

Ben Hogan Favorite For U.S. Golf Open

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Toledo, Ohio — Eight former champions, and 1954 other golfers who are trying to win the title for the first time, tested the tough, rough and lightning fast greens of the Inverness Country club for the last time today before they tee off for the game's biggest prize — the U.S. Open championship.

The man they had to beat, according to the bookmaker's odds, and the golfers themselves, was no one less than one of the old men in the field — Bantam Ben Hogan.

Hogan, who has won this one four times and is shooting for an unprecedented fifth, doesn't claim too much for his own chances, for he is experimenting with a new putting grip. But those who have played practice rounds with him over the tight, rolling 6,919-yard par 70 layout say he is hitting the ball as well as ever.

As for his putting, the veteran Gene Sarazen, one of the former champs in the field who has been testing the course with Hogan in practice rounds, suggested there was nothing for Ben to worry about.

Church Softball Season Starts

Temple Baptist scored the most lopsided victory Monday in opening games of the YMCA Church Softball League.

Temple whacked Phoenix Presbyterian 20 to 2. In other games Medford Nazarene won 11 to 3 from Latter Day Saints and St. Peter's Lutheran trimmed First Baptist 10 to 8. First Methodist won by forfeit from Zion Lutheran.

Games are scheduled again next Monday with twilight frays on Hedrick and McLoughlin Junior High school fields.

Field of Eight In Belmont Run

New York — The likelihood today was for a starting field of eight Saturday in the \$100,000 Belmont Stakes, the third jewel in racing's Triple Crown classic.

With the Calumet Farm score than likely not represented in the mile and one-half event, Bold Ruler, the Preakness winner, will be the horse to beat.

Expected to start along with Bold Ruler are Gallant Fox, Bold Nero, Cohoes, Inside Track, Promised Land, Nah Hiss and the surprising Lucky Dip.

Tom Sturdivant, Ray Boone Fined

Chicago — President Will Harridge of the American League fined pitcher Tom Sturdivant of the New York Yankees and first baseman Ray Boone of the Detroit Tigers \$100 each for their scrap during a baseball game last Sunday.

SEVEN-FOOTER TO USC
Los Angeles — Bill Engesser, seven-foot, one-half inch prep basketball star, said Tuesday he intends to enroll at the University of Southern California in the fall. If he does, Engesser will be the tallest player in the 50-year history of the sport at the school.

Akins Encounters Byars Tonight

Norfolk, Va. — Virgil Akins of St. Louis and Walter Byars of Boston will compete against each other and a number of other attractions tonight when their welterweight clash forms a part of Norfolk's week-long international naval review celebration. Akins is a 9-5 favorite.

Matchmaker Chris Dundee expects 5,000 to attend the fight although local citizens and visitors also will have a circus, ice show, jazz show, ballet performance, folk dancing, symphony orchestra program and a "Grand Ole Opry" to attend tonight.

Hatchery Salmon Return To Rogue

Portland — Although marked Rogue river spring chinook salmon have been taken in previous years, this is the first year the returns have been of sufficient number to be a significant part of the run and contribution to the sport catch. So says Henry Mastin, game commission fishery biologist on the lower Rogue, who is watching closely the hatchery returns of salmon released four years ago as yearlings from the commission's Butte Falls station.

Mastin said that as of the 20th of May, 102 marked Rogue river spring chinook from 1,437 fish examined at the canneries represented a ratio of return of one marked to 13 wild fish. For the season up to the 15th of May 7.10 per cent of the chinook sport catch have carried Rogue river marks.

This percentage is the most significant for the contribution of marked salmon since the start of the program. Mastin also stated that the daily recoveries this spring have exceeded some seasonal recoveries of previous years.

The upriver releases have shown the greatest success of return following the same pattern evident in past years. The return from downriver releases may be proportionately high as there have been fewer numbers of these fish stocked.

Interest of Public in Toll TV Revealed in Probe Made For Look

New York — If the Dodgers succumb to the lure of toll-TV on the West Coast, chances are that they will be able to attract very substantial paying TV audiences, judging by the findings of a nationwide study which has been completed by Look magazine.

The study, which was conducted for Look by Alfred Politz Research, Inc., measured public interest in watching various types of TV shows when respondents could see them free and also when they had to pay to see them.

The study shows that of all the people in the United States who are 10 years of age or older, 35,600,000 (27.9%) would be willing to pay 25 cents to watch a world series ball game on TV; 32,400,000 (25.4%) would be willing to pay 50 cents; and 25,300,000 (19.9%) would be willing to pay \$1. When price is not a consideration, the study shows that 53,200,000 people (41.1%) would be interested in watching a world series game on TV.

Most Would See Series
Of the nine types of TV shows studied, a world series baseball game would attract the biggest

Sport Parade



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Alexandria Bay, N. Y. — Bulging-browed Carmen Basilio knelt on a sun-swept boat dock as the "admiral" of the Thousand Islands fleet poised a sword over his close-cropped head and prepared to "knight" him.

A broad grin swept over the battle-scarred features of the welterweight champion and, looking up at the "admiral" and his sword, Basilio quipped:

"Just like all these fight managers. Ready to take his cut." Which may explain in part why the one-time union farmer is hoping today to get an opportunity to destroy a long-time idol.

Carmen Basilio needs a "big pay-day."

Even when you're the champion of the world, it is no guarantee that you are financially "loaded." And so it is with Basilio an ironhard terror in the ring, but a butter-soft "touch" on the outside. He has had his share of lucrative fights but the circle of pleading palms is large and Basilio is too nice for his own good.

Basilio Has A Plan
Bringing him face to face with the necessity of blasting aside the man who long has been his fistic idol, Sugar Ray Robinson, another of the mighty who found that the riches of the ring are difficult to retain.

Basilio thinks he can do it, too.

"Robinson was one of the great fighters," Basilio analyzed with the admiration of a crowd-slugger for the master box-

er. "But he has got to be over the hill and I know I can beat him."

There were those who thought that Robinson should have never come back. But he, too, needed money and the old-time hunger revived a certain amount of the ancient talents so that he twice fought his way back to the middleweight title, the last time against another Basilio-type crowdier named Gene Fullmer.

"He was lucky," Basilio says. "Coming off the ropes he threw a desperation hook and caught Fullmer coming in. Anybody had to go when hit with such a lucky combination. But I saw him in the dressing room 15 minutes later and he was still huffing and puffing."

Five Rounds of Danger
So Basilio has it worked out in his mind just how he will beat Robinson — if given the chance.

"He's dangerous only for four or five rounds now," Basilio explains. "Then he's got to run out of gas. So I'll have to feint and move him, keep on top of him and never let him rest. If I stand around and let him make the fight, he'd have a chance. If I stay on him, he won't."

"If he doesn't come to terms soon," Basilio threatened, "I'm going to take the winner of the Kid Gavilan-Vince Martinez fight and defend the welterweight title against whichever one wins."

"I just can't wait too long," he added. "I've got to have a big pay day."

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—ELEVEN

Lon Skinner Ski Titlist

Lon Skinner, Medford, for the third consecutive year, won the overall championship in the Sodabay Water Ski tournament at Clear Lake, Calif.

The meet was held last week end under sponsorship of Golden Gate Water Ski club and Edgewater resort.

Skinner was first in the men's slalom, third in the men's trick skiing and fourth in the men's jumping. In the slalom, Skinner's best event, skiers were required to round six buoys on the first run over the course and again on the return trip.

The Medford man is Oregon's outstanding slatman on water and a candidate for top honors in the first annual Oregon Water ski championships at Gardener lake 15 miles east of Medford on June 29 and 30.

Cincinnati — Frank and Bob Birri, 18 and 19-year-olds, respectively, have been signed by the Cincinnati Redlegs and will report to the team's Savannah, Ga., farm club in the South Atlantic league on June 17. Both are graduates of American Legion baseball.

Clarkson Joins Portland Beavers

Portland — Tom Clarkson, outstanding outfielder-first baseman for the University of Arizona, joined the Portland Beavers in Seattle today. He was signed Tuesday by the Chicago Cubs to a Portland contract. Clarkson came to the Beavers on a trial basis.

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