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Texans Still Lead Show

Texas Boasts Three Top Money Winners in Professional Golf

By HAROLD V. KATHIFF
DALLAS, June 15.—Last winter just about everybody agreed that the sun had set for Texas golfers.

For more than a decade, they had dominated the scene, furnishing either the National Open, National PGA or the leading money-winner—or all three—each year. It sounded like soberly just expressing a wish more than a forecast because at that time Lloyd Mangrum, the Dallas product, topped the cash parade. But the experts, including George Scheiner, chairman of the PGA tournament committee, picked Johnny Palmer of Badin, N. C., to lead the money-winner for the year.

Also, there were broad hints that North Carolina was going to take over the golf monopoly with its three stars—Palmer, Skip Alexander and Al Smith.

Today the major champion-

ships of golf are in the trophy room of a Texan; the top three money-winners are Texans.

Ben Hogan of Fort Worth last week won the National Open. Two weeks before he had taken the National PGA. In three weeks time Little Ben won \$6,700 to vault into first place. The only tournament in which he wasn't first was the Colonial National Invitation at Ft. Worth. There he shared second and third money \$1,700.

Hogan now has taken down \$17,597.50. Second in money-winning is Mangrum with \$15,944.99 and Jimmy Demaret of Houston is third with \$13,518.33. Alexander ranks fifth with \$11,502.50 and Palmer is sixth with \$10,259.07. Al Smith is down in twenty-fourth place. Even Dick Metz, the Texan now 40 years old, is higher in money earned than Smith. Metz has won \$3,387.49 and ranks nineteenth.

"In the winter, as I covered the Texas Open, I asked Jimmie Demaret, who in 1937 was the Nation's top money-winner and also was awarded the Vardon Trophy, about the snide remarks made regarding the Texans.

"It's only a situation that a few months will take care of," he said. "The Texans are as good as ever. They'll be leading when the year ends."

Demaret declares that being the top money-winner or being able to take a bunch of tournament championships are more important to a golfer than coping the National PGA or National Open.

"The way golf is today, the PGA and Open are just a couple of more tournaments. We play them every week during our tour. It's just as though to win the Colonial National Open or the Texas Open as it is to win the National. See who the galler fellows in a tournament. It won't be the National Open champion but the fellow who has won the most tournaments or the most money."

Of course, in the case of Hogan, it is a three-way proposition; he has won all three. But they followed Little Ben in all the tournaments.

The National Open champion, Lew Worsham, was scarcely noticed.

Patience—After 80 Years

WEYMOUTH, England.—(AP)—Eighty years old, Henry Holah spent 30 hours adrift at sea in a small motor boat after the engine broke down. "I wasn't unduly alarmed," he told coast guard rescuers. "I've been in tight spots before."

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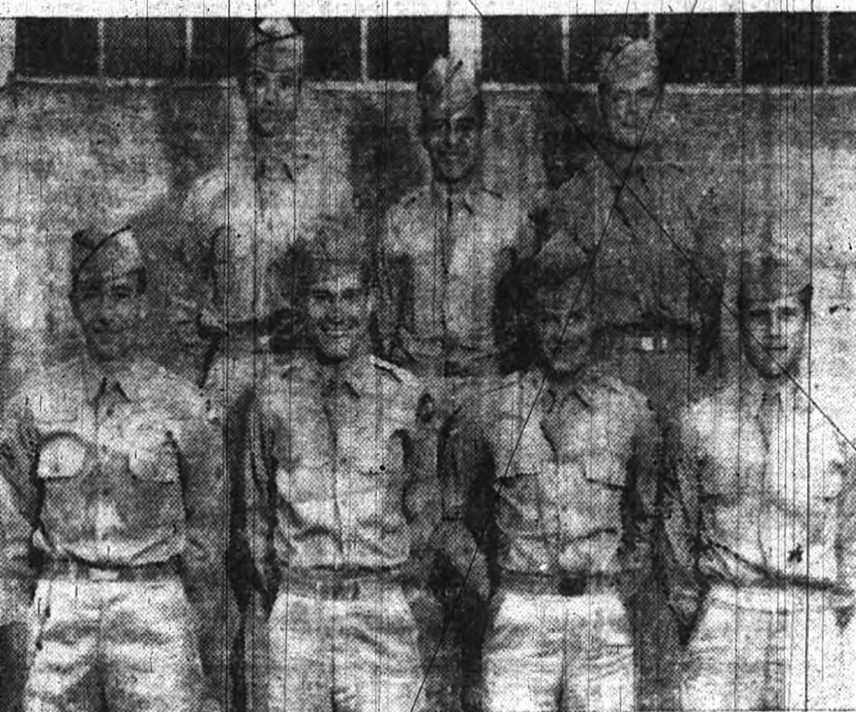
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Never Been Downed By Champ...

Walcott Favored to KO Louis When They Meet Second Time

By FRANK ECK

NEW YORK—There is one thing to remember if you like Joe Walcott's chances of dethroning heavyweight champion Joe Louis. Jersey Joe has never been knocked down by the champion!

This is one of the many reasons why the writer is picking Walcott to knock out the man who has defended his title 21 times.

Walcott wasn't supposed to have a chance against Louis when they met in Madison Square Garden last December. Yet he knocked the champion down twice and lost a split decision—the referee voted for Walcott—in a bout that was booted loud and long.

Walcott is one of the two fighters never knocked down or technically knocked out by Louis since the Detroit Negro became champion. The other fighter holding this distinction is England's Tommy Farr. However, Farr in going 15 rounds in Louis' first title defense in the Polo Grounds in 1937, absorbed a lot of punishment.

If Louis wins in his 25th title defense, it spoils the story, as the boys along Jacobs Beach are saying.

Jacobs Beach is a patch of street somewhere around Broadway and 50th street. It's where fights are fought even days before the contestants climb into the ring.

In this case, Walcott is like Cinderella. Or better still, like Jimmy Braddock, the Jersey dock wall-painter who came out of retirement to lift the title from clownish Max Baer and lose it a year later to Louis.

Walcott never had much other than a large family of six healthy children. He retired several times. He had trouble getting bouts, even preliminaries. A "spoiler" is what he was known as along Jacobs Beach.

His style was hard to overcome and he often made his opponents look bad. He made Louis look exceptionally bad last winter, so bad in fact that Louis was disgusted with his showing and uttered an alibi for the first time in his great career.

"He run away," Louis said in his dressing room after the fight.

If Walcott ran away in the true sense of the word who was that guy who dropped Louis twice? Who was the guy who closed Louis' left eye? Of course, it wasn't the referee. It was Walcott who inflicted all that damage, the same guy who had the champ's mouth bleeding and his lips puffed like an inflated rubber inner tube with a weak spot.

Louis appeared to have gone back so far in the last fight that even at the time the boys in press row muttered: "The champ's ready to be taken by anybody."

Walcott has been mentioned as a third rater. It might be better said that his record is third-rate. Walcott himself is a ring cutie. He has a good left jab and knows how to use it. This was the same kind of jab Billy Conn was going to use to win the title. But when Conn entered the ring with Louis, he seemed to forget everything he had learned. Walcott didn't.

Louis has made short work with opponents the second time around. It's the guess here that all Walcott has to do is get by the early rounds.

Jimmy Plyler New Line Coach At Lufkin High

LUFKIN, Tex., June 16.—(AP)—Lufkin High School's coaching staff will include Jimmie Plyler, 1945 captain of the University of Texas football team, as a line coach next fall.

He replaces Forrest Kline, who has taken a job as assistant line coach at Austin High School.

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Monday's Softball Games Highlighted By Heavy Scores

Intramural softball made its initial appearance Monday with four games being played in the Campus League.

Law Hall and Dorm 14 met on diamond 8 with Law coming out on the long end of a 14-0 score. Fisher was the winning pitcher and Purdie was the loser.

Walton and Leggett met on diamond 4 in another game and Leggett pounded out a 13-1 victory. Pitching for the winners was Plagens and Wilson was on the hill for the losers.

In another game played on diamond 6 Bizzoli and Milner matched hitting skill but Milner had little luck against the team from Bizzell as the latter pushed across 11 runs and allowed Milner none to win a 11-0 shutout.

The best game of the afternoon was played on diamond 5 where Mitchell and Trailer Camp slashed at each other for seven innings with Trailer Camp finally coming out on the top of a 11 to 10 score. The winning pitcher was West and the loser was Von Rosenberg.

Puryear Hall, the fifth member of the League, was not scheduled for play Monday.

SWIMMING POOL SCHEDULE

The college swimming pool will be open on week days from 3 to 5:30 p. m. and from 7 to 9 p. m. There will be a charge of 9c for children under 12, and 14c for those over 12. The pool is available to students, instructors, and their families free of charge. All swimmers are required to wear a bathing cap and suit.

Bryan Scores Run On Balk to Beat Henderson 4-3

By The Associated Press
The Longview Texans weren't feeling any too secure today from their perch at the top of the Lone Star League.

The Texans took a 15-7 mauling from Gladewater last night while second-place Tyler beat Marshall 9-3 to move within two games of the leaders.

Gladewater hammered 16 hits in crushing Longview. Texan hurlers gave up 10 walks and Longview made seven errors.

Bryan beat Henderson 4-3 as Al Shroyer hung up his seventh pitching victory. Henderson played the game under protest from the fourth inning on when umpire Negri ruled that pitcher Roland Miller of Henderson had balked, allowing Bryan's second run to score.

Lee Roy Jones won his eleventh victory on the mound for Kilgore as he pitched the Drillers to a 14-4 victory over Lufkin. He fanned 11.

Aggie Softball Team Plays Collegiates Friday Night

New Softball Diamond Will Also Be Dedicated At Game

By CHARLES HUNDELIUS

The Aggie softball team will make its first home appearance of the season here Friday night when they meet the Collegiates of Nixon Clay College, Austin's representatives. The Aggies will also dedicate



ART HARNDEN, crack Aggie 440 man, who anchored the undefeated A&M mile relay team during the past season and also won the 440 yard race at the SWC meet in Houston will be one of three Aggies representing A&M at the NCAA meet in Minneapolis Friday and Saturday.

north of the varsity tennis courts, and plans have been made to provide the field with bleachers seating about 300 people. No admission will be charged as the principle object of having the team is to provide the summer students with recreation and entertainment. Soft drinks will be sold, and the profits obtained from these drinks will go to the team for equipment and uniforms.

Students are urged to utilize the facilities of this new diamond and feel free to use it any time the Aggies do not have a game. "I would like to see that field used every night," says Taylor Wilkins.

This is only the beginning of Aggie Softball play. They plan to play two games weekly here on the campus. The schedule already includes the Grand Prize team of Houston, two games with Marlin, and a game with Stev's Circle Cafe of Waco.

Unbitten Postman
LINCOLN, Ill.—(AP)—After carrying the mail for 44 years, John M. Knochel of Lincoln has retired with a postman's dream of a record—he wasn't bitten by a dog once.

The starting battery for the Aggies will consist of H. J. Lloyd, pitcher, and Herb Turly, catcher. Lloyd was the ace pitcher for the Clothiers last season. Turly was letterman guard on the Aggie football team last year.

Holding down the initial sack will be Willie Zapalac, captain of the Aggie football team in 1946. Earl Merrell and Bill Wakefield will alternate on the keystone sack, and S. E. Cook Jr. who played with Harlingen last year will play shortstop. The "hot corner" will be covered by Leslie Palmer.

The outer gardens will be patrolled by Jack Rolfs at left field, Bill Hodge at center field, and Buryl Baty at right field.

Other men likely to play are Tom Pickett and Milt Sorrells, both experienced baseball players.

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