

# Necciai Thumped in Debut Boros, Middlecoff in Finals

## Biggest Golf Pot At Stake

By JERRY LISKA  
CHICAGO (AP)—National Open Champion Julius Boros and golf's wealthiest stroker of 1952, Cary Middlecoff, met today in an 18-hole playoff for golf's biggest prize, the \$25,000 top payoff of the "world" meet.

The showdown will resolve the deadlock Middlecoff and Boros created by finishing the \$90,000 Tam O'Shanter show yesterday with identical 276's, 12 under par.

Some sharp bickering marked the high-pressure chase after promoter George S. May's rich endorsement, which includes a \$12,500 second-spot bundle for the loser of today's playoff.

Three players—Dave Douglas, Jack Burke and Ed Furgol, who shared lesser loot—complained that Middlecoff slowed up proceedings 45 minutes to accommodate televising of the finish. This trio protested that the delay, ordered by meet sponsors, cooled off their nerves as they stood around leaning on their clubs.

**TIES SNEAD**  
Douglas was the foremost finisher in the post-Middlecoff threesome, winding up at 279 in a fifth place tie with pre-meet favorite Sammy Snead, to collect \$2,350. Douglas shot a closing 68.

Third spot, a stroke behind the deadlocked Middlecoff and Boros, was shared by Argentina's Roberto de Vicenzo and the 36-hole leader, Jim Ferrier, who each pocketed a tidy \$4,000 for their 277's.

Middlecoff, 31-year-old pro of five years, has won \$15,239 to lead the pro golfers to date. If he should turn back the 32-year-old Boros, Middlecoff will have clinched one of the year's biggest money grabs since the war-time efforts of Byron Nelson, with some \$40,000 in the bank.

Ironically, when Middlecoff was introduced at the first tee yesterday as the 1952's top money-winner he quipped: "That'll be the last time you'll hear that this year."

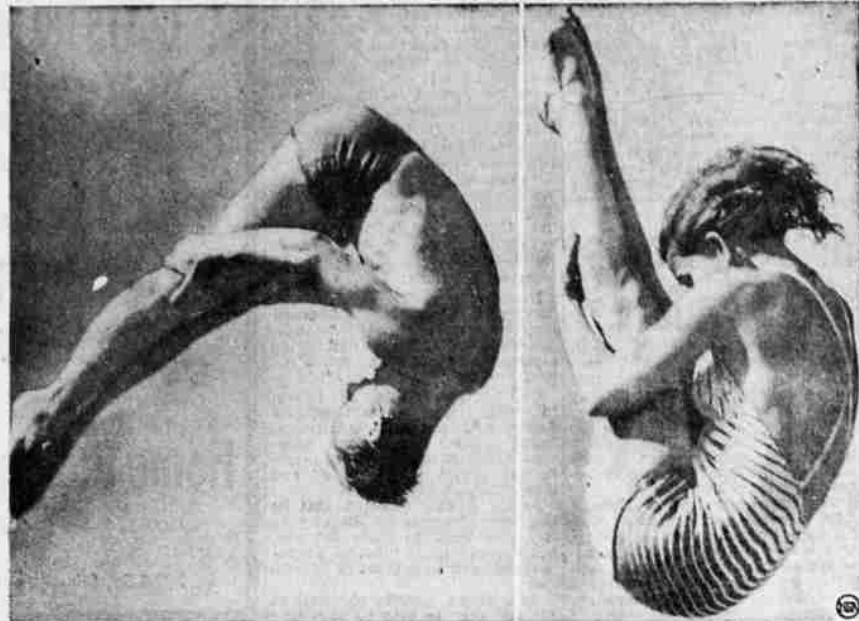
Then he proceeded to shoot a phenomenal round of 31-33-64, the best since Lloyd Mangrum fired a Tam record-making 32-31-83 in the 1948 world.

**UNHEALED**  
Boros, who won the 1952 National Open as an unheralded pro of only three years, was again a pressure-defying contender. As he fashioned a 32-33-67 to make the 276 of the earlier-finishing Middlecoff.

The overshadowed but still lucrative "world" women's pro meet went to a silver-haired Texan, Betty Jameson of San Antonio, who stood off rugged Patty Berg of Chicago by a stroke to capture the \$5,000 first prize. She had a 203.

Defending Champion Frank Stranahan of Toledo, Ohio, zoomed off with his third straight "world" amateur crown with a record-breaking 280. He finished nine strokes ahead of Bill Campbell, Huntington, W. Va., leader over the first three rounds.

The "world" women's amateur champion was national collegiate titlist, Mary Ann Villegas of New Orleans, who rallied to win by a stroke over Joyce Ziske of Waterford, Wis., 225 to 226.



**BENT ON VICTORY**—Dave Browning of Dallas, Tex., and Mrs. Patricia McCormick display the skill that won gold medals in the Olympic Games springboard diving in Helsinki. Mrs. McCormick is from Long Beach, Calif.

# SPORTS

## Washington's Marrero Beats Shantz in Bid for 21st Victory

By RALPH RODEN  
Associated Press Sports Writer

Bill Vecek, happy-go-lucky owner of the St. Louis Browns, is enjoying a laugh at the expense of his old pal Hank Greenberg, general manager of the Cleveland Indians today.

Greenberg recently charged the major's master showman of trying to knock the Indians out of the American League pennant race by trading "good" players to the Chicago White Sox.

"He seems to want to embarrass us and make our job tougher at every opportunity," Greenberg added.

Greenberg's lament became a reality yesterday as the lowly Browns "embarrassed" the pennant hungry Tribe by beating Bob

Lemon, 6-3.  
A victory would have moved the Indians to within a game of the pace-setting New York Yankees but by missing the boat the Indians dropped two games back. The Yanks and third-place Boston were rained out.

In other American League games Philadelphia and Washington swapped 4-2 decisions and Chicago captured a double header from Detroit, 3-1 and 5-4.

Rain curtailed action in the National League, wiping out games between Brooklyn's front-running Dodgers and Philadelphia and between the runner-up New York Giants and the Boston Braves. The Dodgers command the field by eight games.

In the only games played, Chicago swept two games from Pittsburgh's tail-end Pirates, 9-5 and 4-3, and St. Louis and Cincinnati divided a twin bill. The Cards won the opener, 3-2, and the Reds the nightcap, 4-2.

Cleveland's defeat was doubly bitter as former Indian Fred Marsh accounted for the deciding runs with a three-run homer in the fourth inning. The blow was Marsh's first of the season.

Marsh, whose error enabled Cleveland to beat the Browns Saturday night, connected with two out. The homer gave St. Louis a 4-2 lead. Al Rosen socked his 19th homer in the eighth for Cleveland but the Browns put the game in cold storage in the bottom half with two more runs. Bobby Cain went all the way to post his eighth victory while Lemon was charged with his ninth loss.

**SHANTZ LOSES**  
Ageless Con Marrero bested Bob Shantz, top candidate for the American League's most valuable player award, in the opener at Washington.

The Senators clipped Shantz, who was gunning for his seventh straight victory and 21st of the season, for 10 hits.

Rookie Harry Byrd, relieved in the eighth by Bob Hooper, picked up his 10th triumph in the second game.

**COUNT**  
The White Sox collected only eight hits in their sweep over Detroit but like the hitless wonders of 1950 Chicago fans they got them when it counted.

The Cubs spoiled the major league debut of the bottom half minor league strikeout sensation in the opener at Pittsburgh, Necciai, who astounded the baseball world by striking out 27 batter last May while pitching a no-hitter for Bristol, Tenn., in the Class D Appalachian League, was rocked for seven runs and 11 hits in six innings.

## Chicago Jumps On Buc Rook

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Bashful Ron Necciai, 20-year-old strikeout artist with the Pittsburgh Pirates, temporarily forgot about his ulcers today but it will be some time before he forgets about his major league pitching debut.

Necciai, who set an all-time record by striking out 27 batters in a nine-inning game at Bristol (Tenn.) last May, was clubbed for seven runs and 11 hits in six innings yesterday in his debut against the Chicago Cubs. The Cubs won the game 9-5.

In the Pirates' dressing room after the contest, the shy youngster from nearby Monongahela, who costed a 10-8 minor league slate before getting called up to the big time, remarked:

**BEHIND**  
"Everytime I turned around I saw three men on base. I just didn't have it that's all. I had the jitters a little bit at the start. I couldn't get the ball over. I was behind all the time."

But it wasn't for them to steal the shirt off my back. That first inning I didn't even know which way home plate was.

"If you can't hit that plate consistently you just as well hang up your shoes. If you don't get them out you're not going to stay. One more like this and I'll be back in the minors."

**LEAVES IN SIXTH**  
The Cubs jumped on the young right-hander for five runs in the first inning and added single tallies in the second and third. Necciai was lifted for a pinch-hitter in the sixth.

But it wasn't the first time the Cubs shacked the "White Kid." In a spring exhibition game they got four runs, four hits and four walks off Necciai in one inning.

Joe Garagiola, who caught Ron's debut, commented:

"It was just first-day jitters. He's a major league pitcher all right with more experience."

**GOLF**  
CHICAGO — Cary Middlecoff, Memphis, Tenn., and Julius Boros, Mid Pine, N. Y., tied for first place in \$90,000 "world" championship with 72-hole scores of 276. Betty Jameson, San Antonio, Tex., won the Women's pro title with a 203. Mary Ann Villegas, New Orleans, the Women's Amateur with 325 and Frank Stranahan, Toledo, Ohio, the Men's Amateur with 280.

**TENNIS**  
Montreal — Vic Seixas, Philadelphia, and Herb Flam, Beverly Hills, Calif., defeated the Canadian doubles team of Brendan Macken and Lorne Maine, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, as the United States clinched the final round of the North American Davis Cup competition.

## Georgian Soap Box Winner

By FRITZ HOWELL  
AKRON, O. (AP)—The deep South boasted its first Soap Box Derby champion today, wide-eyed 11-year-old Joe Lun of Thomasville, Ga.

The 87-pound fourth grader won the 19th annual classic yesterday, defeating 153 other aspirants from the United States, Canada, Alaska and Germany.

The bashful kid who wants to be a doctor when he "grows up," received a \$5,000 four-year college scholarship as first prize. The little fellow won it the hard way too for his sleek little homemade racer was almost wrecked when he lost control and hit a guard rail after finishing on top in his first heat.

A heavy cross wind made driving precarious down the 975-foot concrete Derby Downs several of the youngsters having trouble during the heats which were run off every 105 seconds for two hours and 35 minutes.

The officials had to give Joe a bit of extra time to patch up his soap box after the crash. He used a flock of adhesive tape to fix the nose and to hold the front axle in place and then came back to win four more heats.

The finale was a classic as the Southern kid flashed across the finish line in 27.77 seconds, fastest time of the day. He tossed out James Thomas of Danville, Pa., the second placer, and Victor C. Shepherd of Flint, Mich., who wound up third.

Back of the three leaders, in this order, were Engelbert J. Oechel of 2012 'C' St., Louisville, Mo.; Fred Miner of San Diego, Calif.; James Rochester, N. Y.; Raymond M. Steiner of Lima, O.; and David Mooney of Charlotte, N. C.; Ed Grubbs of Pittsburgh.

**DeWitt Wins Tennis Crown**  
VICTORIA, B. C. (AP)—Top-ranked Jerry DeWitts of Oakland, Calif., defeated second-seeded Fred Fisher of Seattle, 7-5, 6-2, 6-0 Saturday to win the British Columbia Lawn Tennis men's singles championship.

Marjorie McCord of Berkeley, Calif., took the women's singles title with a 6-1, 6-4 victory over Mrs. Muriel Klier of Menlo Park.

**Yost Captures Second Title**  
PORTLAND (AP)—Dick Yost of Portland capped a 14-under-par 274 Sunday to win the Oregon Golf Association championship for the second straight year.

Harold Salvador of Portland was second with even-par 288 for the 72 holes, and Ken Dougherty, Portland, was third with 293.

The tourney was held at the Portland Golf Club.

## Bonney, Collins Mix In Softball Opener

A pitching duel is in prospect when Klamath Falls (Bill's Place) and Medford (Central Point) open their bid Tuesday night on Conger Field for a position in the state softball tournament.

Cal Bonney who authored a no-hitter when Bill's Place won the Dist. 9 title against Lakeview, will oppose Vern Collins, hurler for the Dist. 8 champions.

Collins is well known here, having pitched for the Klamath Falls champions last year.

The game, called for 8:30, is the first of a two-of-three inter-district series.

The second game goes to Medford Wednesday night. The site for Thursday's third game, if it is necessary, will be announced later.

Winner of the series will represent Southern Oregon when the state tournament opens Aug. 16 in Mill City.

**All-Stars Open Drills**

PORTLAND (AP)—Up-State and Portland high school All-Star football players were to open drills here Monday for their Aug. 23 Shrine benefit clash.

The Up-State team drilled in the morning at the Portland University field. They are coached by Mel Ingram, Granta Pass, and Assistant Coaches Bob George of Mac-Hi at Milton Freewater and Ray Segale, Gresham.

The Portland team was to drill in the afternoon at the Roosevelt High School field. Coaching them are Frank O'Neill, Roosevelt, Ted Ogdahl, formerly of Grant and now at Willamette University, and Bill Gray of Washington High.

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## Stars Regain Lead As Fans Mob Umpire

By The Associated Press  
The Seattle Rainiers, back in the Pacific Coast League first division after a fat week at Sacramento, are set for another skirmish with the Portland Beavers, the nine that knocked them into the second division when they last met two weeks ago.

The Rainiers and Beavers play a single game at Portland Monday, then shift to Seattle for a seven-game series.

Seattle clipped the last-place Solons 9-3 and 6-4 Sunday for a sweep of the California series.

Portland and Oakland split a twin bill meanwhile, the Oaks taking the first game 4-1 and the Beavers the nightcap 4-3. It gave Oakland the series 4-3 and left Portland in fifth place, a game and a half back of Seattle.

Hollywood regained first place in the league by whipping Los

Angeles twice Sunday while Angel fans tried to whip the umpire.

The scores were 12-8 and 5-1 and the fan brawl led to the arrest of seven men. San Diego held the pace with a pair of wins over San Francisco 5-0 and 5-4.

Plate umpire Ed Runge became the fans' target in the near-riot at Los Angeles. He ruled Hollywood catcher Jim Mangum safe at home in the 10th inning of the first game, thus giving the Stars a one-run lead.

A prolonged rhabarb resulted in Angel manager Stan Hack being thumbed out of the park.

At the close of the Stars' turn, four fans came out of the stands and one wrestled Runge to the ground. Players and police colared the fans and other spectators caught throwing articles from the stands were also placed in custody.

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