

Palmer Favored

Rodgers Attracts Support For PGA Championship

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Newton Square, Pa. — The odds makers made Arnold Palmer a 2-1 favorite today to win the PGA golf championship but there was surprising support for a 13-1 shot in the field—ruddy-faced Phil Rodgers.

The cocky redhead from California has been coming close, but up to now never has been able to catch the favored Palmer in a big one. Rodgers finished two strokes behind Palmer and Jack Nicklaus in the U.S. Open last month and last week tied for third in the British Open—seven shots behind Palmer.

Nicklaus, who beat Palmer in a playoff for the U. S. Open title, was the second choice in the field of 172 golfers at 3-1. Behind him and ahead of Rodgers came defending champion Jerry Barber and Gary Player at (5-1). Billy Casper (6-1), Dow Finsterwald (8-1) and Gene Littler (10-1).

"I don't think that in a field like this one any golfer is good enough to be a 2-1

shot," Palmer said. "But I sure hope the odds makers are right."

Palmer had a four-over-par 74 Tuesday in a practice round over the 7,040 yard Aronimink course with its par of 35-35-70 while Nicklaus fired a two-under 68.

Rodgers was late showing up and planned to play his first—and final—practice round today. But Rodgers doesn't worry about things like that.

He wasn't even concerned when it took him four strokes to get his ball out of a fire tree in the Open at Oakmont last month.

He came into the press tent the next day and a golf writer suggested he had tough luck.

"What was tough about it," he asked. "Why just a couple of hours ago I four-putted the 10th green—from eight feet."

And he lost the title by two strokes.

"I'll make up for it some day," he promised.

The golfing pros think he could do it here. One reason

they are high on the 24-year-old Rodgers is that nothing seems to disturb him—even those two disastrous holes at Oakmont.

"You do or you don't," is his philosophy of the game. Has Worked Well

So far it has worked well. He made his first appearance as a professional in the 1961 St. Paul Open.

In less than a full year on the tour, the confident kid from La Jolla—which had produced such golfers as Casper, Littler, Don Whit and Mickey Wright, the leading money winner among the gal pros—has won two tournaments, the 1962 Los Angeles and Tucson opens.

That is better than any first year pro ever has done.

In addition he placed in the top five in five other tournaments and is seventh on the money winning list with a total of \$28,091.90. A victory here, with its first place money of at least \$11,000, would jump him into fifth place—behind Palmer, Littler, Casper and Nicklaus.

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SPORTS

Payne Leads Batters In Softball League

John Payne, first baseman for the Jay Allen entry in the Jackson County Softball league, is leading individual batters in games played through July 11, according to statistics released by Harry Chipman, league president.

Payne compiled a .452 average from 31 times at bat and 14 base hits in 10 games. He scored eight runs. The figures were based on 18 times at bat to determine the leaders.

In second place is Norm Hedgepeth of Tru Mix with a .415 average from 41 at bats and 17 hits in 12 games. He has scored 18 runs.

Dale Matheny of Keith Schulz is third with 370 in 10 games. Mort McIntyre of Keith Schulz and Barney Riggs of Tru Mix are tied for fourth with 364.

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pared from 263 times at bat and 73 hits in 11 games. Grants Pass with .266 from 320 at bats and 85 hits in 12 games. Jay Allen is third with .255 from 317 turns at the plate and 81 hits in 11 games.

Ron Weatherford's 78 innings pitched for Tru Mix makes him the workhorse of the league. He has allowed 31 runs, 65 hits, walked 28 and struck out 87.

Jim Reinholdt of Jay Allen has worked in 68 innings during which time he gave up 53 runs and 47 hits. He walked 26 and struck out 54. Don Cain of Keith Schulz has pitched 52 innings, giving up 24 runs on 31 hits, and walking 26 and striking out 46.

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Cubs Dunk Medford 12-2

White City — The Crater Cubs dunked Medford 12 to 2 here Tuesday night in Southern Oregon junior league baseball.

The Medford club picked up their two runs in the first inning. The Cubs came on strong in the second with four markers and kept a steady pace.

For the Crater nine, Wayne Clay walked two and struck out 13. Bob Stroh and John Rhodes each had a double and a single. Bottger had a triple for Medford.

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Pro Football Briefs

3 Players Dropped From Charger Team

San Diego, Calif. —UPI—San Diego Charger coach Sid Gillman today worked from a nucleus of 20 rookies and five veterans as three men were trimmed from the roster Tuesday.

Halfback Mike Sommer, rookie end Pete Smolovovich and rookie halfback Bob Bagwell were dropped from the squad.

Sidelined because of injuries were fullback Bob Jackson of New Mexico State, guard Sonny Bishop of Fresno State, halfback Bert Cono of Kansas university and back Jim Bates of the University of Southern California.

Santa Cruz, Calif. — Some good and bad news was reported at Oakland Raiders training camp here today.

The bad news was that veteran defensive back Alex Bravo has announced his retirement from the game.

The good news was the pronouncement by coach Marty Feldman that this year's crop of rookies was the strongest in the history of the club and "our vets better be in top shape or else they may find themselves with a long, hard road to travel to retain their spots on the club."

The Raiders open their exhibition season against the Dallas Texans in Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 4.

Moraga, Calif. — San Francisco Forty Niner coach Red Hickey reports that 23 rookies will take their first workout at St. Mary's college here Friday afternoon.

The only first-year man missing will be tackle Clark

Score Paces Indianapolis Win In American Association Play

Indianapolis —UPI—Indianapolis exploded for a record six doubles, including one by winning 10-1 over the Herb Score, to grab an 11-7 slugfest from the American Association All-Stars last night.

Score also smacked a single to pace the Indians to their third victory in four all-star tilts.

The win evens the series at 10 decisions each for the hosts and the All-Stars.

Starter Score, one of three Indian pitchers, was lifted in the fifth inning.

Both teams got 13 hits, but the All-Stars were saddled with three errors and the Tribe none.

Jack Smith of Omaha, the second of six All-Star hurlers, was tagged with the loss.

The best of the other five league clubs, ahead briefly 1-0 in the second frame, staged a futile ninth-inning three-run rally that fell short.

The Indians bunched their efforts with three in the third and fourth, and five in the sixth.

No game was scheduled tonight. Things get back to normal tomorrow with Denver at Dallas-Fort Worth; Indianapolis at Oklahoma City, and Omaha at Louisville for night games.

BRL all-star games are scheduled for July 27, 28 and 29 at the Ft. Jones diamond. Starting time of the first game is 9 a.m.

Players Picked In Hornbrook

Hornbrook — Selections were made last week end for players in the Northern Siskiyou Little League all-star games.

Chosen to represent Hornbrook were John Snyder, David Rutledge and Billy Spearin. The games will be played July 20 and 21, with the first game scheduled to go under the lights at the Ft. Jones Little League diamond.

Opponents in the tournament will be the Scott Valley All-Stars and the Yreka All-Stars. Manager of the North Siskiyou All-Stars is Jack Slacy of Ganelle, and coach is George Smith of Hornbrook.

Babe Ruth League All-Stars from Hill-Hornbrook are Darrell Jones and Steve Farmer, Hornbrook and Charles Chase, Hill. In final BRL standings, the Hill-Hornbrook team was shown to lead the North Siskiyou county division with eleven wins, one loss and no ties. Les Chase of Hill is manager.

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GP Elks Defeat CP; CWA Trips Jennings

Central Point was handed its first defeat in major league play Tuesday night in Jackson County Softball Association action. The Grants Pass Elks subdued the local team 9 to 1 at Cheney field.

In minor league action, the Communication Workers of America (CWA) nine sneaked by Sam Jennings 3 to 2 last night.

Phil Sargent picked up three runs on two hits for Grants Pass. Single runs were scored by M. McLemore, F. Morrison, Don Reese, Chuck Curran, Johnnie Browns and Les Saifer. In the put out department, Reese had eight credits.

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In Tennis

Belkin, Carol Loop Lead

Chicago —UPI—Young Mike Belkin, of Miami Beach, Fla., and collegian Carol Ann Loop, of Arcata, Calif., pulled upsets Tuesday in the opening of the National Clay Courts tennis championships at River Forest.

Belkin, 17, defeated No. 2 seeded Whitney Reed, of Alameda, Calif., 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, in men's singles.

Miss Loop defeated third-seeded Billie Jean Moffitt, Long Beach, Calif., 2-6, 9-7, 8-6, in women's singles.

There were other upsets, too. Ray Senowski, Hamtramck, Mich., defeated fifth-seeded Donald Dell, 6-2, 6-3, and Francis Godbout, of Canada, defeated Davis Cupper Dennis Ralston, Bakersfield, Calif., 3-6, 7-5, 6-2.

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Night Shoot Set for Friday At Gun Club

A night shoot is planned this Friday at the Medford Gun club. Traps will be opened at 7 p.m.

Club spokesmen said this morning that participants may shoot for anything they want. There will be a handicapped contest, and several merchandise prizes will be offered.

It was noted that the lighting system at the gun club has been overhauled.

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SIGNS WITH COLTS

Baltimore —UPI—Running back Tom Matte, hampered by injuries most of last season, has signed his 1962 contract with the Baltimore Colts. Matte suffered a cracked vertebrae in the second game and returning after a five-game layoff he sprained an ankle.

ART JONES RETURNS

Portland —UPI—Art Jones, leading scorer for the Portland Buckaroos of the Western Hockey league, will be back with the club this coming season, promoter Harry Glickman said today. Jones was drafted by the Montreal Canadiens in June, but Glickman said the contract has been repurchased from the Canadiens. Jones was most valuable player last year.

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