

SPORTS

World's Top Golfers Open Masters Meet

AUGUSTA, Ga. (UPI) — The world's masters of the fairways started out today after the first of 1960's major golf titles — the Masters — with Arnold Palmer the betting choice and Sammy Snead and Ben Hogan the sentimental favorites.

A field of 84-17 amateurs and 67 professionals — was scheduled to tee off at 10 a.m. e.s.t. over the 6,980-yard Augusta National golf course with fair and mild weather forecast.

By dusk on Sunday — barring a playoff — one of them will wear the green jacket which symbolizes one of the most coveted championships in the game.

Suffers Flu Attack
Despite a slight attack of the flu, which he shrugged off "as nothing serious," Palmer still remained the betting favorite. But the odds on the year's leading money winner lengthened from 3-1 to 5-1, with Snead the second choice in the revised betting list at 6-1. Ken Venturi was next in line at 7-1 followed by burly Mike Souchak at 8-1.

Palmer, who has cashed in \$26,700 thus far, said he went to see a doctor purely as a precautionary measure "and he told me the congestion was breaking up."

"It doesn't bother me," he insisted, adding that the odds didn't bother him either.

"At least I try to make them no concern," he said.

Palmer played only a few holes on the back nine of the championship course Wednesday and then shot a two under par 25 over the nine-hole par three course in the afternoon. The contestants played this one for silverware prizes. Palmer missed four greens, but had seven one-putts.

Snead won the competition when he birdied the ninth hole for a 23. Lew Worsham and Dick Knight tied for second with 24's. Doug Sanders and Ted Kroll each had holes in one. Snead considered his par three triumph a good omen.

"I have as good a chance as anybody," he insisted. Earlier in the day, he fired a final practice round 72, even par, with five birdies and five bogeys. It was the first time he had failed to break par in his Masters tuneups.

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DCHS Rifle Team Divides Matches

The Decatur Catholic rifle team split two matches recently, bowing to a tough Elmhurst squad, 900-943, and outclassing the Monroe gun and rifle club, 946-865.

March 31, at Elmhurst, Bender and McCoy of Elmhurst led all scorers with 196 and 194, while Sev Schuriger, Jr., fired a 192 for third place. Schavey, of Elmhurst, and Dave Golchin and Jerry Heimann, of DCHS, all tied at 191.

Other scorers for Decatur were Fred Kaufman, 188, and Joe Schuriger with 181. Eakins and Black for Elmhurst came in with scores of 190 and 189.

Against an adult team from Monroe, the local high school marksmen won the meet when all five shooters topped the high man from Monroe. Sev Schuriger led the scoring with a 194 followed by Dave Golchin, 191; Jerry Heimann, 190; Jim Caciene, 186, and Fred Kaufman, 185.

A. Mitchell, at 180; L. Steffen, 180; V. Sprunger, 170; B. Kershner, 166, and J. Lobsiger, 167, were the Monroe shooters.

Kerwin And Fullmer Battle To A Draw

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (UPI) — Former heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano summed it up perfectly in discussing Wednesday night's 10-round nationally televised fight between welterweights Gale Kerwin and Jay Fullmer, which ended in a draw.

"Kerwin was more aggressive," said Marciano, who refereed the contest held in the swank Fontainebleau Hotel's grand ballroom. "But Fullmer landed more punches."

Marciano scored it 98-98 for each fighter under the 10-point must system. Judge Barry Pearlman favored Fullmer, 97-95, but Judge Dave Field had Kerwin in front, 98-95. United Press International scored it 96-95 for Fullmer.

Kerwin, a 25-year-old Canadian native now fighting out of Valley Stream, N.Y., was bitter over the call.

"I thought I won easy," he said. "I carried the fight, worked harder, and scored with much heavier punching."

Kerwin, who weighed 142½ pounds to the 23-year-old Fullmer's 138, said he thought he knocked his opponent down with a left hook to the jaw late in the sixth round. Marciano ruled it a slip.

Fullmer, brother of middleweight champion Gene Fullmer, was dissatisfied with the decision, but was not as vehement as Kerwin.

Newcombe Sent Home From Training Camp

CINCINNATI (UPI) — The Cincinnati Reds have sent pitcher Don Newcombe home from their Jacksonville, Fla., training camp for examination of a leg injury.

Newcombe pulled a muscle in his right thigh during a game two weeks ago and the injury has not responded to treatment.

Chicago Cubs One Of Spring Surprise Teams

By SCOTT BAILEY
United Press International

MESA, Ariz. (UPI) — Charlie Grimm's Chicago Cubs opened the exhibition season by losing five straight but bounced back to be one of the spring's "surprise" teams.

"This team has improved all the way over last year's," Grimm says. "I feel that we'll finish in the first division this season."

Last year the Cubs wound up tied with Cincinnati for fifth and played a key role late in September in smashing the San Francisco Giants' pennant dreams. But it hasn't finished in the first division since 1946.

Most of the players who ganged up on the San Francisco front runners are back with the exception of outfielder Bobby Thomson and pitcher Dave Hillman. Both were traded to the Boston Red Sox.

Old-New Faces
There are some old-new faces around, however, to go with such proven workmen as shortstop Ernie Banks and outfielder George Altman.

The biggest name player to join the club is center fielder Richie Ashburn, for 12 years a fixture with the Philadelphia Phillies. Ashburn, who is confident he'll shake off the slump which dropped him to batting average .266 last year, will have another veteran newcomer beside him in left field — Frank Thomas. Richie was acquired in a deal that sent third baseman Alvin Dark to the Phils while Thomas arrived from Cincinnati as part of a swap in which Lee Walls went to the Reds.

Dick Gernert, veteran first baseman-outfielder, also is on hand from the Boston Red Sox. Then there's Del Rice, 37-year-old catcher who was picked up after being let go by Milwaukee. Once a solid receiver for the Cardinals, Rice's assignment will be to help the young pitching corps.

"We've eliminated some weak spots with off-season deals and have acquired power and speed," Grimm maintains. "We've improved all the way."

Pitching Question Mark
A big question mark is the pitching staff. Can Mo Drabowsky (5-10) and Dick Drott (1-2) bounce back to the earlier form which stamped them as fine prospects? Both have been "bumming" the ball well and apparently are free of the sore arms which bothered them last year.

Glen Hobbie, who came through with a 16-13 record and 3.69 earned run average last season, looks like Grimm's staff leader and may be of all-star caliber. Charlie Root, Grimm's pitching teammate when the Cubs knew palmer days, is working with other young hurlers and predicts they'll be some surprises.

Ernie Banks, of course, is set at shortstop and is the team's outstanding attribute. The two-throw National League MVP has been hitting at a .450 clip this spring and looks ready for one of his best seasons. He'll team with Tony Taylor to form the double play combination.

Altman, Chicago's rookie of the year in 1959, has been nudged over to right field by Ashburn and says, "I'll play anywhere I'm put."

Long George also plans to go after more low pitches this year. He feels that he was called out on strikes a lot last year because he thought the ball was below his knees.

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A REAL TIGER—Chico Fernandez, new Detroit shortstop, hopes he will find a home with the Tigers this year after last year's poor season with Philadelphia.

VFW Teams Compete In State Tourney

Don's Texaco and the Military Order of Cooties bowling teams competed in the state VFW bowling tourney last weekend at Marion. Lloyd Reef was among the leaders in the all-events, doubles and singles. Fred Hoffman in the doubles and all-events, Don Burke in singles, Pete Smith in doubles, Don Reidenbach in all-events, Jim Harkless in singles, Paul Hodie in doubles and all-events. The M.O.C. team was among the leaders in the team events. Other team members who competed were Ronald Ballard, Kenneth Butcher and Clyde Conrad.

Bowling Alley Case Decision Due Monday

Judge Homer J. Byrd, of the Wells circuit court, and special judge in the bowling alley suit concerning the building of a new bowling alley on highway 224 across from a residential area, announced today that he will render his decision on the case next Monday at 10 a.m.

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Wynn Breezes To 7-Inning Shutout Stint

By JOHN GRIFFIN
United Press International

Early (Gus) Wynn, the American League's top winning pitcher of last season, gave notice today that he's all set for another big year that will bring him close to the magic figure of 300 victories.

The Chicago White Sox ace righthander displayed mid-season form in breezing seven shutout innings in a 2-0 victory over the Detroit Tigers Wednesday, just about as easily as he breezed past his 39th birthday last January.

With 271 victories already in the till, "hard rock" Wynn is four triumphs ahead of Milwaukee's Warren Spahn for top honors among currently active hurlers and he knows that another big year will put him within arm's reach of that exclusive "300 club."

Only six modern hurlers are members of that club and they are all Hall of Fame immortals—Cy Young, Walter Johnson, Christy Mathewson, Grover Cleveland Alexander, Eddie Plank and Lefty Grove.

Only three more wins will put Wynn in the No. 7 slot among modern pitchers, just ahead of the 273 wins by former Yankee star Charley Ruffing.

Seaters Four Hits
Wynn, who complained of a gout attack just last weekend, was a pain in the neck for the Tigers as he scattered four singles over his seven innings. Two of the Detroit hitters were quickly erased in double plays. A two-run Chicago rally in the fifth inning on Gene Freese's single, Minnie Minoso's double and Al Smith's double enabled Wynn to turn over a 2-0 lead to Frank Baumann, who allowed two hits and no runs in the last two innings.

Frank Lary went the route for Detroit and despite allowing only four hits, he pitched a complete game. Los Angeles' Stan Lopata's 12th inning homer gave Milwaukee a 3-2 win over Cincinnati; Bob Hale's ninth-inning double cleared the bases for Cleveland's 10-9 victory over the Chicago Cubs; Dick Schofield's 10th-inning single drove in Pittsburgh's winning tally in a 7-6 decision over Philadelphia; Stan Musial's homer in the Cards to a 13-10 victory over Boston; and Roger Maris' 11th-inning single gave the Yankees a 4-3 win over Baltimore.

Dodgers Blast Jones
Sam Jones, the Giants' 21-game winner, was blasted for seven runs in the Dodgers' victory, including homers by Wally Moon and John Roseboro and six walks. Willie McCovey's three-run homer led the Giants' futile counter-attack.

Lopata's blast off rookie Dave Stenhouse gave Milwaukee its fifth straight victory and made Bob Rush the winner in relief. Frank Torre also homered for the

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Denies Dykes Out As Tiger Manager

LAKELAND, Fla. (UPI) — Bill DeWitt, president of the Detroit Tigers, says the club has no more thought of replacing Manager Jimmy Dykes than "of taking a trip to the moon."

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