

SPORTS

By Hale Scarborough, Sports Editor

Ex-Caddy Seeded In Texas Meet

Byron Nelson, Back On Home Course, Favored To Take Rich Purse

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 14 (AP)—A field of 102 started Friday today at Glen Garden country club's tight par 71 in the first 18 holes of the \$10,000 Fort Worth open with a guy who used to carry the golf bags here favored to carry off the money bags come Sunday.

Byron Nelson, golf's greatest winner who got his start as a caddy at Glen Garden, returns from a vacation of two months, finding himself in the usual spot—labeled the man to beat.

Nelson, the Denton, Texas, farmer, yesterday shot his first complete round since October 19 and was hitting them straight and true. He had a '72 without pressing.

Another Texan and also caddy alumnus of Glen Garden—little Ben Hogan—and that man with the second money complex, Harold (Jug) McSpaden of San Antonio, Me., along with Slammin' Sammy Snead, were considered leading threats to Lord Byron.

Also there was Gene Sarazen, the ageless veteran who arrived with the announcement that he was going to enter the British open at St. Andrews, Scotland, in July. Sarazen won the British open in 1932 and is co-holder with Henry Cotton of the record of 283 for this event.

Sarazen warmed up with a one-over-par 35 on the front nine yesterday.

This will be the fortieth tournament of the year for golf-don'ts touring troupe, during which the boys have played for a half-million dollars in bonds. Nelson leads with winnings of \$64,500. McSpaden is second with \$38,800. Snead ranks next to Nelson in tournament victories with six. Lord Byron has won 18.

Frank Stranahan of Toledo and Freddie Haas of New Orleans top the amateur field in the Fort Worth open which has 16 more holes tomorrow, after which the low 40 and ties will go into the final 36 Sunday.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT — By The Associated Press. Baltimore — Willie Pep, 128, Hartford, Conn., and Jimmy McAllister, 132, Baltimore, drew, 10 (non-title). Clarence Wilkerson, 164, New York, knocked out George Slater, 161, Baltimore, 8.

Philadelphia—Lennex Dingle, 148, Philadelphia, outpointed Smuggsby Hursey, 151, Washington, 8. Jimmy Hill, 149, Harburg, TKO young Kid Robinson, 153, Philadelphia, 4.

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Another Big Gun



Army's football team doesn't exactly need help but Lou Kusserow, Columbia fullback, will be welcomed anyway. He led Lions to almost perfect season, will join West Pointers next fall.

Nags Eyeing Two \$100,000 Racing Plums

ARCADIA, Calif., Dec. 14 (AP)—Santa Anita has come early to Santa Anita this year and left some of the best four-legged things ever gathered in the west.

Attracted by the record \$650,000 stakes total for a 55-day, meeting starting December 29, foremost racing stables have shipped west.

With eyes cocked chiefly on the two \$100,000 plums — the Santa Anita handicap and the derby — are such equine blue-bloods as:

Elizabeth Arden Graham's Star Pilot, Beauvoir, War Jeep and War Dater; Mrs. Ed Mulrenan's First Fiddle, ninth-ranking all-time money winner; Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt's Good Thing and Late City; Col. C. V. Whitney's Jeep and Enfilade; La Favorita farm's Post Graduate and Favorite Brolite farm's Challenge Me and Louis B. Mayer's Thumbs Up, winner of the 1945 Anita 'cap.

Catholics Will Play Merrill At Fairview

The Sacred Heart cage quintet opens its home season tonight by taking on the powerful Merrill Huskies at the Fairview gym at 8 o'clock.

Probable starting lineup for the Catholics will include Bill Colbert and Jack Narey, forwards; Joe Gardner, center; and Andy Henson and Jim Manning at the guard positions.

Reserves include Gary Pierce, Dunne Schuh, Harry Mattes, Bob Hannon, Dave Vandenberg, Leo Burgett and Vernon Keirnes.

The Sacred Heart five has been invited to take part in the Klamath county B team tourney late in February with Bonanza, Henley, Malin, Merrill, Gilchrist, Chilquinn and Bly.

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Pro Playoff Fever Cooling

By LARRY MARTHEY CLEVELAND, Dec. 14 (AP)—Snow and the pre-game odds on the Cleveland Rams for their National Football league title playoff with the Washington Redskins Sunday have been falling fast in Forest City.

Six-point choices of the odds fellows a week ago, the youthful Rams were scant three-point favorites today for the championship clash before an expected record-breaking crowd of 55,000 in snowswept Lakefront stadium.

League Publicity Manager George Strickler predicted that Sunday's turnout of fans would smash the circuit's paid attendance mark of 48,016 set last

year when the Green Bay Packers topped the New York Giants at the Polo Grounds.

A flood of pre-game ticket sales will send game receipts far above last year's record of \$146,204.15, Strickler reported, adding that there were "very good prospects" of a crowd of 55,000 fans for the contest. Advance sales of tickets already have reached \$121,000.

Lanky Jim Benton, star passer who led the league in yardage gained on receptions, worked out with the Rams at the national guard armory, yesterday quelling rumors that he would be sidelined for the title game. Benton, battery-mate of brilliant Bob Waterfield, was

suffering from a "cold."

A five-inch blanket of snow topped some 9000 bales of straw was removed from the stadium yesterday by a crew of 75 city workmen, but two inches of snow remain on the turf, with more snow predicted by the U. S. weather bureau.

"Regardless of the amount of snow that falls, the field will be dry and sound for Sunday's game," Strickler said. City officials reported "kickoff time" for a crew of 275 workers loading the straw into 30 trucks would be Saturday midnight.

Statistically speaking, the publication of league yardage figures for the season was partially responsible for the betting gentry's sudden coolness toward the Rams.

The Redskins outgained the Clevelanders by a slim three yards during the season and Slingin' Sam Baugh gave them a 71-yard margin in net yards gained by passing. The Rams led in net yards by rushing but the two squads were nearly deadlocked in most departments.

Rams Coach Adam Walsh, termed the "coach of the year" by his former Notre Dame teammate, league Commissioner Elmer Layden, said the battering Rams were confident that they could "skate, slide or ski" to victory.

Mask-Jones Tiff To Draw Huge Crowd

Customers may have to dangle from the overhead to get a clear view of the goings-on tonight when the twin mat-manias Jones and Mask tie together for the main event on the armory clutch card.

Advance notice from the ticket office indicates a sell-out crowd to see the two burly ruffians battle it out for local head-cracking laurels.

If either grappler is favored at all, the Hood may get a hesitant nod as he is staking his lone northwest circuit reputation as top man against the advances of the dusky Detroit, and Jones isn't risking his professional reputation in the bout.

Jones' reputation is such that another fight or two won't change it, and he is drawing down a sizable pile of pin money for even daring to step into the ring with the old master. The fans clamored for this fight so long Promoter Mack Lillard had to finally promise Rufus everything but a long-term lease on the armory to make the match.

In the semi-windup gory old Pete Belcastro will bump biceps with Ben Sherman of Seattle in a five-canto affair. The Weed Assassin's rugged tactics should be too much for the comparatively mild Sherman unless Pete runs afoul of the referee too often, as he has done in the past.

Angelo Martindell, Toledo, Ohio's contribution to Klamath Falls grappling, will vie with colorful Buck Davidson in the four-round opener.

The curtain-raiser is set for 8:30.

Good Shooting Ahead As Bird Season Nears End

With 17 more days of shooting ahead, hunters should have no trouble in their couple of honkers around the lakes or in the grain fields despite the cold weather, and several local stores have shotgun shells on display for sale.

The shells are in good bird sizes now, compared to the number eight shot released early in the season by the government.

Honkers are coming in now and will winter here and further east, while the cacklers will go further south. Good shooting has been reported around Upper Klamath lake.

This season has undoubtedly seen the heaviest army of bird hunters ever to invade the Klamath region and the bag has been tremendous.

Bangtails Will Gallop By Night

SAN MATEO, Calif., Dec. 14 (AP)—A night horse racing experiment will be held at Bay Meadows within the next 10 days, William P. Kyne, general manager, announced.

The race will serve as a preliminary test for the night racing to be conducted at the new Portland, Ore., Meadows track. All racing there will be after dark.

The test will determine whether a one-mile track can be successfully illuminated. If not, the Portland track may be constructed as a three-quarter mile strip.

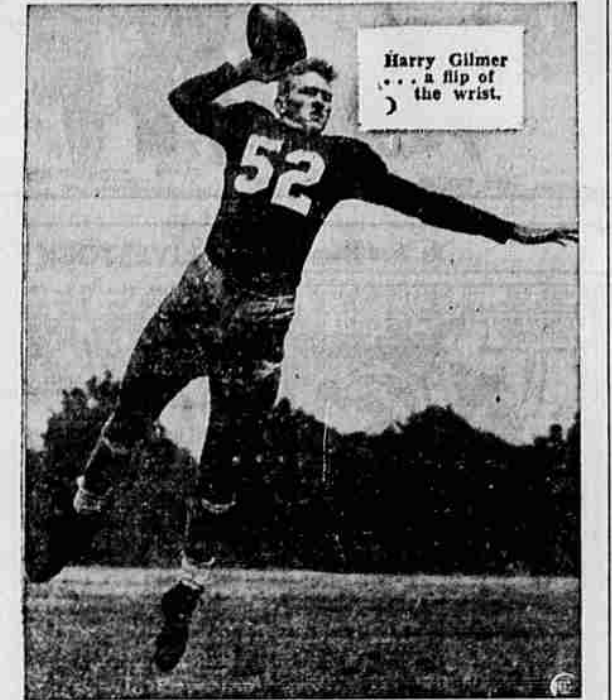
Highland Park, N. J.—Tommy Montil, 124, Brooklyn, knocked out Al Cella, 130, Jamaica, N. Y., 3. Charlie Howard, 144, Pittsburgh, knocked out Ralph Griffin, 144, Newark, 1.

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Rampaging Marines Add Another Win To String

The barnstorming marine basketball team added another win to its upstate swing record last night by overwhelming the Dallas vets at Dallas, 66-32. The Dallas team is composed of ex-servicemen.

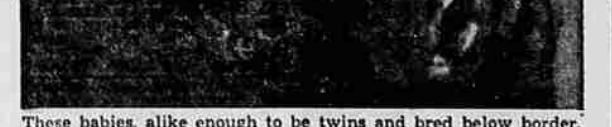
It was the third straight win for the Leathernecks on the tour and puts them over the .500 percentage mark for the first time this season with four victories and three losses for the season.

McNeill, guard, and Kelling, forward, sparked the marines, with seven field goals each, 14 points, while Richardson was high man for the vets with 11. At the half the score stood 29-8 for the locals.

A trio of players who joined the marine five just a day or so before the barnstorming swing, McNeill, Kelling and Zautke led the assault on the Dallas boys and Kelling and Lambert were outstanding on defense.

It was the marines' game all the way through and the vets were hopelessly outclassed after the first minutes of play.

Double Trouble



These babies, alike enough to be twins and bred below border, brought highest prices at first yearling sales at Mexico City's Hipodromo de las Americas. Filly, left, by Colorado Lad-Lady Shepherd, went for 30,000 pesos, or \$6250. Colt, by Knight's Caprice—Golden Time, sold for \$6967.

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Wise Money On Beau Jack Over Joyce

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (AP)—Beau Jack, one of boxing's biggest draws, comes back to Madison Square Garden tonight, a 1 to 2 favorite to beat Willie Joyce over the 10-round route.

Lured by the return of the Bouncing Beau, who served 16 months in the army, a crowd of more than 15,000 is expected to contribute to a gross gate of close to \$100,000 at \$12 tops.

Joyce, a Gary, Ind., southpaw with an "educated" jab that has put him in line for a lightweight title bout with NBA Champion Ike Williams, is a tough hurdle for the Beau after his long lay-off.

However, the recent workouts of the former lightweight champion from Augusta, Ga., has convinced most of the Broadway betting fraternity that he has retained his speed and punching ability. His manager, Chick Wergeles, expects the Beau will weigh in around 140, a bit heavier than his last fight at the Garden in August, 1944.

Although his "boy" was upset by Allie Stolz in his last Garden appearance, Lou Gross, trainer and co-manager of Joyce, asserts that the odds are out of line.

Two Pacific Teams In Cage Semi-Finals

CHICAGO, Dec. 14 (AP)—Two Pacific coast teams swing into action tonight in the semi-final round of the first annual De Paul invitational basketball tournament at the Chicago stadium.

The University of Washington, with five successive 1945 victories, provides the opposition for De Paul, victors over Bowling Green (Ohio) university Wednesday night, 59-54. In tonight's second contest the University of Oregon, last year's Pacific coast champion, meets Indiana State college of Terre Haute, winner of a first-round game over Hamline university of St. Paul, Minn., 54-43.

Washington and Oregon, also winner of five games this season, drew first round byes.

Grade School Volleyball Tourney Begins Tomorrow

Twelve grade school volleyball teams will meet in a two-league tourney to be held all day tomorrow in the high school gym, the first games getting under way at 8:20 in the morning.

League A pairings are as follows: Mills against Pelican at 9:20, Roosevelt versus Fremont at 10 o'clock and Fairview against Riverside at 10:40. The second round will start at 11:20 and continue on into the afternoon.

In the B league Fremont will meet Riverside at 9:20, Fairview will take on Mills at 10 o'clock and Roosevelt plays Pelican at 10:40. The A and B league games will be played simultaneously with two courts in operation.

There will be a 25-cent admission charge to the entire tourney, the money to go to help purchase grade school basketball equipment. Tickets may be purchased at the gym door and are also good for the championship playoffs at Fairview gym Monday afternoon.

In the finals the two top B league teams will play at 4:15 Monday and the A league at 5 o'clock.

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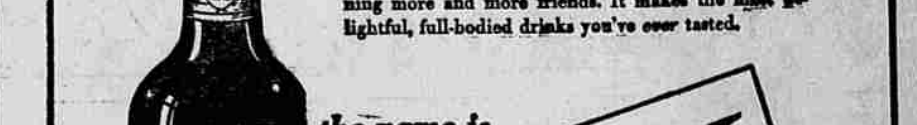
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