

# PGA's Tournament Committee Proposes Medal Competition

By HAL WOOD

Long Beach, Calif. — The traditional PGA golf tournament to decide the match play champion of the United States will be changed to a 72-hole medal play event, starting next year, if a proposal of the tournament committee is accepted at a national PGA convention today.

"The sentiment seems to be in favor of switching to medal play," said Joe Novak, Los Angeles, a PGA spokesman. "We lost about \$12,000 on the tournament last year and we believe that by changing to medal play we can overcome this deficit."

However, before the new plan is put into operation there is expected to be a lot of opposition. Harry Bassler, veteran Los Angeles pro, said that he favored having two PGA tournaments—one to determine a match play champion, one for medal play. Others have voiced the opinion the PGA should retain tradition and take the financial loss.

The convention Tuesday weakened a bit in its battle with sponsors over collection of entrance fees by agreeing to meet twice yearly with the International Golf Sponsors association to discuss mutual problems.

The IGSA is represented at the current session by Jaul Ridings, Fort Worth, Tex., and the membership includes sponsors of many of the top tournaments in the country.

The PGA recently instituted a deal whereby it keeps all the entry fees of tourney players. While most of the sponsors already have signed for 1958, many have changed their for-

mulae to take up the loss in the entrance fees. The PGA announced that the Houston event, which used to be a \$36,000 open, had been changed to a \$30,000 invitational, with no entrance fees, and the Texas Open, which had been \$20,000 to \$15,000.

On the other hand, the Azalea in Charlotte, N.C., a \$12,500 tourney, has been dropped in favor of the \$25,000 Miami Beach Open March 27-30.

J. Edwin Carter, tournament board director, announced that the players would compete for

\$1,400,000 in purses in 1958. Bob Goldwater, Phoenix, Ariz., was elected chairman of the PGA Advisory committee, succeeding the late John Jay Hopkins of New York. Others named on the committee were Bob Lacombe, Kansas City; Harry Radix, Chicago; B. C. Gould, Detroit, and Tom Lanphier, San Diego.

No surprise at all was the announcement that the PGA collected fines from its players last year totaling \$1,500—and that the irrepressible Tommy Bolt led the list of violators for "unbecoming conduct."

## Oregon, Stanford Set Pace In Conference Statistics

Los Angeles — Statistics from the Pacific Coast Conference commissioner's office showed today that Oregon has regained the lead in PCC total defense with a 260 yard average. Stanford continues as the total offense leader, having averaged 350.9 yards per game.

Oregon State is the top rushing team with a 247.8 yard average, while Washington State has gained 167.4 yards per game passing for the aerial lead in the conference.

Defensively, Oregon has allowed the fewest yards rushing, 155.1. Southern California has given up the fewest yards passing, 65.

The leader in punting and interceptions is UCLA. The Bruins have averaged 39.8 yards per punt and have picked off 17 interceptions. Oregon leads in kickoff returns with a 26.7 yard average and Southern Cal tops in punt returns with an 11.9 average.

Individual statistics showed that Washington State's Bob Newman, the nation's leading passer, dominates the PCC in both passing and total offense. In passing he has completed 75 throws in 140 attempts for 53.6 per cent. Nine of his passes went for touchdowns. In total offense Newman has 1045 yards.

Shea In Front  
Stanford fullback Chuck Shea leads in rushing with 641 yards and a 5.1 yard average.

Newman's favorite target, Don Ellingsen, is the leading pass receiver with 34 catches for 440 yards while UCLA's Kirk Wilson, last year's national champion punter, leads in his department with a 41.1 yard average.

Wilson and his teammate, Dick Wallen, are tied in pass interceptions with four each. In punt returns Sterling Ham-

mack of Oregon State leads with 253 yards, and in kickoff returns Oregon's Jim Shanley leads with 290 yards.

Five men are tied for the scoring lead with 52 points. They are Oregon State's Nub Beamer, Washington State's Jack Fanning, UCLA's Don Long, Shanley and Shea.

## SPORTS

### Tough Road Lies Ahead For Browns

By UNITED PRESS

Jack Lavelle, New York Giant scout, believes the honeymoon is over for the Cleveland Browns.

All the National Football League teams are taking turns beating one another but you have to say the Browns have a tougher schedule than the Giants during the second half of the season," Lavelle said as he estimated New York's chances of overhauling Cleveland in the Eastern division. "Cleveland has played the easy part of its schedule."

The Browns, leading the Giants by one game, have road games with the Washington Redskins, Detroit Lions, and Giants. They have home games with the Chicago Cardinals and Los Angeles Rams. The Giants have road games with the Cardinals and Pittsburgh Steelers and home games with the Philadelphia Eagles and San Francisco Forty-Niners before entertaining the Browns.

Lavelle tabs the Lions and Cardinals as two of Cleveland's chief hurdles.

Giants Favored  
The Giants are 11-point choices to whip the Eagles Sunday at Yankee Stadium but the Browns are favored by only four against the Redskins at Washington. New York edged Philadelphia downed Washington, 21-17, earlier this season.

In the other games Sunday, the Lions are favored over the Forty-Niners by 4½ at Detroit, the Bears are six-point choices against the Baltimore Colts at Chicago, and the Rams are favored by five against the Green Bay Packers at Milwaukee. The Cardinals and Pittsburgh Steelers are idle because their game at Chicago was set back to Dec. 22.

This week's United Press selections: Giants (5-2) over Eagles (2-5), Browns (6-1) over Redskins (2-5), Lions (4-3) over Forty-Niners (5-2), Bears (3-4) over Colts (4-3), Packers (2-5) over Rams (3-4).

Pistons Nudge Knickerbockers  
By UNITED PRESS

With one driving layup shot, Gene Shue of the Detroit Pistons made himself a hero instead of a goat and gave his team its first victory in its new home town.

Shue clicked with his game-winning basket just three seconds before the final buzzer Tuesday night, making the Pistons 109-107 winners over his old teammates, the New York Knickerbockers. It was the Pistons' first win in three starts in Detroit since moving there from Fort Wayne.

In the first game of the Detroit doubleheader, the unbeaten Boston Celtics squeaked to their 10th straight victory, 107-104, over the Minneapolis Lakers. No other games were scheduled Tuesday night.



**KILLS BEAR WITH PISTOL**—Wally Wallace, right above, 724½ Oak st., poses with the brown bear he killed Saturday morning in the Jacksonville area. He said he brought down the animal with three shots from the .22 caliber Dumatic pistol he holds in his hand. Range was about 30 feet. Wallace and his hunting companion, Ray Phillips, right, were about 3½ miles out of Jacksonville toward Ruch and about a mile from the highway when they encountered the bear on the hillside. Both the animal and the hunters were surprised in the meeting and the bear reared up in a threatening manner. Estimated weight of the animal was 225 pounds.

## Circuit Reluctant To Give Up Denver To Coast League

New York — Officials of three minor leagues headed back home today to place some new franchise ideas before their members but the American Association's reluctance to give up Denver appeared to be blocking a quick solution.

Presidents of the Pacific Coast league, American association, and Texas league failed to reach any agreement in a 6½ hour

meeting Tuesday with Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick and other officials.

The PCL reportedly wanted to acquire the attractive Denver area as one of the replacements for the San Francisco and Los Angeles areas it lost to the Giants and the Dodgers. But the association balked at giving up one of its choicest franchises.

Under baseball law, the PCL has no rights to draft Denver without the American association's agreement. Although the PCL is technically rated a higher league with an "open" classification, it does not have the right to draft territory from the two Triple-A Class leagues—the American association and the International league.

"We made other plans at today's meeting and they now will be submitted to the leagues involved for consideration," said Frick.

## Bud Wilkinson Coach of Week

Norman, Okla. — He says "we hope we will be good enough to win, but if we play the best we can we don't mind losing."

He almost forgets what it is to lose because his team hasn't lost a game since its opener in 1953.

He is so happy in his adopted state that he once turned down a bonus of two yachts, one air conditioned, and two oil wells if he would take another coaching job.

He's Charles (Bud) Wilkinson, the United Press Coach of the Week after his Sooners whipped Missouri, 39-14, Saturday to clinch the Big Eight championship and an Orange Bowl trip.

Both are old hat for Wilkinson teams, which tied for the conference title in 1947, his first year at Oklahoma, and have won every year since. Wilkinson's record against conference opposition is a gaudy 60-0-2. His previous bowl teams have won four out of five and will be favored this time over its Atlantic Coast conference rival, probably Duke.

## Trojans Priming Defense for UO

Los Angeles — Most of Southern California's workouts are being aimed at stopping Oregon's running attack which features Jim Shanley and Jack Morris.

Coach Don Clark sent the Trojans through another bruising workout Tuesday in preparation for Saturday's clash with Oregon. He ended the drill with a 20-minute goal-line scrimmage.

## Bing Devine Takes Over Card Post

St. Louis — New St. Louis Cardinal general manager Vaughn (Bing) Devine said today he will ask Redbird manager Fred Hutchinson to return to St. Louis.

"I want to discuss some of the players with Hutch, then I'll have to get someone to take over my old job," Devine said. "I'm especially interested in what Fred may have scouted up on his trip south and to Cuba. Hutch has done an outstanding job, and I'm glad he's with us."

Devine, a native St. Louisian, was graduated from Washington university here in 1938.

Devine played Municipal league baseball in St. Louis and played pro ball at Findlay, Ohio, in 1939. He returned to St. Louis that summer to work in the Cardinals' publicity office.

He held various positions with the Cardinal organization and, in 1949, was made general manager of the Rochester farm team of the International league. In 1956 he was appointed executive assistant to Frank Lane.

## Indians Sign Gary Holmes

Seaside — Gary Holmes, much sought after 18-year-old southpaw pitcher who struck out 22 batters in a seven inning game last June, signed a professional baseball contract with the Cleveland Indians Tuesday.

Holmes was signed by Carl Mays, Cleveland scout in this area, for a bonus under \$4,000. This will enable him to play in the minor leagues to get experience. A bonus over that figure would require him to stay on the roster of the major league club.

Holmes pitched Seaside to the state A-2 title. In the 1-0 playoff win over Glide he struck out 22 men, two on wild-pitch third strikes. He also knocked in the winning run.

About 96 per cent of United States farms are family-operated—the same proportion as 30 years ago.

## Sun Devils Boost Lead On Gridiron

New York — Arizona State of Tempe clung to the national college football lead in both total offense and scoring today although defending champion Oklahoma was starting a late-season rush to retain both crowns.

Arizona State's Sun Devils, unbeaten and untied in seven games, actually increased their lead in both vital statistics during a week end that saw them crush Texas Western, 43-7.

State boosted its scoring average to 36.6 points per game, against 33.0 for second-place Army, and increased its total offense average to 437 yards per game against 412.1 per game for Army.

But Oklahoma, which won both titles for the past two seasons, made impressive strides as it trounced Missouri, 39-14. The Sooners moved up from 10th to fifth in scoring and up to ninth in total offense — perhaps still too far behind in both to catch up in the time remaining.

Mississippi Tops Rushing  
However, the Sooners racked up 424 yards rushing against Missouri to drive from seventh to third in rushing yardage, another department they have led for two straight years. Mississippi retains the lead in rushing with 337.8 yards per game to 320.3 for Army and 300.1 for Oklahoma.

Utah, with ace Lee Grosscup doing most of the pitching, now has virtually wrapped up the national title in passing. The Redskins gained 316 yards through the air against Army last Saturday to boost their average to 201.8 yards per game to 174.0 for second place Holy Cross.

The clash between air-minded Utah and rushing-conscious Army, which was won by Army 39-33, produced the second wild-est ground-gained game of the year. Together the two teams piled up 840 yards, a sum topped only by the 921 compiled by Colorado and Kansas St. Oct. 19. Utah's 33 points was the second best losing total of the year, topped by Colorado's 34 against Kansas's 35 on Oct. 5.

Utah still is running ahead on the record of percentage of pass completions with an average of .615 compared to the mark of .610 set by California in 1954.

**GASOLINE PRICES CUT**  
London — Britain's major petroleum companies cut gasoline prices today for the sixth time in a year. The reduction amounted only to three farthings (three-fourths of a cent) and still left the prices higher than they were before the Suez blockade last year. Standard car fuel now costs 66 cents a gallon.

**Sport Parade**

By FRALEY  
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United Press

New York — Fraley's Follies and the week end football "winners"—while all shook up because this is the 13th.

**Game of the Week**  
Oklahoma over Notre Dame—The Sooners have had a couple of close scrapes but possibly because they were looking ahead to the Irish. This is a battling Notre Dame team and yet Oklahoma would seem to have the horses.

**The East**  
Army over Tulane—Sure I'm superstitious. Navy over George Washington—Run from black cats. Penn over Columbia—Don't walk under ladders.

Princeton over Yale — And how come those smart colleges all have mascots?

Also: Dartmouth over Cornell, Harvard over Brown, Penn State over Holy Cross, Syracuse over Colgate and Boston College over Marquette.

**The Midwest**  
Michigan over Indiana—Ben Jonson wasn't on my team. Michigan State over Indiana—He had a line for us guys. Ohio State over Iowa—"It's better to be dumb than superstitious."

Purdue over Northwestern—So I win a doubleheader. Also: Wisconsin over Illinois, Dayton over Miami, Iowa State over South Dakota, Missouri over Kansas State and Colorado over Nebraska.

**The South**  
Georgia Tech over Alabama—Edmund Burke spoke bravely. Auburn over Georgia—No rabbit feet for him. Duke over Clemson—"Superstition is the religion of feeble minds."

Tennessee over Mississippi—My strait jacket fits well. West Virginia over Vanderbilt.

est, Kentucky over Xavier, Mississippi State over LSU, North Carolina over VPI, South Carolina over Virginia and Miami over Maryland.

**The Southwest**  
Texas Aggies over Rice—See a pin and pick it up. Arkansas over SMU—All the day you'll have good luck. Texas over TCU—See a pin and let it lay.

Oklahoma State over Kansas—Bad luck you'll have, all the day. Also: Texas Tech over Hardin-Simmons, Tulsa over Cincinnati.

**The West**  
Washington over California—Shallow men believe in luck. Oregon State over Stanford—Strong men believe in cause and effect.

Oregon over USC—So quoth Emerson. Washington State over Idaho—It'd rather be lucky than strong enough to lift a sack of popcorn.

Also: UCLA over College of Pacific and Utah over Air Force Academy.

## Flamond Winner In Portland Bout

Portland — LeRoy Flamond, 158, Portland, decided Ron Milne, 158, Seattle in a locally televised fight here Tuesday night.

In the prelims Tommy Thomas, 148, Portland, decided Ernie Gipson, 153, Seattle, in 6; Harvey Burke, 170, Portland, decided Al Noreiga, 165, Seattle; Howard Meredith, 155, Albany, decided Bob Silverfox, 154, Portland; Jerry Hamerton, 150, Portland, knocked out Bill Clements, 148, Seattle, in 2.

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Wolvoke, Mass: Alex Miteff, 202, Argentina, knocked out Bob Graves, Elizabeth, N.J. (4).

Houston, Tex.: Joe Brown, 140½, Orleans, outpointed Kid Centel-135½, Nicaragua, (10, non-title).

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