



By Joe Williams
Bob Grove Mystery Deepens
Trouble May Be 'Tight' Arm
And Price Paid Was \$125,000

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—You have read from time to time, I am sure, of the great Lefty Grove mystery—or should I say the great mystery of Lefty Grove. No pitcher who has won only four games up to August deserves to be called great.

At any rate Connie Mack sold Grove to the Boston Red Sox last winter for \$125,000 in cash, and not \$100,000 as is generally reported. After all the difference in dollars is reasonably important to both parties of the transaction. My authority on this detail is the gentleman who paid the money, and that ought to be sufficient.

GROVE had led the league the season just ended in games won and lost—and was high up in the still more vital matter of earned runs allowed—which means that throughout the season he was a very hard man to score on.

With this kind of record, plus a winning background of twenty or more games dating back to 1927, Mr. Tom Yawkey, the young owner of the Red Sox, naturally felt he was making a good buy—and for all I know he may still feel he made a good buy.

The last time I talked to the gentleman he said he would not take \$125,000 for Grove, despite the fact that he had yet to show anything. But this was early in the season, when hopes run high in baseball and even pessimists wear smiles.

ANYWAY, on the face of things, Grove did look like an excellent buy. Pitching up to his record he would have made the Red Sox a positive pennant contender, and the deal would have made the young owner look like the smartest dealer in baseball. He would have gotten his \$125,000 back in two months.

Well, as you know, things didn't work out that way. Grove reported to the spring camp with an ailing soupone. He went through a routine course of poundings, kneading and slapping. That didn't do any good. He had a mess of teeth blasted on the theory that the pain in the arm was in some way related to the chinaware department. That didn't do any good, either.

ONLY recently Grove entered a mouth and asked waivers on his tonsils. He was feeling down in the mouth anyway. (Get it? Feeling down in the mouth. Haw! And they pay Ed Wynn all that dough for his silly gag!) Grove is up now, pitching in batting practice and pretty soon he'll make another stab at a starting game.

Which brings me to the point of this piece. A ball player who is as close to Grove as the skin on the back of his neck—a former teammate, to be more informative—insists the fast ball star will never pitch another game until he has had his arm cut open and readjusted.

"Mose is wasting his time fooling around with his teeth and his tonsils," this player says. "The trouble is in his arm, and the sooner he gets to it the better he's going to be. It isn't a recent trouble either. It was there last year. We could see it from the bench. Toward the end of the season he couldn't even straighten his arm out."

"THAT'S strange," I remarked. "How did he manage to win those twenty-four ball games for the Athletics?"

"I don't care how many ball games he won, I tell you he had definitely begun to slip last year and that he wasn't within 30 per cent of the Grove of the year before."

Well, well, well. And what do you make of that, my dear Watson?

As I say, the speaker formerly played with Grove, was on the same club with him for a number of years, and is not a gentleman who is addicted to sounding off merely to hear the lyrical notes of his own chatter. In fact, Grove has heard this same diagnosis from the player himself, and, if I am not misinformed, so has Mr. Yawkey.

It's an engaging mystery. Perhaps the sensible thing to do is to wait and see what happens to him when he starts again. The result will prove whether his old teammate had the correct dope or not.

Diegel Takes Early Lead in Canadian Open Meet

American Pro Breaks Two Records in First Qualifying Round; Sarazen and Hagen Far Behind.

By JAMES N. CRANDALL
United Press Correspondent

TORONTO, Ontario, Aug. 3.—Leo Diegel, Germantown, Pa., professional commanding lead of four strokes today when the Canadian Open field teed off for the second qualifying round of eighteen holes.

Diegel's 65 in the opener yesterday, four better than his nearest competitor, Tommy Armour of Medina, Ill., made him a heavy favorite for his fifth Canadian title.

The sixty golfers having the best scores at the end of the second qualifying rounds will compete in the final thirty-six holes of medal play tomorrow.

Diegel set two new course records in carding his 65. It marked the first time the Lakeview course par of 70 was broken in tournament play and his 31, four under par, on the second nine, also was a new mark.

Diegel's feat was all the more noteworthy because he played eight holes of the incoming nine through a driving rain. Caddies carried towels to keep his hands and clubs dry and sheltered him with an umbrella. For three holes while the storm was at its height, it was impossible to get more than a general direction of the ball.

Arnour also found the wet going to his liking, carding a 69, one under par.

Densmore Shute of Philadelphia was next with 71, followed by Bill Melhorn, Brooklyn; Herman Barron, Fort Chester, N. Y.; Ed Cunningham, Toronto; Jimmy Himes, Bay Shore, N. Y.; Julie Huot, Quebec City, all of whom shot 72s.

Following this group came Joe Belfor, Detroit; Willie MacFarlane, Tuckahoe, N. Y.; Fay Coleman, Culver City, Cal.; A. Grimsditch, Toronto; Dave Spittal, Toronto, and Harry Cooper, Glen Ellyn, Ill., with 73s.

Such stars as Gene Sarazen, Walter Hagen and Ky Laffoon were practically out of the running. Sarazen carded an 80, ten over par, while Hagen and Laffoon were twelve strokes behind Diegel with 77s.

GRID STAR TO CROSS SEA FOR TREATMENT

By Times Special

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Aug. 3.—George Melnikovich, former Notre Dame university's star full back, will go to Czechoslovakia to take mineral baths in an effort to fight off an illness with which he has been suffering since last season. He expects to return in time for the fall grid campaign.

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Links Booster



Kenneth Hoy

FOR several years Kenny Hoy has been a familiar figure around South Grove municipal golf links. He has taken a keen interest in membership affairs and this year is president of the South Grove Men's Club.

Recently when a movement was on foot to bring about renewed interest in the course and make playing conditions better, Hoy took active part in bringing about a changed playing rotation at the course to make par and yardage of each nine of the eighteen-hole links more evenly divided.

Tonight the South Grove Men's Club will hold its regular monthly meeting in the clubhouse at 8 and Hoy expects that a big turnout will be on hand.

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Rockwood A. & C. P. C. vs. Billy H. Diamond Team. Taylor is requested to call Drexel 5811-W.

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MITCHELL IS TWO DOWN AT 18-HOLE MARK

Local Golfer Trails Coria in Semi-Final Struggle of National Public Links Play

South Grove Ace Puts Up Hard Fight Against St. Paul Contender; Armstrong Tops Young 5 Up at Halfway Distance in Pittsburgh.

By United Press

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 3.—Arthur Armstrong, from Honolulu, held a commanding lead over Lorraine Young of San Antonio, Tex., at the end of today's first round of the thirty-six-hole semi-final of the national public links championships at South Park.

Joe Coria, St. Paul, took a two-hole lead over the Dave Mitchell of Indianapolis at the end of eighteen holes of their thirty-six-hole semi-final match. Mitchell hails from the South Grove Club in Indianapolis.

Armstrong, the 17-year-old Hawaiian, who became the country favorite when he eliminated Scotty Campbell, Seattle, the medalist, yesterday, was five up at the end of eighteen holes today. He was one up at the turn of the first round. He quickly increased his lead, taking advantage of Young's poor play on the wet links.

The cards for the eighteen holes today follow:

Par out	344	454	534	38
Par in	345	443	434	72
Armstrong out	345	445	435	42
Young out	345	553	535	42
Armstrong in	445	533	444	78
Young in	455	551	544	11-83
Coria out	644	441	543	38
Mitchell out	544	551	544	10
Coria in	355	643	535	37-75
Mitchell in	345	541	444	37-77

Superior putting and chipping gave Armstrong the advantage, although both displayed erratic golf. Armstrong's total, 78, was six over par, while Young was eleven over.

The Texan's iron shots continued to give him trouble and seven times he dug under too far and hit the ball high into the air.

Armstrong Speds Pace

The slim Hawaiian was over par on the short tenth, but Young could do no better. Armstrong won the eleventh with a par 4, while the Texan slipped over again. The next two holes were halved, but Armstrong added to his advantage by taking No. 14 with a birdie 3 and No. 15 with a par 3. He made it five up with a par 4 on No. 16, while Young took a five. The last two holes were halved.

Coria had a two-hole lead over Mitchell at the turn of their morning round.

Mitchell took the lead on the first hole with a par 5 when Coria found two traps and a six. Coria squared the match on the fourth with a par 4 when Mitchell missed a four-foot putt.

The St. Paul star took the lead on the next hole when he sank a ten-footer for a birdie. He got another ten-footer on No. 9 with another ten-foot putt.

Coria Wins Last Two

Mitchell evened his match with Coria on the second nine by winning the eleventh and thirteenth holes, but dropped behind again on the fifteenth when he took a four to Coria's par 3.

Mitchell won the fifteenth hole with a par 4, to square the match again. Coria won the last two holes, scoring a birdie 3 on the eighteenth, to hold a 2 up margin at the end of the morning play.

Mitchell downed the third Los Angeles eliminated yesterday with a 2-and-1 victory over Don Erickson in the quarter-finals. He triumphed earlier with Mike Bales of Minneapolis, 3 and 2.

The card for the championship course follows:

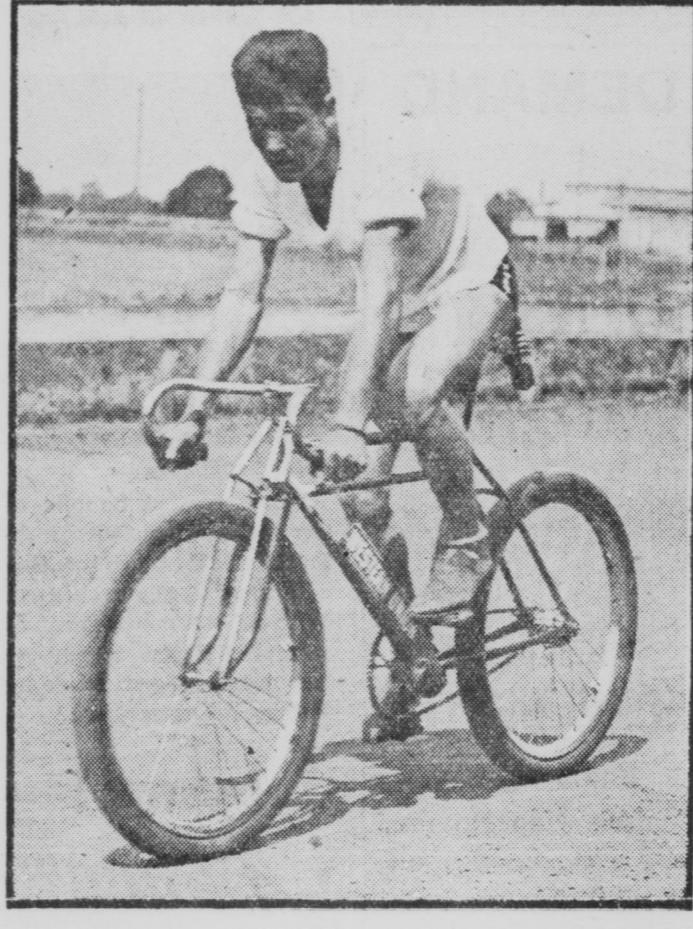
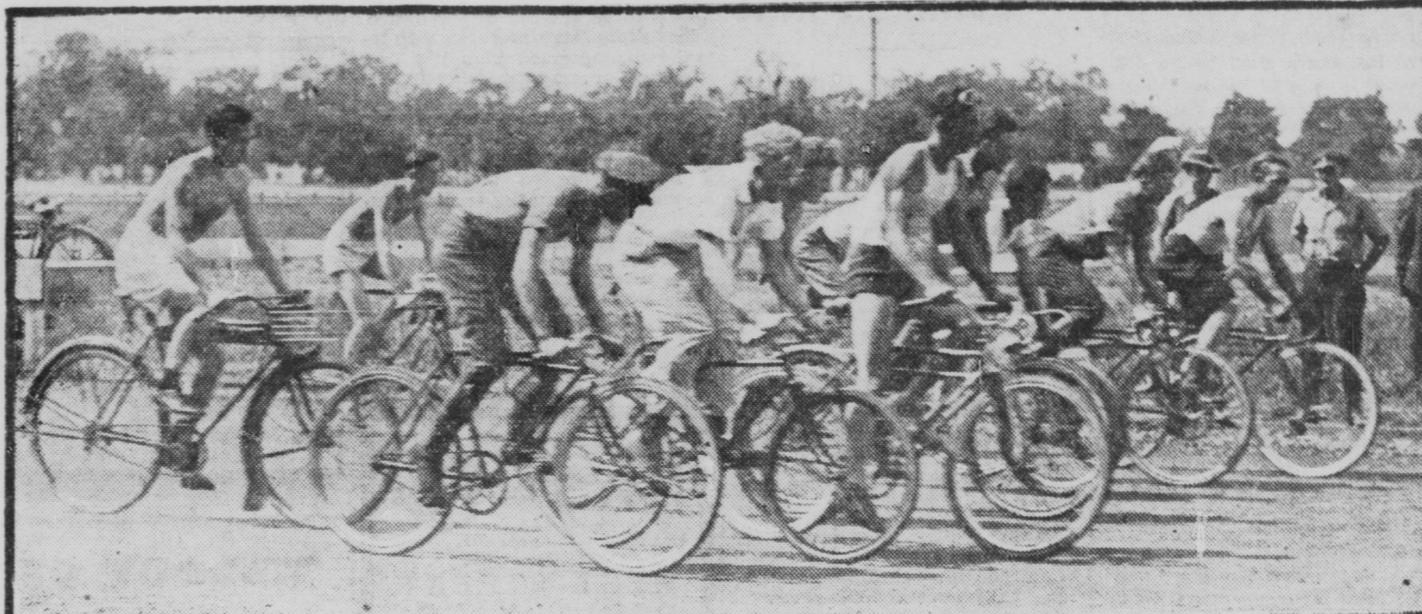
Ho. 1	Yards	Par	Ho. 2	Yards	Par
1	378	4	10	158	3
2	382	4	11	497	5
3	313	4	12	391	5
4	308	4	13	510	5
5	195	3	14	153	5
6	388	4	15	289	4
7	305	4	16	407	4
8	475	4	17	325	4
9	472	5	18	322	4
Out	3,111	37	IN	3,102	36
Total par.	53		Total yards.	5,243	

Start of the five-mile bicycle race at the Indiana state fair-ground track Wednesday is pictured at top. The twelve riders who participated in this event also competed in a 15-mile race, immediately following the first grind.

Twenty-one competed in the 15-mile. Frederic Bloomhoff, winner, was shown at the extreme right, in pole position.

Edward Schelling shown in the lower picture, leads in total points, however, with nine. He finished

TUNING UP TO RIDE IN TRANS-CONTINENTAL



first in the 5-mile and second in the 15-mile. Bloomhoff took third in the opener for a total of eight points. Points are awarded on a 5-4-3-2-1 basis.

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