

# Strong Foreign Delegation Competing in Masters Golf

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Augusta, Ga. — (UPI) — Gary Player, the little South African who is golf's leading money winner this year, today gave the strongest foreign delegation ever to compete in the tournament its best chance to win the Masters title for the first time.

Rated next to defending champion Arnold Palmer in the pre-tournament betting odds, Player, using a longer swing, has won \$25,200 thus far in 1961 and thinks the days the Masters has been dominated by the United States pros "are about over."

"It may be this year," said Player, competing in his fifth Masters. "But if not, I'd guess

that within four years the foreign players will start winning this tournament and once they do they'll keep on winning it."

The betting odds had Palmer favored at 4-1 followed by Player at 6-1.

**Agrees With Field**  
Player agreed with the talent-laden Masters field that this is by far the strongest foreign entry list in Masters history.

"With fellows like Roberto de Vicenzo, Stan Leonard, Angel Miguel and all the others, we ought to do all right," he said.

The best a foreign player ever has been able to do in the previous 24 Masters tournaments was the fourth-place

ties of Leonard, the Canadian star, in 1958 and again in 1959.

Player's best was a sixth-place tie last year. Peter Thomson of Australia, another leading foreign threat, was fifth in 1957.

In all, 17 foreign entrants will be in the field which will tee off Thursday for the first of the four 18-hole rounds which will decide the 1961 Masters champion.

Player feels the Masters course is built for a player like De Vicenzo, the Argentine now playing out of Mexico; Leonard, Angel Miguel and Thomson.

## Eagles Top Crater JV

Central Point — Crater high junior varsity, which dropped a game 9 to 5 to Eagle Point on Monday, slated a trip to Ashland this afternoon.

The Eagles were billed against Butte Falls today. Comet errors helped make the difference for Eagle Point on Monday. EP got four runs, the margin of victory, in the top of the seventh inning on no hits. There were three walks, a wild pitch and two errors.

Gary Burns had a double and a single for the Comets. The Comet Jayvees entertain Butte Falls on Friday and play at Klamath Falls on Saturday. They split with Grants Pass last Saturday, losing the first game 1 to 0 and taking the second 2 to 1.

Eagle Point and Rogue River varsities meet on Friday at EP in Rogue league play.

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Crater — 222 001 0—5 5 10  
Conner and Boatright; Sollinger, G. Burns (5), Mason (7) and Ryder.

**NAZARENE VICTOR**  
Nampa, Ida. — (UPI) — Northwest Nazarene won a baseball doubleheader from Eastern Oregon Tuesday, 5-1 and 5-4.

# PAL Club Will Close Until Fall

Medford Police Athletic league is closing through the spring and summer months and will reopen about Sept 1, PAL Boxing Coach Jim Zack announced today.

Zack said that he has been having trouble arranging matches for the PAL club battlers. A show tentatively slated for April 29 here has had to be canceled.

The card planned was to have been a return one for the one at Chiloquin last month. However, the Chiloquin boxers apparently lost interest after the March card. Only a few showed up afterward for training.

## Other Clubs Busy

Phone calls to other boxing clubs throughout the state found them to be either scheduled for matches in the next few weeks or closing for the summer. Since the PAL club apparently faces several weeks of inactivity, it was decided to close until next fall when a new program could get under way.

Zack said he hopes to arrange a show about the first week in October and then produce a show once a month at the Medford Armory throughout the winter months. Between shows at the Armory on a monthly basis, the PAL club expects to travel at least once a month. Several offers for fall shows away from Medford have been offered to the PAL club.

Zack expects to develop a strong boxing club this fall and drill and train the boys to compete in the Oregon Journal Golden Gloves next February.

# SOC Slates Humboldt Athletes

Ashland — Humboldt State college comes to town this week end to battle the Red Raiders of Southern Oregon college in a trio of baseball games Friday and Saturday and a track meet on Saturday.

The Raider-Lumberjack baseball action begins Friday with a nine-inning affair scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday the two clubs meet in a doubleheader beginning at 10 a.m.

Coach Dan Bulkley's Raider trackmen will head into their 1 p.m. Saturday clash with revenge in mind after being handed a loss at the hands of the Lumberjack cinder crew at Arcata last year. The Raiders already own one victory this season. They nipped the Cal Aggies at Davis two weeks ago.

Other action on the spring sports slate this week on the SOC campus will find the Raider tennis team hosting Shasta Junior college Thursday in a 1 p.m. match, then vying with Whitman college from Spokane Saturday at 3 p.m. on the SOC courts.

Dr. Alex Petersen's Raider tennis crew is 3-2 on the season, including a decisive 8-1 triumph over the Shasta team. Bulkley's tracksters, who found themselves without any other collegiate competition in last Saturday's first annual Ore-Cal relays, go up against HSC with considerable depth in all events. The return of John Dickerson, who has been sidelined with a leg injury, plus the addition of sophomore Brad Flanary gives the Raiders strength in the pole vault.

Lettermen Howard Hartman in the hurdles, Ora Bannister in the 440, Ken Coffman in the 880, Len Dobry in the weights, and Don Korth in the javelin form the nucleus of this year's SOC squad. In addition, transfer Terry Boatman in the mile and two mile, and freshmen Harold Haugen in the 880 and mile, and Ron Baker and Ken Jorde in the weights give the Redmen added strength.

"The team was a pleasant surprise in winning over the Cal Aggies," said Bulkley, "but they know their work is cut out for them this week end against Humboldt. They know they'll be tough."

**The roster:**  
100—Doyle Branson, Kerm Bennett, John Jones; 220—Branson, Ora Bannister; 440—Bannister, Chuck Swingle; 880—Ken Coffman, Jerry Arndt, Harold Haugen; mile—Terry Boatman, Haugen, Sten Mawson; 2-mile—Boatman, Mawson, Norm Pawlowksi; 5K—Howard Hartman, Syl Hunt; 10K—Hartman, Pat Conley, Sid Smith; 15K—Branson, Doug Olsen; 15K—Steve Fitzwaller, PV—John Dickerson, Brad Flanary; SP—Len Dobry, Ron Baker, Ken Jorde, Noble Adamek, Bernie DeCosta; discus—Dobry, Baker, Jorde, Adamek, DeCosta; javelin—Don Korth, Jones.

# Jockey Roy Gilbert Keeps His Promise With Death

By TIM MORIARTY  
United Press International  
New York — (UPI) — "I'm going to become a great jockey or I'll die trying."

That was the promise Roy Gilbert made four years ago to Woody Stephens when he quit his job as an exercise boy with the New York trainer to become an apprentice jockey.

In the intervening years, Stephens watched proudly as his protege made that long, hard climb up the jockey ladder.

The veteran trainer was at Aqueduct Tuesday when Gilbert climbed aboard a nervous filly named Plenty Papaya in the fourth race. Nearing the stretch turn, Plenty Papaya suddenly wheeled to the left

and crashed into the aluminum inside rail, tossing Roy to the ground.

**Skull Fracture**  
Gilbert was placed aboard the track ambulance, blood oozing from his left ear. He died of a skull fracture before the ambulance reached Physicians' hospital.

Roy Gilbert, only 22 and one of 15 children, had kept

his promise with death. Gilbert of London, Ky., rode his first winner at Sunshine Park in Florida on Feb. 6, 1958. He finished that year with 16 winners, increased it to 53 in 1959, and last year he booted home 81 winners.

With the start of the 1961 season, he was moving fast among the "little giants" of the jockey world. During a

14-day period last month he rode four straight stakes winners, including Merry Ruler in the Swift Stakes at Aqueduct on the opening day of the season, March 20.

**FIGHTS**  
**TUESDAY BOUTS**  
United Press International  
Richmond, Calif. — Paul Aronstead, 135, Los Angeles, stopped Chico Santos, 137, Oakland, Calif. (7) — Sacramento, Calif. — Dave (Schoolboy) Brown, 135, San Francisco, stopped Jim Flood, 160, Sacramento (8).



**SEEMS LIKE HEX** — Defending Masters golf champion Arnold Palmer, who's actually tossing away a cigarette, appears to be trying to put a hex on his opponent as he prepares for the 1961 tournament which opens on Thursday at Augusta, Ga. Palmer had his own troubles during a Tuesday practice round and carded two-over-par 74. — (UPI Telephoto)

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