

Gamblers Select Hogan and Middlecoff; Frank Taylor Grabs Early Lead In Open

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Rochester, N. Y. — (U.P.) — The boys in the back room have installed Ben Hogan and Cary Middlecoff as 3-1 betting favorites in the U. S. Open starting today, but the men who hit the shots give the plurality nod to little Gene Littler.

Littler is no better than a 5-1 fourth choice behind the 4-1 Sam Snead on a printed list circulating under the disturbed noses of the U. S. Golf Assn. brass at Oak Hill Country Club.

The odds are 6-1 on Jackie Burke; 7-1 on Mike Souchak and 8-1 on Tommy Bolt, Julius Boros, Ted Kroil and Doug Ford—and 20-1 against defending Champion Jack Fleck.

But in the locker room the guy with the most first-place votes is Littler—and Sam Snead received the most overall votes in a 1-2-3 prediction analysis.

Among 25 top pros polled, Littler received eight first place nods; Hogan five, Snead four, Bolt three, Middlecoff two, and one each for Kroil, Souchak and Bob Toski.

Here are the 1-2-3 picks: Sam Snead—Littler, Hogan and Middlecoff.

Mike Souchak—Hogan, Snead and Middlecoff.

Jackie Burke—Bolt, Hogan and Snead.

Dick Mayer—Bolt, Snead and Hogan.

Bob Toski—Kroil, Ford and Littler.

Harry Todd—Snead, Middlecoff and Hogan. But any body can win.

Al Brosch—Littler, Middlecoff, Snead.

Julius Boros—Littler, Middlecoff and Snead. Littler's playing best.

Buck White—Bolt, Middlecoff and Snead. If Snead can't win here he'll never win.

Ted Rhodes—Hogan, Snead and Middlecoff. But me or Bolt is gonna win it.

Fred Hawkins—Littler, Hogan and Burke.

Carry Middlecoff—Souchak, Snead and Littler.

Roberto Divicenzo—Littler, Thomson and Burke. Hope a young fellow wins.

Johnny Revolta—Snead, Middlecoff, Littler. Two over par.

Paul Runyan—Littler, Middlecoff and Hogan.

Freddie Haas—Littler, Hogan and Snead.

Ed Furgol—Snead, Middlecoff and Littler.

Jimmy Demaret—Hogan, Souchak and Snead.

Lew Worsham—Middlecoff, Souchak and Furgol. Watch Furgol.

Doug Ford—Toski, Littler and Snead. A long hitter.
Byron Nelson—Littler, Middlecoff and Bolt.
Jimmy Clark—Middlecoff, Bolt and Hogan.
Chick Harbert—Snead, Littler and Burke.
Gene Littler—Hogan, Bolt and Middlecoff.
Dutch Harrison—Hogan, Kroil and Bolt.
"And," says Harrison, the old "Arkansas traveler" of the fairways, "I don't think any of the young fellows have enough experience to win it on this course."

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HAPPY WINNERS—Gene Littler and his wife, Shirley, smile their approval as son, Curt, 2, stands inside huge trophy, after Littler won the Palm Beach round-robin Golf Tournament at New York's Wykagyl Country Club. Littler won event with final total of plus 75, after shooting final round in two-under-par 70. Ted Kroil finished second.

162 Set For Open; Ben Seeks 5th Win

By LEO H. PETERSEN
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Rochester, N. Y. — (U.P.) — The country's best shot makers tee off today for the first round of the National Open Golf tournament with Ben Hogan and Cary Middlecoff, two of the six former champions in the field, listed as favorites.

The field of 160 starts play at 8 a.m. (EDT) with threesomes teeing off at eight minute intervals.

Hogan, seeking an unprecedented fifth victory, and Middlecoff were quoted at 3-1.

Right back of them came Sammy Snead, four times runner-up in the open but never a winner, at 4-1 and Gene Littler, the California pro who appears to be at the top of his game, at 5-1. Masters champion Jackie Burke was held at 6-1.

Score Estimates Vary
Estimates of the score it would take to win ranged from even par 280 for the four rounds to 287. Most of the golfers agreed that the 6,902-yard sun-baked Oak Hill Country Club layout was one of the fairest tests of golf on which the open ever has been played.

But with the hot weather the greens became lightning fast and a lot of golfers anticipated picking trouble. However, they liked the short cut rough and the way they could recover from wild tee shots.

Middlecoff, playing "very well" thought 281 would win it. Hogan predicted it might take 280. Burke said he would settle for 284.

Playoffs Are Common
In the past 54 open tournaments, there have been 19 playoffs for the crown, the last time last year when unheralded Jack Fleck of Davenport, Iowa, beat Hogan at San Francisco. Fleck hasn't won anything since and his chances are not regarded too highly here as he was listed at 20-1.

In addition to Hogan, Middlecoff and Fleck, the other former

champs in the field are Julius Boros, Ed Furgol, and Lew Worsham. Of the three, Furgol has turned in the best practice round scores.

The field plays an 18-hole round today and another 18 Friday. Then the low 50 and ties will qualify for the final two rounds of play on Saturday. If a playoff is necessary there will be a playoff round of 18 holes on Sunday.

STANDINGS

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NATIONAL LEAGUE	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh	28	20	.583	
Cincinnati	28	21	.571	1/2
Brooklyn	27	21	.563	1
St. Louis	29	23	.558	1
Milwaukee	23	20	.535	2 1/2
Chicago	20	27	.426	7 1/2
New York	19	29	.396	9
Philadelphia	18	31	.367	10 1/2

Wednesday's Results

Chicago 6, New York 5
Milwaukee 8, Philadelphia 6 (night)
Pitts. at Cincinnati, night, ppd. (rain).

Only games scheduled.

Thursday's Probable Pitchers

New York at Milwaukee (night)—Gomez (2-4) vs. Spain (3-6).
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Only game scheduled.

Friday's Games

Milwaukee at Brooklyn (night)
Cincinnati at New York (night)
Chicago at Philadelphia (night)
St. Louis at Pittsburgh (night)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

W.	L.	Pct.	GB	
New York	33	20	.623	
Cleveland	28	23	.549	4
Chicago	25	26	.490	7
Boston	26	25	.510	6
Detroit	26	28	.500	6 1/2
Baltimore	25	29	.463	8 1/2
Kansas City	22	31	.415	11
Washington	23	24	.404	12

Wednesday's Results

Chicago 7, New York 5
Cleveland 8, Boston 9 (11 innings, called, rain)
Detroit 2, Baltimore 0
Kansas City 13, Washington 4

Thursday's Probable Pitchers

Chicago at New York—Wilson (8-2) vs. Grim (3-0).
Cleveland at Boston—Lemon (7-3) vs. Delock (1-4).

Only games scheduled.

Friday's Games

Washington at Chicago (night)
Baltimore at Kansas City (night)
Boston at Detroit (night)
New York at Cleveland (night)
Cleveland 8, Boston 8 (11 innings, called, rain).

NORTHWEST LEAGUE

W.	L.	Pct.	GB	
Yakima	28	14	.666	
Tri-City	25	16	.610	2 1/2
Eugene	23	15	.605	3
Lewiston	23	16	.589	3 1/2
Wenatchee	18	26	.409	12
Salem	13	28	.317	13 1/2
Spokane	13	28	.317	14 1/2

Wednesday's Results

Tri-City 8, Spokane 3
Eugene 7, Wenatchee 6 (10 innings)
Lewiston 6, Yakima 2

PCL STANDINGS

W.	L.	Pct.	GB	
Los Angeles	43	33	.565	
Seattle	41	27	.603	3
Sacramento	34	29	.540	7 1/2
Hollywood	31	22	.588	10 1/2
San Diego	32	35	.478	11 1/2
Portland	31	34	.477	11 1/2
San Francisco	31	35	.470	12
Vancouver	20	48	.294	24

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Frank Taylor Grabs Early Lead In Open

Rochester, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Frank Bud Taylor, a dentist from Upland, Calif., shot a one under par 34 on the front line nine today as the U.S. Open Golf Championship opened under confusing circumstances.
Just a little more than an hour before the first round started, one of the most promising pros, Walker Inman of Augusta, Ga., was penalized two strokes because he showed up 10 minutes late for his tee off time.
So the USGA invoked the late show-up rule, which calls for a two-stroke penalty, and put Inman in back of the whole field of 162 golfers. He will tee off alone after the last of the threesomes go off.
Taylor is one of the amateurs in the field.
Sam Snead, one of the tournament favorites, was two over par after playing five holes. Ted Rhodes, the first Negro ever to play in the open, double bogied

Habeas Corpus Due In Klamath Death

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — A habeas corpus petition was scheduled to be filed here today by the attorney for convicted slayer James Quinton Anderson, Beatty rancher.
The State Supreme Court last month upheld Anderson's conviction for the 1954 slaying of Richard David Miller, Klamath reservation show horse breeder.
Anderson's attorney, Robert Welch, in contesting the state's jurisdiction in the case, contends that under public law 280, which became effective in August 1953, consent was given by the federal government to the state of Oregon to amend its constitution or existing statutes to remove any legal impediment to the assumption of criminal and civil jurisdiction over the Klamath Indians.
Welch contends that the state failed to take such action and can not legally take such action because it would be unconstitutional.
He claims that such action would not give equal rights to all peoples because such a law would not apply to all Indians in the state.

Heart Fund Money Goes to Research

Henry Andree, state Heart Fund chairman, said today that \$1,168.33 of the \$3,436.25 collected in Jackson county during the recent campaign will be used for research by the Oregon Heart association.
Of the total collected in the county, \$1,455.01 was collected Heart Sunday, and \$3,308.25 was raised in Medford. Other amounts included \$80.50 from Ashland and \$52.50 from Talent.
A total of \$652.89 will be used for community service and public education, which includes films, pamphlets and educational talks as well as weight control classes presently being conducted here.

Other amounts of the county's total collection will go to professional education, \$412.35; rehabilitation and employment, \$309.26; American Heart program, \$412.35; and \$481.07 to plan and conduct programs.
Of the total of \$3,308.25 raised in Medford, \$1,124.81 of it will go into the research program, Andree said. A total of \$628.57 will be used for community service and public education; \$396.99 for professional education; \$297.74 for rehabilitation and employment; \$396.99 for the American Heart program; and \$463.15 to plan and conduct the programs.

Building Permits at Klamath Set Record

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — Building permits issued in Klamath Falls for the first five months of this year hit an all-time high. A total of \$1,396,072 in building permits was granted through May of this year.

Employment Office Due To Be Opened at Burns

Burns — (U.P.) — Horace Arment, manager of the Ontario state employment office, announced yesterday that an employment office will be opened here this summer.
Arment said that the office in Burns, which was open for the first time last summer, would be reopened because of the large local demand, particularly among farmers.
Harold Buhman, Burns high school teacher, will serve as manager of the local office.
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Actor Lloyd Nolan Gets Standing Ovation

London — (U.P.) — A celebrity studied audience gave actor Lloyd Nolan a standing ovation Wednesday night at the final curtain of the London premier of "The Caine Mutiny Court Martial."

The audience applauded enthusiastically during the show, a highly unusual thing on the London stage and there were cries of "bravo" and "encore" from the galleries.

All of the cast except Nolan and film actor David Knight were British.

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'Slow Freight' Rule Effective at Once

Washington — (U.P.) — The Interstate Commerce Commission ruling banning "slow-routing" of loaded freight cars will be put into effect immediately, the ICC said today.
The ICC ruling was aimed primarily at lumber shippers in the Northwest, many of whom loaded cars with lumber and then negotiated for its sale while it was en route east at a slowed pace.

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