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Art Wall Jr. Nabs Canada Golf Trophy

Toronto — (UPI) — Art Wall Jr., battling par, a severe thunderstorm that interrupted play for nearly two hours and a string of challengers, Saturday won the Canadian Open Golf championship with a 72-hole total of 269.

Wall, using a rusty old wooden-hafted putter he inherited 15 years ago, climaxed a gritty 11-week comeback following a kidney disorder to win his first tournament since the Buick Open a year ago.

The slender, soft-spoken Pennsylvanian from Pocono Manor beat off the challenge of a half a dozen pros to win with a 3-under-par 69.

Wall started the day three shots in front of Bob Goalby at 200 and wound up six strokes ahead of both Goalby and Jay Hebert, who finished at 275.

For a while, it appeared the final round would be postponed until tomorrow when two successive electrical storms hit the St. George's course, inundating the 6,516-yard layout and knocking out power facilities for more than an hour. Play was interrupted for nearly two hours, but it didn't seem to bother Wall.

It took two days of grueling muscle-stretching effort for Rafer to win back the crown he held in 1958. He had trained long and faithfully for it and when the chips were down he led all of the other 25 competitors in four events: The 110-meter dash with a clocking of 10.6 seconds; the discus with a throw of 170 feet, 6 1/2 inches; the shotput with a heave of 52 feet; and the javelin with a toss of 230 feet, 3 inches.

Johnson's best decathlon record before was 8,302 points which set a world record when he beat Kuznetsov in a dual meet in Russia in 1958.

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A crowd of 5,000 at the National AAU decathlon in the University of Oregon stadium tendered Johnson a two-minute standing ovation.

The victory and the so-called accidental world record brought Rafer a ticket to Rome; and a chance to atone for the defeat that cost him a gold medal in the 1956 games at Melbourne.

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TALKING IT OVER—Participants and officials are engaged in discussion after finishing the first day of competition in the AAU national decathlon at Eugene on Friday. Participants shown are Dave Edstrom (lower left), University of Oregon, C. K. Yang (upper left), Republic of China, and Rafer Johnson (far right), Southern California Striders. In center, wearing sport coat, is national decathlon at Eugene coach, Bill Bowerman, University of Oregon coach. (UPI Telephoto)

Navy Crew Upsets California In Olympic Rowing Contest

Syracuse, N. Y. — (UPI) — The U. S. Naval academy earned the right to represent America in eight-oared competition at the 1960 Rome Olympics Saturday with a tremendous upset victory over California on Onondaga lake.

The Middies won their third Olympic berth since 1920, and second in eight years, by spurring to the finish line after wrestling the lead from the Syracuse Alumni Rowing association boat about 550 meters from the finish line.

One of two Navy boats in the final, the Louis Lindsey-coached varsity shell pulled out all the stops in the final yards to beat California by approximately a boat length in the time of 6:46 flat.

The Lake Washington Rowing club of Seattle swept the lake in early events, winning four berths in the first five races on the seven-race card. They scratched out of the double sculls, won by Philadelphia Vespers' crew of Jack Kelly Jr., brother of Princess Grace of Monaco, and Bill Neech.

First Year for Lindsey — The big-boat victory was a feather in the cap of Lindsey, who coached the Navy varsity for the first time this year after replacing famed Rusty Callow.

The loss was a tough blow to Jim Lemmon, in his first year as varsity rower at California. After seeing his fine crew stroke to victory in the western sprints and the recent Inter-collegiate Rowing association regatta here, he watched his shell lose by a matter of four-tenths of a second.

Francis Might Play Halfback For Green Bay

Green Bay, Wis. — (UPI) — Former Oregon State ace Joe Francis, who has hung on for two seasons as the Green Bay Packers' third string quarterback, may be switched to halfback this year, Coach and General Manager Vince Lombardi said Saturday.

The Packers are short of running backs with only Paul Hornung, Lew Carpenter and Jim Taylor back from last season.

If the rookies don't come through, Lombardi may move Francis to halfback.

"Joe is a fine runner with good balance, but he's not particularly big or fast. Actually, I'd rather leave him at quarter back." Lombardi said the 195-pound Francis has seen little action over the last two seasons and he does not figure to see much more this season.

The sixth frame when Alou singled, Bob Schmidt destroyed Sadecki's hopes of a three-hitter with a two-out single in the ninth.

"The kid looked as if he's been around for 25 years," Sheehand said. "I wish we could get some pitching of our own."

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Havana Franchise Moved; Castro Is Extremely Bitter

Havana — (UPI) — Fidel Castro, a one-time college pitcher, was extremely bitter Saturday over the enforced transfer of the Havana franchise in the International league to Jersey City, N.J.

The Cuban premier termed the action as "one more aggression against our people by the United States government."

"If any good relations were maintained between Cuba and the United States it was baseball, wherein a healthy, disinterested, sportsmanlike attitude prevailed," Castro said during a television broadcast Friday night.

He added that "United States players never heard a word directed against them. The same people who go to concentrations (anti-U.S. mass meetings) went to the ball park and stood respectfully as the United States anthem was played . . ."

Frank J. Shaughnessy, president of the International league, yanked the franchise out of Havana Friday in a move he called necessary for the safety of visiting American players as well as those on the Havana roster.

He immediately announced that the franchise was being transferred to Jersey City, which last had a team in the International league 10 years ago. A telegraphic poll of the league's Board of Governors late Friday approved Shaughnessy's action.

All that remains now is the ironing out of details for use of Roosevelt stadium, owned by the city, and an equitable settlement with Bobby Maduro, who won the Havana franchise. The Cincinnati Reds have a working agreement with Havana and own a number of the club's top players.

DRIVE NETS \$5,269

Portland — (UPI) — The drive to help defray the medical expenses of injured University of Portland junior-to-be Dick Lombard has netted \$5,269. The drive was headed by Rudy Melone, alumni secretary of the university. Lombard, struck in the head by a pitched ball May 30 in a summer league baseball game, still lies unconscious at the Portland Sanitarium.

Portland — (UPI) — The Portland Beavers of the Pacific Coast league will meet the Harborites semi-pro baseball team in an exhibition game here next Wednesday.

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Committee Plans To Call Boxing Czar to Testify

Washington — (UPI) — Congressional investigators plan to summon underworld boxing czar Frank (Blinky) Palermo for questioning about fight fixes, it was learned Saturday.

Reliable sources told United Press International the Philadelphia numbers king was considered a "must" witness in the Senate inquiry which resumes this fall, probably in mid-October.

Senate investigators also may call Frank Carbo, former kingpin of the boxing racket, from his prison cell at Rikers island in New York's East river, for the same purpose.

Witnesses before Sen. Estes Kefauver's antitrust and monopoly subcommittee last month named Palermo as "custodian" of Carbo's under-

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