

Lightning strikes twice for golfer

Associated Press
AKRON, Ohio — Tom Weiskopf faces the possibility of further, and possibly very severe, disciplinary action for a breach of the rules that could have placed spectators in danger during last week's American Golf Classic.

The tall, enormously talented but sometimes temperamental Weiskopf, former British Open champion and one of the world's leading professionals, was assessed a large fine and placed on probation for a year after his withdrawal from the Westchester Classic about two months ago.

Weiskopf still was playing on probation Saturday when he ignored the siren that called the players off the course. The signal was a warning that a thunderstorm was approaching. He argued with his playing partners, Jerry Pate and Danny Edwards, about continuing play, then teed off on the 18th hole and completed his round.

In doing so, he kept about 250 spectators from reaching shelter. While lightning danced around the course, marshals stopped the gallery at a cross-walk and kept them there until after Weiskopf had hit his second shot to the green.

"I wanted to get in," said one woman in the gallery. "There was lightning all around. I was scared."

And the marshals kept us standing there."

Weiskopf was disqualified on Sunday.

Under the rules of golf, a player has the option of completing a hole after the siren has blown. He is not allowed to start another hole, as Weiskopf did.

Weiskopf was notified of his disqualification by telephone. At that time, he told a tour official he heard the siren but thought it may have been an ambulance and was not certain it was the siren calling players from the course.

No official announcement was made of the fine and probation assessed against Weiskopf over the incident at the Westchester Classic in suburban New York. The actions, however, are common knowledge among the other touring pros.

There has been no official comment, beyond the disqualification, of any further action against him for last weekend's activity.

All disqualifications, however, are reviewed on a routine basis by Commissioner Deane Beman in the PGA Tour headquarters in Washington. In view of the fact that the latest incident occurred while Weiskopf was on probation, further action is a distinct possibility.

Those actions could range from an additional fine to a suspension of his playing rights on the tour.



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Defensive end coach, R. C. Slocum, explains some tactics to one of his Aggie players as the rest of his squad watches. The Aggies are preparing for their first game of the season which will be played on September 11 against Virginia Tech.

Column

Baylor in Arizona

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Every sports writer has a compelling urge to predict his top ten in college football. If he were smart he would stop there, but this brave individual puts his foot deeper into his mouth by predicting who will win the individual conferences, in my case the S.W.C.

So without any further adieu, let us run through my choice of the nation's top ten. 1) Arizona State, 2) Oklahoma, 3) Nebraska, 4) Michigan, 5) Notre Dame, 6) Ohio State, 7) Alabama, 8) Southern California, 9) Texas A&M, 10) Penn State.

Most sports writers would now go into a long dissertation telling the reader why these are his personal favorites. He would probably explain the personnel of each club, the schedules each club has, the offensive formation they use, and the coach and his ability to field a team. Just two words describe why I chose my top ten. Pure hunch.

The S.W.C. chase is a little harder to predict. The favorite of most writers is Texas, but four other clubs

have a good shot at the title. First come the predictions, then the reasons. 1) Baylor, 2) Texas A&M, 3) Texas, 4) Houston, 5) Arkansas, 6) S.M.U., 7) Texas Tech, 8) T.C.U. 9) Rice.

I know most of you who have trudged this far through the column are shocked, but let me explain my reasoning. Baylor has a very good schedule. They open up with Houston at home, then have three non-conference games. An interesting development takes place after these four games. Over the next two weeks Baylor plays seven games. Before each tough opponent, they either have an easy game, or an open date. This gives them time to prepare for their tough games, an occurrence too often overlooked when assessing a victor.

Baylor not only has an excellent schedule, but solid personnel. They have an outstanding quarterback in Mark Jackson, and two good running backs in Cleveland Franklin and Mike Ebow. Probably Baylor's best offensive weapon will be outside receivers Aley Jackson and Sonny Davidson.

Defensively Baylor has some problems. Two words describe that plight, no experience. If this obstacle can be hurdled then the Cotton Bowl will find a home for Baylor.

Texas A&M should finish a strong second. The Ags have a good schedule, having six home games, yet play three tough teams on the road in Arkansas, Houston, and Texas. A&M will have an outstanding offensive team, fielding an excellent Wishbone backfield. Curtis Di-

key is indescribable while George Woodard is going to get four yards every time his hands touch the ball. Adger Armstrong is a good blocking back and complements the Wishbone quite well. The Ags also have a strong offensive line but lack the depth if an injury prevails.

Defensively the Aggies are strong. The linebacking corps will be the team's strength. If the defensive backs prove sound, then A&M's defense will be as strong and quick as ever.

Texas has 21 out of 22 starters returning...oh but the most important position is missing, the quarterback. This is the integral part of the Wishbone attack, and without experience at this position, the wheels just don't turn smoothly. Texas is so strong at every position, but as A&M found out last year when Shipman was hurt, experience at quarterback takes priority over everything else.

Houston and Arkansas are the sleepers in the race, but neither have the strength to overtake the Cotton Bowl. Each are sound clubs, but lack the leadership and experience to be pickin' Cotton.

The rest of the conference is weak, but with a little luck they might pull off the big upset.

All in all the race will be exciting. Each team has some outstanding players, and on that given Saturday anyone can win. Hopefully the Aggies will be in Dallas January 1, but they must beat Baylor at Kyle Field, and hope someone else will catch them napping. No one will go undefeated, it's just who has that one loss that counts.

Cordaro gets Royal nod

Texas Coach Darrell Royal Monday named sophomore Mike Cordaro, a walk-on a year ago, as the Longhorn's No. 1 quarterback.

Royal moved the San Antonio native to the first team after a two-hour workout Monday afternoon.

"It's very close, the battle between Cordaro and Ted Conzanzo," Royal said, "but we felt the need to have a quarterback work with the first team to get the cadence down—this is very important to a team."

"We've studied hard and long on this and felt that it was best for the team to name a No. 1 quarterback," Royal added. The Longhorn mentor said the quarterback situation could change any time.

Cordaro was put on scholarship at mid-season last fall after handling the signal calling chores for the scout team.

Royal also announced that sopho-

more Johnny Jones of Hamlin was running with the first offensive unit at left halfback while offensive guard Rick Ingraham had been elevated to a No. 1 position.

Ingraham, a junior from Austin Westlake, replaced Allen Rickman, who was moved to No. 2 left tackle.

YAUN WINS AT HOME
GROSSINGER, N.Y. (AP) — Radford Yaun, 20, a junior at Jacksonville, Fla., University, was right at home when he won the New York State Amateur gold title with a 72-hole score of 295. The Liberty, N.Y., resident was playing his home course at Grossingers here when he shot rounds of 74-75-74-72. Yaun scored by six strokes.

Joseph Sindelar of Horseheads and George Zahringer 3rd of Rye tied for second at 301. Sindelar parred the second hole to win a sudden-death playoff for the runnerup spot.

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