

SOUTHERN OREGON GOLF MEET IN FULL SWING

Ron Mitchell Sets Pace in Tuesday's Qualifying Action

Ron Mitchell, Chico, Calif., and Stewart Schroeder and Eddie Simmons, Medford, yesterday headed a contingent of some 120 golfers who played their qualifying rounds for the 32nd annual Southern Oregon tournament at Medford's Rogue Valley Country Club.

No qualifier was sub-par. Mitchell, ex-Chico State college divotter, stroked an even-with-course—standard 72 to pace the bid for 63 championship flight berths in the men's division. Schroeder, currently member of the Oregon State college team and last year's medalist here, was right behind with a 73. Simmons, six times winner in the Southern Oregon, stroked a 74.

Marvin Clark, Grants Pass and RVCC, tabulated 75 to lead advance qualifiers in the senior men's division of which he has been twice champion. Mrs. Helen Davies, Medford, seven straight times a titlist in this tourney, had Tuesday's low women's card, 79, three over ladies' par.

Matches Thursday
Around 260 visiting contestants were scheduled to qualify today as the tournament got into full swing. Match play begins on Thursday in this Rogue Valley links classic. Finals will be on Monday, Labor Day, with finalists in the men's and women's championship brackets going 36 holes and those in the senior men's 18.

All three of last year's champions will defend their diadems. They have chosen to take automatic No. 2 seeded spots in their respective titular flights. The defenders are Bob Prall, Salem, in the men's; Karl Bennett, Grants Pass, in the seniors; and Miss Betty Martin, Longview, Wash., in the ladies'. The three will have the top positions in the bottom brackets of their flights.

Championship flights will have 64 players in men's play and 16 each in seniors' and women's.

Following Simmons in yesterday's men's qualifying were Joe Hallmark, Roseburg, and Carl Schmidt, RVCC, with 75. Jim Sheldon, of the home links, had a 76. Shooting 77s were Mal Downey, Grants Pass, A. J. Toyly, Royal Oaks, Vancouver, Wash., Harry Millette, Dr. N. J. Wilson and Dr. William Miller, all of RVCC, and Craig Melby, Tacoma, Wash.

Lynch Has 78
Mike Lynch, Riverside, Portland, carded a 78. Those with 79s were John Frohnmayer, Dr. Robert Buck and Harvey Woods Jr., RVCC, Bruce McDonald, Seattle, Wash., and Lee Flink, Pocatello, Idaho.

Pam Stacey, Rogue Valley, was three strokes back of Mrs. Davies in women's qualifying with an 82. Mrs. Maxine Hammond, also of the home course, shot 86.

Top rounds among the seniors included M. L. Hallmark,



DEFENDER—Bob Prall, Salem, begins his title defense Thursday in the men's division of the Southern Oregon Golf championships at Rogue Valley Country Club. Prall exercised his option not to take part in today's qualifying play and drew an automatic No. 2 seeded spot in the championship flight.

Roseburg, 78; Larry Butler, RVCC, and Ray Beeber, Reames, Klamath Falls, each 80, and George Stacey, RVCC, 82.

Mitchell was one-over-par on his front nine with a 38 and one-under with 34 on the back side. Schroeder had 39-34 with an eagle three on No. 18 hole.

It was reported that Phil Underwood, Wavory, Portland, declared a 74, fired Monday in National Amateur qualifying, as his Southern Oregon qualification score. Dick Yost, Columbia-E d g e-water, Portland, declared his 76 in the Monday Portland play.

Players Practice
A couple of Rogue Valley's top players were in the over 80 group yesterday and could miss the championship flight participation unless scores of today's qualifiers are high. Alan Holmes had an 81 and Dr. Bruce Stanley an 82.

A good number of visiting players had practice rounds over the Medford layout yesterday.

Match play on Thursday will be for all entries except in the women's fourth and sixth flights and men's second through fourth. They go into matches on Friday.

The ladies eighth and 10th flights and the men's 10th through 14th will play at Ashland's Oak Knoll links on Thursday. Women's fourth and sixth and men's fifth flight through ninth consolation flight have Friday play at Ashland. This play at the neighboring community is necessary because entry exceeds the capacity of RVCC.

Area Residents Invited To Join Golf Galleries

Are you looking for something to do over the Labor Day holidays and don't want to get very far away from home?

If so, here's a suggestion. Go out to Medford's Rogue Valley Country Club, join the galleries and follow the matches in the Southern Oregon Golf tournament.

It's a chance for fresh air, exercise and fine entertainment. There is no admission charge.

Your presence with spectators along the fairways and around the greens will give one the Rogue river valley's top sports attractions a boost. RVCC and tourney officials welcome galleries.

For they contribute substantially to tournament success.

The 32nd annual tourney at the Medford links runs from today through Sept. 5 with more than 400 divoters to contend in men's, women's and senior men's divisions. Match play starts on Thursday, Sept. 1. Finals in all three divisions will be on Monday, Labor Day.

Some of the West's finest golfers will display their skills and battle for the championships. Lesser lights will tussle in lower flights for trophies and for fun. The spectacular and the unexpected can happen in any of the flights.

There's a real holiday mood at the Rogue Valley course during the Southern Oregon's duration. The tournament has developed a tradition of sociability and top golf.

Hedrick Grid Checks Friday
Coach Barney Riggs has issued a reminder to prospective Hedrick Junior high footballers that physical examinations will be given on Friday evening.

Physical checks for the grid aspirants will be at 7:30 p.m. at Medford Clinic, 1025 East Main st. Each boy who plays football must have an exam. A nominal fee of \$1 is being charged for the Friday check.

Riggs has asked ninth grade boys to report Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. or on Saturday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. to get their football equipment. Ninth grade practice will begin on Sept. 6.

Seventh and eighth graders will not turn out for football until after school begins.

Los Angeles—UPI—Tim Haap, 16, an A student from Ontario, entered the second round of the 15th annual Hearst National Junior Golf championship today with a three-stroke lead over three opponents tied at second place. Haap Tuesday shot a two-under-par 34-36-70.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Duck Football Squad Gathers

Eugene—UPI—The University of Oregon football team today will wrap up Thursday's opening workouts.

Coach Len Casanova, whose Ducks rolled up eight victories in 10 starts last season, will be missing eight regulars from his 1959 team at today's physical examinations and uniform fittings.

There were 15 lettermen on hand for the opening gathering.

Quarterback Dave Grosz, halfback Dave Grayson and guard Dave Urell are the only regulars returning.

The other lettermen include ends Paul Bauge, Len Burnett and Kent Petersen, tackles

Riley Mattson and Ron Anderson, guards Al Weigel and Mike Rose, center Joe Clesceri, quarterbacks Sandy Fraser and Dick Arubuckle and halfbacks Cleveland Jones and Herm McKinney.

Dillsburg, Pa.—UPI—Mickey Wright, fresh from a victory in the Grossinger Ladies PGA open, carried a record-breaking 67 into today's second round of the \$7,50 Eastern Open golf tournament. The San Diego, Calif., blonde fired a two-under-par 34 on the front nine and finished with a three-under-par 33 on the back nine Tuesday for the lowest score ever recorded on the 6,847-yard Regan End Country club course.

15 Lettermen At Oregon State

Corvallis—UPI—Fifteen lettermen were expected here today when the Oregon State college football team gathers for its final pre-practice meeting.

The Beavers begin workouts Thursday.

Coach Tommy Prothro, starting his sixth season as head grid coach, used today's session for physical examinations, equipment check and for press photograph shooting.

Returning lettermen Prothro will have available are Art Gilmore, wingback; Amos Marsh, Leo Criner and Aaron Thomas, ends; Mike Kline, Neil Plumley and Earl Woodard, tackles; Denny Pieters and John Cadwell, guards; Doug Bashor and John Hadraba, centers; Marne Palmlater, blocking back; Don Kasso, tailback; Ron Miller and Art Gilmore, wingbacks, and Chuck Marshall, fullback.

Coast Grid Drill Opens Tomorrow

San Francisco—UPI—Unknown rookies and heralded stars don the shoulder pads and helmets Thursday as college football practice gets under way on the Pacific Coast.

From Canada to Mexico, the collegians start strutting their stuff before the watchful glare of coaches—all with an eye to a starting berth that could lead to dreams of All-America rating.

As the coaches prepared for the big campaign that opens the week end of Sept. 16-17, there was optimism in every camp. Even such new mentors as Johnny McKay at Southern California and Marvin Levy at California expressed the hope that they "could" have a good season.

But all the odds pointed to a down-the-stretch battle between defending champion Washington, Southern California and UCLA for the bid to the Rose Bowl.

As practice opened on the major college gridirons bordering the Pacific, more than 600 players reported to the coaching staffs.

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