

Texas Golf Tourney Said Going Over Top; Biggest Turnout Yet Predicted

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—Officials of Golf International, promoters of the world's second largest links show—the \$100,000 Dallas Centennial and Texas International Opens in May—predicted Thursday that income would be more than \$250,000. This would insure a profit on the first year's operation.

Such success would result in the ante being raised, said Jim Lutz, chairman of the board of Golf International, an organization of wealthy Dallas men.

And he added that GI definitely was aiming at surpassing George May's golf extravaganza at Chicago, the world's largest tournament. Lutz said that May's total was \$125,000, not including a \$50,000 exhibition tour for the winner.

Lutz also told newspapermen Wednesday night the tournament—one with \$30,000 prize money and the other \$70,000—was designed both as a civic venture and with the idea of making money. Lutz declared they would have to be virtually total flops before there

would be thoughts of abandonment.

So big is the show—and Lutz forecast an attendance of at least 150,000—that the PGA cancelled two tournaments and a possible third in order to make room for it on the golf tour.

He said the tournaments already were assured of virtually every major player, that he believed Ben Hogan, the links great who has been in virtual retirement since the last National Open, would play here as a cooperative gesture.

Hogan lives at Fort Worth, 30 miles from Dallas, and that Sam Snead, always a top attraction, would compete. Snead hasn't been playing many tournaments lately.

The Centennial Open, so named because it is the 100th anniversary of Dallas' founding, will be May 24-27 with \$30,000 in prize money, \$6,000 for first place. The Texas International will be May 31-June 3 with prize money of \$70,000, \$14,000 first money.

US Track Team Record Said "Safe"

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)—The coach of the 1956 U.S. Olympic track team thinks there's nothing to worry about at Melbourne as far as the Russians are concerned.

"By the most conservative thinking," says Brutus Hamilton, University of California coach, "we should score twice as many points as the Russians."

Hamilton handled the U.S. track forces at Helsinki four years ago. His charges ran up an unofficial 300 points as the Russians counted a modest 79.

The veteran Hamilton, a prominent figure in American track for years, is well aware of the word from Moscow that the Reds are out to sweep the field in the Australian games as they did in the winter competition last month.

He admits that the Russians may make "a little better showing" than they did at Helsinki and that this nation's runners and jumpers "may not do quite as well."

But by and large Hamilton is convinced that Uncle Sam's track team will do all right.

"We still have our grip on events we've dominated for years, like the shot, high jump, pole vault, sprints and middle distances," he says.

"The Russians have made their major gains in events in which we don't specialize—the distance runs, hammer throw, hop-step-jump."

JC Tourney Under Way

FULLERTON (UPI)—The fifth annual California Junior College Basketball Tournament gets under way tonight with the Los Angeles City College Cubs, unbeaten in their last 34 games, favored to take the title.

Eight teams, each a conference champion, are entered in the tournament, which will be played in the Fullerton Junior College Gymnasium.

Entered are LACC, Western State Conference champion; San Bernardino, Eastern Conference; East Contra Costa, Coast Conference; West Contra Costa, Big Eight Conference; Vallejo, Golden Valley conference, and Fresno, Central Conference.

Opening games tonight pit Antelope Valley against Vallejo, Harbor against West Contra Costa, San Bernardino against East Contra Costa, and LACC against Fresno.

Semi final games will be played tomorrow night with the finals Saturday.

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NBA's Most Valuable Trophy Up For Grabs

By MURRAY OLDERMAN
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NEW YORK (NEA)—The "best in the game" will no longer be an empty phrase in basketball.

The National Basketball Association will award an annual trophy to its outstanding player.

The winner of the 1956 award will be announced March 23, with the selection to be made on a vote of all the players in the NBA.

This authentic Most Valuable Player Award parallels the Jim Thorpe Trophy inaugurated in the National Football League this year by NEA Service and Herald and News.

Presenting the trophy to the outstanding basketball performer—and this amounts to the outstand-

ing player in the world, with the NBA the most successful league in pro history—will be made between halves of next season's East-West All-Star game in Boston.

A few years ago, you'd have automatically delegated the initial award to George Mikan, at a time Mr. Basketball and the Minneapolis Lakers were riding the crest.

This season it's a wide open scramble to determine basketball's MVP. Should it be the ever spectacular Bob Cousy, the biggest gate attraction in the NBA and the accelerator in the scoring surges of the Boston Celtics?

But what about Bob Pettit, the sensational sophomore of the St. Louis Hawks, running off with NBA scoring honors and the lead rebounder, as well? He's the most graceful 6-8er the game has ever seen.

The Philadelphia Warriors, winingest team in the league, offer a dual entry of Paul Arizin and Neil Johnston, both former NBA scoring leaders who've not slackened their pace.

From last year's championship Syracuse Nats, you'd be attracted to Dolph Schayes, still the consist-

ent workhorse in a disappointing lean season.

The key man on the Fort Wayne Zollner, leading the eastern division, is George Yardley, a leaper of the Jim Pollard School, tremendously versatile on offense and defense.

The range of competition ensures a tense voting contest, with this deciding factor.

The men whose salaries depend when it comes to picking their best all-around performer.

He'll be the one who merits designation as the NBA's official outstanding player.

Willy Mays Clouts Homer In Intrasquad Game To Pick Up Last Year's Mark

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Willy Mays of the New York Giants, Ernie Banks of the Chicago Cubs and Cincinnati's Wally Pate accounted for 123 National League home runs last season and they're picking up right where they left off.

Mays, who led the league with 51 circuit blows in 1955, walloped a 400-foot homer in the first inning of an intrasquad game yesterday. It was his second home run in three games.

Banks, a 44-homer man in '55, connected with the bases loaded in a camp game in Mesa, Ariz. And Pate, who had 40 a year ago, hit one in a Redlegs game in Tampa, Fla.

While this veteran trio was having itself a time, rookies stole the show in other camp tilts.

Philadelphia Digs Out, Hits Division Title

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Philadelphia Warriors have completed their surge from the bottom of the Eastern Division of the National Basketball Assn., locking up their first division title since the 1950-51 season.

They did it with authority Wednesday night, beating the New York Knickerbockers, 168-87, on a doubleheader card at Boston that also saw the Celtics sew up second place in the division with a 111-98 decision over Syracuse.

The defeats left the Knicks and Nationals still in a virtual deadlock for the third and final playoff spot in the Eastern with Syracuse holding a half-game edge.

In the Western Division, Minneapolis delayed Fort Wayne's title clinching, 98-95, and remained in a tie with the St. Louis Hawks, who shoved Rochester two full games into the cellar, 99-89.

WINNER

CAIRO, Egypt (UPI)—Fred Kovaleski of Washington, D.C., beat Giuseppe Merlo of Italy, 4-6, 6-2, 10-8, to reach the men's singles semi-finals of the Egyptian Lawn Tennis Championships Wednesday while Althea Gibson of New York and Betty Abbas of Egypt gained the women's doubles finals with a 6-0, 6-3 win over Egypt's Mrs. Kinghorn and Miss Eld.

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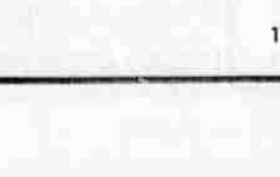
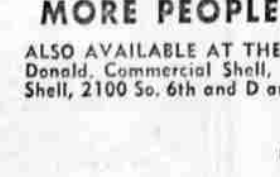
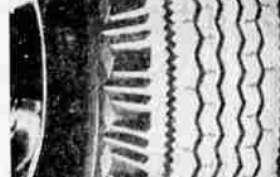


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