

## Local Men Lead Flight in Golf

Mike Kite of Winston-Salem leads Flight 2 after the third round of the 10th annual Dupont World Amateur Handicap Championship in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Flight 2 has a field of 95 golfers with handicaps ranging from 5.2 to 6.4.

Kite shot a gross 222 and a net 204 over three days to move into the lead.

More than 3,500 golfers from around the world signed up to play in the DuPont World Amateur, the world's largest on-site golf tourna-

ment. Golfers representing 47 states, the District of Columbia and 16 foreign countries are participating in the tournament.

Ken Hester of Clemmons is also among the list of golfers leading in the DuPont. He is tied for first in his flight. The tie will be resolved during a play-off round for the 39 flight winners.

The tournament is a four-day, 72-hole tournament that is played on 50 courses along the Grand Strand area of coastal North and South Carolina. An 18-hole cham-

pionship round that will include the winners from 39 flights will be played.

Since the first DuPont World Amateur in 1984 with 680 players, participation in the tournament has grown steadily.

This year's field of 3,512 includes 636 senior men, 343 Super Seniors (65 and over) and a record field of 336 women.

More than 160 players from foreign countries are also participating.

## 'Old Bones' Knows His Way to the Bank

Call him "Old Bones." Call him anything you want. But call him a winner.

When the \$1.5 million Vantage Championship tees off at Tanglewood Sept. 2 through Oct. 3, Don January will be seeking his fourth consecutive Vantage Classics crown, the 36-hole "tournament-within-a-tournament" for players 60 and above.

But don't think for a minute that the 63-year-old, raw boned Texan is only picking on the old folks. He finished in last year's rain-shortened tournament, which added \$81,000 to the coffers that included \$30,000 for his Vantage Classics triumph.

January has been one of the staples of the Senior PGA Tour since its inception. He was a 10-time winner on the regular PGA Tour, which he joined in 1956, including the 1967 PGA Championship.

He has won 22 times since 1980 in the over-50 circuit, the last being in 1987. Twice he was the leading money winner, in 1983 and again the next year. He won six titles that year.

If there was any question

whether January could compete with the "kids," it was answered in the second round of the Vantage Championship last year when he played the front nine in 30 shots, six under par.

"I don't know what happened," he said. "Someone else must have been playing the shots. A 30 — I can't even count that low."

"I could have walked on water at the sixth hole. But I've played enough not to disturb it."

January doesn't disturb much of anything. He ambles along at his own pace. "It's called being consciously lazy," he said.

"It's kind of acquired. I learned when I was a young kid that if I'd go at the pace I wanted to go at, I had trouble lighting. I was like a fly. I was very jumpy, jerky, and it didn't do my golf game any good."

"I've learned to slow everything down and take it nice and easy. It gave me time to think a little better and also calm my nerves a little bit. The last 35 or 40 years, I've worked at it consciously. Now it's second nature to me. I don't ever get in a hurry now."

But if January plays the way

molasses flows, nobody was discounting his ability to turn it on during a round. He demonstrated that ability in last year's second round of the Vantage, when he tied a Senior Tour record with four birdies and an eagle during a five-hole stretch that began on No. 2.

The January way has worked for years. He twice won the Vardon trophy on the PGA Tour, emblematic of the lowest stroke average. The last time was in 1976, when he was 46. Four years later, he was one of the founding fathers of the Senior Tour. He was to become the circuit's first Million Dollar Man.

Still, life hasn't always been kind. In 1988, January was almost killed in a car wreck. A man running a red light broadsided January's car. The collision broke four ribs and he believes the injuries affected his breathing and promoted congestive heart failure, which he suffered a year later.

During his recovery, January slowed down even more. He regained his form. He won nine Vantage Classics titles in 1991.

It may take longer than ever, but he still knows his way to the bank.

## Local Athlete

in the World Cup Tournament," Segers said.

"We have a good team and a lot of good athletes, but we need to learn to understand what the other guy is going to do and support each other better. That is an assist to any team."

"I like football because I grew up with it. It's a contact sport which involves strategies, but I like rugby for the opposite reason. It's not on a level of politics, and your level is

reached on what you know, not who."

"For instance if Joe Montana got injured for a year and came back, he would go right back to his same spot. It's what the fans want to see, and that's politics. Where Mel Maninga is as famous at rugby as Joe is at his sport, but if Mel got injured he would have to work his way back to his position and not walk right back into it," Segers added.

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Now at 6'3" and 265 pounds, Segers plans to play rugby and see where it goes as far as a pro contract in Austria or Africa and seems to have lost his interest in the NFL.

Fortunately for Segers, if things don't work out on the pro scene, he plans to enter into the field of industrial distribution in which he has a four year degree.

Segers is the son of Lonnie and Sandra Segers and the grandson of Dessie Oliver.

## Kid's Thoughts

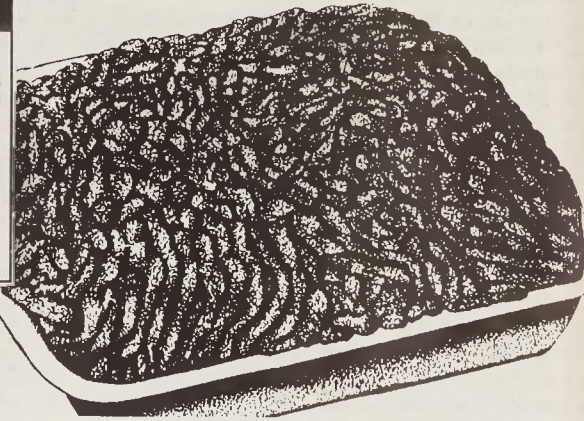


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