

Sports

Decatur Golf Club Will Open Season Saturday

Luke Majorki, pro-owner of the Decatur Golf course, announced today that the local course will be opened for the season Saturday, weather conditions permitting.

The pro shop in the newly built clubhouse, will be open Saturday, regardless of the weather, and will be open from now until after the close of the season.

Majorki stated the practice area at the course will be the first to be opened, and it will be available as soon as is possible.

Work on the new club house was started last fall, and the pro shop is completed. It contains men's locker room with showers, a ladies' club storage area, and rest rooms for both men and ladies.

Plan Junior Program

The junior program, which was so well received last season, will be conducted again this year for boys and girls 10 to 17 years of age. The program will include basic instruction for four weeks, followed with a six-weeks' league program. Dates for this program will be announced later. Junior league winners will receive trophies and certificates. The league play, for both girls and boys,

Sammy Snead Early Leader In Doral Open

MIAMI (UPI) — Golf's new year swung to an old refrain as they chased Slammin' Sammy Snead into the second round of the \$50,000 Doral Invitational golf tournament today.

The Slammer, at 51, playing shots out of his youth, whipped around the sun-blistered Doral course on the edge of the Everglades with a four-under par 33-35-68 which put him one shot on top of the pack in the opening round.

Old Sam, recent winner of the PGA Senior's championship for his 11th tournament triumph, wasn't satisfied. He hasn't won a tour tournament since May of 1961 and he finished second in this one last year.

He sank four birdies, while missing only one green to post 14 pars the rest of the way, and jumped one shot in front of a hot sixsome. This group included big Mike Souchak, Ohio Bob Shaw, Dave Hill of Evergreen, Colo.; Bert Yancey of Philadelphia, 50-year-old Joe Lopez Sr. of Key West and Ken Venturi of San Francisco.

Jack Nicklaus three-putted three greens but still whipped out a two under par 35-35-70 which put him in that bracket with nine other hopeful challengers. And Arnold Palmer, off to his worst start in eight years, scrambled mightily. He went for an even par 72.

The 70 group with Nicklaus included Billy Casper and Jay and Lionel Hebert. Another shot off the pace at 71 was a host which included big John Barnum, Art Wall, Ed Furgol, and Chi-Chi Rodriguez.

GAS-TOONS

By
Bob Gay



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Columbus Lone Unbeaten Team In Final Round

Last of four stories on the finalists in the Indiana high school basketball tourney.

By KURT FREUDENTHAL
United Press International

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — The third unbeaten team to win the Indiana high school basketball tourney, isn't buying any of that "weak schedule business."

Columbus went through the past two regular seasons without a loss and some critics implied its "soft touch" schedule had a lot to do with it.

"All schedules are too weak when you win most of your games," he said. "We have played two poor games — Martinsville and Greensburg — and only a fair game against Indianapolis. Howe, but we were still good enough to win."

The Howe game during the regular season, 78-71, was the closest all year.

"I have always felt the difference between a good team and an average team is that the good team can win on the nights it looks bad," said Stearman.

Meet Huntington
The top-rated Bulldogs take on Huntington in the opener of Saturday's three-game championship round. Huntington and Lafayette were beaten only once during the season and Evansville Rex Mundi, the other finalist, has lost twice.

Columbus is the highest-scoring crew ever to reach the final with a per-game average of 94 points and a winning margin of better than 35 points. Stearman credited his team's shooting ability and defense for these records.

The Bulldogs are built around 6-6 Jerry Newsom, who is good for 27-28 points a game plus his share of rebounds, and 6-1 Steve Hollenbeck, a chunky but speedy 215-pounder who has a fine hook shot.

Rick Stoner, who quarterbacked the football team last fall and who also stars in baseball, and Vic Thixton also hit in double figures, as do the combined efforts of guards John Partin and Steve Arnolt.

Stearman recalled he was in grade school when Columbus made it to the final four in 1938. He watched the Bulldogs lose to eventual champion Fort Wayne South.

Despite its awesome tourney record, Stearman said Columbus had some hard games. "Rushville didn't break until the third period in the semi-state, and I thought Howe would be tougher the second time," said Stearman. Columbus beat Howe by seven points during the regular season but by 25 last Saturday and dumped Rushville for the semi-state title by 17.

Pressure on Others
Stearman indicated he expected the state finals to be tough because "the record of the four teams speaks for itself."

"We're just happy to be here," he said. "We just play the best we can and if we have a bad game we'll get beat." However, Stearman figures the pressure is "on the other team."

"The fact we're unbeaten hasn't worried us," he said. "The pressure is on the other team because it has to be at its best to beat us."

Stearman said this year's team is physically stronger than last year's club that lost to eventual state champion Muncie Central in the local semi-state tourney.

Before the season started he said flatly Newsom was "the best big boy in Southern Indiana without question" — and nobody has given him an argument to date.

If Columbus gains the title game, Newsom has a good chance to erase the final four-game record of 114 points by Jimmy Ray of Kokomo. He already has 61 tops among semi-state shooters last weekend.

College Basketball

National Invitation
New Mexico 72, New York U. 65.

Bradley 67, Army 52.

Martin Initiated In Franklin Fraternity

FRANKLIN, Ind.—Jim Martin, 310 Jefferson St., Decatur, has been initiated into Phi Delta Theta fraternity at Franklin College. Fraternity life has been an important part of the Franklin picture for more than a hundred years. These groups provide a framework for group living and democratic action.

Jim, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reed, is a freshman at Franklin College. He is a 1963 graduate of Decatur high school.

Top State Honors To Bates, Whitaker

SALISBURY, N. C. (UPI) — The National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Awards Program has singled out Marvin Bates of Evansville, Ind., and John Whitaker of Hammond, Ind., for top state honors.

Bates, of WGBF, was announced as Indiana's outstanding sportscaster for 1963 and Whitaker, sports editor of The Hammond Times, as the state's outstanding sportswriter.

Both will receive their awards here in April.

New Mexico, Bradley Meet In NIT Final

NEW YORK (UPI) — Joe Strawder, Bradley's 6-foot-9 senior center, will be the tallest man on the court Saturday afternoon when the Braves oppose New Mexico for the National Invitation Tournament championship — which is one reason why he will be the center of attention.

The other reason is that in all probability Strawder holds the key to the final game, in which Bradley seeks its third NIT title. The Braves, and in particular Strawder, humbled Army Thursday night, 67-52, to advance to the finals after deliberate New Mexico defeated New York University, 72-65.

Strawder was an inconsistent performer most of the season but still finished as Bradley's second-high scorer and leading rebounder. After a listless showing against St. Joseph's in the NIT quarter-finals last Saturday night, Strawder was benched in favor of 6-foot-3 sophomore Ernie Thompson.

But Strawder didn't sit down for long. Thompson drew his second foul with 13:42 remaining in the first half and the score tied, 10-10. Strawder's entry sounded the death knell for Army's Cinderella hopes as he led the Braves to a 17-2 spurt with 10 quick and easy points.

First Half Surge

Strawder finished with 19 points for the half, by which time Army trailed 40-24. The biggest Brave was removed from the game early in the second half when he suffered a slightly sprained ankle. He did not score another point for the night, but the damage already had been done.

New Mexico, playing in its first NIT and seeking to become the sixth team to win the title in its first appearance, will make things very difficult for Strawder, especially with 6-foot-8 Ira (The Large) Harge at center.

Harge, one of the finest defensive centers in the nation, scored 14 points and blocked seven shots despite being in foul trouble throughout much of the game.

He and Mike Lucero, who outscored NYU's Barry Kramer were the outstanding exponents of New Mexico's favorite weapon—defense. Harge continually bottled up the Violets underneath the basket, and Lucero held Kramer with a field goal for the entire first half.

Close Battle

NYU, trailing 37-31 at the half battled back to tie at 37-37 with 17:04 remaining in the game on Kramer's first basket of the game. The two teams deadlocked nine times until Lucero, who shared high-point honors for New Mexico with 18, shook loose for a layup with 3:26 left.

The Lobos, employing the same tactics that carried them past Drake in the quarter-finals then controlled the ball for almost two full minutes before Dick (Boo) Ellis got free underneath for two insurance points.

Happy Hairston was the high scorer in the game with 26 points, and Kramer added 14 for NYU. In addition, Hairston scored six of the Violets' last eight points when NYU made one final try for victory.

Lavern Tart scored 20 points to take scoring honors in the Bradley-Army game. The Cadets, shooting poorly throughout the game, were led by Bill Helkie's 11 points.

Hockey Results

National League
Detroit 9, New York 3.
International League
Toledo 4, Des Moines 2.

BOWLING

Major League

	W	L	Pts.
Teeple Truck	21	9	30
Hawthorn Melody	21	9	29
Villa Lanes	21	9	27
Hoagland Farm	17	13	25
Beavers Oil	19	11	24
Burke Insurance	16	14	21
VFW	16	14	21
West End Rest.	16	14	21
Three Kings	15	15	21
Gene's Mobil	15	15	19
Macklin New Yorkers	12	18	16
Midwestern United	13	17	16
Daily Democrat	12	18	15
Lindeman Cons.	11	19	14
Preble Elevator	9	21	11
Clark Smith	6	24	9
High series: Dick Macklin 640 (217-181-242), Wilbur Petrie 612 (226-191-195), Leroy Ladd 609 (205-201-215).			

High games: W. Tutewiler 244, C. Cook 204, R. Ballard 202, C. Melcher 200, D. Holle 200, G. Moser 211, R. Pollock 208, B. Mies 201, L. Christman 210, A. Buuck 211, R. Lord 233, A. Zelt 238, G. Ellis 224, J. Macklin 213, E. Korte 212-212, W. Nahrwold 210, W. Call 200, H. Lyons 210, A. Bowen 212, D. Everett 201.

Merchant League

	W	L	Pts.
Sheets Furniture	19	11	28
Tony's Tap	18 1/2	11 1/2	24 1/2
Painters	18	12	24
Arnold Lumber	18	12	23
Weis' Men's Wear	16	14	22
Corah Insurance	16	14	21
G. E. Club	15	15	21
Hawks	15	15	21
Slick's Drive-in	16	15	20
Krick-Tyndall	16	14	19
Clem's Market	14	16	19
Menu Meats	13	17	17
Supermat 24	13	17	17
I & M	12 1/2	17 1/2	15 1/2
Preble Gardens	11	14	14
Riverside Garage	10	13	13
High series: L. Crisman 567, J. Corah 564, G. Lister 564, D. Myers 562, K. Ross 553, E. Hammond 552.			

High games: J. Corah 213, G. Lister 212, A. Schneider 210, G. Thatcher 206, R. Bleeke 206, A. Gase 203, E. Luginbill 203, H. Hoffman 203, C. Stucky 202.

Women's Uptown League

	W	L	Pts.</th