

Masters Tournament Gets Underway Today

By HUGH FULLERTON JR. AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — The 23rd Masters golf tournament gets under way today with a faint new distinction. This year it is a tournament in which there's no outstanding favorite.

Sam Snead, an old trouper who has won three masters titles, has some claim to that role. So has Jack Burke, whose wizzing practice rounds of 64-65 over the Augusta National course have started a fans talking about record scores.

Snead hasn't been following the tournament trail this winter. Instead he took on more than a dozen of the top pros singly in a filmed series of matches for television and he beat them all.

The hand-picked field also includes Ben Hogan, Jimmy Demaret and Cary Middlecoff, who teamed with Hogan to dominate the event for seven years; Doug Ford, the self-styled scambler who won in 1957 and was second last year; defending champion Arnold Palmer, who engineered the first real breakthrough for golf's younger generation and all the leading tourists of this year.

TOUGH FIELD

They make up a field that virtually defies any player to say he can go out and beat them all. There's one — Ken Venturi — who brashly answered "me" when he was asked to pick a winner. And he did it with a chuckle and went on to explain that any time he enters a tournament he's trying to win it and thinks he has a chance.

Venturi was listed second to Snead in the betting line. He earned that recognition three years ago when, as an amateur, he led the field for three rounds only to blow up on the fourth. Now as a seasoned pro, he doesn't take 80s on the last round.

Three Canadians will be among

the some 90 players who will start out in the first round today over the 6,980-yard par 36-36-72 course. They are Bruce Castlor, of Toronto, 1956 Canadian amateur champion, Henry Martell of Edmonton, 1958 Canadian Professional Golfers' Association titleholder, and Stan Leonard of Vancouver.

Victory Tonight Will Give Bombers League Crown

Kensington Bombers could win the championship of the Farmers League tonight with a win over Cavendish in the fourth game of the best of seven series scheduled for the Kensington rink.

The Kensington squad won the first three matches but all games have been hotly contested by their opponents and the Cavendish boys have no intention of letting their rivals take the title tonight. Consequently a thriller appears to be in the cards for the anticipated large crowd.

Kensington already has won the Kensington Rink trophy for finishing on top of the four team loop at the end of the regular schedule. As well, their goalie, Layton Thompson won the Farmers League trophy for having the least number of goals scored against him — 34 in the nine game schedule. On top of all this, Ewen Sinclair, one of the Bombers' starry forwards won the James Pendergast trophy awarded to the player compiling the most points during the season. Ewen ended with 25 which works out to nearly three points per game.

The next ten highest point getters in the league, all of whom received silver spoons for their efforts were, Porky Johnson, Cavendish 24; Carlyle MacEachern, Kensington 20; Earl Dunning, Cavendish 19; Jimmy Ken-

Castlor and Martell were invited to play because they won the Canadian amateur and pro titles last year. Leonard tied for fourth place in the Masters in 1958 and is among the top 10 finishers of last year's event who were extended invitations.

The course and the weather have been just about perfect.



Saint Dunstan's University Varsity basketball team enters the Dominion Senior 'B' semi-finals at the local university gym Friday and Saturday nights of this week. Their opponents will be the highly rated Saint Francis Xavier squad of Antigonish, N.S. The series, a two-game total point affair should provide some of the best basketball seen here in years. The winner enters the Dominion finals against the survivor of the Quebec-Ontario series. Here are the members of the Saint Dunstan's squad. BACK ROW (L to R) Gil Collins; Bob Fearon; Father Walter MacGuigan (Coach); Brian Noonan; Ed Murphy. FRONT ROW (L to R) Gerry Tingley; Bob Linegar; Alfred Morrison (Captain); Peter McGonnell; Lorne MacGuigan; Ken MacKinnon.

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Ehman's Nose May Prove Mighty Valuable To Leafs

By RON ANDREWS Canadian Press Staff Writer TORONTO (CP) — Gerry Ehman probably won't be the most celebrated nose in the National Hockey League. It could turn out to be a mighty valuable one.

Ehman, Toronto Maple Leaf left winger, was cross-checked by Boston Bruins' Guy Gendron at 9:19 of the overtime period in Tuesday night's Stanley Cup semi-final game here. Blood spurted from his nose and referee Red Storey assessed Gendron a major penalty.

Two minutes and two seconds later big Frank Mahovlich scored to give Leafs a 3-2 victory and tie the best-of-seven series 2-2. SCHMIDT BLEW UP

While Ehman's nose puffed to Pinocchio-size proportions, Boston coach Milt Schmidt blew his top. "It's too bad that the fine play of two great teams in a great hockey game should be ruined by one man," he said. "And I don't know why Storey chose that occasion to call a major penalty."

"There has been blood on the ice many times during the season in similar incidents and only minor penalties were given," Schmidt was still fuming when the Bruins left Toronto by plane for Boston and tonight's fifth game of the series. Bruins won the two series-opening games at home.

NO BITTERNESS — Ehman, who earlier in the game scored his fourth goal of the series, was far from bitter towards Gendron. "But we're not cocky. You can't afford to be

blood spurt out," he admitted after the game. Neither Schmidt nor Toronto coach Punch Imlach would predict the outcome of the series. "It'll be tough," Imlach said after putting his club through an hour-long practice Wednesday. "If the series goes the full seven games, two of the remaining three will be on Boston ice. And in this affair where both clubs have won their home-ice games, that's an important factor."

"We still feel confident that we can win the round," Schmidt said before leaving town. "But we're not cocky. You can't afford to be

when you're playing a tough club like Leafs. They never quit trying."

Both teams were licking their wounds today. Leafs will be without centre Larry Regan tonight. He suffered a cracked bone in his right hand last Saturday and got whacked across the hand Tuesday night. Regan didn't fly to Boston with the rest of the team, staying here to have medical attention.

Imlach said he would use Rudy Migay, called up from Rochester Americans of the American Hockey League in Regan's place. Migay was with Leafs six seasons before going to the minors last year.

Bruins might be without their two top defencemen in the next game. Doug Mohs, recovering from torn knee ligaments, missed Tuesday night's game and club doctors say he probably won't play for a few days.

He was joined on the sidelines by captain Fern Flaman, who pulled a groin muscle during the second period Tuesday night. He will have a checkup when Bruins arrive in Boston.

If Flaman can't play, Schmidt said he'll use Jack Bionda from Providence Reds of the AHL.

Ch'town Foursome Captures Willard MacDonald Trophy

The Jim Burden-skipped rink from Charlottetown won the Willard MacDonald Trophy in the second day on the Maritime mixed curling bonspiel held all week at the Summerside Curling Club. Other members of the winning rink were Paul Burden, Doug Bell, and Gladys Carruthers.

Runners-up yesterday's competition was skipped by Doug MacGowan, and included Blanche Smith, Joey Fraser, and Shirley MacCannell.

First consolation prizes went to skip Dick Henthorn, Irene Silliphant, Elmer Officer and Fran Henthorn. The second consolation winners were Earl Cannon (skip), Al Morrison, Cecil Carver and Edythe Dods.

Veric Johnston skipped the winners of third consolation prizes with Pat Weeks, Percy Weeks, and Beth MacLeod other members of the foursome. Prizes were presented by Brent Clark.

Results of the day's play was as follows: 1 A.M. Earl Cannon (S) 6 Art Wilkie (A) 5. Dick Henthorn (S) 4; Jim Burden (C) 10. Jim MacGregor 5, Gordon Stewart 7. 1 A.M. G. Willis (S) 4, J. Squarebriggs (C) 7. E. Johnston 14; E. Campbell 2. D. MacGowan 11; Ed Tanton 3. 1 P.M. J. MacGregor 10, Glydon Willis 7. Art Wilkie 5; Dick Henthorn 6, Jim Burden 9; Earl Cannon 6. 3:00 P.M. F. Campbell (A) 6; Ed Tanton 7. J. Burden 8; G. Stewart 7. J. Squarebriggs 6, E. Johnston 7. 5 P.M. E. Johnston 4; D. MacGowan 10. D. Henthorn 8, J. MacGregor 7. E. Cannon 10; A. Wilkie 7. 7 P.M. C. Stewart (C) 2, F. Campbell (A) 5. G. Willis 3, J. Squarebriggs 9. D. Henthorn 9, Ed Tanton 8.

55 Players Will Report To Lions

VANCOUVER (CP) — British Columbia Lions expect to have about 55 players on hand when they open their 1959 football training camp, possibly in Vancouver.

Head coach Wayne Robinson said Wednesday he will inspect facilities in Kelowna, where Lions have trained since entering the Western Inter-Provincial Football Union five years ago. If they are not satisfactory, the club will work out in Vancouver.

Robinson talked with reporters at a press luncheon where one of his two assistants was introduced. Dave Skrien, 29, a former Minnesota player and assistant coach arrived in Vancouver Tuesday for his first visit since signing as back-field coach under Robinson, 28, who came here at the end of last season from Winnipeg.

NEW LINE COACH — Lum Snyder, line coach who comes to Lions from Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League where he has been a tackle, is scheduled to arrive here during the weekend.

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SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

THE BEST HARNESS racing news one could hear came as the result of Tuesday's meeting between the Provincial Exhibition Association and race owners.

The Association had already decided on 36 night racing dates, exclusive of Old Home Week, and had decided on opening May 30 and racing through until September 27. However, the officials of the local raceway were desirous of learning the attitude of owners in regard to early and late racing, with purses at those times depending on the amount of attendance and pari-mutuel taking. Hence the meeting on Tuesday.

RACE SECRETARY Frank 'Duck' Acorn did a fine job of handling the session which was something that has been long overdue in horsemen - track relations. 'Duck' explained the situation in detail, outlining to those present the fact that the Charlottetown Driving Park had 56 racing dates available this season. He wanted the expression of opinion from the horsemen in regard to early and late racing and he got it in no uncertain terms. The horsemen were in complete agreement with going early and late and \$900 minimum for eight dashes was agreed to.

'Duck' has taken this back to his board of directors and there seems a pretty fair chance that the board will improve. If it does, then you can expect action to commence before May 30 and run right through until the end of October.

IN PAST YEARS many horsemen headed for mainland tracks after the season closed here in mid-September and they raced in many cases for some pretty small purses. It undoubtedly is more costly for Island horses to race away from home and it was felt if some plan could be worked out whereby races would continue here till November, the horses would not pull out. Of course it's not logical to expect the local track to keep up the regular purses if the crowds are dropping off. The horsemen realize this and were in full agreement to race for less money in these latter periods. It is felt that if the local plant can operate without a loss at these times, then racing will continue at least a month longer than former years.

WE BELIEVE the meeting was a great thing to improve relations between track operators and horsemen. Each have their problems and one can't get along without the other. There must be give and take on both sides and there appeared to be just that on Tuesday night.

Sometimes a fellow gets to thinking that his problems are the only ones. If he gets together with others and is given a glimpse of their difficulties, then he doesn't feel nearly so bad. Usually a reasonable solution can be reached that will benefit all. We think that is the case in regard to this early and late racing.

So congratulations to those responsible for that meeting Tuesday night. We are certain the race game here is better for its having taken place.

WE WOULD LIKE to remind the cynics that we told them that the teams in Stanley Cup playoffs would be heading back to Montreal and Boston for tonight's games all tied up at two games each. We got lots of ribbing after we put that in print but we told all the wise ones just to wait until after Tuesday night's games.

The Toronto overtime victory definitely put those Leafs right back in the thick of things. Sure they have to take one game out of Boston but they needed one in Detroit on the night of Sunday March 22 and they got it after trailing the Red Wings 2-0 after twenty minutes of play. If they had failed on that occasion, then they wouldn't be battling with these Bruins tonight.

BRUINS ARE STILL favourites to make the Cup finals because two of the remaining three games in this series are at Boston Gardens. Leafs are well aware of that and know it's a great big order to grab a victory right in Beantown.

But then these Leafs are ones that never worry about what the experts have to say. More than a month ago, these same experts gave up on them as playoff material. But Toronto, with its accent on youth, is still in there and threatening to make it into the finals.

We have a pretty fair record this past while on our predictions. We probably should rest on our laurels and leave good enough alone. But then, all the fun would stop. We're entitled to a few bad ones.

So, here goes the latest. Toronto will pick up its first win in Boston tonight and will close out the series with a victory in the sixth game before a howling Maple Leaf crowd this Saturday night.

That would mean four straight triumphs in a row for Leafs over the Bruins. Quite an order but one we feel the Imlach gang is equal to.

No, we don't want to change our mind. We're satisfied that's the way things will turn out.

ON THE OTHER FRONT, Chicago Black Hawks are putting up a surprisingly strong fight against the powerful Montreal Canadiens. Just about nobody had suggested that the Rudy Pilous-coached outfit would be so bothersome. We believe they have Toe Blake just a bit worried but don't start betting any money on those Hawks to make the finals.

Chances are the series will go the limit, with Canucks winning tonight and Chicago making it 3-3 on Saturday night. Then on Tuesday the Blakemen should qualify for the finals.

EACH SEMI-FINAL series is away ahead of last season when Canadians and Bruins had little or no trouble disposing of Red Wings and New York Rangers. This spring the both affairs are bitterly fought and the teams making the final bracket are going to be mighty tired outfits. There is no pushover in these semi-final games and that's exactly the way things should be.

That's should be quite a final — LEAFS VS. CANADIENS. Here now, never mind that snickering.

CBC To Televis Toronto - Boston Game Tonight

TORONTO (CP) — The CBC-TV English network will carry the Toronto Maple Leafs at Boston Stanley Cup hockey game tonight starting at 10 p.m. AST, a CBC spokesman said.

The decision to carry the game was made following Leafs two overtime victories over Bruins and the tremendous national interest this has sparked, he said.

The French network will carry the Chicago at Montreal game. Both best-of-seven semi-finals are tied 2-2.

On Saturday both networks will carry the Montreal at Chicago game in Quebec and the Maritimes.

Miramichi - Hull Battle Tonight

HULL, Que. (CP) — Miramichi Beavers and Hull Legion meet in the third game tonight of the best-of-five Eastern Canada Allan Cup hockey semi-final.

The New Brunswick team edged the Hull squad 3-2 Tuesday night to deadlock the series at one game apiece. Winner of the series will meet either Whitby Dunlops or Kitchener - Waterloo Dutchmen in the Eastern Canada final.

Practice Called For All Star Midget Abbies Coach Harry Sentner has called a practice for his All-Star Midget Abbies. The work-out is scheduled to get underway at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the Sports Arena. All team members wishing to make trip to Bathurst are requested to turn out.

COULD MEAN SERIES

Win In Montreal Is Essential To Hawks MONTREAL (CP) — Chicago Black Hawks flew into Montreal Wednesday and were quickly whisked away to a Laurentian Mountain hideaway to rest for tonight's fifth game in their Stanley Cup semi-final against Montreal Canadiens.

The Canadiens spent the day travelling by train from Chicago and following their early evening arrival were to go to their homes in various parts of the city.

The series now is deadlocked 2-2, both teams having won two games on their home ice. Chicago considers a win here tonight almost essential. With a victory here, they could wrap up the series on their home ice Saturday.

SEEK MONTREAL WIN Said coach Rudy Pilous after his Hawks downed Canadiens Tuesday night 3-1: "We still have to win one in Montreal and if we do that, I think we can take the silverware."

General manager Tommy Ivan said: "We're about due to win one in Montreal. We've only won one game there all season, and our time has to come. If the Hawks can do it—and we have to take one there to win the series—we're in."

The Canadiens, in search of their fourth consecutive Stanley Cup, were not disheartened by the double loss in Chicago.

Frank Selke, the managing director, said: "There is no reason to be alarmed."

CURLING DRAW

7 P. M. Ice 3 — Beck vs. Ketch. Ice 4 — Rogerson vs. Llewellyn. Ice 5 — Stewart vs. Gallant.

SPORT OF KINGS'

Lady Bowlers From Souris Have Pretty Fair Record Although it's a sport that has many more people participating than any other sport, bowling is the least publicized sport of all. One team, in Eastern Kings, namely, the Lucky Six, an entry in the Souris Women's Bowling League have a record, that, we believe, is unequalled in the entire world of bowling.

They have won the championship in the Souris Women's Bowling League since that league started in 1951. All in all they've won a total of seven titles.

Last year, they did not have an entry in the league, and as a result, last year was the only year they did not win the title. Members of the team that won this year are: Theresa Paquet, Cecilia Walsh, Helen Paquet, Mary Paquet, Alice MacDonald, and captain Joyce MacLellan. Other team members in the past were: Joyce Gallant, Erma MacDonald and Isobel Power.

In the past, no records were kept as regards the win, loss, affair, but it is estimated that this remarkable team won approximately one hundred and three games while losing about seventeen. A very nice record. One of their victories two years

ago was at the expense of the Men's League champs, The Dodgers. They have, this year, issued a challenge to the winner of the Men's League to play them in an exhibition game.

Souris Rink, as far as we can determine is the only rink in the Eastern section of the province still in action. However, except for practice session for minors, the only activity is skating. Teams and fans alike lose interest in hockey once the playoffs are over. By the way, we suppose everyone knows about the terrible fire that struck the town of Souris. This may or may not hinder whether or not the possibility of the town getting artificial ice.

SOURIS BOWLING NEWS The Lucky Six won the championship of the Women's League by defeating the Sure Shots 5-0 and won the best of five series in three straight games. Theresa Paquet and Cecilia Walsh led the team to the cup.

The Perfectionists blanked the Line Riders 5-0 in the first game of the Men's League finals. Cliff Ford and Ken O'Hanley were the leaders for the Perfectionists. Second game will be played Wednesday night at nine o'clock.

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Trotters, Sultans Playing Tonight

Charlottetown Trotters and RCAF Sultans open the best of five Island Basketball finals at Birchwood gym tonight.

The Trotters won their way to the final bracket by eliminating Prince of Wales Collegians while Sultans were carried to five

games by the Charlottetown YMCA before emerging as finalists.

A really hard-fought series is anticipated with the Trotters entering the affair as slight favourites to retain their crown. Action commences tonight at 8:35 sharp.

MAY MOVE CAMP

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