

Amateurs Plentiful In Open

MAMARONECK, N.Y. (UPI)—The strongest amateur contingent in 26 years challenged the field for the 39th U.S. Open championship today, but the betting was that none of them would make it.

Only five amateurs in the long history of the tournament ever have made it—the last one in 1933 when Johnny Goodman won at Omaha.

This time, 26 of them, led by U.S. amateur champion Charley Coe, the thin man from Oklahoma and British Amateur king Deane Beman, the collegiate golfer from the University of Maryland, are competing against 124 professionals. Percentage-wise it is the largest amateur representation the Open ever has seen.

"But it won't do them any good," said defending champion Tommy Bolt. "They just don't seem to be good enough."

Despite the opinion of Bolt and most other pros, Harvie Ward, a two-time winner of the Simon-Pure title competing in his seventh Open, maintained that "this is the best chance we ever have had."

Coe was listed as a 25-1 shot along with such pros as Bo Wininger, Bob Goalby, Don Whitt, Walter Burkemo, Claude Harmon, Tommy Jacobs and a host of others who have won some of the major pro golf titles.

Ward was listed at 30-1, and in that company were such former U.S. Open champion Jack Fleck, former PGA title-holder Chick Harbert and others.

"At least, they are in select company," commented young Jack Nicklaus, a U.S. Walker Cupper who insisted "a lot of us have a chance."

Nicklaus, now 21 and competing in his third Open, said he "liked" the famed west course of the Winged Foot Golf Club where the Open will be played on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

In his first practice round, the blond Nicklaus carded a 69, including a four-under-par 31 on the first round. In his second shot at it, he had a 70, with 33 going out.

"I guess they always sell us short because our record hasn't been too good," Nicklaus added. "Well, maybe we can show them a thing or two."

The only amateurs who ever have won the Open have been Jerry Travis, Chick Evans, Bobby Jones (who won it four times), Francis Ouimet and Goodman.

BALLFARE

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Gem Stadium
8:00 Klamath Falls vs. Lakeview
BASE RUTH LEAGUE
Conger Field
6:30 Moyina Heights vs. Gunstore
Field No. 1
6:30 M. L. Johnson vs. Crater
Lake Machinery Field No. 2
KF LITTLE LEAGUE
Wright Field
8:45 Park-Moyina vs. Weyerhaeuser-Dons Field No. 1
8:45 Bend-Portland vs. Hal's
SS LITTLE LEAGUE
Kingsley Field
8:30 Kingsley Field vs. Metler Bros.
SS LITTLE LEAGUE
Washburn Field
8:30 House of Discount vs. Oregon Food

Emerald Injured In NWL Contest

YAKIMA (AP)—Jerry Robinson suffered a possible skull fracture in the seventh inning of a Northwest League baseball game here Tuesday night when struck in the head by a pitched ball.

The Eugene left fielder, who was wearing a protective helmet, was taken to Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital for observation and treatment. He regained partial consciousness early Wednesday morning.

KUHS Grid Coach Accepts New Post

Klamath Union High football coach Andy Knudsen announced Tuesday afternoon that he had resigned his post to accept a job as head football coach at St. Helens' school superintendent Elwood Eggleston, Knudsen reported.

Knudsen, who has served as foot-



ANDY KNUDSEN
... accepts new job

ball boss at KU for two years, will return to the post he formerly held prior to coming to Klamath Falls.

The St. Helens job reopened for Knudsen when Jim Cordial resigned to accept the assistant grid coach assignment at Oregon Technical Institute. Cordial had relieved Knudsen at St. Helens in 1957 after Knudsen had served for four years before joining the KU staff.

During his first tenure at St. Helens Knudsen compiled a 33-won, 5-lost, 1-tie record.

"My primary reason for leaving is purely one of economics," said

Knudsen after his announcement. "We own our own home there, and frankly the pay will be better. From the standpoint of both myself and my family the job security offered and the locality are both factors that tend to make the move a wise one," he went on.

"Admittedly these past two seasons at KU haven't been two of my best years—but that isn't the reason I'm leaving—in fact I honestly feel that the local football situation is definitely on the upgrade, especially in view of the enthusiasm shown by the boys coming up," he added.

"I think a coach—or anyone—should have the right to take the steps he feels necessary to better himself in his chosen field," observed Knudsen.

In answer to the question "Who do you expect to take your job at KU?" Knudsen stated, "I really have no idea. That's entirely up to the administrative department, and I don't believe they have had much opportunity to consider the situation since until just today there has been nothing concrete for anyone to go on."

While at Klamath Union Knudsen and his varsity griders won two games while losing 16. During his first stay at St. Helens Knudsen coached teams that were state runners-up in 1955 and made the quarter finals in state competition in 1956 and the semis in 1954.

While at Klamath Union Knudsen served as U.S. history teacher, sophomore boys counselor, JV baseball coach and conducted a class for U.S. citizenship applicants in addition to his football job. He was also a member of the Klamath baseball and basketball officials association.

At St. Helens he will teach biology in conjunction with whatever added sports assistants post may result from the hiring of a new basketball coach. The cage job was vacated by Ed Rooney at the close of this school year.

Knudsen, his wife Beverly, and three sons, Larry, Chris and Mark, plan to leave Klamath Falls on August 1.

Ingemar Claimant To Wins

NEW YORK (UPI)—Ingemar Johansson, the happy Swede, claimed a double victory today as he and Floyd Patterson headed down the home stretch toward their big fight, June 25, with all obstacles removed.

Challenger Johansson, back in camp at Grossinger, N.Y., not only kayaked contender Eddie Machen in federal court Tuesday, but he claimed, "I think I win the first round over Patterson."

Ingemar claimed a psychological victory over champion Patterson during the official signing of contracts at headquarters of the New York State Athletic Commission.

PATTERSON UNSMILING

"I keep looking at Patterson and smiling at him," Johansson explained, "but he no look at me. He won't look at me once. I think I win the first round over him—huh?"

Patterson, back in camp at Chatham, N.J., today, had no comment. But manager Gus D'Amato, who moved into camp for the first time, declared, "if that's the way Johansson thinks, what a surprise he's going to get—when he steps into that ring."

Johansson's triumph over contender Machen of Redding, Calif., was completed Tuesday when Federal Judge Irving R. Kaufman denied Machen's injunction application to force Johansson to fight him in a return match before any bout with Patterson.

Last Sept. 14 Johansson knocked out Machen in the first round at Göteborg, Sweden. Ingemar's home town. But on the day before the fight, Sid Slaherty—Machen's manager—obtained a return-bout agreement from Edwin Ahlqvist, Johansson's "adviser." The tentative date for the return match was last Feb. 14, at the Chicago Stadium.

UNREASONABLE

Without ruling upon the validity of the agreement, Judge Kaufman said that if the agreement was intended to extend beyond Feb. 14, "the agreement is unreasonable." He said it would place "an unreasonable restriction" upon Johansson.

The judge added that Machen had "failed to show sufficient grounds that would warrant the relief sought." Also, the granting of an injunction would "hurt the defendant and punish him and be of slight benefit to the plaintiff."

Promoter Bill Rosenbom, who says he already has invested about \$200,000 in the fight, declared, "What a relief! Now we can go to work in earnest. The ticket sale will boom now. In spite of the slow-down caused by the Machen suit, we've got an advance of \$360,000; and I'm sure the gate will hit around \$800,000."

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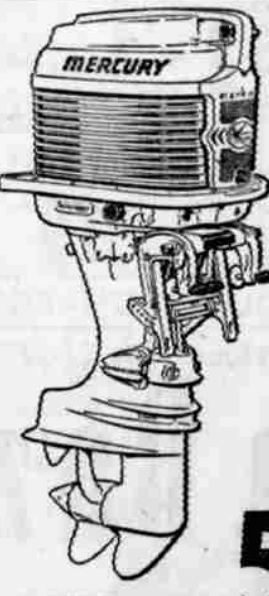
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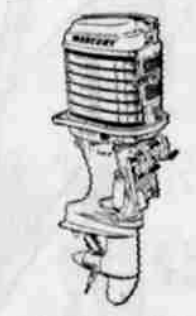
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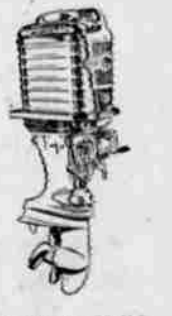
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