

# Nelson Wins 'Tam Open; Doering Tops Amateurs; Berg Cops Women's Title

By L. E. SKELLEY

CHICAGO, July 31 (AP)—"The guy's good for 10 more years," that's what Fred Corcoran, Professional Golfers association tournament manager, thinks of Byron Nelson, mechanical man of the links who pocketed the \$10,200 first prize in the all-American Open for his ninth straight tournament victory.

If Corcoran's prediction materializes it's a rather drab future for the 33-year-old Nelson's contemporaries who have watched him win \$42,500 (war bond total) in 1945.

The PGA official describes Byron with the superlative "great." Corcoran attributes Nelson's success to a "great golf mind, great concentration and a great golf swing."

Nelson, of whom Ty Cobb once said he could make a marvelous baseball player because of his "will to win," bore out Corcoran's praise yesterday with another record-breaking performance at Tam O'Shanter.

### Nelson Better Record

The former Fort Worth, Tex., caddy, who started his career as a cross-hander, spread-eagled the field with a final round 67 for a sensational 269 total, 19 strokes under par and 11 ahead of his nearest rivals, the veteran Gene Sarazen and Lt. Ben Hogan. The score bettered his own record of 278 in the 1941 event.

Sarazen and Hogan split the combined second and third place prize money totaling \$8500. They were a stroke in front of Harold (Jug) McSpaden, Denny Shute and Vic Ghezzi. Sgt. Jim Ferrier of San Francisco, with a 67 finish, took seventh place with 282.

### Never Threatened

But none even threatened to disturb Nelson. He simply would not be caught as he opened with a birdie 3 and carried through to another of his spectacular rounds for his fourth Tam victory in five years.

Art Doering of Denver, Colo., won the all-American amateur championship with a 282 total, another meet record. He finished a stroke ahead of Flight Officer Frank Stranahan of Toledo, O., and Bob Cochran, of St. Louis.

Lt. Patty Berg of Minneapolis, who won the women's all-American Open championship in 1943, duplicated the performance yesterday with a finishing 77 for a 312 total that passed Dorothy Germain of Philadelphia by a single stroke. Miss Germain closed with an 80.

### GIT OVER COUGHING

CAMDEN, N. J. — Git, the Blenheim II-Galagold colt which cost John Bromley \$23,000 as a yearling last season, is coming around nicely, after being stricken in a recent coughing epidemic down the line. He's a candidate for Labor Day's \$25,000 Garden State stakes.

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## Phillies Give Up Flag Hopes

PHILADELPHIA, July 31 (AP)—The Phillies have officially given up all hope of winning the 1945 National league flag.

Manager Ben Chapman says he is already getting to work on prospects for next year. The pitcherless, powerless Phillies trail the league leading Chicago Cubs by 35 games and are 17 games out of seventh place. They are far behind all National league clubs in batting and fielding and have not come up with any consistent pitching all season.

"I want to put in the rest of the schedule looking the club over and making up my mind what men we'll want back next year," Chapman said, adding quickly that he doesn't know whether he himself will be back. He was named only to finish out the season after Fred Fitzsimmons resigned last month.

## 8 Favorites Gain Notch In Net Play

KALAMAZOO, Mich., July 31 (AP)—The eight-top-seeded junior entrants in the national junior and boys tennis tournament reached the second round of play today without a lost set to mar their records.

Two of the favorites—Herbie Flam of Beverly Hills, Calif., and Herbert (Buddy) Behrens of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.—advanced through the first round of defaults over Thomas Owens and John Lonsgoeter, respectively, both of Pittsburgh.

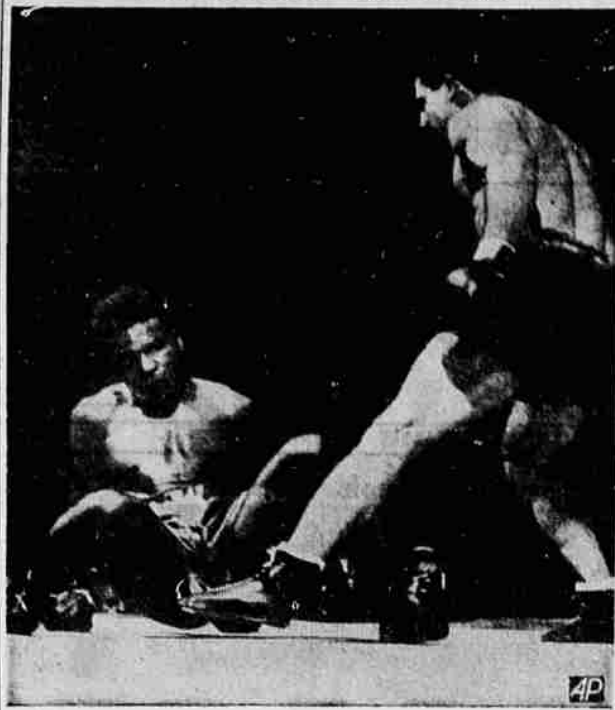
Top-ranking Bernard Barzen of San Angelo, Tex., swept aside Clarence Skau of Grose Point, Mich., 6-1, 6-2, to clear the first barrier in his quest for the junior title left open by Bob Falkenberg of Hollywood.

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## Thomas Hits The Deck



John Thomas, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., heavyweight, is floored in the second round of his 10-round bout with Abel Castac, Argentine protege of Luis Angel Firpo and Jack Dempsey, in Madison Square Garden, New York City. Thomas won a split decision. (AP Wirephoto.)

## ODT Ruling Has Obvious Effect On Grid Schedules

By CHICK HOSCH  
ATLANTA, July 31 (AP)—That ODT ruling regarding staging of athletic events at neutral sites has had an obvious effect in the drafting of southeastern conference football schedules for this fall.

A check of the schedules shows but few cases where the combined traveling of the two opponents would total more miles than if one of the teams visited the other's campus. Even then the added distance is so slight as to be almost negligible.

Ordinarily, the twelve schools—only four of which are located in cities of any size—follow the simple rule of good business in drawing up their schedules. This season, however, the selection of some of the "in-between" sites could easily be construed as an ingenious manipulation of railroad timetables with an equal regard for the prospective gates and the ODT.

The first glance, for example, the selection of Memphis as the site for the Kentucky-Mississippi tilt appears to violate the ruling, but a check of the mile posts shows otherwise.

Too, the conference can point to the Louisiana State-Georgia game on October 20 on the latter's campus as an example of sincere compliance with the ruling. Last year the Tigers and the Bulldogs tangled here in Georgia Tech's spacious stadium. The Tigers pass through Atlanta en route to Athens. It might also be mentioned that on that particular autumn afternoon the Tech stadium will be empty as the Jackets meet Navy in Baltimore.

### AT HOME ON THE REDS

CINCINNATI — Only native of Cincinnati now on the Reds is catcher Al Lakeman, who was a Golden Gloves boxer before taking up baseball as a profession.

SEABRIGHT, N. J. — Bill Talbert, Wilmington, Del., won invitation tourney by defeating Lt. Gardner Mulloy, USNR, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4. Pauline Betz, Los Angeles, won women's title with a 10-8, 6-3 triumph over Louise Brough, Beverly Hills, Calif.

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## PCL Flag Race Narrows Down To Battle Between Portland Beavers And Rainiers

By PAUL WELLS  
Associated Press Sports Writer  
With nine weeks left in the Pacific coast baseball league season the race for the 1945 bunting has narrowed down to a battle between the front-running Portland Beavers and the runner-up Seattle Rainiers. Both Portland and Seattle, playing in California this week, will be endeavoring to improve their positions preliminary to their final series of the year starting August 7.

The Rainiers, six games behind the pacesetters, will open a regulation engagement against the San Francisco Seals tonight while the Beavers will start their eight-game series against the Hollywood Stars in a Wednesday doubleheader.

Vying for attention with the first-place scrap is the three-team fight for third. Sacramento's Solons, in fourth half a game below the Seals, meet the slipping Los Angeles Angels. Oakland's Acorns, two games out of the first division, traveled to San Diego for a nine-tilt series opening with a twin ball this evening. Meanwhile, two San Francisco Stars appear headed for the big time. President Charley Graham of the Seals announced yesterday that the New York Giants had asked for a price on big Bob Joyce, 23-game winner, and Ben Guinnitt, talented outfielder.

Graham, interested in players instead of cash, wants four men from the Giant roster in return for his two Stars. He will either accept or reject the New York offer by October 1, the date on which minor leaguers become eligible for the major league draft. Joyce and Guinnitt would not be called up until 1946.

Several major loop clubs are known to be interested in Joyce, among them the Philadelphia Phillies, and that tall righthander appears sure to be drafted if he is not sold before the end of the season. He had one previous trial in the majors with the Athletics in 1939.

Oakland, hardest hit by injuries of any club in the circuit, will begin its nine-game stand at San Diego with four men on the shelf. Pitcher Mitch Chelkovich, war veteran, is in a San Francisco hospital for observation; First Baseman Charley Bates has just been released from an Oakland hospital with a leg infection; Out-fielder Frank Silvanic is laid up with a head cold and leg injury; and Out-fielder Norm Dewesse is unable to put his full weight on a wrenched knee.

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## Coleman Quits Job With Braves

Evensville Bob Second Big League Manager To Resign Under Current Conditions

By JACK HAND  
Associated Press Sports Writer  
Bob Coleman of the Boston Braves is the second big league manager to toss in the sponge under the wartime strain of watching indifferent work by inadequate help and the end is not in sight.

Evensville, Bob dropped the Braves job in the lap of Coach Del Bissonette yesterday, following Fat Freddy Fitzsimmons, late of the Phillies, into the clubhouse reserved for the "I used to be manager" group.

Joe McCarthy of the New York Yankees has made reservations in the same rooming house but isn't sure yet. Marse Joe offered to quit but was coaxed back by Larry MacPhail to think it over. He's still thinking it over and last night his wife said he "planned to rejoin the team when he's well again."

Pittsburgh has been giving Frankie Frisch a jumping case of the heebie-jeebies, prompting President Bill Benswanger to make a hurried trip to Boston when the Pirates were flopping toward a permanent seat in the second division.

Cincinnati attendance has been down and the club unimpressive, hardly an indictment of Deacon Bill McKechnie who has been doing wonders with a patchwork crew. But here again the scuttlebutt reports another managerial change brewing.

Even calm, placid even-tempered Mel Ott of the New York Giants became so upset as to place a \$500 fine on his ace pitcher, Bill Voiselle, in the heat of a losing game. He gave him back the money later but it just goes to show how upset a manager can become.

Luke Sewell of the St. Louis Browns and Jimmy Dykes of Chicago participated in one of the dandiest little inter-club brawls in many a moon when George Gaster of the Browns threw a ball into the White Sox dugout. Luke came out of it with a \$250 fine and a burning fever of revenge.

To date both Charley Grimm of the Chicago Cubs and Steve O'Neill of Detroit, the two top clubs, are bearing up well under the strain but their time has yet to come in the thick of the September drive.

In yesterday's only scheduled major league game, Cincinnati downed St. Louis, 5-4, knocking the world champions out of second place. Ed Huesser scattered 11 blows for his seventh decision at Ken Burkhardt's expense with the help of a double and triple by Eddie Miller.

Waukesha, Wis. — Wilford Wehrle, Racine, Wis., won Wisconsin amateur golf title by defeating John G. Smith, Kenosha, Wis., 6 and 4 in 36-hole final.

## Holmes Holds Senior Loop Batting Lead Over Rosen

NEW YORK, July 31 (AP)—Tommy Holmes of Boston held the National league batting lead by .00115 of a point over Goody Rosen of Brooklyn today with Tony Cuccinello of Chicago still showing the way to George Case of Washington in the American.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Player, Club	G.	AB.	R.	H.	PC.
Holmes, Boston	94	388	88	143	.369
Rosen, Brooklyn	87	361	81	133	.368
Cavarretta, Chicago	92	348	70	122	.350
Hack, Chicago	92	359	70	121	.337
Olmo, Brooklyn	89	361	49	121	.335
Ott, New York	88	310	47	102	.329
Dinges, Philadelphia	90	329	42	105	.319
Kurovski, St. Louis	86	328	59	104	.317
Johnson, Chicago	92	379	64	118	.311
Masi, Boston	69	222	42	69	.311

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Player, Club	G.	AB.	R.	H.	PC.
Cuccinello, Chicago	82	288	38	96	.333
Case, Washington	82	336	49	110	.327
Estalela, Philadelphia	88	317	37	99	.312
Stirnweiss, New York	86	354	64	110	.311
Lake, Boston	66	228	45	70	.307
Stephens, St. Louis	83	317	53	97	.306
R. Johnson, Boston	88	328	49	99	.302
Moses, Chicago	80	314	40	92	.293
Martin, New York	78	296	42	86	.291
Dickshot, Chicago	76	284	47	82	.289

## Oklahoma Cage Coach Hails Mexico's Sports Interest

By SAUL FELDMAN  
NORMAN, Okla., July 31 (AP)—Bruce Drake, affable University of Oklahoma basketball coach, tossed out a few words of Spanish, stopped nibbling on a tortilla and went into a tango today as he hailed Mexico's growing enthusiasm for sports.

Drake, just back from conducting a two weeks' basketball clinic in Mexico City, could find only praise for the Mexicans' interest as he held four-hour lectures each day with as many as 2000 coaches and players attending.

"They're enthusiastic and eager to learn basketball the right way," Drake pointed out, "and they're looking to America to help them."

The Sooner coach went to Mexico City with only a high school semester of Spanish and a month and a half of cramming but he made himself understood.

"They furnish an interpreter but I didn't have much trouble as long as I was on the court. I used a team to demonstrate and with gestures and a little Spanish, everything was okay. And my students, I never saw such an intent bunch. They wrote down all the plays and kept popping questions like I was a quiz kid."

"I had to use a different team each night. They claimed if I didn't, one five would learn more than another."

Paavo Katonen, Antone Leone, Georges Dussette and Jack Lipscomb have all agreed to a double main event here Friday night on Promoter Mack Lillard's crunch card. Katonen will meet Lipscomb.

Both these tilts will be six 10-minute rounds or two out of three falls. There is a distinct possibility of one of the grapplers gaining a title shot at Dussette by way of this clambake as all three are gunning for the belt.

In this bout, however, Dussette will defend his honor, but not his title, against Jack Lipscomb who is seeking a belt battle with the junior heavyweight champ.

**Two Trotting Records Will Go On Block**

By ORLO ROBERTSON  
GOSHEN, N. Y., July 31 (AP)—Two perfect records will be on the line today when a six stake trotting and pacing program is run off at Good Time park with everything free except the horses.

No admission fee will be charged, the betting machines have been locked up and free programs will be handed out for the one-day card which features the unbeaten Titan Hanover in the \$9000 national trot, a prep race for the \$45,000 Hambletonian Harness classic to be held on the same track August 8.

The national trot and the national pace originally were slated for the grand circuit meeting at Orchard Beach, Me., but the ODT ban on shipment of horses by common carrier came with most of the ranking trotters and pacers at North Randall, Ohio. The U. S. Trotting association, in cooperation with Bill Kane, owner of Good Time park, decided to run the events at Goshen and most of the better known horses were brought in.

**Double Main Event Slated For Friday**

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