

Griffith Eyes Championship After Unanimous Decision

NEW YORK (AP)—Emile Griffith said he was satisfied with his winning performance against Stan "Kitten" Hayward but heatedly declared "I'll be much better against Nino Benvenuti if I get another shot at him."

The former welterweight and middleweight champion was stung by the comments of some critics who called his unanimous victory over the Philadelphia contender Monday night as "dull and methodical."

"Sure, the fight wasn't spectacular," said Griffith, Tuesday, "but it takes two to make a fight. Hayward grabs and moves. He wants to get punching room and get set."

"I followed our fight plan. My job was to get inside, punch away and not give him any punching room. I won the fight and that

was the important thing.

"Nino said he would fight the winner. I promise you I'll be much better than I was against Hayward. I'll be as good as I was when I beat Nino in our second fight."

The 31-year-old New Yorker has a 1-2 record against Benvenuti in middleweight title fights. He lost the 160-pound division crown to the Italian on April 17, 1967, regained it on Sept. 29, and then lost it back on March 4, 1968.

The three fights grossed each of the fighters more than \$250,000.

"Emile is the No. 1 challenge for my title," said Benvenuti.

"But first I've got my non-title fight with Dick Tiger at the Garden May 26.

"I am confident I will beat him. But first I want to see how I make out with him before I sign for any other fights. Maybe I will fight light-heavyweight champion Bob Foster. But Griffith will be my first opponent in a middleweight title fight."

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ROCKIE ROAD IN SWC 100

A&M's sterling sophomore, Rockie Woods, pulls away from the field in the final phases of the 100-yard dash at the Southwest Conference track meet in Waco over the weekend. Woods (second from right) turned in a 9.4 performance for first place while Baylor's Ronnie Allen ran a 9.5, Rice's Dale Bernauer had a 9.6 and the Aggie's Scott Hendricks turned in a 9.8 for fifth place. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Brupbacher Switch Going Well

Ross Brupbacher was the outstanding schoolboy football player in Louisiana when Texas A&M Coach Gene Stallings recruited him from Lafayette High in 1966 and the 6-3, 210-pounder has lived up to expectations during two varsity campaigns at Aggie land.

Brupbacher was an offensive back in high school and as an Aggie Fish. He started his sophomore year as a tailback-fullback for A&M but after the Aggies lost their first four games, Stallings moved him to defensive halfback. It was one of the key position switches made by Stallings as the Aggies reversed their field and won their next seven, including a Cotton Bowl victory over Alabama.

As a junior Brupbacher was a fixture at halfback in the Aggie defensive secondary. He went 80 yards for a touchdown against Tulane after intercepting a pass and thereby became the all-time Aggie football leader in interception return yardage.

Now, however, the versatile, 21-year-old grinder, is at a new position — tight end on offense. His early showings this spring would convince a novice fan that he'd been playing the position all his life.

Brupbacher (pronounced brew-backer) has great hands as a pass receiver, is a quick, solid blocker and has the speed and moves to get open on pass routes. This is the final spring training for Ross and spectators at the Maroon-White game Saturday afternoon can expect a sterling performance from the Louisiana native.

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Colonial Rocked By Thunder Bolt

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP) — They were telling Tommy Bolt stories Tuesday in a prelude to the \$125,000 Colonial National Invitation, and Billy Casper stole the show.

"Tommy was playing one day when he got off a good tee shot," Casper, the defending champion here, deadpanned.

Arriving at his ball, he turned to his caddy and said, "What iron should I hit?"

"A 2 or 3," the caddy replied.

"What do you mean 2 or 3?" Bolt demanded. "It's only 130 yards to the green."

"Well," the lad replied, "You've only got a 2 and a 3 iron left."

Casper went on to tell about "Tempestuous Tommy's" South African tour with Gary Player.

The South Africans observed, he said, "how even-tempered Tommy Bolt was—always mad."

Another story went this way: Tommy was watching a young golfer one day who hit a lousy shot. He threw his club. Bolt turned to a companion and declared:

"These young players don't even know how to throw a club. There's a secret to it. You never throw them behind you. You throw them toward the next tee

so you don't have to walk so far."

There was the time, they said, when he summoned the marshals to chase deer off the fairway at the Bing Crosby tournament.

And when he fell strangely silent at the U. S. Open one year. A newspaper, Bolt complained, had carried his age wrong, hating it by 10 years.

"It was just a typo," the sports writers insisted.

"Hell!" he shot back. "They don't make typos on the front page."

Bolt is back at Colonial for another try at the title he won here a decade ago.

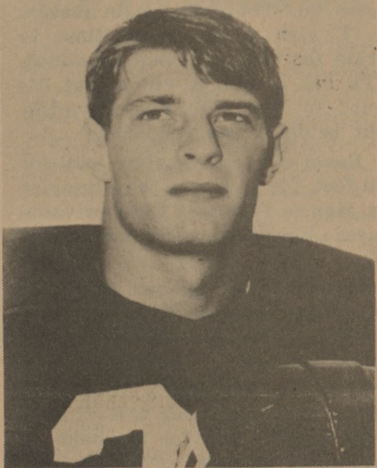
Perhaps he's forgotten the time he blew a four-inch putt.

"A venturesome type," someone suggested, "may find that putter this very day. It is buried . . . in the trunk of a convenient oak tree."

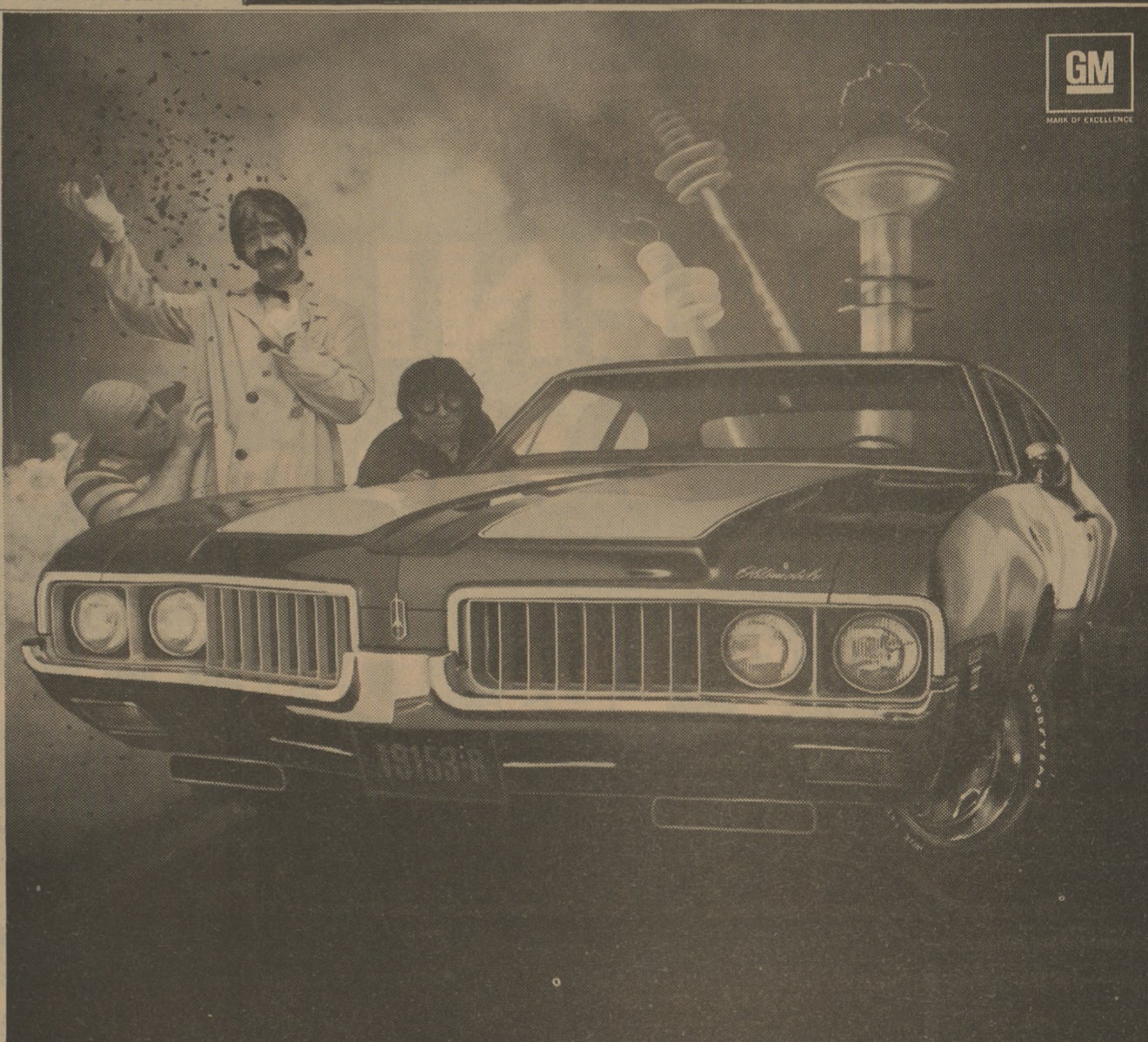
That was long ago, and the talk now was of the Caspers, Players, Palmers, Archers, etc.

Reports circulated around the course that Gary Player fired a practice round Tuesday of 63, two under the competitive course record and seven shots under par.

"I think he left out a couple of holes," Casper, twice a winner here, quipped.



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