

P.G.A. Director Recommends \$1,000 Fine For O'Brien

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP)—PGA tournament director Ray O'Brien has recommended that Doug Ford be fined \$1,000 for "conduct unbecoming a player," the official said Monday.

The recommendation was made by O'Brien to the tournament committee which will meet today at St. Petersburg, Fla.

It was the outgrowth of an argument which followed a protest by Ford against slow play by Mike Fetschick in the third round of the Pensacola Open Saturday. O'Brien overruled the protest.

Fetschick, from Mahopac, N.Y., played a threesome in front of Ford's threesome.

People waiting outside O'Brien's office Saturday night said they could hear a heated exchange between Ford and O'Brien.

Ford, the 1955 PGA champion and a consistent money winner on the pro tournament circuit, charged that O'Brien was not enforcing regulations against slow play in the tournament.

Ford, who plays out of Klamesha

Lake, N.Y., said the threesome in which Fetschick was playing took three hours and 54 minutes to complete the 18-hole round. "From the fifth hole, they were 1 1/2 holes behind the threesome in front," Ford added.

Several other players said they felt the slow play rule has not been enforced by O'Brien during the current tournament.

Bill Nary, Wayne, Mich., pro, said he felt Fetschick should not be penalized "until they start with the worst offender—Gary Middlecoff."

Nary said Middlecoff, a notoriously slow player, "during one tournament stopped at the ninth hole and went into the clubhouse and took a shower before resuming play."

Under PGA regulations a player guilty of slow play during a tournament can be penalized two strokes on the round.

Big Weekend For 9-year Old Girl Hockey Player

TORONTO (CP)—It was a big weekend for Abigail Hoffman.

The nine-year-old girl who for three months successfully masqueraded as a boy in the Little Toronto Hockey League saw her first National Hockey League game Saturday night.

In addition she:

- Was outfitted with new hockey equipment she won by selling \$30 worth of tickets for the Little THL's hockey jamboree in which she'll play Friday night.
- Helped her St. Catharines Tee

Pees team in the Little THL to a 5-0 win over St. Michael's by getting an assist.

Skated on the ice of Maple Leaf Gardens Sunday as mascot of the St. Catharines' Tee Pees of the OHA Junior A League.

Gave a solo skating demonstration in between periods of Sunday's OHA game and later climbed to the gondola in the gardens for a radio interview.

She was back at school Monday.

Abigail, or "Ab" as she is known to her fellow players, was unmasked as a girl when chosen last week for the league all-star team. Officials discovered the sex of the little defenceman when they took a second look at her birth certificate.

Quare Times Is Favorite

LONDON (AP)—Irish-owned Quare Times remained a 15-40-2 favorite for the March 24 running of the Grand National Sweepstake at a betting call-over by Britain's top bookies Monday night.

The 10-year-old bay gelding, winner of last year's National by 12 lengths, is fit again after suffering from a bruised foot. Injured Jockey Pat Taafe also expects to be in the saddle once again on the big day.

Taafe had the plaster removed from his injured hand and wrist Monday. He broke his wrist in a fall about a month ago.

Sundew, 100-10-8 at the last call-over, hardened to 100-10-9 for the four miles, 856 yards chase over Aintree's 30 jumps—the world's most grueling horse race.

Queen Mother Elizabeth's Devon Loch stayed at 100-10-8 in the betting and is attracting a lot of bets. IS FIRST "SWEEP"

Complete betting on the National, which carries the first Irish Sweepstakes of the season: Quare Times, 15-2; Sundew, 100-9; Devon Loch, 100-8; E. S. B. and Must, 100-6; High Guard, Armorial III, and Pippikin 20-1; Carley's Cottage, Valiant Spark, and Key Royal, 25-1; Merry Windsor, and Royal Tan, 33-1; Ontray, and Early Mist, 40-1; Wise Child 50-1. Others were unquoted.

There will be another call-over Wednesday on the National.

Bob Christenberry Resigns Post On State Commission

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—Gov. Averell Harriman announced Monday the resignation of Robert K. Christenberry from the state athletic commission and made two appointments to the commission.

The governor named James A. Farley Jr. of New Rochelle, son of the former postmaster-general, to succeed Christenberry, and Francis J. Souhan, Seneca county Democratic chairman, to fill another vacancy.

They will be paid \$87 a day when attending meetings.

The third member of the commission, the chairman who draws an annual salary of \$13,800, is Julius Helfand of New York City.

Shortly after Harriman took office last year, he appointed Helfand, the Queens county district attorney, as a member of the commission and designated him to replace Christenberry as chairman.

Christenberry said in his letter that he continued as a member of the commission in order to "follow through on the investigation, already initiated, exposing the dangers and evils which have beset boxing in the past."

Christenberry said "I have a feeling that the commission has done a lasting and thorough job of putting boxing back on its feet in this state."

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