

Denny Shute Leads PGA With Five Under Par 67

Nelson Bothered With Back Ailment; Four Bunched In 2nd Place With 68's

By FRITZ HOWELL
DALLAS, U. S., July 10 (AP)—The country's top-drawer "play for pay" golfers were asking each other two questions today as they pressed into the second 18-hole qualifying round of the PGA championship over Moraine Country club's rolling, rugged terrain.

"Can we catch Denny Shute?" and "How is Byron Nelson's back?"

Shute, gray-haired and 40, posed the first question yesterday as he ripped the layout apart with a 32-35-67, five under par, to pace the pack at the halfway mark. The Akron star, winner of the Ohio amateur in 1927, the British Open in 1933 and the PGA in 1936 and 1937, one-upped the first seven greens, had only 27 shots on the putting surfaces, and had five birdies and 13 pars as he sauntered into the lead.

Nelson hurts back

Nelson, the Toledo umbrella man, the year's big money winner and considered the man to beat in this wartime clash, was another headache to his rivals. A week ago, in Chicago, he pulled a muscle in his back in winning a \$100 driving contest.

Yesterday he scored a 70, but immediately after his round he submitted to a massage and a heat treatment, and then sought

an osteopath in an attempt to eradicate a "nervous which bothered my back." Whether the treatment was a success meant quite a bit to the rivals as well as to Nelson.

Shute, who has qualified for the PGA match play every year since he became eligible in 1929, except in 1933 when he stayed in England for an exhibition tour, hopes he won't run into the same luck which stopped him in 1940.

That year, after being away from golf for six months due to a wrist operation, Shute qualified for the PGA title fight, only to be carted off to a hospital for removal of his appendix before he could get in a round of match play. Previously he had lost to Tom Creavy in the finals of the 1931 championship, but came back to dominate the 1936 and 1937 classic.

Only a stroke back of Shute as they went into the second round—15 of the pro's beat Old Man Par (who is 72 and couldn't stand the pace)—were Herman Barron of White Plains, N. Y.; Sgt. Jim Turnesa of Mamaroneck, N. Y.; Sgt. E. J. Harrison, the "Arkansas Traveler" now stationed at Dayton's Wright field, and Johnny Revolta, the bushy-haired former PGA king from Evanston, Ill.

Bob Hamilton of Evansville, Ind., the army private and defending champion stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., hit par 72 on the nose. He was tied by Craig Wood, the duration National Open king from Mamaroneck, N. Y.; Al Nelson of Ponte Vedra, Fla., and Ralph E. Hutchinson of Bethlehem, Pa.

Santa Anita Turf Meeting Sets Record

By BILL BECKER
ARCADIA, Calif., July 10 (AP)—Quite a meeting Santa Anita had, muttered park attendants today as they swept up the last of the discarded pari-mutuel tickets.

Inclined to agree with them were more expert observers who pointed at these facts and figures for the fabulous 40-day race session ended last Saturday:

The total betting handle was \$87,834,419, a daily average of \$2,190,881. The daily mutuel take topped three million five times, with the high of \$3,813,300 on the day of the \$100,000 handicap. Wagers on the leap alone totaled \$791,837. All of these figures were new western records.

It was probably the richest American meeting ever held for horse owners, who pocketed \$1,431,000 in purses. This was an average daily distribution of \$35,775, exceeding the \$35,196.50 average at Saratoga in 1944, believed to be tops for an extended meeting.

Klamath Jay-ces To Meet Medford In Softball Tilt

The Klamath county junior chamber of commerce softball team will tangle with the Medford Jay-ces in a softball tilt to be played at Recreation park Sunday at 6:30 p. m.

In a previous tussle, the Klamath ten nosed out their traditional rivals 23 to 22 in a free hitting game. The Jay-ces outfit will also play a high school club in a practice game scheduled for Friday evening. Coach Marvin Hixon said today.

Big League Clubs Aid Red Cross

Chicago Shows Way With Biggest Crowd Since 1941; White Sox Edge Cubs, 5-4.

By JACK HAND
Associated Press Sports Writer
American league 2, National league 1, and American Red Cross-National War Fund Charities \$110,000. That's the score today after the first of a two-day series of interleague exhibition games which was called off upon ODT suggestion.

Four more tilts will be played today, the day baseball would be staging its annual mid-season festival in Boston if wartime travel conditions had not made it necessary to cancel the extravaganza. Last year the all-star contest in Pittsburgh netted \$106,275, including \$25,000 for red's rights.

Baseball's total for relief contribution over four seasons was near the \$3,000,000 mark and almost certain to hit that total when all returns are counted.

Chicago Shows Way
Chicago showed the way with the biggest crowd to see a ball game in the windy city since July 13, 1941, as 47,144 watched the White Sox edge out their cross-town rivals, the Cubs, 5-4, in 10 innings.

Johnny Dickshot's single to center scored Wally Maves with the winning score off Paul Deringer in the extra frame after Bill Nicholson hit a disputed drive which the Cubs claimed entered the stands and had been knocked out by a fan. The White Sox played the ball, holding Nicholson to a double and the umpires upheld them.

Vice President Harry Grabner of the White Sox said the official Chicago receipts couldn't be calculated for a few days but he was sure the proceeds to be divided between the national war fund and the Red Cross, would exceed \$50,000.

Yanks Lead Giants
New York turned out 41,267 paying \$50,518 in a game played in a continuous drive that finally caused the game to be called at the end of the seventh with the Yankees leading the Giants, 7-1.

Senator A. B. (Happy) Chandler, elected commissioner of

baseball, watched the game from a field box and threw out the first ball to Catcher Ernie Lombardi but the Yanks did all the starting after that.

Herb Martin's grand slam homer in the six-run third inning was the big blow in the Yanks' cause, routing Starter Swede Hansen.

Three Cincinnati hurlers shut out the Indians, 6-0, at Cleveland before a slim crowd of 8000 fans.

Real drama is promised for tonight when Bert Shepard, who lost his right leg after his army plane was shot down over Germany, makes his formal pitching debut for Washington against Brooklyn. Shepard, now a coach, worked in spring training games, amazing baseball men with his dexterity.

Bevos Face Seals; Suds Meet Sacs

Portland Club Leads Field By 3 1/2 Lengths; Suds Close Gap Between First, Second.

By PAUL WELLS
Associated Press Sports Writer
Cream of the Pacific Coast league crop since the start of the season, Portland's Bevos and Seattle's Rainiers move today to their own northwest stamping grounds for a three-week stay, with their California competition in the next fortnight promising little danger to their one-two standings at the top of the loop.

Only two games are on the bill of fare tonight. The first-place Bevos, three and a half lengths ahead of the field, tackle San Francisco's Seals, and the Sacramento Solons open their series against the Acorns at Oakland.

Seattle's home stand against the Hollywood Stars will get underway with a twin bill tomorrow evening, travel northward having caused the delay. The Los Angeles-San Diego Padres series opens with a doubleheader Wednesday afternoon.

League competition this week, the 17th of the season, will center on battles for first, third and seventh places.

Suds Narrow Gap
In the last two weeks that Portland and Seattle have been on the road the Rainiers have narrowed the gap between first and second spots one game, winning 10 out of 15 while the Bevos were coping nine and dropping six.

Sacramento's overwhelming 6-2 series victory over San Francisco last week put the two clubs in a tie for third, six notches behind Seattle and three ahead of the fifth-place Acorns.

At the bottom of the ladder the amazing Stars have pulled within half a tilt of the once-

powerful Angels, who have sped cellar-ward in the last two weeks with the speed of a V-2, winning only two of their last 15 starts. Hollywood gained five games on the seventh-spot Seraphs last week by humbling San Diego six out of eight while the Rainiers were taking Los Angeles over the hurdles 7-1.

Bluejackets Pour It On Butte Falls

Southern Oregon League Standings

Team	W.	L.
Naval air station	5	0
Marine barracks	4	1
Medford	3	2
Central Point	3	3
Ashland	1	4
Butte Falls	0	5

The sailor nine from the naval air station remained at the top of the Southern Oregon Baseball league over the weekend by virtue of a 25 to 1 shellacking of Butte Falls.

Patterson pitched for the navy and whiffed 10 while giving up only one hit. Navy batters had a field day at the plate collecting six homers and a large number of doubles and triples.

The sailors gave Patterson good support, committing only one error, while Butte Falls was guilty of two bobbles. Chief Norm Worthley's boys will tangle with Central Point there next Sunday.

Lind-Pomeroy Legion Nine Downs Idaho

PAYETTE, Ida., July 10 (AP)—Pounding three southwestern Idaho All-Star hurlers for 11 hits, Portland's Lind-Pomeroy Legionnaire baseball team Sunday defeated the Idaho squad 10-4, salvaging the third game of the series.

The All-Stars took Saturday's game 3-1 behind the pitching of Cecil Gregory, who limited the visitors to seven safeties.

In last night's game, Portland took an early 2 to 0 lead, but the All-Stars tied it up and followed with two more in the second. All-Star Pitcher Cudd, however, encountered trouble in the fifth when Oregonians

Olivera Earns Draw With Lewis Castillo

SAN FRANCISCO, July 10 (AP)—California Bantam Weight Champion Tony Olivera, 117, San Francisco, successfully defended his title here last night by earning a 15-round draw in a slambang fight with Lewis Castillo, 117, Mexico City.

The verdict did not meet with unanimous approval, many thinking the equally Mexican had piled up sufficient points with his two-fisted body attack to win the crown.

knocked him from the mound with five runs on four hits and two errors. Robinson and Peterson followed on the mound for the Idaho nine before the latter stemmed the spurt.

Bobcat Bob Gains Nod; Fans Irked

By TED MEIER
PHILADELPHIA, July 10 (AP)—Lightweight Champion Bob Montgomery gained a split 10-round decision over Nick Moran at Shibe park last night, but a deluge of chairs and seat covers into the ring indicated that the verdict was unpopular.

A crowd of 13,035 (gross receipts \$43,827.95) saw the Philadelphia bobcat, making his first hometown appearance in a year and a half, win the nod of Referee Charley Deggerty, 6-3-1, and Judge Harry Lasky, 5-4-1, in his return non-title scrap with the Mexico City scrapper who beat him at Los Angeles back in May.

Judge Lou Costello thought Moran won decisively. He gave the champion only one round, the ninth. Of the remaining rounds, he gave Moran seven and called two even. The Associated Press had Moran on top, six rounds to four, by virtue of his winning the last round, a round which all three officials awarded Moran.

Four Major League Clubs Favor Setting Age Limit

RICHMOND, Va., July 10 (AP)—Four of the 16 major league baseball clubs favor legislation to place an age limit on the signing of teen-age players, a telegraphic survey conducted by the Richmond News Leader disclosed today. The same survey showed that only three clubs were listed as opposed to the legislation.

The matter is scheduled to come up at a meeting of major league officials with Senator A. B. (Happy) Chandler, baseball commissioner, in Washington Thursday.

The News Leader became interested when it discovered that

a schoolboy, whom the paper was sponsoring as Virginia's representative in an "All-American" boys' game to be played in New York on August 28, was ineligible because he had signed a contract with the New York Giants. This case was expected to be used as an example at the Washington meeting.

Of the clubs polled, the News Leader said 13 answered but only seven gave definite opinions. The New York Giants, Washington Senators, St. Louis Browns and Pittsburgh Pirates all favored an age limit providing all teams were made to adhere.

Lipscomb Will Clash With Leone

Jack Lipscomb, the former Woodier, has been signed to tackle tough Antonio Leone in the headline tussle on Promoter Mack Lillard's extravaganza Friday night at the Klamath smory, Lillard said this morning.

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