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Tourney Of Champions To Feature Goalby, asper

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)-Twen-Billy Casper and a band of eager earn \$30,000. young professionals, tee off Thursday in the first round of the \$150,000 Tournament of Champions.

This is the 16th annual springtime gambol of the golfers in stroke. Palmer at the time was the land of gamblers, unique in that to enter it a man has to win a PGA-approved tournament.

The site is the 6,625-yard, par- ified for the 1968 T of C but will perhaps the best threat among Rodriguez, Dan Sikes, Gardner tine Golf Association said Wedty-five title winning golfers, led 71 Stardust Country Club. The not play. Palmer is troubled by by Masters champion Bob Goalby, winner of the 72-hole affair will a hip ailment and Nicklaus said

> Back to defend the title he captured last year is Frank Beard, who holed an 8-foot pressure putt for a birdie on the final hole to beat out Arnold Palmer by one sitting in the clubhouse, a record 64 just completed.

Palmer and Jack Nicklaus qual-

he preferred not to play in three major tournaments in successive weeks. He played the Masters and is committed to compete in the Byron Nelson Open in Dallas, Tex., next week.

Nine of the current field are playing the tournament the first mer. time. Included are young Tom

the newcomers, and Tony Jacklin, at 23 the youngest man aboard and the first Englishman to make the tournament.

The others here for the first time are Dave Stockton, veteran Charlie Sifford, Kermit Zarley, Roberto De Vicenzo who gained Lou Graham, Marty Fleckman, Randy Glover and Laure Ham-

Weiskopf, who is regarded as are George Knudson, Chi Chi playoff by one stroke. The Argen-

Bob Charles, Johnny Pott, Miller Barber, George Archer and Dudley Wysong.

Not entered in Las Vegas is popular support after losing the Masters to Goalby by signing a wrong score. The error resulted Rounding out the select list in the South American missing a

Dickinson, Julius Boros, Don nesday it "fully agrees" with the January, Dave Hill, Bert Yancey, action of United States officials who deprived Argentina's De Vicenzo of first place in the Masters last Sunday because of

the mathematical error. "We would have acted exactly in the same way if it had happened here," association President Ignacio A. Ramos said in a statement.

De Vicenzo's partner in the



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Masters who recorded the wron

score, a par on number 17 while

the Argentinian actually had a

birdie 3, was Tommy Aaron.

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