

Hogan Shares First Round Lead With Three Others in U.S. Open

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UPI Sports Editor

Mamaroneck, N.Y.—(UPI)—His game the same but the big question is the second round of the U.S. Open golf championship today was whether Bantam Ben Hogan's aging legs could carry him through four rugged rounds to an unprecedented fifth title.

Dead on his game on a course he knows so well, the 46-year-old Hogan fired 32-37-69 for a share of the first day lead with three 29-year-olds—PGA champion Dow Finsterwald; dead-pan Gene Littler, who always has been rated as another potential Hogan, and Dick Knight, whose claim to golfing fame is that he won the Northern California Open.

They all know Hogan's golf. But not even Ben can be sure his legs will withstand the challenge of the younger guard closing in on him—or even that of the ever-flaring hopes of 47-year-old Sam Snead, who was four strokes off the pace.

Denied He Tired
Hogan shot what he called "as good a nine as I've ever played" in the 20-mile an hour wind which whipped the tough west course of the Winged Foot Golf Course Thursday when he played the front nine three under par.

He denied he tired on the second nine, but it looked that way when he bogeyed the 18th hole by three—putting from 35 feet.

"Funny thing, I'm back on putting," Hogan said. "But it sure didn't look like it on that 18th."

Ben had three birdies thanks to his putter, on that front nine but he had two bo-

keys on the back nine—the other being at the 212-yard par three 13th where it looked like he hit a perfect tee shot. The wind carried it into a trap, however.

That wind made it tough for most of the field of 149 golfers and only Hogan with

three 29-year-olds were able to break par. Hillman Robins, who won the U.S. amateur title in 1957 and is playing his first year as a pro, matched par at 70.

Souchak Had 71
There were a host of 71's—including two-time Open win-

ner Cary Middlecoff, Mike Souchak, Arnold Palmer, Billy Casper, Don January, Lionel Hebert, Ted Kroll, Bo Wininger, U.S. amateur king Charley Coe, Doug Ford, and Al Balding were among 10 in the 72 bracket. Defending champion Tommy Bolt had a 75 and complained not about his game, but because "so few spectators followed us."

"Here you have the defending Open champion, the U.S. Amateur champion (Coe and the home pro, Claude Harmon) and we can't even get a gallery," Bolt commented. Asked about his game, he had "nothing to say."

But it didn't make temperamental feel any better when he was told that Thursday's gallery was estimated at 16,100—the largest opening day crowd in Open history and a crowd that has exceeded only once in the 59 years this tournament has been played. Back at Inverness in Toledo, Ohio, in 1957, the event drew 16,527 for the final day's play.

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

Five Champs Defend In NCAA Track Tilt

Lincoln, Neb.—(UPI)—At least five defending champions were on hand today as the annual NCAA track meet swung into action.

Preliminaries in sprints, hurdles, field events and middle distance competition were slated today with the finals on tap for tomorrow.

The Kansas Jayhawkers, with one of the best and certainly the largest squad in the meet at Cornhusker Stadium here, were favored to win the 1959 team title. San Jose State, Oregon and Michigan were given the best chances of upsetting the Kansans.

Southern California, 1958 champion, was ruled ineligible to compete by the NCAA.

Returning individual champions included Elias Gilbert of Winston-Salem, N.C., Teachers in the high hurdles. Gilbert led his team to the NIAA small college track championship last week.

He won the 1588 title at Berkeley, Calif., in 13.9 seconds.

Tidwell Choice
Kansas' Charlie Tidwell captured the 220 lows at Berkeley with a zizzling 22.7 seconds time around a curve and was favored to repeat his victory. The Jayhawkers' Ernie Shelby took the broad jump at Berkeley with a jump of 25 feet 3 1/2 inches and was also on hand here.

High jumper Don Stewart

of SMU and pole vaulter John Johnston of Purdue were also back to defend crowns.

Ed Collymore of Villanova hoped to defend his 220 title, but pulled a muscle last week and appeared a doubtful starter for tonight's trial heats.

This enhanced the chances for San Jose State, which needed 30 points or so from their sprint, duo of Rap Norton and Bob Poynter if the Spartans hoped to upset Kansans.

Alex Henderson of Arizona State, defending two-mile champion, was picked to win the three-mile event this year. But he had not shown up at last call and reports from Tempe, Ariz., were that he was too ill to make the trip.

The 400-meter low hurdles, 3,000-meter steeplechase and hop, step and jump have been added to this year's meet because of their importance in Olympic competition.

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Briggs said he has discussed the matter with Newell in general terms, as he has with Dye and will with other coaches, to get a "clearer picture of the situation."

He said the coaching position is still wide open and that there are no outstanding candidates and that no offers have been made to Newell or anyone else.

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DRAG RACE CONTENDER—The Wheelers "Zombie" shown here is expected to be among entries Sunday in the Southern Oregon Timing association's first drag races of the season at the Camp White strip. This car holds the strip record of 113.20 miles per hour for its A competition coupe class and last year shattered the national mark.

SOTA Tells Sports Car Specifications for Drag Contests at Camp White

Specifications for sports car classes were outlined today by officials of the Southern Oregon Timing association which opens its 1959 drag racing season on Sunday at its Camp White strip.

Drag race enthusiasts who own sports cars will have six classes in which to compete this season. Only three sports divisions have been available in the past on the SOTA strip. Officials anticipate more entries in the classes as a result of the change.

Classification will be in accord with vehicle engine displacement in cubic centimeters (cc). One cc is .0610 of a cubic inch. Following is the class breakdown adopted from regulations of the National Hot Rod association:

E-0 to 1300 cc; D-1301 to 1500 cc; C-1500 to 2700 cc; B-2701 to 5200 cc; A-5200 and up; AA-5201 and up (supercharged).

Rigid Inspections
SOTA officers stated that sports cars will be submitted to the same rigid safety inspections as other vehicles in competition. Any sports car with engine displacement more than 2700 cc must have a 360 degree one-fourth inch steel safety shield completely surrounding the bell housing.

This shield is not to be anchored to the bell housing or the body. A belly strap strong enough to support the rear of the engine in case of clutch or flywheel disintegration is also required for the over 2700 engines.

Trophies will be awarded the winners in all classes where there are more than two cars entered. Lone entries have the choice of jumping to a higher class, turning a time during eliminations within five percent of the strip class record, (records will have to be established in the three new classes) or receiving a refund of their entry fee.

Association officials stated that a new award has been inaugurated. This trophy, called "little eliminator" will be presented to the top car chosen from the winners of the following classes: Stock, gas, sports, street roadsters and altered. Elimination will be by run-off.

\$50 Bond on Record
\$50 bond has been posted on the strip record of 144.46 miles per hour and will be increased each meet until the mark is bettered. Medford

Schoppert Takes Post In France

Eagle Point — Gail Schoppert, high school teacher and athletic coach here for two years, has resigned to accept a post in France teaching dependents of U. S. Army personnel.

He and Mrs. Schoppert were to leave today for Salem and will leave that city for France sometime between Aug. 1 and 15. Schoppert said he had not learned to which military base he will be assigned or exactly which subjects he will teach.

During the past school year he was head coach in baseball and wrestling and assistant track.

BEAUTY TO WED
Columbia, S.C.—(UPI)—Betty Lane Cherry, "Miss United States" of 1957, disclosed Thursday that she will marry former University of South Carolina football star Johnny Gramling next September.

Ortiz Now Favorite
New York — (UPI)—In a betting switch, Carlos Ortiz today became a 13-10 favorite to beat southpaw Kenny Lane in their fight tonight for the revived, synthetic junior welterweight title.

Their Madison Square Garden 12-rounder — the first fight for the 140-pound championship in nearly 13 years — will be televised and broadcast nationally by NBC.

Until today, sandy-haired Lane of Muskegon, Mich., had been a slight favorite at odds that dwindled down to 11-10. Increased support for swarthy Ortiz of New York and Puerto Rico caused the switch.

The 12-rounder is a return bout. Lane, 27, won a majority 10-round decision over Ortiz, 22, at Miami Beach last Dec. 31. That was before Lane's manager, Slick Jack (Doc) Kearns, dreamed up the idea of resurrecting the 140-pound crown — for publicity and more loot.

Man Succumbs To Yellow Jacket Stings
Greensboro, N. C.—(UPI)—A 39-year-old man died Thursday shortly after being stung four times by yellow jackets.

Thomas Benton of Greensboro was dead on arrival at a hospital.

Benton, a Negro, was stung while helping survey a lake near here. N. C. Rudd, head of the survey party, said Benton became ill less than five minutes after being stung. He was unconscious when an ambulance reached him.

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Injury Care Clinic Set At Oregon

University of Oregon, Eugene—A well balanced faculty made up of doctors, trainers and coaches will be featured at the second annual Injury Care clinic, one of the more popular features of the Oregon Coaching clinic, June 19 and 20, it was announced here Thursday by Dr. Howard A. Moulter, chairman of the clinic.

The visiting doctors include Dr. Bruce Brewer of Milwaukie, who is a consultant for the Milwaukie Braves; Dr. D. Cooper Johnston of the University of Alberta, who also is a member of the medical committee for the Edmonton Eskimos; Dr. George Guldager, team physician for the University of Oregon; and Dr. John Moritz, chief surgeon at Sun Valley, Idaho.

The list of trainers includes Connie Jarvis of Stanford, Bill Robertson of Oregon State, Bob Officer of Oregon, and George Menefee of the Los Angeles Rams.

Len Casanova and Don Kirsch of Oregon, and Ray Henderson, former president of the Oregon high school coaches association and now principal of North Eugene high.

A number of other doctors from Eugene and Portland will also take part in the two-day clinic which covers a wide variety of subjects designed to aid both medical men and coaches in the care and prevention of athletic injuries.

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League Leaders

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Burgess, Pgh. 48 180 20 56 .350
White, Sid. 48 182 24 55 .340
Cepeda, S.F. 56 226 44 76 .336
Mays, S.F. 55 218 49 72 .330

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Kuenn, Det. 47 183 27 64 .350
Kaline, Det. 54 216 31 75 .347
Rumlick, Bos. 53 208 33 70 .337
Fox, Chi. 55 224 31 75 .335
Woodling, Bal. 50 159 21 52 .327

Runs Batted In
National League — Banks, Cubs 58; Robinson, Reds 55; Braves 51; Cepeda, Giants 50; Mays, Giants 46.
American League — Killebrew, Senators 43; Skowron, Yankees 40; Jensen, Red Sox 38; Lopez, Yankees 38; Kaline, Tigers 38.

Home Runs League — Mathews, National League — Aaron, Braves 16; Robinson, Reds 15; Banks, Cubs 15; Cepeda, Giants 14.
American League — Killebrew, Senators 19; Colavito, Yankees 18; Allison, Senators 14; Triandros, Orioles 13; Lemon, Senators 13.

Pitching
National League — Face, Pirates 9-0; Podres, Dodgers 7-2; Antonelli, Giants 6-3; Mizell, Cards 7-3; Burdette, Braves 9-4.
American League — Wilhelm, Orioles 9-0; Larson, Yankees 5-1; Fischer, Senators 5-1; Shaw, White Sox 5-2; Wynn, White Sox 8-4.

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World Records Could Tumble

Pomona, Calif.—(UPI)—With five men conceded chances of breaking world records, preparations were completed today to insure any mark made in Saturday's Southern Pacific AAU meet is officially recorded.

The greatest field in the history of the district AAU meet will compete at the Mt. San Antonio College stadium, considered by track and field experts to be one of the finest track stadiums in the country.

Included among the 289 athletes prepared to compete in the meet are such world recordholders as Parry O'Brien in the shot, Al Cantello in the javelin, Bob Gutowski in the pole vault, Hal Connolly in the hammer throw and decathlon champion Rafer Johnson who will be competing in the javelin, discus and shot.

Eugene Lashes Out 22 Safeties
United Press International
Eugene bats played a 22-hit symphony Thursday night as the Emeralds swamped Yakima 15-9 in Northwest League play. Lewiston nipped Tri-City 5-4 in 10 innings and Wenatchee took Salem 7-5 in the other games.

The Emeralds scored seven runs in the first two frames and then added clusters of four in both the fourth and fifth innings.

Gene Calder went the route for his seventh win of the year, although he was touched for 10 hits. Pete Gongola, Yakima catcher, had a three-run homer in the third.

California has more different flowering plants than any other state.

Dodger Shuffle Pays in Hits
Pittsburgh — (UPI) — The Los Angeles Dodgers, fresh from a 19-hit, 11-0 route of the Phillies, launch a four-game series tonight against the fourth-place Pittsburgh Pirates.

Big Don Drysdale 5-5, will try emulating teammate Johnny Podres' spectacular 2-hit effort when he takes the mound tonight against Harvey Haddix 4-4.

Manager Walt Alston decided to shuffle the lineup Thursday to see if Los Angeles couldn't start producing some hits. He tabbed Don Demeter, Gil Hodges and Ron Zimmer to take over for Don Fairly, Norm Larker and Maury Wills.

The fresh threesome pounded out six hits good for six runs, with Demeter accounting for five of the runs on two homers and four hits in five times at bat.

Podres, who collected his fifth straight victory and his second shutout of the season with his two-hitter, also contributed to the hit column by banging out three hits. His other shutout was against the Braves. He now has a lifetime mark of 15 shutouts and a season mark of seven wins against two losses.

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