

THE PGA CHAMPION

Long John Daly Makes His Mark

Before last week's PGA Championship Tournament, the only John Daly I had ever heard of was a professorial reporter who hosted a TV show called, "What's My Line." In the early days of television the show was a big hit with viewers due to the many strange occupations it featured and the celebrity contestants who often had to disguise their voices in order not to be recognized.

The John Daly who showed up at Indianapolis to play Crooked Stick Golf Club, designed by Pete Dye, the diabolical genius of stadium courses, was a man from an entirely different cut of cloth. He was a tour rookie who made the PGA field as the ninth and last alternate player to qualify. He arrived so late he did not even have a chance to play a practice round. All this on the longest and what some described as the toughest course that the pros would play all year. The course was the longest on tour and that may be the real story of this dramatic victory by a rookie. However, the recent rains in Indiana reduced the difficulty of Dye's devilish designs. Balls which should have rolled through doglegs into difficult rough stopped in the lush, inviting fairways.

Those conditions produce much lower scores than had been anticipated. Some felt that, like a US Open course, the winning score would be at or near par. No one had anticipated a double digit winning score. The speed of the greens also contributed to low scoring. Due to the wet conditions they never reached the lightning fast, master's like, speeds.

Young Man On A Mission

Introduce to this setting and those conditions one John Daly, a young man on a mission, and watch the golfing world change. Daly did not have to drive through the doglegs, he drove over them. He could line up his hawtizer and gun his drives 40, 60, and 80 yards farther than his playing partners. His drives plummeted into the wet fairways and stopped short of trouble. Daly is the statistics leader in driving distance on the tour with an average of over 280 yards. During the PGA his average was 305 yards.

You may doubt that figure unless you saw him on the telecasts. He really does hit the ball that far.

Now we are familiar with other long-ball hitters. What do they say, "I know he is long, but how does he putt?" The answer usually is that he putts just like he drives. In Daly's case he had a short game to go with the booming drives. I say short game because he almost never had to hit a long or middle iron. When he did use a five or six-iron he was making his second shots to par five holes. On Saturday and again on Sunday he also demonstrated a deft touch with the sand wedge and his fairway wedge, sticking his shots in close to the hole and usually on the best side of the pin for his putts. How was his putting? In a word, exceptional. And the thing I liked was how quickly he putted. Even too quick for me.

John Daly's whole pace of play was fast. When it came his time to play he was ready, had his club in hand, and knew what he wanted to do with the ball. That should be an inspiration to us all. I grow tired of watching professional golfers tossing up grass and consulting with their caddies, nearby trees, the clouds, and anything else they feel will help them make a decision that should have long since been in their computer.

Daly's pace was invigorating and inspirational: ready, set, go. No second thoughts, he played his shots quickly and with conviction. You would have thought that his girl friend was waiting in the parking lot for him to take her to dinner.

Real Or Cinderella Story?

His newness to the tour and the fact that not many people had heard his name before the PGA Championship, does not mean he lacks success. He had actually compiled about \$300,000 in earnings prior to his windfall in Indiana. We know he knows how to win. We know that he may never win again, becoming one of those flashes of the Cinderella story. But I truly hope that he is for real.

He was quoted as saying he wanted to win so that an American could stop all those foreigners from winning so many major tournaments. Good for him. He got that job done. Compared to Daly, Faldo was flaccid, Woosnam was woosy, Sevy was sorry, and Olathabal was out of it. Which brings to mind the Ryder Cup Matches, soon to be played at Kiawah Island between the best players in Europe and the best the USA has to offer. Our record in the Ryder Cup has been flaccid and wilting over the last few years. I fully understand why Dave Stockton, the Ryder Cup captain, did not choose John Daly for his team. His choice of Fayetteville's Raymond Floyd and Chip Beck is a choice of competence and experience.

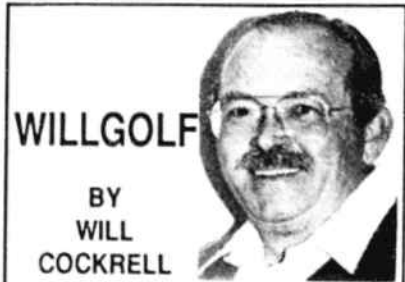
Daly will need to get a number of wins under his belt and demonstrate that he is the real McCoy before he will get consideration for such teams. And I sincerely hope he will do just that. He would be great for the game as a new hero on tour. He is young and personable. He is exciting to watch. He doesn't play a golf hole, he kills it. He could become a Palmer and a Nicklaus all wrapped into one. Not that he will ever approach their records, no one will. But his exciting style of play and his power game is similar to those great golfers. Golf could use a new dominating player, win or lose.

If I were Dave Stockton I would pay John Daly's way to Kiawah just to get him to stand on the first tee and snicker when the Europeans hit their tee shots.

Oak Island Hosts Senior Golf Event

Oak Island Golf Club will host the fifth seniors golf tournament of the year sponsored by the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department.

The event, which is open to men and women age 55 and older, will



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Rose Wins Brierwood Ninettes Tournament

Joyce Rose shot 45 and took a one-stroke victory in the Brierwood Ninettes golf tournament last Friday.

Runners-up were Helene Baker with 46 and Rita Dugan with 48. Mrs. Baker parred the third hole and Harriet Schuler chipped in at the first.

Margaret Pingo had low putts for the day with 15. Liz Bruce, Mrs. Schuler and Mrs. Rose tied for second with 17 putts each.

Brierwood Ladies

Nancy Bouldin fired a gross 90 and Marie Brown shot net 72 to lead the field in the Brierwood Ladies Golf Association tournament last week.

Runners-up were Mary Schaack with gross 95 and Mae Robertson with net 77. Mrs. Schaack chipped in at the fifth hole and had low putts with 29.

Evelyn Wuthrich had a chip-in at the seventh hole. Mrs. Bouldin birdied the sixth.

Brierwood Men

The team of Tim Parker, Neal McCall, Jerry Smith and Charlie Stransky fired a 10-under-par 134 to win the Brierwood Men's Golf Association two best ball tournament last Thursday.

Finishing one stroke back in second place was the team of John Cowie, Bill Goldsberry and blind draws Dave Harper and Bob

GOLFING ACTION

Tompkins.

In the nine-hole mixed scramble last Wednesday, Bob Wareheim, Jim Roach and Nancy Bouldin won with a round of 31.

The threesome of Al Butler, Bob Sterner and Nel Justice took second place in the captain's choice with a 34.

Guys And Dolls

Al and Lois Beato and Ed and Dot Frey combined for a score of 127 and took first place in the Brierwood Guys and Dolls tournament Aug. 10.

Each team counted the two best balls on each hole. Second place in the tournament went to the foursome of Jerry and Esther Smith and Harry and Jean Weiland with a score of 131.

The team of Tim Parker, Audrey Salmon, Thad Langston and Virginia Gibson also finished at 131, but was awarded third place on a match of cards.

The group's next tournament is scheduled Sept. 7.

Ruth's Renegades

Members of Ruth's Renegades golf group counted scores on holes starting with the letters "O," "N," "E," and "S" and used half handicaps in the weekly tournament last

Golf Tourney Helps Scouting

Area scouting supporters can "Swing-A-Club For Scouting" at the Cape Fear Council, Boy Scouts of America, annual golf tournament Saturday, Sept. 14, at Ocean Isle Beach Golf Course.

Golfers can sign up their own foursome in the captain's choice event or register individually and be assigned to a team based on handicap.

The \$50 entry fee covers green fees, cart, refreshments, party, meal, souvenirs and door prizes. Spouses are invited to the party following

the tournament. Awards will be given to the top two teams and for closest to the pin and longest drive.

The golf tournament will be limited to the first 150 people to register. The deadline is Sept. 6.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Cape Fear Council of Boy Scouts of America, which serves Brunswick and surrounding counties.

For information or to register, call golf pro Bobby Young at 579-2610.

MYRTLE BEACH TEAM WINS FIRST FLIGHT

Builders List Tourney Winners

The Pee Dee Drywall Service team from Myrtle Beach, S.C., won the top flight in the South Brunswick Islands Home Builders Association golf tournament Saturday at The Pearl Golf Links.

The winning foursome included Ron Turbeville, Bob Turbeville, Joe Turbeville and Ander Dial.

Second place went to the Express Care of Shallotte team, which was made up of Steve Allard, Dana Anderson, Paul Allard and Steve Walker.

The foursome of Bob Ward, Rick Ward, Roy Gibson and Morris Saintings placed third in the top flight.

The Carolina Power & Light team comprised of Dave Kelly, Don Hughes, Ben DeBloise and Jim Prevatte won the second flight.

Second place went to the Brierwood Builders team of Larry

Shreve, Red Krupp, Ed Shreve and Carl Fox.

Roy Hunter, Doug Bartlett, Barney Menasian and Steve Alpert formed the Pelican/Shallotte Lumber Company team that placed third.

Winners of the closest to the pin contest were Paul Allard, Phil McGee, Dana Anderson and Doug Bartlett.

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Thursday. Some golfers played at Carolina Shores and others played at Brierwood.

Jennie Briggs led the way at Carolina Shores with a net 42. She defeated Anna Clute on a match of cards.

Ruth Brown was third with a 45. Cynthia Omundsen had the low gross of 123 and low net of 85.

Winners at Brierwood were Mary Ahearn with 43.5, Marion Corbin with 44 and Toni Kobos with 45.5. Dot Frey had the low gross of 109 and low net of 72.

Chip-ins at Brierwood were carded by June Whipkey at the fifth hole, Alice Struck at the 16th and Ruth Jacobs at the 18th.

Brierwood Homeowners

Dave and Marge Harper compiled 84 points to win the Brierwood Homeowners golf tournament Saturday.

Couples used full handicaps and received five points for an eagle, three for birdie, two for par and one for bogey.

Finishing 10 points back in second place was the team of Jim and

Marje Roach. Other top scorers were Frank and Joyce Thompson with 72 points, Nick and Jean Laccerenza with 71 points and Dick and Ginny Anzelone with 70 points.

Pat and Ginger Sugrue placed sixth with 68 points, and Tony and Joanna Maglione finished seventh with 62 points.

Foxy Ladies

Nancy Bouldin shot a net 71 to win the first flight in the Foxy Ladies golf tournament last Thursday at Ocean Isle Beach Golf Course.

Runners-up in the top flight were Margaret Hood with a net 76 and Joanna Lang and Doris Dunfee with net 79.

Dot Crean won the second flight with net 79. Marian Johnson was second with an 82 and Ruth Linder was third with 85.

Third flight winners were Pierrette Tompkins with net 82, Ginny Anzelone with 83 and Joan Cowie with 89.

Birdies were recorded by Ginger Sugrue at the fifth, Mrs. Johnson at the 13th and Mrs. Bouldin at the 18th.

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