

PROS TURN IN AMAZING SCORES AT MIAMI

JOHNNY REVOLTA SINKS 40-FOOT PUTT FOR EAGLE

Winners Eight Under Par In Four Ball Golf Tournament Play

MIAMI, Fla., March 8.—(AP)—Johnny Revolta rammed home a 40-foot putt for an eagle three on the 36th hole today to set the pace for a series of surprises as the nation's top professionals staged an amazing scoring exhibition in the first round of the Miami Biltmore's international four ball golf tournament.

When the firing was over, only two of the favorite teams remained in the running.

Shooting the works, the competitors turned in 12 eagles and 136 birdies as a favorable wind helped on the long holes.

Revolta, teaming for the first time this year with Ky Laffoon, knocked out last year's finalists and the 1939 winners—Sammy Sread and Ralph Guldahl—when his long putt flopped into the can for a one up victory.

The winners had an eight-under-par 134 for the distance.

Another one of the eagles counted heavily in the result, as Jimmy Hines got down a 12-foot putt on the first extra hole for the three that gave him and Willie Goggin a win over the always dangerous combination of Horton Smith and Paul Runyon.

Hines and Goggin did the 36 in 68-67—135—seven under par.

National open champion Craig Wood and Billy Burke, former open title holder, were the victims of the upstart combination of Chandler Harper and Herman Keiser. Both Wood and Burke were off form and the winners came home to an easy 5 and 4 triumph—with the widest margin of the day.

A team of youthful giant-killers, Ben Loving and Jack Groat, took the measure of Lawson Little and Jimmy Demaret in another upset, one up.

The only well-liked teams to survive the slaughter were last year's winners—Ben Hogan and Gene Sarazen, and the favored duo of Byron Nelson and Henry Picard. Hogan and Sarazen took turns carrying the load in a tight go with Johnny Farrell and Henry Ransom, and finally eked out a one up decision.

Nelson and Picard drew a pair of tartars in Chick Harbert, the surprise player of the winter tour, and Sam Byrd, but held on to win, 3 and 1.

In another surprise decision, Dutch Harrison and Denny Shute downed Clayton Heafner and Lloyd Mangrum, 3 and 2, while Herman Barran and Tony Penna trounced Jimmy Thomson and Harry Cooper, 3 and 2.

Best 18-hole round of the day was the 64 turned in by Nelson and Picard on the morning round. They were out in 31, four under par, and back in 33, three under.

The Hogan-Sarazen and Farrell-Ransom combinations set the stage for the sensational scoring, when, teeing off first, they halved the first hole in eagles.

In tomorrow's second round—also 36 holes—the lineup is Hogan and Sarazen against Barran and Penna, Harper and Keiser against Picard and Nelson, Laffoon and Revolta against Loving and Groat, and Hines and Goggin against Harrison and Shute.

YATES IN NAVY

ATLANTA, March 8.—(AP)—Charlie Yates, former British amateur golf champion, headed for Charleston, S. C., today with a commission as ensign in the U. S. Navy.

Yates, drafted for military service 10 months ago, served as a private at Camp Wheeler, near Macon, Ga., until his naval appointment.

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WHITNEY MARTIN

NEW YORK, March 8.—There has been considerable speculation concerning the plight of minor league baseball this year, with a prospective player shortage, uncertainty in regard to night ball, tire rationing and other factors adding up to a rather bleak picture.

The minor leagues have only to check back to 1918 to learn that their concern is well founded. Conditions may be different today, but a war is a war and if the all-out effort of 1918 wrecked the minors the same might be expected this year.

This was the picture in 1915. Only one minor league—the International—completed what passed for a full season. That circuit survived until Labor Day to match the bobbed seasons of the majors, and saw a mid-season franchise shift.

Many minor clubs failed even to open, and the others struggled along only to expire wearily somewhere along the route.

In the American Association, two clubs had played 77 games and the others a few games less when it was decided enough was enough. Kansas City was on top when taps were sounded.

The six-club Pacific Coast league carried on for better than 100 games before quitting, with the Vernon club in first place.

The Southern Association, which enjoyed a good season in 1917, breathed its last after playing 70 games. New Orleans was leading at the end of the short course.

The reason advanced for the curtailment was "too much business outside baseball." The south was active in war industries, and interest of the Army camps in baseball for A. E. F. duty pushed everything else into the background.

Other leagues that braved the start of the campaign suffered similar fates. The old Western league collapsed after about 65 games; the Eastern got in about 58; the old Pacific Coast International went out July 7, after dwindling to three clubs. Tacoma and Spokane dropped out in May and Vancouver threw up the sponge in June.

The four-club Virginia league staggered through 60 games, and the six-club Texas league gave a final gasp and died after less than 90 games.

Oddly enough, the chief reason given for the demise of minor league ball in 1918 was the overwhelming prosperity in the cities in which the clubs were located.

With plants working day and night shifts, and wages sky high, the workers refused to sacrifice even a few hours pay to watch a ball game, working in many instances seven days a week to get full advantage of this unexpected golden rain.

The shortage of players was acute, as it promises to be this year, because youngsters who for the most part make up minor league clubs were ripe for Army duty, and that's where they went.

Using some home-grown logic, it would seem that if the minor leagues can survive this year we still are not up to our all-out effort of 1918, when they couldn't survive because of circumstances which are duplicated today. If they didn't have time for the game then, it would seem logical that they wouldn't have time now.

This is no effort to knock baseball, but is merely a recitation of a little history to show what happens to our national pastime when we really get down to the business of winning a war. Maybe the clubs can play night ball after all, and the eight-hour day will give workers a chance to go to the games.

But the record of 1918 is none too encouraging for the minors.

Paul Moss Says College Boxing Is Much Lower

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Mar. 8.—(AP)—You can take the word of a man who is partly responsible for the situation that college boxing ain't what it used to be.

Paul Moss, who guides the fistic destinies of ex-college boxer Billy Soose, is that man. He dropped in here yesterday for a quick look at the finals of the 19th Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing Championships and found little more than a pleasant place to spend a weekend.

"The quality of the boxing is much lower than it was in Billy's day," Moss commented. "It used to be that nearly every college had a good team. The kind of boxers you saw in there last night were the ones that used to be in intramural bouts."

Moss and Soose were the principal cause of one rule that helped bring about the change. An old Penn State man, Moss became interested in Billy when he was fighting in amateur tournaments and saw to it that Soose went to Penn State. Billy, and a few other experienced cutters, proved so much better than the run-of-the-mill college boxers that the rule-makers barred all boys who had fought in A. A. U. and "Golden Gloves" tournaments from intercollegiate competition.

"The kids now don't have a chance to learn," Moss argued. "There's practically no high school boxing, so the only boys who box in college tournaments are ones who didn't take up the game until they reached college age."

In spite of this handicap, a couple of last night's winners looked good enough to stir up more than ordinary interest. Gerald Auclair, the Syracuse 120-pounder who dominated his division, handled himself well and showed a terrific punch for a little fellow. In the final he failed to knock out Joe Cicala of Maryland mainly because Cicala had been coached to fight defensively in an effort to last and carried out his instructions well.

Carlo Orzelli, a tall, handsome middleweight from western Maryland, also was impressive. In addition to a deadly left hook that brought him a quick knockout in the semi-final, Orzelli showed a type of ring generalship that kept him completely in command during the final bout against Jack Gilmore of Maryland.

Bob Peden, the Army knockout artist who had to go three rounds only once in three bouts to retain his 135-pound title, got a quick brushoff from Moss. "The kid is a didn't know enough to step inside his right," he explained. "They backed right up where he could hit them."

Maryland's boxers, perhaps the best conditioned team of the seven in the tournament, took down the team honors although they failed to win a single individual title.

W. AND M. PLACES TWO ON ALL-STAR CONFERENCE TEAM

Duke, N. C. State, Wake Forest Each Get Spot On First Team

BY FRANK B. GILBERT
RALEIGH, March 8.—(AP)—High scorers with high pockets were the pick of the coaches and officials of the Southern Conference basketball tournament, who named an all-tournament team for the Associated Press.

The coaches and officials each were asked to select a first and second team. First team votes counted two points, and second team votes counted one point.

The First Team:
NAME—POS. SCHOOL
Glenn Knox F. W&M
Hap Spuhler F. Duke
Bones McKinney C. N. C. State
Al Vandeweghe G. W&M
Herb Cline G. Wake Forest

The Second Team:
Bernie Mock F. N. C. State
P. Westmoreland F. S. Carolina
Matt Zunic C. Geo. Wash.
Jack Tabbott G. N. C. State
Credic Loftis G. Duke

It will be noted that three gents who ordinarily play at forward are listed on the first team—but that was the way the coaches and officials wanted it. The three are McKinney, who got 11 points for center and one for forward; Knox, who got 12 for forward and six for center; and Cline, who got 12 for guard and three for forward.

Lumping all the points together, Knox became captain of the first team with 18 points. Spuhler is runner-up with 16.

Other leading vote-receivers were Vandeweghe 15, Cline 15, McKinney 12, Cedric Loftis 11, Mock 10, Zunic 7, Westmoreland 6, Tabbott 5, Bob Ross of North Carolina, 4; Bob Gnat of Duke, 4; Clyde Allen of Duke, 3; Bobby Gilham of George Washington, 2; Bill McCahan of Duke, 2.

Those three centers who made the first team were the pacesetters of the conference during the regular scoring race. At the end of the season, McKinney led with 200 points scored; Cline was next with 196 and Knox was third with 191.

William and Mary, which was eliminated by N. C. State Friday night in a semi-final tournament game, was the only club to place two men on the first team.

Duke, which whipped N. C. State, 45-34 in the final last night, placed one man on the first team and one on the second.

Two sophomores, McKinney and Vandeweghe, made the first team. Knox is a junior, and Spuhler and Cline are seniors. On the second on the second club, Mock and Loftis are sophs, Tabbott is a junior and Westmoreland and Zunic are seniors.

After the all-tournament teams are picked, the three referees—Paul Mention of Baltimore, Footsy Knight of the Durham Y. and Gum Proctor of the Richmond Y.—put their heads together and pick out an unofficial all-conference team based on play for the entire regular season.

It's composed of Zunic and Spuhler, forwards; Knox, center Cline and Gilham, guards.

Mary M'Swiney Dies At Her Dublin Home

DUBLIN, March 8.—(AP)—Mary MacSwiney, sister of Terence MacSwiney, the mayor of Cork who died in Brixton jail in 1920 while on a hunger strike for Irish freedom and a stormy figure in her own right, died Saturday, it was announced today.

Miss MacSwiney, who gained columns of publicity for the cause of Irish freedom by her numerous hunger strikes in the '20's, was president of the Sinn Fein executive council in 1926 but was defeated in the Irish elections in 1927.

Athletics Drop 5-4 Decision To Padres

SAN DIEGO, Calif., March 8.—(AP)—Pinch hitter Buddy Blair struck out with the bases loaded in the ninth inning today as the Philadelphia Athletics lost 5 to 4 to the San Diego Padres for their third straight defeat by a Pacific coast league team.

With two out in the ninth, pitcher Frank Dasso of San Diego gave three walks to force in Herman Besse who had singled. Then he tightened up and whiffed Blair who batted for Felix Mackiewicz.

Cleveland Indians Defeat Cincinnati

TAMPA, Fla., Mar. 8.—(AP)—The Cleveland Indians made each of their half dozen hits count to trim the Cincinnati Reds 5 to 3 today in a Grapefruit league season opener.

The Redlegs made nine hits, played errorless ball, but failed to show hitting strength in the clutch.

Al Milnar and Rookie Earl Center held the Reds to one single in the first five frames. Jim Bagby yielded four safeties in the seventh.

The Indians grabbed a run on two singles from Paul Derringer in the third, then nicked Bucky Walters for three more in the fourth on a walk and two extra-base blows.

YORK CHAMPION DIES

NEW YORK, March 8.—(AP)—Jose Raoul Capablanca, 53, an athlete of the Cuban State Department for Foreign Affairs since 1913, and world's champion chess player from 1921 to 1927, died today in Mt. Sinai hospital.

Detroit Tigers Holdout Squad Reduced To Six

LAKELAND, Fla., Mar. 8.—(AP)—The Detroit Tigers' holdout squad was reduced to six today with the signing of Barney McCosky, speedy outfielder who was fifth ranking batsman in the American league last season.

After signing, McCosky took part in the next to the last intrasquad game of the year, performing in center field for Coach Merva Shea's Lambs who were blanked by Coach Charley Gehringer's Wolves 3 to 0. McCosky got a double in three trips to the plate.

Sergt. Hank Greenberg worked out with the Tigers today, his appearance immediately bringing his old No. 5 uniform out of retirement. Greenberg, who was on a week-end furlough, said he was preparing to enter an officers training school.

FRED APOSTOLI, HELPED BY NAVY, MAKES COMEBACK

Life In The Service Agrees With Ex-Middleweight Title Holder

BY SID FEDER
NEW YORK, Mar. 8.—(AP)—As a walking advertisement for Uncle Sam's Navy and what it can do for a young fellow, we give you Fred Apostoli as today's best window display.

The ex-middleweight king, who was rated only four years ago as the best fighter in the world for his weight and inches at that time, is on the way back again with a fair chance of making the grade.

And he credits the life of a sailor boy with the biggest responsibility for switching him from a washed-up warrior to that of a guy heading for the comeback trail with a lot of hope.

He's a far different Apostoli than the beaten batter who had his title and his ears knocked off by Ceferi-nio Garcia, who barely lasted against Melio Bettina more than a year ago. Always quiet, keeping to himself, he fairly sparkles now when he tells you how he feels—stronger than at any time in three years, able to hit harder and think faster.

"And the Navy did it," he said today as he headed back to the Norfolk base after polishing off Augie Arellano in just under five heats last night—the first time the Houston husky ever was stopped and the fourth straight kayo in the comeback campaign.

"Since I enlisted, this sailor life has put me back in shape. The environment is perfect for a young fellow—it makes him feel right at home. There's nothing like it."

This is not to say that Freddie is ready to climb into the ring right now with Tony Zale, the tummy-thumping current boss of the 160-pounders. The softspoken San Francisco flailer is a lot smarter than that. Knowing more than one-and-one about such things, he realizes he needs considerable more work before he goes to the post in the big heat.

"But I can get that in two or three more fights like last night's, depending, of course, that they don't interfere with my being a sailor," he explained. "Those fights should be spread over a few months. Along about July I'll be ready to go with the big fellows again. After all, I'm only 29 and I figure I have two more good years left."

In outlining these plans, Freddy gives you a sharper picture of the set-up than if you'd taken one with a camera. Last night's affair was strictly no contest. After the first round, Apostoli punched Arellano all over the place as if he owned him.

But in making his first start since October, when he broke his left hand, he did show that he still has reflexes and coordination, or a reasonable facsimile thereof. These are the things so often missing in a comeback fighter—and the fighter himself is usually the last person in the world to discover he's through.

Fernandez Gets First Workout Of Practice

SANFORD, Fla., March 8.—(AP)—Froilan Fernandez, the coast league flash who is expected to make a strong bid for the Boston Braves' third base berth, had his first workout today and showed to advantage in a stiff infielding drill.

He and other infield and outfield candidates worked out after the battery men held a six-inning intrasquad game in which George Washburn, the hurler obtained from the New York Yankees did some impressive pitching.

Practically the entire squad is now on hand with the few missing members due to arrive tomorrow for the first official workout of non-battery men.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

IN THIS CORNER WE HAVE THAT FAMOUS TWO-HEADED, DOUBLE-BARRELED PITCHING COMBINATION OF THE NEW YORK YANKEES, LEFTY RYUGHTY VERNON JOHNNY GOMEZ MURPHY. GOMEZ STARTS 'EM, MURPHY FINISHES 'EM. IT WORKS OUT SWELL.



DUKE HAS BEST YEAR ON COURT

Conference Champs Close Out Most Successful Year In History

DURHAM, Mar. 8.—(AP)—Champions of the Southern conference for the second straight year after their 45-34 conquest of N. C. State in the finals of the annual tournament at Raleigh, Duke's Blue Devils of basketball folded away their tops today and looked back over the most successful cage season of the institution's history.

Everything included, Captain Hap Spuhler and the boys in Blue won 22 out of 24 contests in intercollegiate competition.

Temple's Owls stopped them in their first appearance after the Christmas holidays. And George Washington's potent Colonials decided them late in the campaign. Thereby becoming the only conference club to defeat Duke. That setback broke a winning streak of 14 consecutive games.

Only the record of the 1930 Duke team can approach that compiled by the new league champs as far as Blue Devil basketball annals are concerned. That outfit, featuring Boley arley, Bill Werber, Chalky Councillor and Joe Croson, won 18 games and lost only two, but was defeated by Alabama in the finals of the old Atlanta tournament.

For Eddie Cameron, the Duke coach who has been on the job here since 1923, this was the third Southern conference crown in his coaching experience. His Blue Devil teams of 1938 (the "never-a-dull-moment") boys and 1941 also copped the title.

Charlotte Woman Turns Gun On Self

CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 8.—(AP)—Mrs. Eva Mae Armstrong, 36, shot herself to death today while members of the family were in their yard, coroner Fred Austin, Jr., said. The body was found in a bathroom.

She apparently left no note and reason for the act was not established.

Mary Jacobs, Burgaw, Shot In Left Arm

Mary Jacobs, of Burgaw, was admitted to James Walker Memorial hospital early Sunday night suffering from a gunshot wound in the left arm.

Officers of the New Hanover county sheriff's office said the Jacobs woman told them she was shot by Wilbur Williams in a place known as Burgaw park. They said hospital attendants reported her condition "not serious."

War Board Reorganizes Bureau Of Industries

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—(AP)—The war production board today announced reorganization of its bureau of industry operations and establishment of 24 industry branches.

Each chief will serve as "the official point of contact between the WPB and all committees or subcommittees" of the industry assigned him, the announcement said.

TINY TAYLOR WILL BATTLE RHINEHART IN MAIN EVENT

All-Star Card Promised By Promoter As He Brings Out Local Fighter

With Abe Youst giving him the idea when he challenged Chief Little Beaver for a boxing match, Tiny Taylor met on the mat at Thalian hall here Friday night. Promoter Bert Causey said yesterday he will offer an all-star boxing card Friday night in lieu of the customary wrestling program.

The promoter is now engaged in lining up talent for the bouts, but took time out to announce that the program will be headlined with a match between Tiny Taylor, 230-pound Wilmington golden gloves fighter, who has decided to turn professional, and Wild Bill Rhinehart, of Rock Hill, S. C. The bout is scheduled for ten rounds.

In addition to these principals, Causey said he will offer other good talent and that the card should unquestionably be one of the best ever offered here. Causey said he was fortunate in being able to match Taylor and Rhinehart and that he expects this match to be a hair-raiser.

Taylor, who wanted to make his professional debut in Wilmington, fought his first golden gloves match 3 years ago and has since won three tournaments here.

Regarded as the most promising heavyweight developed here in 25 years, Taylor has won four state glove tournaments this year at Burlington, Raleigh, Greensboro and Charlotte and is in the pink of condition and ready to go.

This chart has a splendid record and is known for his fighting ability. He is regarded as an able opponent for Taylor and one who will make an interesting fight for the local fighter. He has met such boxers as Hardrock Harden, Tommy Gomez and Carlisle Thompson.

Causey said the other bouts will be equally as attractive but that it will be several days before he will be able to announce his complete card.

Plenty of boxers are available here, said, and I am going to give the crowd a good program.

Doors at Thalian hall will open at 7 o'clock with the opening preliminary starting promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

ALBANY SENATORS WILL PLAY HERE

Amoco Team Also Schedules Game With Williamsport Grays

Exhibition baseball games here with the Albany Senators and the Williamsport Grays, both Class A teams, and the Amoco team have been arranged for April. Frank Clemmons announced Sunday.

Mr. Clemmons said the Amoco team, sponsored by the Amoco Oil company in the Cape Fear league, would meet the Albany Senators here April 22, according to an agreement reached Sunday by Thomas F. McCaffrey, president of the club.

The Williamsport Grays will come here for a game with the local team April 5, he said.

Mr. Clemmons said the Amoco players went through a satisfactory workout Sunday afternoon, the first of the season.

GERMANS CALL IN VON PAPAN TO MAP PLAN

between Turkey and Russia and has even been hinted in other quarters that the Sofia meeting would bring Turkey into the fold.

The Axis is reported here to have concentrated more than 400,000 troops in Yugoslavia, presumably in fear of an offensive by Gen. Draja Mihailovic, whose troops still opposing the German occupation.

Resistance is said to burn feverishly in Greece and Crete and Germans are compelling the mobilization of Greek workers. A DDE dispatch from Athens quoted by Reuters said 850 Greek men and women left Salonika today to work in Germany.

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