

# From Midfield

By PAUL HAINES

## We Take It All Back—Nelson's Best

We have always been firm believers in admitting we are wrong when the facts prove that is the case. We hereby humbly remove our hats to Lord Byron Nelson, the master golfer of all time, and freely admit that he is a better golfer than Sammy Snead or anybody else that ever lived.

Bobby Jones, the Georgia wizard, wouldn't stand a ghost of a chance with the present day Nelson, as fine a golfer as he was. The Vardens, Hagens, Sarazens, Sneads and Hogans are all the same to the Toledo umbrellaman. He mows them down with ridiculous ease.

Probably his master performance was his winning of the All-American Open at Chicago's Tam O'Shanter. In coping the \$10,000 first place money, Lord Byron fired 66-68-68-67—269 for the 72-hole route. He was 19 strokes under perfect figures and 11 shots better than his nearest rival, Gene Sarazen and Lt. Ben Hogan.

To all intents and purposes he was alone from the first drive until he sunk the last putt. There just wasn't anyone who could touch his marvelous performance.

One thing that makes Nelson the hardest man to beat in the game is his burning desire to win. His competitive spirit is unsurpassed and he has lately proven that he is toughest when the going is rough and the chips are down.

Of course he also has all the shots in the bag. He has to when he whips the finest golfers alive as if they were dubs just learning the game. And really these others are beginners in comparison to Lord Byron.

Although admitting that Nelson is the greatest player the game has produced, we do not necessarily sing a dirge for Slammin' Sam. Nor do we for the others of the golfing clan. The Golden Era of other sports may have been in the roaring 20's, but the richest era of golf is right now.

Never before have such rich tournaments been provided. Never before have the players received such idolatry and accommodations from the fans and sponsors.

Yes, the old sayings of what Jack Dempsey was to the fight game, what Babe Ruth was to baseball, what Bill Tilden was to tennis still hold true. But the one of what Bobby Jones was to golf has become outmoded. It is now what Lord Byron Nelson is to golf and what he will mean to the game 20, nay, 50, years from now!



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## Net Tourney Recalls Budge, Riggs

A Kalamazoo, Mich., date line coming over the Associated Press wire carrying a story on the national junior and boys' tennis tournament brings back some pleasant memories to us.

For one thing, Kalamazoo is just 50 miles from the town where we attended high school, and in the second place we once had the pleasure of acting as a line judge in this very tournament.

This occurred some years ago at Culver Military academy where the tourney used to be played. The year that we attended school there a red-headed gawky kid by the name of Don Budge won the junior title and a smooth, smart court strategist named Bobby Riggs topped the boys' crown.

Budge triumphed over a good-looking lad called Gene Mako, and even then that backhand stroke that was later to devastate opponents at Forest Hills and at Wimbledon was Budge's greatest offensive weapon. And even then the hot temper that was to cost Mako many a match was evident.

We can still recall a shot that Budge made that was easily inside the stripe and we can still see Mako's racquet skidding across the clay at the decision. While Mako's temper often flared at a white-hot pitch, Budge remained cool and collected and outlasted Mako after dropping the first set.

These two men were to become one of the finest doubles teams that ever competed for the prized Davis cup, but Budge remained the better player of the two and became one of the greatest tennis players of all time.

Riggs' star was also in the ascendancy and he, too, became one of the finest players to wear the colors of the United States on international courts. He never was and never will be the perfectionist that Budge became, but he was good enough to hold a No. 1 national ranking after Budge turned professional.

Yes sir, a lot of things have happened since Budge outstroked Mako that summer afternoon on the shores of Lake Maxinkuckee, but we remember it with pleasure as the start of three boys on the road to tennis supremacy.

## Gallery Follows American Golfers In Canadian Open

TORONTO, Aug. 2 (AP)—The big boss of money golf, Fred Corcoran, said here last night on the eve of the \$10,000 Canadian Open that the first step in rais-

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NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Club	W.	L.	Pct.
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St. Louis	44	41	.519
Brooklyn	53	39	.576
Pittsburgh	50	46	.521
New York	47	47	.500
Cincinnati	42	49	.462
Boston	32	53	.378
Philadelphia	26	70	.271

  

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Club	W.	L.	Pct.
Detroit	47	36	.565
New York	47	41	.534
Washington	47	41	.534
Boston	47	43	.522
Chicago	45	45	.500
Cleveland	44	45	.494
St. Louis	42	45	.483
Philadelphia	30	58	.341

  

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE			
Club	W.	L.	Pct.
Portland	47	45	.511
Seattle	41	51	.447
Sacramento	33	61	.350
San Francisco	31	63	.329
Oakland	29	64	.315
San Diego	28	68	.294
Hollywood	21	72	.228

ing Canadian professionals to the proficiency of their American counterparts would be to shut the Americans out of some of Canada's big money golf tournaments.

The very backdrop of his statement provided its strongest support. Out on Thornhill Golf and Country club's 18 fairways, the 130-man field which will start in the three-day open today was warming up for the fray. The best Canadian golfers were there, but the biggest on the pre-tournament galleries were with the American top-notchers, and that's how it will be throughout the tournament.

"You've got to give your own pros encouragement," Corcoran said. "That would be the way to do it. I think anyone should be allowed to enter this particular tournament, the Open, because it's the big one of the year. But there should be a few \$5000 tournaments for your own men. Winning a few of those would give them the kind of tournament experience and confidence they need."

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## Bevos Sweep Double Bill From Hollies

Rainiers Trip Seals, 6-1; Solons Threaten By Copping Doubleheader From Angels

By PAUL WELLS  
Associated Press Sports Writer

Hollywood's Stars, who have been "brothers-in-law" all season to Portland, laid down and played dead again last night as the pace-setting Bevos swept a twin bill 5-4 and 5-2 to stretch their Pacific coast league lead to six games.

The double killing was Portland's twelfth and thirteenth in a row over the last-place movie-town club and nineteenth win out of 23 games with the Stars this season.

Seattle's Rainiers, fighting to stay within firing distance of the Bevos, took their second straight from the San Francisco Seals 6-1. Sacramento's Solons entrenched themselves more firmly in third place by taking both ends of a doubleheader from the Los Angeles Angels 5-3 and 3-2. Oakland completed the night's schedule by shading the San Diego Padres 2-1 to creep within a game of the fourth-birth Seals.

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**Bevos Grab Lead**  
Portland got off to a 5-0 lead in the first four innings of the abbreviated curtain raiser against Hollywood, belting Pitcher Joe Mishasek for seven hits, four of them for extra bases. The Stars came within one run of knotting the score when Second Baseman Kenneth Richardson slammed out a homer in the fifth with the sacks loaded. Wander Mossor, winning hurler, checked the rally and blanked the twinks for the remainder of the tilt. Veteran submariner Ad Liska had little trouble winning his sixteenth of the year for the Bevos in the ninth.

**Sacs Take Two**  
The Angels extended their losing streak to six straight by dropping two to the Solons. Young Lou Penrose registered his third win against no defeats in setting Los Angeles down 5-3 in the opener, outpitching Jorge (Pancho) Comellas. Gene Babbitt got credit for the 3-2 finale in which Catcher Norm Schaut drove in the winning run with an eighth-inning double after the two teams had been deadlocked for four cantos at 2-2. Johnny Woodend, recent addition to the Angel mound staff, was charged with the loss.

**Net Tourney At Impasse Due To Rain**  
WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 2 (AP)—Delaware's "little nationals" are at an impasse after defeating Margaret Osborne of San Francisco, seeded second, and other ranking women tennis stars refused to play indoors.

Heavy rains have soaked the grass courts at the site of the fourth annual Delaware state tourney. The opening two days of play were held indoors and on outdoor composition courts. Officials predicted last night it would take two days of strong sunshine to put the grass courts in playing condition.

Unranked Barbara Krase, 21-year-old San Francisco lass, provided the tournament's major upset when she eliminated Shirley Fry of Akron, O., national junior titlist and eighth seeded nationally, in a 3-6, 7-5, 8-6 battle.

Miss Krase, who was taken to a hospital during the tournament last year for an appendectomy, uncorked a blinding baseline game in the final set and refused to wilt under pressure.

**Conger Nips Del Moro Nine, 1-0**  
Conger defeated Del Moro field in a fast, tight game that kept fans on their toes throughout. Wirth, Conger second sacker, scored the only run of the five-inning game, when he was hit by Williams, Del Moro pitcher, stole second, and scored on Abbey's timely single to center.

Williams, Del Moro pitcher and Whit, Conger catcher, each struck out seven men and each allowed two hits. A play-off is scheduled for these teams on Wednesday, August 8, on Del Moro field.

All Mills team players will meet at Mills for practice on Friday night, August 3 at 6:30 p. m.

**Long-Shot Cops Race At Longacres Track**  
SEATTLE, Aug. 2 (AP)—The winning gallop of Be Listo in the \$920 air force handicap at Longacres yesterday was overshadowed by a long-shot, Saltese Buddy, who won his first start in the second race and paid \$182.10, \$62.60 and \$21.20.

Be Listo paid \$17, \$7 and \$3.90. Mutue handle for the day was \$176,345.

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## Former Champion Hailed As Movie Find

By TED MEIER  
NEW YORK, Aug. 2 (AP)—Freddie Steele, former middleweight boxing champion, is back on Broadway today—and all of things is being hailed as a movie find.

The Tacoma, Wash. scrapper, who won the 150-pound title by beating Babe Risko at Seattle in 1936, and lost it two years later to Al Hostak, has been acclaimed by critics for his portrayal of a sergeant in Ernie Pyle's "The Story of G. I. Joe."

Taking his ease in a mid-town play spot, Steele told how he made good on the screen at 32 after selling his

Tacoma retail cigar store in 1940 for \$12,000.

"I've been lucky, that's all," he explained. "I got my chance through Preston Sturges. He's a fight fan, you know. He recognized me on the set of the 'Miracle of Morgan's Creek' and gave me a small part as a test. He liked it and gave me a better role in 'Hail the Conquering Hero.' That got me this part.

It is Freddie's first visit to New York since January, 1938, when he was knocked out by Fred Apolloni in the ninth round at Madison Square Garden. He plans to visit the Garden again tomorrow night to watch the Willie Joyce-Tippy Larkin fight.

"I've seen Joyce fight several times on the coast," he said. "He's a mighty clever boxer, but I think he'll have tough going against Larkin."

Freddie does a lot of talking in his new picture, but the only time he remembers talking in the ring was against Hobbs Williams in Washington, D. C., in July, 1937.

"Williams had his whole chest tattooed," he recalled. "In the second round I backed him into a corner, pinned his arms and said 'Now hold still. I want to see these pictures.'"

## Philly Makes Bid For Army Navy Tussle

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 2 (AP)—The annual free-for-all for the site of the Army-Navy gridiron tussle has opened with the Quaker city getting in the first bid.

Reports from New York have it that Gotham already has the game in the bag, but chamber of commerce officials here say they have received word from Annapolis and West Point that if the game isn't played at West Point, it will definitely be played at Municipal stadium here December 1.

For several weeks now, rumors have been circulating here that Yankee stadium is being readied for the classic between the two football machines figured to head the nation's gridiron parade again this year.

It's strictly speculation anyway because, according to the office of defense transportation, football games must be played at the home of one of the competing teams.

Last year, Navy was the home team and the contest was held at Baltimore, which is not far from Annapolis and is regarded by many as Navy's home field. And according to that ruling, the game should be played at West Point this year.

## SPORTS Roundup

By TED MEIER (Pinch Hitting for Hugh Fullerton Jr.)

**CLOSE TO THE RAIL**  
Specimens of racing reports from Garden state say Radio Broadcaster Ted Husing is making a cleanup on tips from jockeys—he had a \$49 winner the other day as well as a \$300 daily double—Steve Owen, coach of the pro football Giants, and Greasy Neale, coach of the Philadelphia Eagles, are frequent tusslers at New York tracks, but bitter rivals on the gridiron—and, by the way, what ever became of that mysterious "lady in red" who caused a sensation at Rockingham park last year by winning \$2500 on a \$25,000 show wager?

**ALONG FIGHT ROW**  
Lou Gross, trainer of Willie Joyce, worried over the Tippy Larkin fight Friday night—"Joyce will win," Lou figures, "but I think it will be close"—Showman Mike Todd sitting in Promoter Mike Jacobs' office speculating on how large a gate a Ray "Sugar" Robinson vs. Rocky Graziano fight would draw—is Lt. Col. Eddie Eagan, chairman of the New York athletic commission, and the man responsible for the "no draw" ruling for New York fights, headed for bigger things?

**TODAY'S GUEST STAR**  
Bill Dooley, Philadelphia Record—"Larry MacPhail was right when he said Clark Griffith wouldn't spend \$100,000 for a ball player with the Queen Mary thrown in. However, to give the peso-pinching papa his dues, I think he would if they also threw in Standard Oil."

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## Bierman To Coach All-Stars

CHICAGO, Aug. 2 (AP)—Bernie Bierman, Minnesota's famed football coach, won new grid honors yesterday.

Bierman, who served as a lieutenant colonel in the U. S. marines until his discharge last year, was named head grid coach of the college All-Stars for the second time in the 12-year history of the football classic.

With four assistants, Bierman will start practice with his All-Stars on August 12 for the game with the Green Bay Packers, National pro league champions, at Soldier field August 30. He also was head coach of the 1936 All-Stars who played a 7 to 7 tie with the Detroit Lions.

Bierman's appointment as head coach yesterday by the Chicago Tribune, sponsor of the All-Star contest, made him the first collegiate mentor ever so honored.

The Gophers' gridiron leader, who resumes top command at Minnesota this fall for the first time since 1942, will have as assistants Ray Eliot of Illinois; Jeff Cravath of Southern California; Jim Lookabaugh of Oklahoma A. & M., and Howie Odell of Yale.

**Jack Mitchell Will Referee Mat Tussles**  
Promoter Mack Lillard said this morning that Jack Mitchell, veteran rassing referee from Portland, would probably be the third man in the ring here Friday night when four muscled clash in a double main event.

Paavo Katonen, the durable Finn, has been signed to meet Antone Leone and Georges Dussette will tangle with Jack "Buck" Lipscomb in the other half of the double bill.

In the curtain-raiser Milt Olsen is pitted against Walter "Sneeze" Achu, the Chinese sleeper artist. The first bout is scheduled to get underway at 8:30 p. m.

## Ott Slams 500th Homer; Bucs Shutout Cubs, 1-0; Cards Wallop Reds, 15-3

By JACK HAND  
Associated Press Sports Writer

Babe Ruth and Jimmy Foxx had to shove over today to make room in the 500-home run club for Manager Mel Ott of the New York Giants.

Ruth still had plenty of elbow room with his lifetime total of 714 round-trippers but Foxx, who is finishing his active career with the Phillies, can feel Ott's hot breath on his neck. Double X has 531, counting four this season and Ott hit the half-million mark last night off Boston's portly Johnny Hutchings.

Things have been breaking tough for Ott since his Giants ran out of a spring pennant fever and contracted a lingering case of second division blues but the 36-year-old skipper hasn't let it hurt his hitting. Batting .336, fifth in the league, with 19 doubles, 11 homers and 53 RBIs, the personable manager has done a good job of trying to lift his team up by its boot straps.

**Ott Hits 500th Homer**  
Nobody ever will point to New York's 9-2 romp over Boston as a prime example of baseball as it should be played but the date will live in the record books on Ott's No. 500. That's an average of 25 a year over a 20-year span, a real standout mark even if the polo grounds short foul lines do give a fellow a little help.

Far more important to the over-all scheme of things was the combination of Pittsburgh's 1-0 shutout of Chicago and St. Louis' 15-3 slaughter of Cincinnati. Slicing the Bruins' National league lead to five games and restoring the champs to second place over idle Brooklyn.

**Hopp Cleans Bases**  
Johnny Hopp socked a bases-loaded homer as the Cards went wild in an 8-run second inning to crush the Reds with a 19-hit barrage, letting Charley Barrett coast home to his 14th success. Marty Marion also poked a four-master, his first of the year.

Detroit picked up a full game, boosting its advantage to an even five lengths over New York and Washington, now tied for second.

The Bengals bounced back with four in the last of the ninth to shade St. Louis, 9-8, on Roy Cullenbine's double with the sacks packed and Vern Stephens' costly error. Lou Finney hit a grand slam homer for the Browns in his first league ap-

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[1] The name is Fakir.  
[2] The name is Tell-tale.