

SPORTS

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Time out

What's in a grip?

Not Laidlay's name

TROON, Scotland — Harry Vardon, one of the great pioneers of modern golf, popularized the grip that bears his name.

But he did not originate it. The overlapping grip - with the left thumb laid along the shaft of the club and the little finger of the right hand overlapping the left forefinger - was developed by a British amateur, John Laidlay, before the turn of the century.

Previously, golfers used what now is known as the "baseball grip" and used a flat, flailing swing sometimes called the English roundhouse.

Vardon, born in England in 1870, was the outstanding player of his era. He adopted Laidlay's grip and used it as the basis to develop a new, more upright swing and a new concept in how to play the game.

He developed lighter clubs and, for the first time, used long irons as clubs of accuracy, rather than regarding them simply as implements to advance the ball over the ragged links of the 19th century.

These innovations helped him to six British Open titles, in 1896, '98, '99, '03, '11, '14, a record that Tom Watson was chasing Sunday at Royal Troon.

It was on one of several tours of the United States that Vardon displayed the new swing and grip in a series of exhibitions in the Northeast and Midwest.

It came to be known as "the Vardon grip" and is one of two grips still taught by professionals around the world.

Classen's memory enough

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Randy Neumann had a list of reasons for waiting only 93 seconds to stop Friday's undisputed heavyweight title fight between Mike Tyson and Carl Williams.

This was his best: "I boxed with Willie Classen and Willie is quite dead."

Classen, who died of injuries received in a 1979 fight with Wilford Braxton, is a reminder of what price boxing can exact. Neumann, the referee in Friday's fight at the Convention Center, made it apparent he was not willing to let anyone take nearly so great a risk.

Delays, delays, delays

MONTREAL — When they couldn't close the roof at Montreal's Olympic Stadium during a two-hour rain delay this week, Expos publicity man Richie Griffin put out a release listing all the unique causes of delays at the Big O since the Expos moved there in 1980. Among them: An explosion in the adjacent tower, a truck crashing into the outfield fence, a group of runaway seals from a pregame circus show, a undersized squirrel that evaded capture for nearly half hour and 500 marching bands that took forever to leave the field after pregame show in 1980.

Int or not to tint

DETROIT — Detroit forward John Salley was pulled over earlier this week for having tinted windows on his car. They are illegal in Michigan. It was then discovered his registration had expired and he was brought down to the station, complaining all the while.

Imagine what he was saying after he found out what happened with teammate Isiah Thomas. Three days earlier, the Pistons captain was driving when a group of kids pulled up beside him and started waving and clapping. The kids were so busy looking at their idol they forgot to watch the road and plowed into a parked car.

Thomas pulled over and waited with them to explain to the police. "You should get tinted windows," said the cop. "Then this never would have happened."

—Compiled from wire reports

Television

Baseball

6:35 p.m. — San Francisco Giants at Atlanta Braves, Ch. 29.
7:30 p.m. — Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals, Ch. 33.
7:30 p.m. — Toronto Blue Jays at Texas Rangers, Ch. 25.

Olympic Festival

8 p.m. — Wrestling, figure skating and synchronized swimming, Ch. 32.
9 p.m. — Equestrian, wrestling, basketball, Ch. 32.

Radio

Baseball

7:35 p.m. — Toronto Blue Jays at Texas Rangers. (Airtime 7:15 p.m.), 1150 AM WTAW.

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AP photo

Greg LeMond of the U.S. rides down the Champs Elysees Avenue in front of the Arch of Triumph. LeMond won the Tour de France by eight seconds.

LeMond takes Tour de France

N.Y. Times News Service

PARIS — By racing from Versailles into Paris in a stunning 26 minutes 57 seconds on Sunday, Greg LeMond of the United States won the Tour de France for the second time.

His margin of victory over Laurent Fignon of France, 8 seconds, was the smallest ever in the world's greatest bicycle race.

The Tour had already covered 2,000 miles in three weeks when LeMond set off on the last stage Sunday 50 seconds behind the overall leader, Fignon.



Eagle photo by Peter Rooha

Please go in

Bryan Jack Anding tries to wave his putter in on No. 14 at the Bryan-College Station Open City Golf Tournament, which was completed on Sunday at the Bryan Golf Course. The ball didn't listen for him but it did for Bully Batten, who came from three shots off the lead to grab championship honors with a 150. David McCrady, Rick Gorzycki, Phil Thomas, Bobby Lane and Jerry Reese were in a logjam at 151.

Calcavecchia brings home British Open

Knight-Ridder News Service

TROON, Scotland — If the stork hadn't cooperated, Mark Calcavecchia wouldn't have even been in Scotland on Sunday. If Wayne Grady hadn't cooperated, Calcavecchia never would have gotten to a playoff. And if Greg Norman hadn't cooperated, he never would have been in position to win his first major championship.

Calcavecchia, with a lot of help from a lot of people, still did the things he had to do Sunday at Royal Troon Golf Club. Four shots behind with nine holes remaining, he stood around the back door, hat in hand, waiting for an opportunity to enter. Zig-zagging past the flotsam of punch-drunk competitors, he would wriggle his way into a three-way playoff with a birdie at No. 18. Then, in the four-hole extra, he made two birdies to knock out Norman and Grady.

Back home in Phoenix, Ariz., his wife, Sheryl, is due to go into labor at any minute. "If she had called me last night and told me it had begun, I would have been on the plane immediately," Calcavecchia said. "I would never have been here today. This is only a golf tournament."

But Sheryl did her part to get him to the golf course. Grady, who had played so gritty all week, had to make a bogey at the 71st hole to allow Calcavecchia to squeeze into the playoff with his 13-under-par score of 275. And then Norman, who had scorched the course with a record-setting 64, had to bogey the third and fourth playoff holes to afford Calcavecchia the chance to win it.

But Calcavecchia earned it fairly. He shot a final-round 68, making a birdie at the difficult 18th when he knew he had to do it to stay alive. Then he birdied the 18th again in the playoff, the final hole of the four-hole bonus session while Norman was taking an 'X' out of two bunkers. Grady had already eliminated himself when he failed to birdie any of the playoff holes.

Calcavecchia was the surprise guest at the playoff party, the bill collector you never thought you'd run into. Early in the day all attention was on Norman, who shot his 64, then sat back and watched the rest of the field try to catch his 13 under par. Throughout the afternoon Grady and Tom Watson were the featured players, Watson staying in the chase un-



AP photo

Mark Calcavecchia raises his arms in triumph after holing out on the 18th to win the British Open championship.

til incurring three bogeys in midround. Grady holding the lead all the way until he bogeyed trying to extricate himself from a bunker at the par-3 17th.

Calcavecchia crept into position with a birdie at No. 16, then burst in unannounced with a beautiful 8-iron approach at 18 that left him 5 feet of work.

"I never thought of him until he birdied 18," Norman said.

"The only score I was worried about was Greg's," Grady said. "Like Greg, I didn't think about Mark all day."

For most of the day, Mark didn't think about Mark. At least in terms of the silver claret trophy.

He had started the day three shots behind Grady. "I was not thinking about winning all day," he said. "I just wanted

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Cowboys start camp without Walsh

The Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Rookies and some veterans reported to the 30th Dallas Cowboys' training camp on Sunday but quarterback Steve Walsh, the No. 1 pick in the NFL's supplemental draft was among the no-shows.

Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson said Walsh, whom he coached in college at Miami, won't come to camp without a contract. Walsh is asking a contract similar to the \$11.037 million which top draft pick Troy Aikman received.

"I would hope that we would be close to signing Steve by the middle of the week," Johnson said. "One way or the other he won't be here until he signs."

Walsh said the Cowboys have received offers from four teams.

"There is still a chance of a trade and we prefer to do something now if something is going to happen," Johnson said. "I'd still say the percentages are leaning toward him being with the Dallas Cowboys."

Johnson added: "We've had three offers and a fourth we didn't entertain. I have no idea what's going to happen but I do know the quality of Steve Walsh. We know what he's capable of doing."

The Cowboys picked Walsh after Atlanta, which had the selection ahead of Dallas, passed.

"I'm still in a fog why Atlanta didn't get him," Johnson said.

Johnson said most of the Cowboys' draft picks would be signed by the time Dallas scrimmages the Los Angeles Raiders on Wednesday.

However, he said the talks with veteran quarterback Steve Pelluer were still at a stalemate.

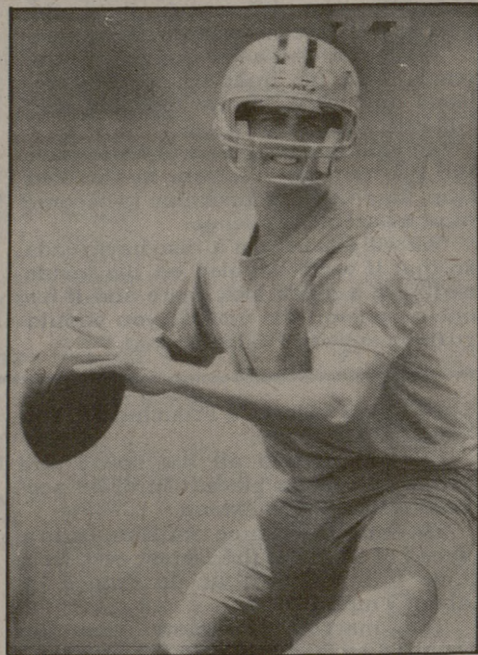
"We feel we can do all we can do to sign Steve," Johnson said.

Pelluer is asking some \$750,000 per year and the Cowboys have offered \$450,000. Pelluer has said he would accept a trade to another team.

The Cowboys have to sign Pelluer before they can trade him.

"I'm at a loss and I don't know what else to do in that situation," Johnson said.

The Cowboys will undergo physicals this morning then plunge into a Monday afternoon workout in full pads.



AP photo

Steve Walsh showed up for the Cowboys' quarterback camp two weeks ago, but he won't report to training camp until he has signed a contract.

They'll work twice on Tuesday before scrimmaging the Raiders on Wednesday and Thursday.

"We need to evaluate everybody in pads," Johnson said. "A running back may be the best in the world running against air but terrible at breaking tackles."

"The same with linebackers. We want to see how they close and hit."

This is expected to be the Cowboys' last training camp at Thousand Oaks although Johnson wouldn't say definitely.

"We'll evaluate it after it's over," he said.

The Cowboys will break training camp on Aug. 25 after playing preseason games against San Diego and the Raiders. Dallas plays in Denver on Aug. 26 then plays its final exhibition game at home on Sept. 2 against Houston.

Oilers to begin 1989 camp as division favorites

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Oilers have transformed themselves from underdogs to big dogs in the AFC Central Division.

After spending most of this decade living up to last-place predictions, the Oilers have earned wild card playoff berths the last two years.

Now they are hearing they are the favorites to win it all as they head for Southwest Texas State University at San Marcos, to start preseason camp.

"It's the first time in my eight years here that we haven't been picked last or next to last," Pro Bowl guard Mike Munchak said. "It's a psychological lift that people outside of Houston are starting to look at you as a top team in this league."

The Oilers improved to 10-6 last season and beat Cleveland 28-23 in the AFC wild card game but lost to Buffalo 17-10 in the next round.

Houston returned to the playoffs despite losing quarterback Warren Moon for five games with a broken shoulder blade. The running game ranked fifth in the NFL and the Oilers were second in the league in points per game.

Now they are being picked in many preseason polls to replace division champion Cincinnati.

But Coach Jerry Glanville isn't listening.

"In the past when they picked us last, you'd tell everybody. They don't have any intelligence, don't read them," Glanville said. "So now when they pick you first you treat them the same way."

"We're going to have a good football team. We've been a good foot-

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