

Player Holds 4-Stroke Masters Lead

August, Ga.—UPI—Little Gary Player of South Africa buckling momentarily but never cracking under pressure, charged back after three straight bogeys to shoot a 69 Saturday and take a four-stroke lead over Arnold Palmer in the third round of the Masters Golf championship.

The 25-year-old Player promised he wouldn't "choke up" when he started yesterday's round tied for the lead with defending champion Palmer and he made good his vow with a three-under-par 32-37 that gave him a 54-hole total of 206.

Palmer, bidding for his third Masters title, had a 36-37-73 for a total of 210 that included five bogeys and four birdies. His one-over par round still left him two strokes ahead of Paul Harney of Worcester, Mass., and amateur Charles Coe of Oklahoma City, who were tied for third place with 212.

A crowd of approximately 50,000, the largest ever to witness a golf match anywhere, stayed with the 31-year-old Palmer and Player

for the most part. As a result, Bill Collins of Crystal River, Fla., shot the best round of the tourney so far, a glittering five-under-par 67 in relative privacy.

That gave Collins a 213 total, good for fifth place. A stroke behind him were former Masters champion Jackie Burke, who had a 68; former PGA champ Bob Rosburg, who had a one over par 73; and Don January, with a par 72.

Player is aiming to become the first foreign player ever

to win the Masters and his chances didn't look particularly bright after Palmer teed off 35 minutes before him and immediately strung together a pair of birdies on the first and second holes.

Nothing daunted, the five-foot-seven, 152-pound Player, who bears a startling physical resemblance to movie actor Audie Murphy but speaks more like Charles Laughton, promptly birdied the first two holes himself.

He sank a 15-foot putt for his bird on the 400-yard first,

then put his second shot on the 555-yard second and two-putted from 50 feet for another bird.

A tricky 10-foot putt gave Player his third birdie on the par three, 190-yard sixth.

Final Birdie

Player's final birdie of the day was the result of an eight-foot putt on the par three 190-yard 16th.

Thus, Player was only one stroke off the pace of Ben Hogan, who set the Masters scoring record when he shot a 274 to win the 1953 tournament. Hogan had carried a 205 in the first three rounds.

Saturday, Bantam Ben shot par 72 which gave him a total of 219.

Doug Sanders of Ojai, Calif., Ted Kroll of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Ken Venturi of Palo Alto, Calif., and amateur Jack Nicklaus of

Columbus, O., all were grouped at 215. Sanders had the best round of the group, a 68, while Nicklaus had a 70, and Kroll and Venturi each shot 72's.

At even par 216 were PGA champion Jay Habert and Sammy Snead, each with 69's, and Walter Burkemo, who fired a 73.

Stan Leonard, Peter Thomson, Lionel Hebert, Gene Littler, Tommy Bolt and amateur Bob Gardner of Elmsford, N.Y., were tied at 217.

Palmer showed his disgust at his performance when he entered the clubhouse following his round.

"Where's the casket?" he inquired of reporters, who greeted him in utter silence.

"The course played easily enough," he added, "but I just couldn't concentrate for some reason."

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MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

MEDFORD, OREGON, SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 1961

Tom Perdue Hurls No-Hitter for EP

Eagle Point—Tom Perdue twirled a no-hit no-run game and started with his bat as well here Friday as Eagle Point high crushed Rogue River 22 to 0 in Rogue league baseball.

LINESCORES:
Rogue River 000 000 0 0 0 8
Eagle Point 000 (10) 07 2-22 13 1
Palmerston, Huff (5), Kite (6) and Cooper; Perdue and Boatright.

Another Season... For Makin' Whoopee

Perdue struck out, Rogue River batters 13 times. Only four Chieftains got on base against him and none reached second base safely. He issued three bases on balls and there was one error.

New York—UPI—A new era of Major league baseball officially begins this week when the National and American leagues start their 1961 pennant races with all the frills and hoopla of a circus parade.

The senior chucker for the Eagles rapped out four hits, one a two-baser, in five times up. Don Charley and Boatright each hit two for four.

The American league, which stole a jump on the National by expanding to 10 teams this year, breaks from the barrier one day ahead of its ancient rival with its traditional "presidential opener" in Washington, D.C. Monday.

Eagle Point tagged opposition tossers for 13 hits and utilized 13 walks and eight errors.

The 16 other teams all swing into action on Tuesday with Chicago at Cincinnati, St. Louis at Milwaukee, Philadelphia at Los Angeles (night) and Pittsburgh at San Francisco in the National; and Kansas City at Boston, Minnesota at New York, Los Angeles at Baltimore and Cleveland at Detroit in the American.

Second Win

It was the Eagles' second win against no losses in the western division of the league. Coach Ken Vannice started four sophomores for the Eagles and used 15 players in the mix.

EP entertains Crater jayvee on Tuesday and meets Illinois Valley here in a league game on Friday.

EP, IV and Rogue River are contending in the western division of the loop and just Lakeview and Henley in the eastern. Division victors will play for the southern Subdistrict 6 A-2 title and the right to meet the northern subdistrict champ.



LEADER—Gary Player is pictured whistling softly as he tips his cap to the crowd enroute to picking his ball from the cup on the first green at the Augusta National golf course yesterday. Player fired a 69, bringing his three-round Masters tourney total to 206. (UPI Telephoto)

Experts Predict AL Will Lose Prestige

By FRED DOWN
United Press International
New York—UPI—A panel of the nation's baseball experts predicts that the American league will lose prestige in 1961 as a result of its expansion to 10 teams.

league will have three teams which lose 100 games each this year.

"The league added teams but did not add to its competitive quality," said another expert. "It was an unwise move."

That was the opinion of 68 per cent of the writers and broadcasters who participated in the United Press International's annual pre-season appraisal of the major league season. The question was asked whether the writers thought the A.L. would gain or lose prestige as a result of its expansion.

Some experts believe, however, that the move will turn out well when viewed over the long haul.

"There'll be a lot of sniping and kidding about the new teams, of course," said one expert. "But the competition will tend to level off and trades and new blood will equalize competition. Expansion was inevitable and could not stand on ceremony."

Of the 57 writers and broadcasters participating, 39 replied that the league would lose prestige and only 18 predicted that it would gain or at least would not suffer in the public eye.

League Lost Prestige

"The league already has lost prestige because of the way the two new teams in Los Angeles and Washington were stocked with players," commented one expert. "And it cannot help but lose prestige by adding two teams that are certain to lose 100 games each. It's possible that the

Go-Kart Track Reopening Set

Rogue River—Lynn Bucklin, Medford insurance executive, has announced plans to reopen the Rogue River Go-Kart track about April 15.

Bucklin noted his intentions to operate the track about 11 months a year, closing for maintenance purposes in the spring. The track is to be open until 9 p.m. each week end.

During the last few days the owner has been completing plans for the black-topping, installation of lights, and seals. Westinghouse Electric engineers reviewed Bucklin's lighting plans earlier last week.

The owner has told of his plans to devote full time to the track's operation, which has been described as one of the "finest" layouts of its kind in the country.

The track is to be sanctioned by the Go-Kart Club of America, and Bucklin is hopeful that he will be able to secure the West Coast Regionals, which would draw drivers from Denver west, and from Alaska and British Columbia, Canada, to the Mexican border. He expects thousands of go-kart competitors and spectators from the Rogue River area.

Also sponsoring the track project are his wife, Charlotte, his father-in-law, and mother-in-law.

Klamath Falls Tops Crater in Twinbill

Klamath Falls—Klamath Union high had the lone unmarred record in the Southern Oregon conference baseball standings Saturday after nudging Crater 4 to 3 here.

The Pelicans also won the second game 3 to 1.

Klamath got all its runs before Crater scored in the league tussle. Crater challenged with three runs in the sixth inning on two bases on balls, a triple by Pat Pepper and single by Jim Allen.

Two of the KF markers were in the fourth panel and were earned on two errors and singles by Dave Saks and John Webb. John Bianchi led off the second inning for the Pels with a home run. Saks hit two for three including a double. Mike Glines and Jeff Anhorn doubled for the Comets.

Fans Nine

Pitcher Webb registered nine strikeouts and walked four. Doug Pfaff of Crater fanned two and gave two free passes.

The Pelicans picked up all their second game runs in the second inning on a walk, two misuses and hits by Denny Coleman, Wally Palmberg and Bud Wolters. Neil Rivenburg had two hits in three turns for Crater.

Palmberg struck out Comet batters nine times and Mike Pepper for Crater whiffed five. Each tosser walked two.

LINESCORES:
(First game)
Crater.....000 003 6-3 5 2
Klamath Falls 011 200 3-7 0
Doug Pfaff and E. Allen; Webb and Saks.

(Second game)
Crater.....100 00-1 3 4
Klamath Falls 030 02-3 3 1
M. Pepper and Anhorn; Palmberg and Coleman.

BUCKAROOS WIN

By United Press International
The Portland Buckaroos scored three goals in the last nine minutes of the third period to defeat Spokane 6-4 in Western Hockey league play-off action Friday night. The win gives the Bucks a 2-1 advantage in the best of five game series.

Portland—UPI—Oregon State and 25-2 wins over Lewis and stretched its baseball winning Clark here Friday. The Beavers string to nine games with 8-1 ers pounded three Pioneer game.

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