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Green Crosses Palm(er) Once Again

Green greens, green fairways, greenbacks, and green with envy dominated the weekend of golf from the Augusta National Golf Course as Arnold Palmer did it again by copping the coveted Masters Title with a four round total of 276, six strokes ahead of defending champion, Jack Nicklaus and surprising Dave Marr, who finished with runner-up rounds of 282.

Palmer made golfing history by becoming the first to win four Masters tournaments, and the even years have been good to him, having copped the crown in '58, '60, '62, and '64.

Palmer, who has 20,000 in greenbacks as a result of winning the Masters, has still another green back to add to his collection. The tournament-winning green coat, which Nicklaus presented to the new champion.

Palmer's four round total, 276, was just two strokes off the all-time low which was set by Ben Hogan in 1953, and four strokes lower than Nicklaus' '63 winning score of 286.

Palmer completed the first leg of the so-called grand slam of golf, which includes the U. S. and British Opens and the U. S. PGA, the latter being the only major crown Palmer hasn't won.

Palmer reeled-off an opening round score of 69 Thursday to move into a five-way tie for the lead after 18 holes, and came storming back Friday with a second round score of 68, which put him four strokes out front. His third round score of 69 ran his lead to five strokes, and his fourth-round 70 brought his winning total to 276, second lowest score in Masters history.

Palmer summed up the tournament by saying that it was probably the most exciting victory he has ever had.

Power Shakes Power In Twins Title Try

With the beginning of a new baseball season, veteran first baseman Vic Power, is faced with the task of landing a starting berth for the Minnesota Twins. Power, who is beginning his 11th season in the majors, has been an outstanding performer for the majority of his ten seasons, but the over-abundance of potential home run hitters who do the Twins starting lineup, has Vic faced with the task of landing a starting position.

With the blossoming of Belmont's Jimmy Hall into an outstanding center fielder, the management of the Twins is faced with the problem of what to do with all of the power hitters. Rookie, Tony Oliva is expected to play the outfield for the pennant-chasers this year, along with hard-hitting Harmon Killebrew and Hall. This omits Bob Allison from the outfield lineup, but he has been working at first base during spring training, and just may find a home at the initial corner.

Power won the Gold Glove Award as baseball's outstanding defensive first baseman for the sixth straight season in 1963, even though it was not his best year.

The Puerto Rican, with a flair for catching pop flies one-handed, accumulated a fantastic fielding record of .989 for the season. He committed only 12 errors during the entire season, but even more phenomenal is the fact that he has bettered that mark six times previously. For his career, so far, Power has a fielding average of .992 and a batting average of .287.

With averages like this, it is hard to realize that there is a possibility that Power will be used as a utility infielder.

So, even if Allison starts the season at first, Power would be reinstated quickly if Killebrew, who is nursing a repaired knee, should falter. And too, Hall will be battling the so-called "sophomore jinx", and may find the road a little rougher this year.

The '63 Twins led the league in almost every statistic except won-lost percentage. They led in runs and homers, hits, total bases, team batting average, and runs-batted-in. Only the 1961 Yankees ever hit more homers (240) in baseball history.

N.L. Mourns Death Of Hubbs, Umbricht

With all its color, excitement, and glamour, the national league will be shy two players this season. Ken Hubbs, the sensational second baseman of the Chicago Cubs, lost his life during the off season in a plane crash, and Houston Colt pitcher, Jim Umbricht, lost his battle with Cancer on April 8.

Tragedy struck down one of baseball's brightest young stars when KEN HUBBS, 22, was killed on February 13, in a crash of his own light plane.

No one will ever know what happened in those final seconds of life for Hubbs when he was clutching the controls of his single-engin Cessna plane that crashed on an ice-covered lake in Utah, but the sports world was saddened by the loss of such an outstanding athlete.

There was never a better man under pressure than Hubbs, and that pressure wasn't something he experienced only after he became a major leaguer in 1962.

He was voted rookie-of-the-year in 1962, and he will be long remembered in the baseball world.

JIM UMBRICKT was not what one would call an outstanding baseball player during his playing days, but he was described by his doctor as being "one of the most courageous men I've ever met", following Umbricht's death April 8.

The 33-year old Umbricht had undergone surgery on his right leg last March, and his apparent recovery was evident as he saw considerable duty during the season last year.

Umbricht, a bachelor, was a graduate of the University of Georgia, and a member of the Bulldogs' baseball and basketball teams.

Big Jim, a native of Chicago, who grew up in Decatur, Georgia, had only a modest career in the Big Time. His over-all totals showed only nine victories and five defeats, 88 games and less than 200 innings pitched. But what he lacked as a pitcher, he made up for in courage.

One of the biggest thrills of his life was the "Most Courageous Athlete" award presented to him last January by the Philadelphia sports writers at their annual banquet.

In remembrance of Umbricht, the Colts will wear black armbands throughout the season.

So; although the opening of another baseball season brings much gaiety, glamour, and happiness, we still will remember with deepest reverence the passing of two competitors who made the game a little brighter for all of us.

KM Nine Falls To Shelby, 6-1; Third Loss

Little Mounties Register Two Wins

Box Score

Kings Mtn. (18)

	AB	R	H
Sprouse, rf	4	2	0
Cash, ss	3	2	0
Medlin, c	4	2	2
Wright, 2b	5	1	3
Gladson, 3b	2	3	1
Ramsey, lf	5	2	0
Goforth, p	3	4	3
Hamrick, 1b	4	1	0
Huntsinger, cf	4	1	2
TOTALS	34	18	11

South Gastonia (2)

	AB	R	H
Braslin, rf	3	0	0
Stone, c	3	0	0
Holland, cf	2	0	0
Lewis, 1b	2	0	0
Goble, 3b	3	0	0
Sanders, p	2	1	1
Troutman, ss	2	1	1
Boone, 2b	3	0	0
Fisher, lf	3	0	0
TOTALS	23	2	2

WP-Goforth LP-Sanders

	Score	By Innings
KM	2	3 6 2 5 0 0
Gastonia	0	0 0 0 0 2 0

Box Score

Kings Mtn. (3)

	AB	R	H
Goforth, rf	2	0	0
Conner, 2b	3	0	0
Medlin, c	3	0	0
Wright, cf	3	1	0
Cash, ss	3	0	1
Gladden, 3b	2	0	0
Sprouse, p	1	1	0
Ramsey, lf	1	1	0
Hamrick, 1b	3	0	0
TOTALS	21	3	2

Shelby (0)

	AB	R	H
Peeler, cf	3	0	0
Elliott, p	3	0	1
McDaniell, ss	3	0	0
McCurry, c	3	0	0
Runyan, 2b	3	0	1
Jones, 3b	3	0	0
Lutz, lf	3	0	0
Champion, rf	3	0	1
Allen, 1b	2	0	0
TOTALS	26	0	3

a. Lloyd, p relieved Elliott in 5th.

	Score	By Innings
KM	1	2 3 4 5 6 7
S	0	0 0 0 0 0 0

Brackett, Plonk Register High Scores For Year

The season's scoring leaders for the 1963-64 Men's Bowling League were announced this week by Furman Wilson, league statistician.

Albert Brackett posted high scores in two departments for the year. Brackett topped the high single game score for the year with a 159, and had the best season's average, 111.

Clarence Plonk and Richard Bridges tied for the high line set score of the year with 388 scores.

Plonk led the first half of the season's line set scoring with a 382 high, one pin ahead of Ranny Blanton who rolled a 381. Plonk also rolled the high single game score of the year, 174, but the score was not official since both the 174 single game score and the high line set score of 382 were rolled the same night, and only one high score was allowed because of a league rule which stated only one high score per night could be officially entered into the records.

Jenny Oates continued to roll high scores for Oates-Henderson as she posted a single game high of 99 and a three game line set score of 284 to pace her team to a 1-0 victory over Kings Mountain Drag.

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