior golf championships yesterday by shooting a 79 at the Riverside course here. The championships are scheduled for Purdue university August 3-8. Gary Geertson of Eugene became first alternate by shooting an 80.


# Hector Constance Favored in Bout

New York—(U.P.)—Swift, slick Hector Constance, who whipped ex-champion Kid Gavilan in his last ring appearance, was favored at 7-5 today to beat rough housing Ramon Fuentes in their TV-radio welterweight contenders' fight tonight.

Constance was picked by the odds-men despite the fact he enters the ring at Madison Square Garden for this 10-rounder ranked officially seventh among the welter contenders against the fourth ranking enjoyed by Fuentes.

But Constance, of Trinidad, B.W.I., has been sharp in recent fights and is unbeaten in five U.S. bouts.

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