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Kite's Western Open win just stroke of good luck

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Tom Kite went into the Chicago suburbs for the Western Open golf championship, perplexed, harassed and slightly grumpy. A week later, he came into Toledo for the 68th PGA National Championship smiling, happy, on top of the world — and maybe just a little bewildered. He is the gritty little guy who so often is in contention, so frequently right at the top of the pack chasing one of golf's great titles, but who always seems to come up short, to be the victim of some bizarre bounce.

A runner-up in the 1983 Masters, Kite had the lead in the final round of the 1984 gathering at Augusta National, then hit a 7-iron shot on the 12th hole that hit the bank of a water hazard and rolled back into the water.

A runner-up in the 1978 British Open, Kite had the lead in the final round in 1985 at Royal St. George,

then saw one shot drift away and his chances disappear in the brush and brambles.

In 1982, he was the victim of an 80-foot birdie putt by Ed Fiori in a playoff for the Bob Hope Classic. In 1981, Kite finished 10th or better a staggering 21 times, yet won only once.

And when things turned his way last weekend, when a massive collapse of the other contenders put him in position Sunday to win the Western Open, it was almost beyond his understanding.

"There are times when you go into the last round with the lead, and play your heart out and shoot a good score and somebody has one better and you lose.

"Then, maybe on the very next week, something like this happens. It just makes no sense," Kite said.

But it made him a winner again

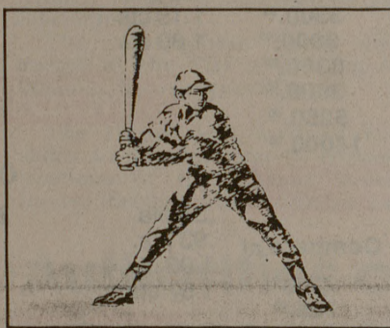
going into the PGA, which begins Thursday at the Inverness Club.

"Even if I hadn't won, I'd feel very good about things right now," he said. "I finally put a good last round together, and that's something I haven't been doing lately," he said, then told the story of his arrival in Chicago last week.

"I'd been in position to win at the Buick (Open) and played bad in the last round. I come into O'Hare, and you know what that's like under the best of circumstances. I wasn't very happy. I couldn't find the people that were supposed to meet us. Then I ran into a friend, just by accident, at the baggage claim, and I was pretty grumpy.

What a difference a week makes. "Now, I'm on top of the world again. I feel I've gotten back some of that consistency, that my game is pretty good."

Jackson big hit with fans, front offices



BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Jimmy Bragan has been with the southern League since 1954, as a player, manager and now as president and he has never seen anything like the impact Bo Jackson is making on the league.

Everywhere the Heisman Trophy winner from Auburn has played since he joined the Memphis team June 30, attendance has increased dramatically.

"He fits in the category of some of the best I've ever seen," Bragan said. "He's sure stimulated some interest. There have been no players that I recall with the same affect on attendance."

At St. Petersburg, Fla., President John Johnson of the National Association of Professional Leagues, has been around minor league baseball since 1947.

"I really can't recall anybody else who has had the same kind of im-

pression," Johnson said. "I can't come up with anybody."

Bob Willis, general manager of the Orlando, Fla., team, said, "We've been selling the fire out of tickets for the 'Bo Show.'"

Memphis begins a four-game stand at Orlando today.

From there, Memphis goes to Jacksonville, Fla., where General Manager Peter Bragan Jr. said, "We anticipate drawing 15,000 for the series, which is way up."

At Charlotte, N.C., the attendance was 10,744 for a four-game series against Memphis, compared to 4,703 the previous four games.

Jackson, said Chattanooga General Manager Bill Lee, "makes all of us in the front offices look like geniuses when we have great crowds."

"However, it's ego-deflating to know he can come in and draw greater crowds than we can through promotions."

At Charlotte, General Manager Frances Crockett said Jackson accounted for sellouts of 2,900 in Memphis' games there compared to an average of about 1,500.

"When it came out in the paper that he had signed, they were calling for tickets," she said.

Although Jackson, who had

played only 17 games this year, got off to a slow start at bat, he has raised his average to .263. Fourteen of his 31 hits have been for extra bases, including five home runs.

At home, said Memphis General Manager George Lapides, Jackson probably has meant an extra 200 customers for each of the 20 games.

Jackson, who grew up near Birmingham, will make his first pro baseball appearance here Aug. 21-23.

General Manager Art Clarkson said average Birmingham attendance is 3,000 but he expects three capacity crowds of 11,000.

"People are coming in every day to buy tickets," he said.

"The best promotion of all is winning baseball," Clarkson said. "I used to say the second best is promotion, but now we've got Mr. Bo Jackson and that's a rarity."

Oil Can' Boyd to rejoin team after suspension

BOSTON (AP) — Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd, his spirits and enthusiasm tempered by two suspensions, begins a new season with the Boston Red Sox tonight with his first pitching assignment in nearly a month.

Although Boyd has been idle since July 8, Manager John McNamara is confident that the wiry right-hander is ready to go back to work in a game with the Chicago White Sox.

"With his build, he probably could fall out of bed in December and be able to pitch," McNamara said, after welcoming Boyd back last week.

Boyd, an extrovert since he first joined the Red Sox late in the 1982 season, has been uncharacteristically quiet since his latest troubles which began July 10 when he went into a rage after learning he had not been chosen for the American League All-Star team.

The 26-year-old hurler, with an 11-6 record and a 3.71 ERA apparently intends to let his pitching do his talking, at least for now.

After throwing 73 pitches in a 25-minute simulated game last Friday,

Boyd spurned a mob of sportswriters and sportscasters with a soft "I don't want to talk."

He has maintained the silence ever since, although he has remained highly visible with the first locker inside the Boston clubhouse.

"Dennis doesn't want to talk about all the things that have happened, but he's very anxious to get back to pitching," Boyd's wife Karen, told a long-time acquaintance.

"We're glad to have him back, we need him," Boston General Manager Lou Gorman said. "We just want to get him back pitching and forget about all to the other stuff."

The "other stuff" began when Boyd felt he was snubbed in the selection of All-Star pitchers for the second year in a row. He went into a tirade in the clubhouse, cursing teammates, ripping off his uniform and storming out before a game with California.

The next day the Red Sox suspended Boyd without pay, a total of \$6,450 for three days. The club had a 55-29 record and was eight games



ahead in the American League East at the time. Going into a series with the White Sox Monday, Boston was 61-42 with a 4 1/2-game lead.

After apologizing to teammates at a closed meeting, Boyd was reinstated by the Red Sox at the All-Star break. That didn't last long. On July 16, he was suspended again, less than 24 hours after an alleged altercation with police near his condominium in Chelsea.

As the Red Sox began a 3-10 road swing on July 17, Boyd admitted himself to the University of Massachusetts' Medical Center in Worcester for various tests, including one for the possible use of drugs.

One week later he was discharged, after his wife was arrested for speeding and he was hauled into court and fined \$25 on an old speeding ticket.

Boyd, who had been hospitalized for non-infectious hepatitis during spring training and later fined one day's pay, \$2,150, for being late to the team's final exhibition game in Florida, had maintained that he always has tested free of drugs.

The Red Sox, who announced in reinstating him that Boyd would be paid from July 14-31, made no comment on any possible drug testing.

However, they said that a group of doctors, including team physician Arthur Pappas, had established, "a counseling and support program which Boyd will follow for the remainder of the season."

Rangers smash Royals 11-4 to muster Hall of Fame win

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — Toby Harrah hit a grand slam and Gary Ward added a solo homer as the Texas Rangers defeated the Kansas City Royals 11-4 Monday in a loosely played Hall of Fame baseball game.

Two Texas coaches, Art Howe and Joe Ferguson, played in the game. Ricky Wright, the eventual winning pitcher, started the game in right field.

Wright doubled his first time up, then Ferguson replaced Wright in right in the top of the fifth inning. Wright nonetheless batted in the bottom of the fifth and started the sixth as a pitcher.

He gave up a two-run homer to Greg Pryor that put Kansas City in front 3-1 in the sixth.

But Harrah's grand slam in the bottom of the sixth and a six-run

seventh inning made Wright the winning pitcher.

After Wright left the game as a pitcher, his batting spot came up one more time. The Rangers simply skipped it. No out was charged.

Mike Mason, who is on the disabled list, pitched the first five innings for the Rangers, giving up one run on a homer by George Brett. Mason struck out eight batters.

Dennis Leonard was Kansas City's starter and pitched three innings. He gave up Ward's homer in the first.

Jose DeJesus, borrowed from the minors to pitch, relieved Leonard and took the loss.

Texas had only four hits — a double and three singles — in its seventh-inning outburst.

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE				NATIONAL LEAGUE			
East Division				East Division			
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	61	43	587	New York	69	33	676
Baltimore	58	47	552	Montreal	51	50	505
New York	58	49	542	Philadelphia	52	51	505
Cleveland	55	49	529	St. Louis	48	55	466
Detroit	55	50	524	Chicago	45	57	441
Toronto	56	51	523	Pittsburgh	42	59	412
Milwaukee	51	53	490				
West Division				West Division			
California	56	49	530	Houston	59	47	557
Texas	55	51	519	San Francisco	55	51	519
Chicago	47	57	452	Los Angeles	53	52	505
Kansas City	47	58	448	San Diego	51	54	486
Seattle	47	59	443	Cincinnati	48	55	466
Minnesota	46	59	440	Atlanta	48	57	457
Oakland	45	62	421				
Monday's Games				Monday's Games			
Baltimore 12, Toronto 2	Los Angeles 7, Houston 3	Milwaukee 5, New York 4	Chicago 4, New York 2	Chicago 1, Boston 0	Cincinnati 2, San Francisco 1	Minnesota 4, California 5	Montreal 5, Pittsburgh 4
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