

Top Golfer To Compete In B.C. Golf Tournament

By JONATHAN COLE
VANCOUVER (CP) — Two dozen of the world's top golfers have been lined up for the British Columbia Centennial Invitation golf tournament, it was announced Tuesday. The prize list totals \$347,500, the largest in Canadian golf history and fourth largest in the world this year.

Nearly all the leading golfers themselves have committed themselves to play at Vancouver's Point Grey course Aug. 27-Sept. 1. In addition to the golf, there will be a fashion show, beauty contest and a pipe band and Premier Bennett will preside at the official opening ceremonies.

The trail regulars include Vancouver's Stan Leonard, winner of the recent Las Vegas Tournament of Champions, but Leonard is more than just a starter.

As an ambassador-at-large for the tournament committee, he has been getting some of the hottest competition for himself that any golfer could get. With the cancellation of the \$150,000 Tam O'Shanter at Chicago, the 72-hole Centennial Invitation has become the No. 1 event on the late summer agenda.

Included in the entries are this year's three top money-winners—

Masters' champion Arnold Palmer, Billy Casper, winner of the Bing Crosby Invitational, and Los Angeles Open champion Frank Stranahan—and a host of others; Doug Ford, Dow Finsterwald, Mike Souchak, Toronto's Al Balding, Gene Littler, Jay Hebert, Marty Furgol, Cary Middlecoff, Jimmy Burke Jr., Art Wall Jr., Fred Hawkins, Billy Maxwell, Paul Harney and George Bayer.

Under its contract with the tournament committee, the U.S. Professional Golfers Association is to provide no less than 60 regular circuit players for the event which offers \$6,400 first place money.

The committee is trying to attract as many international stars as possible. Already committed are Peter Thomson of Australia, perennial British Open winner Roberto De Vicenzo, Argentine and Mexico City champion 1957 Mexico City winner Tony Corda and Japanese stars Koshi Ono and Takao Nakamaru.

The field for the tournament will be limited to 150, if necessary through a qualifying round. Proceedings start Aug. 26 with an 18-hole celebrity pro-amateur.

MANY CELEBRITIES
Randolph Scott, George Gobel, Dizzy Dean and Gordon McRae are already lined up, as is Del

Webb, co-owner of New York Yankees. Bing Crosby says he will be here provided his wife Kathryn's baby arrives on schedule early in August. Possible visitors are Phil Harris, Bob Hope, National Hockey League stars Andy B. Hgate, Gordie Howe and Maurice Richard.

Jim Ferrier, former Australian Open champion and now pro at Hollywood's Lakeside Club, has promised to provide 10 Hollywood stars and will probably play himself.

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the longest in the history of the Fredericton raceway. It will get underway on June 2 and will conclude October 13, with racing each Monday and Thursday night, with the exception of Exhibition Week, which will be staged from September 1st to 6th, inclusive. During the week, racing will be held on the 4th, and 6th.

This will give the Fredericton Raceway 40 meets in all, with a minimum of 320 dashes. The big

event, of course, will be the Walter Dale Memorial Pace, which will be raced on the night of August 7th for a purse of \$3,000. This is a two-heat event which should bring most of the top free-for-alls in the Maritime to that city.

Our readers will remember that the Walter Dale Pace was won last year by Convaire, owned by Harry Hirsch of Sydney, and Convaire was shipped from Fredericton to Charlottetown, and won the free-for-all here.

MORE AND MORE
The horse population at the

Charlottetown track is getting larger every day, as new stables move in. The latest is part of the Stanley Mayhew string, which includes his most recent purchases. We expect to have a look over them in the near future, and will report what we see.

As the weeks go by, the season's track record is dropping rapidly. Up to yesterday, it was 2:18 3-5, held jointly by Minneapolis, 2:10 3-5, and Raven Abbe, 2:07, both part of James MacGregor's string.

We have just heard from our friend, Bill Brown of Charlottetown, that B. C. Cruikshank, owner of Sackville Downs raceway, is at present a patient in one of the Halifax hospitals. We hope that he will soon be out around again, and showing the same interest in racing as he has in the past. It is due to him that the splendid track, grandstand, stables, etc. at Sackville Downs is in operation, and he had okayed programs with larger purses which will extend right through 1958 until closing date in November.

GOOD SHOW
Our congratulations to Laurie

O'Brien of Halifax for winning five of the twelve dashes races at the Halifax Commons last Saturday. His Theo A. Nick stepped the two fastest half-mile dashes on the program, time 1:03 2-5 and 1:05. We can't recall such speed ever having been exhibited for a half mile this early in the

Lorne Kelly has moved into the Charlottetown track, and in a chat with him he told us that he had given his horses plenty of jog work and some slow miles over the farm track. They look real good, and we are glad to

welcome back to the war's Lorne Budlong, 2:13 1-5, owned by good sportsman, S. J. MacDonald of Souris. Lorne was a sensational trotter at the Charlottetown track in 1956, as in 19 starts he was 8 times first, once second, and 4 times third, and took the record shown above. Mr. MacDonald refused an offer of \$3,000 for him, and he was worth every cent of it. Others in the Kelly string are: Fortune's Pride-2:17 2-5; Ken's Pride-2:16 4-5; Myrtle E.; Just In Time; and Winston Budlong, a full brother of Lorne Budlong.

Lennon Doing Great With Royals Of Int'l League

NEW YORK (AP) — One day last September Bob Lennon rushed up to Yankee Stadium from his Brooklyn home. He located Detroit manager Jack Tighe in the clubhouse and showed him a telegram.

The telegram said that Lennon had been sold by Chicago Cubs to the Tigers. The husky outfielder had spent most of the season on option in the Pacific Coast League and was a mighty happy guy to be back in the major leagues where he had seen service with the New York Giants in addition to the Cubs.

To Lennon's surprise, Tighe told him he knew nothing about the transaction. A quick call to Detroit confirmed Tighe's suspicions. The club front office told him that the deal for Lennon had been cancelled and that the

Tigers had secured Bill Taylor, another lefthanded hitting outfielder.

MERRY MIXUP
This merry mixup, however, has certainly worked to the advantage of Montreal Royals this season. Lennon has been the leading bomber of the slugging Canadian team. He leads the International League in home runs with five and in runs batted in with 21. He also shows a neat .329 batting average which places him among the first ten.

Veteran catcher Johnny Bucha of the Miami Marlins has grabbed the batting lead. He was hitting .396 after Sunday's games.

Bucha took over the top spot from Bill Causon of Columbus who slumped 28 points to .381 in last week's action.

World Title Is On Line

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — Joe Brown and Ralph Dupas, a couple of New Orleans boxers who couldn't meet in their home town, will battle here tonight for the world's lightweight championship.

Brown, a Negro, holds the title and is making his first defense of the year. He says he wishes he could have done it in New Orleans, but the Louisiana interracial law prevented it.

Anyway, said the champion Tuesday he'll win the fight, probably by a knockout early.

The champion said he thought Dupas would be easy because he has had to take off weight.

Angelo Dundee, Dupas' manager, disputed the contention that his boy had been having trouble making 135 pounds.

"He's 137 pounds and he'll be down to 135 by weigh-in without effort," said Dundee. "He's been fighting welterweights and middleweights and is strong and tough."

Russians Wind Up Their Tour

MOSCOW (AP) — American basketball players wound up their Soviet tour Tuesday night with a friendship dinner at which Russian men's and women's teams agreed to play a series of games in the United States starting next Feb. 1.

Kellum Johnson, president of the U.S. Amateur Athletic Union, said arrangements had been completed for ranking Soviet teams to play at least six games each in the United States next spring.

Probable Pitchers

NEW YORK (AP) — Probable pitchers for today's major league games (won and lost records in parentheses):

American League
Cleveland at New York—Grant (3-0) vs Ford (1-2)
Chicago at Boston—Wilson (2-1) vs Sisler (3-1)
Kansas City at Baltimore (N)—Burnette (1-0) vs Portocarrero (0-0)
Detroit at Washington (2-twinight)—Lary (1-2) and Bunning (1-3) vs Pascual (1-1) and Griggs (0-0)

National League
Pittsburgh at San Francisco—Friend (4-0) vs Monzant (2-3)
Philadelphia at Los Angeles—Simmons (2-2) vs Sherry (0-0)
Cincinnati at Chicago—Lawrence (1-1) vs Phillips (0-0)
Milwaukee at St. Louis (N)—Burdette (2-2) vs Wehmeier (0-0)

Ti-Cats Sign Underwood

HAMILTON (CP) — Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the Big Four Football Union Tuesday announced the signing of import tackle P.W. Underwood, a holdover from last year's Grey Cup champion team.

Underwood, 26, is from Lucevale, Miss. The five-foot-11, 225-pound lineman starred at Mississippi Southern College and on U.S. service teams.

Golf Amateur Is Reinstated

NEW YORK (AP) — Harvie Ward Jr., of San Francisco, winner of the United States Amateur golf championship in 1955 and 1956, regains his amateur status today after serving a year's suspension for accepting unauthorized tournament expenses.

The announcement was made Monday by Joe DeY, executive director of the U.S. Golf Association.

At the time of his suspension, Ward made immediate application for a return to good standing. In the interim, he was barred from all amateur tournaments under USGA sponsorship. In other tournaments he played under the status of "A.R.," which means "applicant for amateur reinstatement."

Ward was set down for accepting expense monies from his employer, Ed Lowery, for participation in the Canadian and U.S. amateur tournaments in 1954.

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Yanks End Six Game Sweep Over Rusks

LENNINGRAD, Russia (AP) — The United States men's basketball team Monday night completed a six-game sweep in the Soviet Union by drubbing Riga, Russian national champions, 101-58.

The American girls ended their tour with a 4-2 record Sunday night by defeating a Leningrad team, 58-42.