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Nelson defeats Watson to win U.S. Open

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OAKMONT, Pa. — Quiet, unassuming Larry Nelson is \$70,000 richer, a lot more confident about his abilities and no doubt a lot more respected by the golfing public after winning the 83rd U.S. Open championship in a rain-suspended showdown with defending champion Tom Watson.

But, as far as the 35-year-old Nelson is concerned, the confidence he gained Monday with his one-stroke victory and with his spectacular final two rounds

of 10-under-par golf — an Open record — is the only prize that really matters.

"I think this win is going to help me going into other tournaments, knowing I do have a mental game as well as a physical game," Nelson, of Marietta, Ga., said, minutes after he had won the twice-suspended Open with a four-round total of 4-under-par 280 on the Oakmont Country Club course, soaked by rains that suspended play Sunday.

"These may be the smartest two rounds I ever played," he

said.

The U.S. Open title was Nelson's second victory in one of golf's four major tournaments. His first was the PGA championship in 1981 — the only major tournament Watson has not won.

Nelson also has finished among the top 15 money winners in three of the previous four years, yet never has been considered one of the giants of the PGA tour.

Nelson, who broke out of a long slump during the Open,

showed emotion only once during the entire tournament.

That was when he made a 62-foot birdie putt on the 16th hole to take the lead for good over Watson Monday.

At first, Nelson stood calmly on the green, watching the ball

roll. But as the ball crept nearer to the hole, he started to walk after it. Then, as he realized the

ball was going to drop in, he broke into a run that ended with

a joyous skip to the edge of the green. The rest of the time he played like he was tuned into some sort of inner radar system

connecting him with all the right spots on the course.

"I think the last two or three rounds I didn't have a lot of

emotions," Nelson said. "I just felt a lot of peace. I knew I was

playing well, extremely well. I couldn't wait to go to the next tee."

Nelson is not sure if he'll go to the British Open, which begins

July 14. He had planned to skip

it until Monday; now he's thinking about it.

"I'd have to change some plans in order to go," Nelson said.

"I don't feel very good, but I don't feel tremendously dis-

appointed," said Watson, without a victory since the British

Open last July. "I didn't make enough good swings. I had the opportunity to win, but I didn't. Larry just played better."

Panthers in comeback win

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The Michigan Panthers, who hope to beat the Chicago Blitz next week and march into the USFL playoffs, almost didn't make it by the lowly Washington Federals Monday night.

While the Panthers were looking ahead, the Federals were coming from behind with two Billy Taylor touchdowns. It took Novo Bojovic's 18th field goal with 56 seconds left to pull out a 27-25 Panther victory at Pontiac, Mich.

Michigan, 10-6, is tied with Tampa Bay in second place in the Central Division, one game behind Chicago. The Boston Breakers of the Atlantic Division join the Panthers and Bandits at 10-6 in a three-way tie for the lone wild-card to make the spot.

Washington's 2-14 record is the worst in the league, but the Federals had already dumped Michigan, 22-16, earlier in the season.

"We struggled with them before and lost in overtime," Michigan Coach Jim Stanley said. "But players look at the records and they start thinking. Records don't mean anything. I'd like to think Washington is a good football team."

"We just didn't have fire in our eyes," Panthers' quarterback Bob Hebert said.

Michigan jumped to a 17-6

lead on Hebert's 37-yard TD pass to Anthony Carter, Bojovic's 19-yard field goal and a 1-yard scoring run by Jon Williams in the second quarter.

Sandy Vitiello, who kicked a 51-yard field goal in the second quarter, added a 45-yarder to give Washington its 25-24 lead, however.

Michigan then moved 74 yards to its Federals' 1-yard line and, when Washington's defense stiffened, Bojovic kicked the winner.

At Philadelphia in the only other scheduled USFL contest, David Trout kicked four field goals to lead the Philadelphia Stars to a 12-6 victory over the Oakland Invaders.

The Stars, 13-2, clinched the best record in the league with the win while preventing Oakland from gaining the Pacific Division title. The Invaders, 8-8, lead Los Angeles and Denver by one game with two games remaining.

The game, played in a driving rainstorm at Philadelphia, was dominated by defense. The Stars forced six turnovers, which limited Oakland to field goals of 24 and 47 yards by Kevin Shea.

Trout connected on 34 and 28 yard field goals in the first three quarters, then put the Stars ahead, 9-6, with a 21-yarder with 9:52 remaining. He finished the scoring from 30 yards out with 1:43 left.

Braves bomb Astros, 7-1

Burris, Expos dump Phillies, 5-0

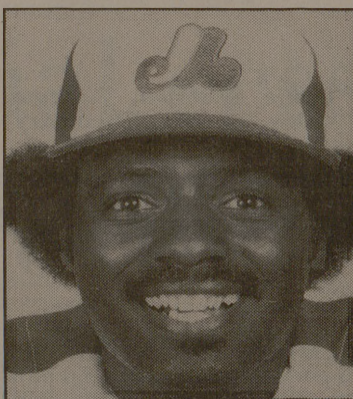
United Press International
Ray Burris figures he did enough losing during the off-season — 30 pounds worth.

He reaped the benefits of his intense off-season workout program Monday night at Montreal when he pitched the Expos to a 5-0 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Burris's three-hitter — his first complete game of the season — topped Phillies' ace Steve Carlton and moved the Expos into sole possession of first place in the NL East. "Everything in the past is behind me," said Burris, 32. "This is a new year and I worked hard all winter to get myself into shape."

Burris, 32, finished last year with a 4-14 mark.

He gave up only second- and seventh-inning singles to Gary Matthews and a pinch-hit single in the eighth to Greg Gross.



Expos' Ray Burris holds Phillies on three hitter

Andre Dawson led the Montreal offense with three RBIs, giving him 52 for the season. He had run-scoring singles in the

first and fifth innings and a solo homer in the seventh.

The Expos chased Carlton, 7-8, out of the game after 4 1-3 innings, but the Phil's lefthander got three strikeouts to increase his all-time majorleague lead to 3,545.

Elsewhere in the NL, Atlanta battered Houston, 7-1, St. Louis and New York split a doubleheader, with the Cardinals taking the first game, 3-1, and the Mets winning the nightcap, 6-4.

Pittsburgh swept a doubleheader from Chicago, 5-4, in 10 innings, and 6-5, in 13 innings. San Diego trimmed Los Angeles, 4-1, and San Francisco nipped Cincinnati, 4-3, in 10 innings.

In the AL it was Toronto 2,

Minnesota 1; Boston 6, Cleveland 3; Detroit 4, Milwaukee 1; Chicago 7, Seattle 3; Oakland 7, Kansas City 2, and California 10, Texas 9, in 13 innings. New York at Baltimore was postponed due to rain.

BRAVES 7, ASTROS 1 — At Houston, Glen Hubbard hit a grand slam and Chris Chambliss knocked in three runs with a double and a single to support the four-hit pitching of Pete Falcone and lead Atlanta. The victory ended a four-game Braves' losing streak.

CARDINALS 3-4, METS 1-6 — At New York, Keith Hernandez' two-run homer in the first inning and Mookie Wilson's two-run double in the second powered the Mets to a split. In the opener, Kevin Hagen and Bruce Sutter pitched the Cardinals to their win.

PIRATES 5-6, CUBS 4-5 — At Pittsburgh, Marvell Wynne's line drive single to center with one out in the eighth inning scored Dale Berra from third base to give Pittsburgh a sweep. In the opener, pinch-hitter Richie Hebner homered in the bottom of the 10th inning for the Pirates' triumph.

PADRES 4, DODGERS 1 — At Los Angeles, Sixto Lezcano collected three straight hits and scored twice to lead San Diego behind the combined four-hit pitching of Ed Whitson and John Montefusco.

GIANTS 4, REDS 3 — At San Francisco, Jeff Leonard's two-out single in the 10th inning scored Darrell Evans and lifted San Francisco.

Toronto slips past Twins; Rangers lose

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Minnesota pitcher Ron Davis tried the old fake intentional walk stunt on Lloyd Moseby in the ninth inning Monday night, but it backfired when Moseby lined a single off the relief pitcher's hand to score Ernie Whit with the run that gave the Toronto Blue Jays a 2-1 triumph over the Minnesota Twins.

Whitt, pinch hitting for Buck Martinez, led off the ninth with

a double off Davis, 3-2, and moved to third on a sacrifice bunt by Alfredo Griffin. After Damaso Garcia grounded out, Davis worked the count to 3-2 on Moseby and catcher Ray Smith indicated he wanted the fourth pitch to be intentional. As Davis went into his windup, Smith crouched behind the plate, and Davis delivered a fastball headed for the center of the

plate. But Moseby didn't go for the fake and lined a shot that deflected off Davis' hand.

ANGELS 10, RANGERS 9 — At Arlington, Doug DeCinces' double down the left field line with two out in the top of the 13th inning scored Rick Adams with the run that gave the Angels the victory.

RED SOX 6, INDIANS 3 — At Boston, Jim Rice belted a two-

run homer and Tony Armas added a solo shot to pace a 12-hit attack that carried the Red Sox. Rice, who entered the game tied for th AL lead in homers with 15, smashed his 16th in the fourth inning.

TIGERS 4, BREWERS 1 — Dave Rozema, unbeaten in seven decisions since August of 1981, allowed two hits over 7 1-3 innings in pitching the Tigers to

victory. He retired 22 of the 24 batters he faced and struck out a career-high seven before tiring and asking to be removed.

WHITE SOX 7, MARINERS 3 — At Chicago, rookie Greg Walker's three-run homer in the fifth inning snapped a 3-3 tie and sparked the White Sox. LaMarr Hoyt, 8-7, struck out a career-high nine and walked one in pitching his fourth complete game of the year.

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