Palmer, Rosburg Head Masters

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Augusta, Ga. –(UPI)– Defending champion Arnold Palmer, who liked his putter except for one hole, and Bob Rosburg, who liked his spectacular finish, led the field into the second round of the Masters golf tournament today.

Both shot four under par 68's in a chilly rain Thursday to take a one-stroke lead over little Gary Player, the South African who is golf's leading money winner. And both had their putters and their pinpoint approaching to thank.

Although they have contrasting styles, there was a lot of similarity in their first round play. Both had 28 putts. Both had five birdies and one bogey. Both had hot streaks. And both were glad they played so well.

Nine One-Putt Greens

Palmer had nine one-putt greens, Rosburg six. In addition, Rosburg sank a 120-foot wedge shot.

Rosburg's hot streak was reminiscent of Palmer's finish to win the Masters last year. Rosburg was even par after 12 holes and then carded four birdies on the next five holes. Palmer had birdied five of the last six holes a year ago to beat out Ken Venturi by a stroke.

Today, Venturi with a first r nd par 72, was four strokes back of the co-leaders.

Two strokes off the pace was husky Jack Nicklaus of Columbus, Ohio.

Considered the strongest amateur threat in the field, Nicklaus, who played with Palmer, birdied the final hole for a two under par 70. One stroke behind Nicklaus came four pros–the 49-year-old Byron Nelson, former Masters champion Doug Ford, Paul Harney and Johnny Pott.

Seven Notch 72's

Four strokes behind Palmer and Rosburg, with even par 72's were PGA champion Jay Hebert, Stan Leonard of Canada, former U.S. Open champions Billy Casper and Tommy Bolt, Gene Littler and former U.S. amateur king Charlie Coe, in addition to Ken Venturi.

Former PGA champion Dow Finsterwald; three foreign threats, Peter Thomson of Australia and Roberto De Vincenzo and Antonio Cerda, both of Mexico; Ted Kroll and U.S. amateur champion Deane Beman were grouped at 73.

In a large group at 74 were two old-time gallery favorites, Sam Snead and Ben Hogan, along with Chandler Harper, Fred Hawkins, Chick Harbert, Don January, Walter Burkemo, Bob Goalby, Al Balding, Lionel Hebert and Bill Collins, among others.

But the story of the first round was Palmer, Rosburg and the weather.

The field of 88 golfers started teeing off under overcast skies and a light, but cold wind. By the time Palmer teed off it was raining and the rain fell through the rest of the day.

YANKEES, DODGERS PICKED

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Augusta, Ga. – (UPI) – The manager of a rival club claims he would win the American league pennant by 20 games with the New York Yankees' outfield, infield, catching, four of their starting pitchers and then "the six worst pitchers in the league."

This writer believes that is going too far but he is picking the Yankees to win the pennant again. Picking the Yankees seldom misses – only twice in the last four years – and it's a lot easier than ducking golf balls around the Masters course.

In the other league, the pick is the talent-rich Los Angeles Dodgers.

Here's how the 1961 finish is viewed after six weeks of watching the clubs training in Florida and receiving last-minute reports on the teams training in the Far West:

American	National
New York	Los Angeles
Chicago	Milwaukee
Baltimore	Pittsburgh
Cleveland	St. Louis
Detroit	San Francisco
Boston	Cincinnati
Minnesota	Chicago
Kansas City	Philadelphia
Washington	
Los Angeles	

New York's Mound Staff Seems Ready

By FRED DOWN
United Press International

Ralph Houk broke with the tradition of Casey Stengel's 12-year regime as manager of the New York Yankees today with the announcement that his pitching staff "is in tip-top shape."

"I know my starting pitchers are in better shape than they were at this time a year ago," said Houk. "The reason we didn't get off to a very good start last year was because the pitching was hit and miss. But this year my starting staff of Whitey Ford, Bob Turley, Art Ditmar and Ralph Terry looks ready."

It was the first time since Houk took over as manager of the Yankees that he pinpointed a change from the Stengel regime.

Turley, who won 21 games in 1958, allowed only two hits and two runs in seven innings against the St. Louis Cardinals Tuesday and seems ready to return to 20-victory form this year. Houk indicated that he would open the season next Tuesday with Whitey Ford and follow with Turley, Art Ditmar and Ralph Terry.

Reds' Robinson Homers

Frank Robinson cracked his eighth homer of the spring as the Cincinnati Reds beat the Milwaukee Braves, 6-5. Bob Purkey stopped the first four innings for the Reds and was tagged for homers by John Demerit and Ed Mathews.

Frank Lary and rookie Terry Fox combined to hold the Chicago White Sox to seven hits and give the Detroit Tigers a 7-2 victory. The Tigers collected only four hits off Herb Score and Bob Shaw but Score yielded seven walks and tagged for three runs.

KNICKS INK STITH

New York –(UPI)– The New York Knickerbockers have signed All-America Tom Stith and Whitey Martin, co-captains of the 1960-61 St. Bonaventure University basketball team, to professional contracts. They were the Knicks' first two choices in the recent National Basketball Association draft.

UO's Ducks 6-4 Victors

Eugene –(UPI)– Oregon erupted for five runs in the seventh inning and went on to post a 6-4 baseball victory over Pacific Thursday.

Walt Baranski's bases-loaded home run highlighted the inning and paved the way for the Ducks' eighth victory in 11 starts this season.

Jon Swanson, who came in on relief in the sixth, was credited with the victory.

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Stroh's Lead Classic Group

Detroit –(UPI)– The Detroit Stroh's moved much nearer the Classic division title at the American Bowling Congress tournament when they finished with a 5,978 six-game total to outstrip the previous leading 5,910 bowled by the Hamm's of Chicago.

The Strohs' had a 2972 block Thursday night to go with an opening 3,006 series. Included in their accomplishments the Detroiters also registered the highest team game of any club to date in the 1961 ABC with an 1102 opening blast Thursday night.

However, after that big start the Stroh cannons dwindled to popgun size the next two games as the New Classic leaders struggled to 936 and 934 totals.

McLoughlin JH Girls Winners

McLoughlin Junior high girls tennis team Wednesday defeated the girls of Crater high 6 to 0.

Because of the late hour the number of five singles match between Connie Biddle of McLoughlin and Elaine Wilson of Crater was declared a tie after each player had won a set.

In singles Paula Lowery defeated Bernice Gardner, 6-1, 6-2; Kathy Smith beat Glenda Hull, 6-0, 6-1; Pam Hosick won from Donna Freeman, 6-1, 6-0; Karen Maxson was victor over Joyce Dye, 6-1, 6-3; Lowery and Smith teamed to beat Gardner and Dye, 6-1, 7-5, and Betty Davis and LaDonna Kridler took measure of Hull and Freeman, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1.

In the No. 5 series Biddle won one set 6-3 and Wilson the other 6-4.

Bulldog Netters Blank Hedrick

McLoughlin of Medford eighth and seventh graders won 80 to 33 and 64 to 13 yesterday in a track meet with Ashland Junior high at Ashland.

Mac thinclads won 11 of the 13 firsts in the eighth grade meet and the bulldog seventh too eight of nine with Mike Allun winner in three individual events.

Rafe Anders, John Tungate and Art Lee were double winners for McLoughlin.

Firsts in the meet were:

EIGHTH GRADE:

For Medford—Rafe Anders, high and low hurdles; Curt Wyatt, 330; Art Lee, 75 and high jump; Chester Henson, broad jump; John Tungate, 150 and shot put; Dave Brown, discus; Rick Templeton and Phillip Rupp, tied in pole vault; Lee, Tungate, Henson, Wyatt, in relay.

For Ashland—Grant Buell, 660; Ken Eckwald, javelin.

SEVENTH GRADE:

For Medford—Mike Allen, 75, 150, broad jump; Roger Johnson, 330; Jim Bennett, high jump; Lindell Carney, shot put; John Ingram and Curt Smith, tied in pole vault; Allen, John Pruitt, Dick Howsley, Johnson, in relay.

For Ashland—Colwell, low hurdles.

Pocatello, Idaho –(UPI)– Four Knott Street Community center of Portland boxers posted decision wins in the opening round of the national AAU boxing tournament here Thursday night. Recording victories were H. C. Massey, in the 147-pound division; Wade Smith, 139; Jody Harris, 132, and John Howard, 119. Keith Capps of the Burns Elk Club lost a decision.

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Funderburg Heads SOC In Hitting

Ashland – Joe Funderburg, freshman second baseman from Eugene is setting the pace in hitting statistics for Southern Oregon college after the Raiders' first four games. Funderburg has rapped out 11 safeties in 18 trips to the plate for a fine .611 mark, while also leading the Raiders in runs scored with nine.

Next in line in percentage behind Funderburg are junior Jess Munyon with a .389 mark on seven for 18, and Dave Hughes and freshman Mike Parsons with .375 marks. Hughes, a sophomore, has poled six hits in 16 trips while Parsons, a first-year outfielder from Medford, is three for eight.

As a team the Raiders are hitting the ball at a .314 clip while their foes are averaging .338.

Last Tuesday the Raiders dropped a non-counting twinbill to Shasta Junior college at Redding, Calif., by 13-12 and 11-9 scores. Although the Raiders were out-hit by the slugging Knights, numerous SOC errors in both games were the big factors in the outcomes.

The Southerners, now sporting a 1-won, 3-lost record, host the tough Humboldt State Lumberjacks in a three-game series this week end. Today the clubs tangle in a single nine-inning afternoon game, while on Saturday a doubleheader is scheduled on the SOC diamond, the first game to begin at 10 a.m. Both will be seven-inning affairs.

Baseball

THURSDAY GAMES
Oregon State 14-7, Linfield 3-4
Oregon 6, Pacific 4
Willamette 20, Oregon College 0
Wash. State 4-5, Gonzaga 2-0.

Cage Loop Discussion On Tuesday

Moscow, Idaho –(UPI)– Athletic directors of five northwestern universities will meet at Boise Tuesday to discuss possible formation of a new basketball conference, J. Neil (Skip) Stahley, Idaho athletic director, announced today.

Stahley said schools which would be represented at the meeting will be Idaho, Idaho State, Gonzaga university of Spokane, University of Portland and Montana State college.

Seattle university has been mentioned as a possible sixth member of the proposed conference.

Stahley termed the session "exploratory." He said inclusion of minor sports would be considered but football would not be included because neither Portland nor Gonzaga of the schools attending fields a grid team.

SOC Athletes Busy Saturday

Ashland – Humboldt State college baseballers and trackmen invade the Southern Oregon college campus this week end, while the Whitworth college tennis team from Spokane, Wash., also makes a local appearance.

The Red Raider baseball nine hosted the HSC Lumberjack diamond crew in a single game today and has a twinbill Saturday, at 10 a.m.

Humboldt's cinder squad, victors over the Raiders by a 92-37 margin last season, is said to be "weaker" this year but still draw the favorite's role in the Saturday meet at 1:30 on Fuller field.

Raider Coach Dan Bulkley said this week that several meet records between the two long-time rivals are expected to fall this week end, including the javelin, high jump, and distance standards.

Humboldt holds wins over the SOC crew the past six years, however the Raiders swept all the meets from the 1952 through 1955 seasons.

Dr. Alex Petersen's Raider tennis squad goes into its Saturday afternoon match with Whitworth seeking to improve their 3-2 win-loss record. Whitworth is defending conference and District NAIA champions.

Chiefs Bill 10 Tussles

Rogue River – Rogue River High baseballers opened a 10-game slate when they met Eagle Point there today.

With only five returning lettermen, Coach Jim Bowman is depending much on new talent in the catching and outfield departments.

A good share of the pitching this season is to be done by Lewane Huff, only letterman tosser, and Frank Palmerton who lettered as regular first baseman last year. Receivers are Bill Cooper and Dwight Priest, on the varsity for the first time.

First baseman is Steve Simer, 6-2, No. 3 hitter for two seasons. At second base are Jim Sloman, who lettered in the outfield last year, Wayne Cook, a freshman, and Bradley Frazier, sophomore transfer.

Shortstop is Jerry Kite, a senior letterman, who led the team in total bases and runs batted in in 1960. At third sack, Bowman has two promising freshmen, Dan Bellamy and Ray Powell.

Outfielders include Randy Bradshaw, Stephen Danilson, Bruce Archer, Vic Low and Marshal Lingren.

Prep Baseball

THURSDAY GAMES
Jefferson 3, Grant 2
Madison 15, Roosevelt 3
Lincoln 5, Marshall 2
Tigard 19, McMinnville 13
Washington 6, Franklin 1
Wilson 13, Benson 4

Cole Rivers To Talk To Waltonians

Cole Rivers, Grants Pass, Oregon game commission biologist and agent, will address the Jackson County chapter of the Izaak Walton league on Monday at the American Red Cross building.

The regular monthly meeting of the Waltonians is scheduled for 8 p.m.

Rivers will discuss his version of the "Annual Fishery Progress Report for Rogue River." He has indicated that he has a number of stimulating items on which to report. He will talk concerning the fish planting in streams, lakes and reservoirs of the area, on the salmon and steelhead rearing ponds, on the present run of salmon up the Rogue and of the effects of the screens at Savage Rapids dam and the cement plant dam at Gold Hill.

Those attending are asked to come prepared to ask questions concerning the fishery and its management.

"Journey Across Antarctica, a sound and color movie, will be shown. It is the property of Tucker Sno-Cat corporation.

The meeting is open to the public.

Himsl Will Be Head Mentor

Houston, Tex. – (UPI) – Head coach for the Chicago Cubs during the first part of the National league season will be Vedie Himsl.

Himsl, 44, who has neither played or coached in the majors before, will keep the post of head coach for only about two weeks.

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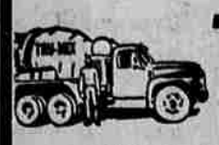

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Crater Diamonders To Oppose Pelicans

Central Point–Crater high's baseball aggregation has shortstop and captain Louis Alvarez back for limited service against Klamath Falls at Klamath on Saturday afternoon.

But, the Comets have a further injury problem plaguing them as they prep for action against the strong KF Pelicans.

Loyal Higinbotham, regular centerfielder, a top hitter on the club and fill-in at shortstop is on the crippled list. He suffered a severe strain below the knee when he slid into second base against Grants Pass last Saturday and missed three days of school this week.

Alvarez, who has been laid up with an achilles tendon injury, may start against the Pelicans. Coach Bill Piche, however, is not anticipating that the shortstop will go a full seven innings. He'll likely switch Mike Glines from third base to shortstop and call Mike Pepper to play third.

Pfaff to Pitch

Doug Pfaff is the probable pitcher in the opener of the doublebill and Ed Allen is to be behind the plate for the Comets with Jim Allen on first base and Pat Pepper on second. In the outfield it will be Neil Rivenburg, center, Darryl Summerfield, center, and Jeff Anhorn, right.

Either Mike Pepper or Summerfield is to hurl the second game. If Pepper pitches, Piche may have Glines back at third and Steve Isaacs at short. If Summerfield hurls, Anhorn will move to left field and Rivenburg to center. Don Pfaff would go into right.

John Webb or Wally Palmberg could pitch for KF against the Comets in the opener.

Crater sports an unbeaten record. The Comets have won two each from Ashland and Grants Pass. Klamath has split with Medford and beaten Prineville twice. Klamath's loss and Crater's two verdicts over Ashland did not count in the Southern Oregon loop.

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