

Nicklaus Tops Palmer in Playoff For U.S. Open Golf Championship

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Oakmont, Pa. — (UPI) — Jack Nicklaus, a surprise winner over Arnold Palmer in a tense playoff for the U.S. Open golf championship today set his sights on the British Open.

First, though, he is going to go fishing for a week.

"I'm tired, awfully tired," said the 22-year-old blond belter from Ohio after he beat the favored Palmer by three strokes over the rugged acres of the Oakmont Country Club course Sunday.

"I'll play in the Western Open after that week's rest and then go to Britain for their Open. Just what I'll do after that, I don't know, but I do know that I'm going back to Ohio State next fall," added Nicklaus, who has two quarters to go for his business administration degree.

If he doesn't return to the tournament trail for a long time it will be all right with his fellow golfers for they have a strong feeling that Nicklaus is going to become the new scourge of the fairways.

Has Promising Future

He is only 22 and probably will be a good bet to win the U.S. Open for years to come. The way he closed out Palmer on a hot, sunny day before a gallery in excess of 10,000 showed he has the talents to dominate the game just as did such immortals as Bobby Jones, Walter Hagen, Gene Sarazen, Byron Nelson, Ben Hogan, Sam Snead — and in recent years — Palmer.

He beat Palmer by three shots when Arnie's putter, which had stuttered throughout the tournament, failed him again.

"I just wasn't putting, that's all there was to it," Palmer said after he lost out in his bid for a new golfing grand slam. He had won the Masters in April, and was gunning to add the U.S. and British Opens and PGA titles to that one.

But it wasn't in the cards for this year at least.

"I'll keep trying, though, so long as I play the game," Palmer promised.

Started Patented Finish

For a time Sunday, it looked like the golden boy from Pennsylvania was going to put on one of his patented finishes.

Trailing from the start, he was four strokes behind at one time. But with birdies on the 9th, 11th and 12th holes, he closed the gap to one stroke. Then he bogeyed the 13th hole and never got back into the running.

Nicklaus shot an even par 71, with nines of 36 and 36, while Palmer had nines of 38 and 36 for a 74. Oakmont's par for the 6,984-yard course is 36-35-71.

Palmer, with a trio of three-putt greens, had a total of 36 putts in the playoff round. In all, he had 11 three-putt greens during the tournament and for the five rounds had a total of 174 putts.

Nicklaus, on the other hand, putted brilliantly.

"I missed only one putt within five feet," he said. He had no three-putt greens in the playoff round.

Outdrove Palmer

Nicklaus, whom Palmer affectionately calls "the big dude," outdrove the long hitting Palmer on 10 of the 14 long holes in the playoff. He also was driving straighter, hitting the rough only two times while Palmer caught it five times. And when you hit the rough at Oakmont, you are in trouble.

Nicklaus, the youngest golfer to win the Open since Jones did it at the age of 21 in 1923, went ahead on the very first hole when Palmer missed his approach shot and wound up with a bogey.

He went two strokes ahead on the 544-yard par five fourth when he put his wedge third four feet from the cup and sank the putt while Palmer parred the hole.

It looked like it was going to be a runaway when Nicklaus birdied the 183-yard par three sixth while Palmer bogeyed. Nicklaus put his six iron tee shot six feet from the cup and sank the putt. Palmer three-putted from 30 feet.

Palmer Birdied Ninth

Palmer got one of those strokes back when he sank a three foot putt for a birdie on the long par five ninth. He got another stroke back when he put his seven iron second seven feet from the cup on the par four 372-yard 11th and sank the putt.

Another birdie on the 598-yard par five 12th left him only one shot back. On this hole he wedged his third shot two feet from the pin and tapped in the putt.

Nicklaus went two strokes up again on the par three



CHAMP CONGRATULATED—Arnold Palmer, left, congratulates Jack Nicklaus on the 18th hole after the 22-year-old Ohio golfer won the U. S. open Sunday with 71 strokes to Palmer's 74 in a playoff at Oakmont Country Club, Oakmont, Pa. — (UPI)

161-yard 13th when Palmer three putted from 40 feet.

They matched the card then until the par four 462-yard 18th hole, which they played like amateurs. Palmer had a good drive and then missed the green with his approach. Nicklaus' drive landed in a ball hole. When Palmer missed the green with his approach, Nicklaus asked for a ruling and was told he had to play the ball as was. So he decided to play it safely and chipped out onto the fairway.

Nicklaus put his third on, 16 feet from the cup. Palmer chipped his third within 12 feet. Nicklaus' first putt went three feet past the hole. Palmer was about three feet away with his first putt, too, and then when he missed it, he tapped the ball disgustingly and missed it for a double bogey six. Then he picked up Nicklaus' ball, conceding the putt. But officials ruled Nicklaus had to putt out so the green was cleared and the young Ohioan calmly sank his putt.

Salem Shamrocks Trim Maids in Doubleheader

Salem Shamrocks took both ends of a Northwest Women's Major Softball league doubleheader at Salem on Saturday. Scores were 2 to 0 and 4 to 2.

In the opener Salem tallied once in the second inning on a base on balls and Deloris Hanson's two-bae hit. In the sixth frame Nadine Fallis singled, swiped second base and raced home on a hit by Jessie Safarik.

Each team picked up four hits in the game with Hanson slapping two for the Shamrocks. Safetees for the Dairy Maids were by Jan Bateman, Yvonne McIvor, Ellen Callaghan and Glenda

Walton Chapter Meets Tonight

Jackson County chapter of the Izak Walton League will meet tonight at 8 o'clock at Medford Gun club.

The matter of why the Oregon game commission has not had its engineers look into three possible sites for rearing ponds in this area for spring run steelhead and Chinook salmon may be discussed.

Two forest service watershed motion pictures will be shown. One is "Waters of the Coweta" and the other "Waters of the West."

Portland — (UPI) — The 40th annual national convention of the Izak Walton League of America opens Wednesday at the Multnomah hotel.

Local Entrants In State Junior

At least 13 entries from Medford are contending in the Oregon Golf association junior tournament which opened today and will continue through Friday at Oswego Lake and Tualatin Country clubs.

Lone girl entered is Sue Boals.

Boys entered are Ray Heywell, Rich Knight, Mike Miller, Jim Woods and Tom Clark in the junior division. Doug Olson and Kent Clark in the boys' division and Terry Scroggin, Alan Brooks, David Boals, Dennis Alexander and Tom Good in the pee wee class.

"Arnie is still the greatest," Nicklaus exclaimed. He pointed out that he played with Palmer in the first two rounds and Palmer shot better than he did in each of them.

But when the chips were down Sunday — and that's when Palmer usually is at his best — it was the youngster who came through over the nervous Nicklaus.

The victory was worth \$17,500 to Nicklaus — \$15,000 as first place money and \$2,500 extra for the playoff round. That brought Nicklaus' money winnings for the year to \$43,198.95, the best a freshman pro ever has done. And that official amount does not include the \$2,500 extra for the playoff round.

Nicklaus is now third in money winnings — behind Palmer's \$68,331.66 and Gene Littler, who has a total of \$55,470.83.

But if Nicklaus keeps on going, he'll soon be at the top of the class — and he may stay there for a long time to come.

Gold West Mile Won By Deubner

Los Angeles — (UPI) — Two broken records and a Red Lorge, Mont., high school graduate highlighted the Golden West Invitational Track meet Saturday.

Doug Brown, voted the outstanding athlete of the meet, won the two-mile opening event in 9:16.2 to surpass the national high school record of 9:25.5 set by Danny Murphy of Manhattan Beach, Calif., in 1960.

But the mark did not count as a record because all competitors are graduated seniors and no longer eligible.

Discus Mark

Ron Pascarella, Miami, Fla., set a meet record in the discus event with a heavy of 183 feet, 4 inches, breaking the old mark of 180-1 set by Don Schmidt of King City, Calif., in 1961.

In the 220-yard dash, Vernus Ragsdale of Lincoln High school in San Diego raced to the finish in :21.2, knocking three-tenths of a second off the mark held by Ray Etherly of Albuquerque, N. M., in 1961.

One of the most thrilling events was the mile which was won by Dave Deubner, Eugene, Ore., in a flashy time of 4:11.2. Deubner held a 20-yard lead and looked an easy winner, but Richard Romo, San Antonio, Tex., gained ground rapidly and finished three-tenths of a second behind the Oregon runner.

Dyrol Burleson Not To Compete This Summer

Eugene, Ore. — (UPI) — One of the most consistent record-shattering athletes in America, shot-putter Dallas Long of USC, takes his special talent to the National AAU track and field meet this week end — but another will sit it out.

Miller Dyrol Burleson of Oregon announced Sunday that he would not compete in any track events this summer. He thus eliminated himself from the AAU meet in Southern California and the international meet between the United States and Russia in July.

Burleson announced his plans after winning the NCAA mile crown here Saturday with a time of 3:59.2.

Emeralds Split With Bear Nine

United Press International
It took Hud Gelein a while to get going, but he may be on the way now.

The Yakima pitcher lost his first five decisions this season but Sunday night he got his first win when he threw a two-hitter that led the Bears to a 2-0 Northwest league baseball win over Eugene.

Gelein had a no-hitter going for four innings but was tagged for a single by Roger Tomlinson in the fifth. The only other hit off him was a double by Joe McLaughlin in the 7th.

Other Action

The shutout came in the second game of a doubleheader after Eugene had won the opener 8-7.

In other action Sunday Wenatchee defeated Salem 7-2 and 9-4 and Tri-City divided a twin bill with Lewiston. Lewiston won the first game 4-3 and Tri-City copped the second 10-0.

Eugene scored three runs in the fourth inning of its opening with Yakima to win it. Dick Dietz doubled in two runs during the rally.

Danny Murphy hit a two-run homer that sparked a three-run outburst by Wenatchee which meant victory for the Chiefs in the first game with Salem. The Chiefs scored three runs in both the third and fourth innings of the nightcap to win that one.

Wrestler Dies As Result of Victoria Bout

Victoria, B.C. — (UPI) — A Los Angeles wrestler died as the result of a wrestling match here Saturday night.

Johnny Demchuck of Los Angeles died en route to hospital after a bout with Oliver Winrush.

Sports Commissioner Doug Fletcher said Winrush had Demchuck, 49, in a hammerlock when his face turned color and his body stiffened up. The match was stopped and Demchuck was rushed to St. Joseph's hospital. He was pronounced dead on arrival.

It is believed Demchuck died of a heart seizure.

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Samoan To Face Herb Freeman on Armory Mat Card

Al Pago Pago, veteran Samoan heavyweight, has been signed to meet Herb Freeman of Portland in the opening match of Thursday night's professional wrestling card at Medford armory.

Pago Pago, who does a sword dance before he wrestles, has been a sensation in Hawaiian mat circles but is having his 'troubles' getting started against mainland grapplers since arriving several weeks ago. In meeting Freeman he will be up against a fast and scientific grappler who thrills the fans with his variety of holds and speed.

He is known for his excellent sportmanship but is equally rough when the occasion demands.

The main event promises plenty of fireworks when Fritz Von Goering meets Luther Lindsey. Von Goering has

nearly incited a riot every time he has appeared here but Lindsey will be the toughest opponent he has faced here and fans are anticipating a wild scrap.

The feature match will be a tag team affair with four of the country's top midgets. Little Beaver teams with Tiny Tim against Sky Low Low and Cowboy Cassidy.

Children under 13 years of age will be admitted free if accompanied by their parents. Ringside reserved seat tickets may be obtained at Lampport's Sporting Goods store in Medford.

PRO PIN TOURNAMENT

Spokane — (UPI) — More than 160 top professional bowlers from across the nation will be competing for \$21,000 in prizes June 21-24 at the first professional bowling tournament to be held in Spokane.

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LYMAN VICTOR
Gearhart, Ore. — (UPI) — Dick Lyman editor and publisher of the Elgin Recorder, won the Oregon Newspaper association golf championship Saturday at the Astoria Golf and Country Club.

ROW RACE WON
Seattle — (UPI) — The Lake Washington Rowing club of Seattle retained the perpetual trophy by winning the heavy varsity race in the Seattle Junior Creek Rowing commission regatta here Saturday.

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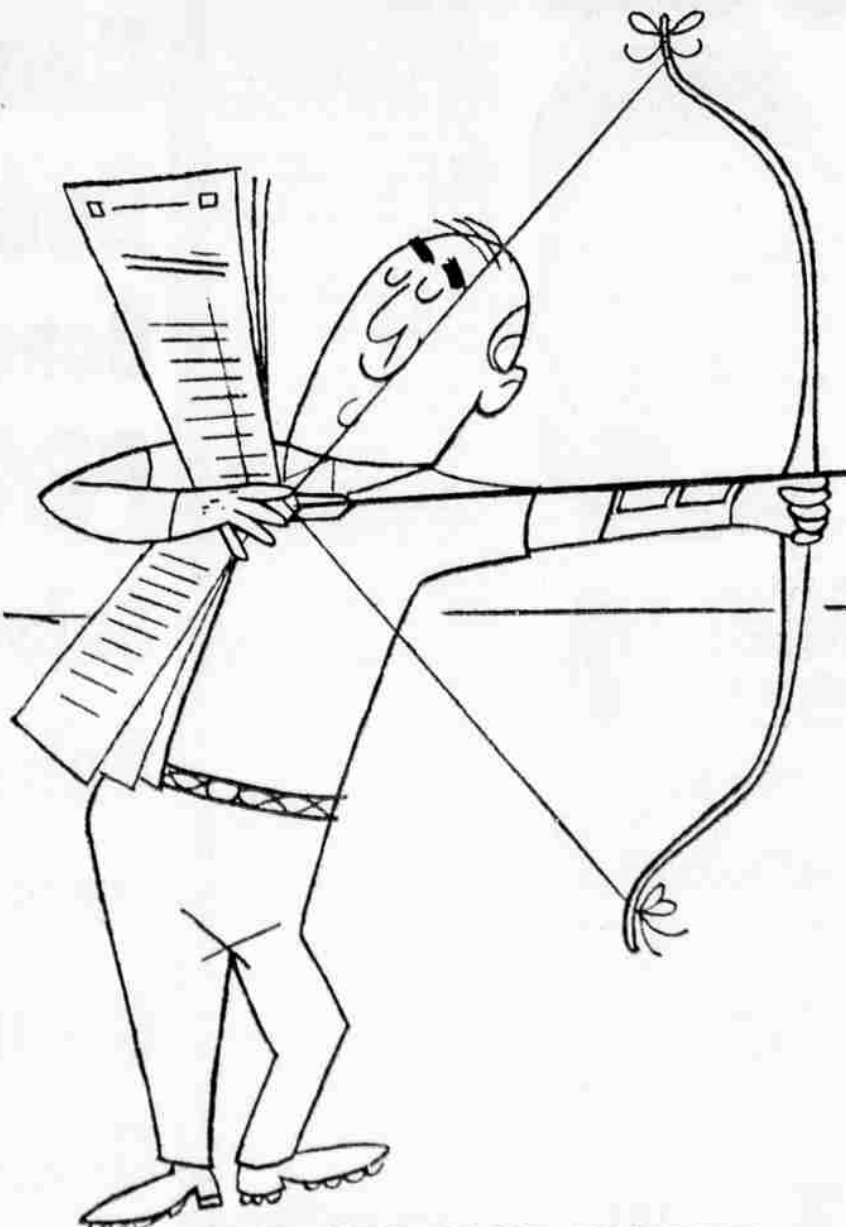
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