

Al Balding Captures Lead In First Round Of Open

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ISLESMERE GOLF CLUB, Montreal (CP)—Angular Al Balding sent Canada into the lead Thursday in the first round of the Canadian Open golf championship with a spectacular six-under-par 66 over a rain-soaked Islesmere course.

The six-foot-three golfer, who wants it made plain he's from Markham, Ont., and not Toronto, put on a remarkable putting show in taking a one-stroke lead, finishing off with a 25-foot birdie putt at the 18th.

The late-finishing brigade made it close but nobody could overhaul Balding.

One stroke back, at 67, were four American regulars on the pro tour—Bob Rosburg of Palo Alto, Calif., George Bayer, the power hitter from Dallas, Art Wall of Pocono Manor, Pa., winner of the Masters this year, and Dow Finsterwald of Tequesta, Fla.

SIX PLAYERS AT 68

Six players were jammed into the 68 bracket. They included Bruce Crampton of Sydney, Australia, and Doug Ford of Paradise, Fla., one of the pre-tournament favorites.

Closest Canadian to Balding was Jack Kay, pro at Montreal's Pinegrove Club, who shot 34-35 for a 69.

In all, there were 24 par-breakers in the opening round that was marked by almost continual rain and heavy clouds.

Balding shook off the steady rain in posting 32-34 against Islesmere's 36-36 for the nines. He was never over par and ran down birdie putts ranging from a couple of feet to his 25-footer.

The first day of the \$25,000 Open—with top prize money of \$3,500 awaiting the winner Sunday—not only had rain but was replete with incidents.

There was a hole in one by Jim Swarbrick, Montreal Mari-

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

ROLLAWAY ACES didn't let that two-game setback by Barry's Lions and BBS Shamrocks bother them a little bit. After winning six in a row, the Aces fell victims to Parkdale and the Irish and there were those in the 'know' that were predicting the Rollaway club would take many more setbacks.

Well, perhaps they will before a champion is crowned in the City Softball League but right now they are showing no signs whatever of coming apart. After those two reverses, the Aces settled down to business and got those losses back in a hurry. Their most recent conquest of Barry's Lions was a most impressive one and had Lions reeling when the final out came.

YES, ROLLAWAY LOOKS like the club to beat this year for the marbles. Somebody may just do that but they are going to have quite a battle on their hands. The Aces look to be fairly solid and will give stern battles to anyone interested in getting involved with them.

The Junior BYC lost a fine young hurler in Mike O'Brien but a fellow by the name of 'App's' Arsenault gave the BYC some new hope the other night. 'App's' was forced to toe the mound against the Irish Tuesday night and he came through with flying colors. Arsenault had the Shamrocks breaking their backs to kill his slow ball but with the exception of Roy McGonnell's blast, nobody was able to hurt the regular third sacker.

'App's' says he won't say a word about his most recent success. He maintains he won't rub it in when he meets up with some of the boys who like to fish it out to him. However, we have a sneaky feeling that these same hecklers will hear a word from 'App's' and that word is going to be mighty hard to answer.

Yes, 'App's' has his chance to go to town on some of the boys now and we wouldn't blame him one bit if he keeps reminding them of his pitching ability.

'App's' is a top competitor with the Juniors and his pep and chatter do much to make the BYC a real going concern.

On top of that, he plays a whole of a good third base and can elude the old apple with real authority.

And so, 'App's' before you get a chance to rib us about your pitching prowess, we're beating you to it by offering our congratulations.

THIS BASEBALL is strange business.

Detroit Tigers, roaring along the trail that they hope will bring them the American league pennant, went into Baltimore the other night and did something that no other team in the league was able to do this year. That was beat Hoyt Wilhelm who strode out against the Belgals sporting a perfect 9-0 record. To accompany that record, Hoyt had a remarkable .999 earned run average. If the Tigers were going to lose a game to the Orioles, this was the one to drop.

But what happens? The Jimmy Dykes crew chased Wilhelm from the mound and went on to win the battle 6-4. Hoyt had his first setback and the Tigers were still snarling. After that one, the rest should be easy.

Came Wednesday night, and a young man named Mill Pappas was sent out by manager Paul Richards in an effort to put a stop to the Orioles' skid. And what does Pappas do? He not only beats the Tigers but he blanks them on a brilliant two-hitter.

What Hoyt Wilhelm was expected to do Mill Pappas does and the Orioles still are in the thick of the American league fight.

When you go looking for a pitching staff that are chalked full of surprises, don't go any farther than the mound corps handled by Paul Richards. This fellow certainly has a way with hurlers and this season he is proving that to a greater degree than ever.

His Birds may not win the race for the flag but they will likely have a whole lot to say in deciding who tops the heap come the final Sunday next September.

MILWAUKEE BRAVES get back home next Tuesday to open a three-game stand against the improving St. Louis Cardinals.

For these Braves, who led by one-half game when we penned this column, it will indeed be great to get back once again in friendly surroundings.

While they have been on the road they have looked anything but impressive and nobody would ever have guessed that they were the defending champions of the National league.

Their most humiliating setback came Wednesday night in Los Angeles when they fell victims twice to the Dodgers of Walter Alston. They didn't only fail to win one of the two battles but they looked hopelessly weak in dropping the twin bill. They manager only seven hits in the 18 innings and the last nine they could muster only two off Danny McDevitt. That was the one in which they were blanked 4-0 after being shellacked 10-2 in the opener.

In the opener, the Dodgers had the craft lefthander Warren Spahn out of there in the very first inning. Their bats were booming in that one as they pounded the Braves' pitchers for a total of 15 hits.

Just when you get ready to figure these Dodgers have had it for the year they bounce back in really impressive fashion. At the present time, you must figure them as pennant contenders. Their west coast buddies, San Francisco Giants, are even greater threats for top honors than are the Dodgers. There are others that still have not given up hope for competing in the 1959 world series.

The Milwaukee Braves surely have their work cut out for them. They may repeat as the champions of this senior loop but they have a really big job on their hands.

BY THIS TIME next week, the heavyweight championship fight will be history.

Next Thursday night Ingemar Johansson tries to lift the crown from the head of the champion Floyd Patterson. Reports are coming thick and fast that the Swede isn't a bit worried about Patterson's ability. In fact he thinks that Floyd looked better seven years ago than he did against Brian London.

It makes reading and somebody along the lines may even believe it. But we are sorry that we can't digest such trash as that. Patterson is champion of the world today and he will still be the top heavyweight when the smoke of battle clears next Thursday night.

Coming home he birdied the 11th and then went par to the home where he drew a shout from the gallery by running down his long putt.

Balding's showing Thursday was a hopeful sign for him. He has been a regular on the pro tour for more than two years, and a part-time traveller on the circuit for six years before that. So far this year he has been in the money in nine of 15 tournaments, collecting total prize money of \$5,241. His best showing in the Memphis Open, when he tied for first place but lost out in a three-way playoff. His best showing otherwise had been a seventh place. He won two major tournaments in 1957. Bob Rosburg ran into trouble at only one hole—the third—in reaching his 67. He had birdies at the first, fifth, sixth and eighth on the front nine and at the 11th and 16th coming home.

Stan Leonard of Vancouver were in late with a 73, made up of 38 and 35.

Floyd Patterson Takes Day Off

CHATHAM, N.J. (AP)—Floyd Patterson took the day off Thursday at his training camp but did his usual four miles on the road. Instead of boxing later, the heavyweight champion went for a long walk with his sparring partners.

The champ will box today, Saturday and Sunday and possibly Monday. He plans to continue his road work through next Wednesday, the day before his title defence at Yankee Stadium against Ingemar Johansson.

They had a "spy" scare in the camp Thursday. A mysterious 5-5 man, who has been seen around the headquarters this week, was identified as a "spy", not for Johansson but for the New Jersey Athletic Commission. He is Dave Goldberg, a deputy inspector, assigned by commissioner Joe Walker to be sure that no admission was charged, as claimed, at the training sessions.

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Columnist Pays A Visit To Re-Built Campbell Dam

Last Sunday afternoon I visited the re-built Campbell Dam at New Glasgow. It was my first trip to the area since the dam was constructed. The pool below was crowded with sea trout and they were trying hard to get up into the dam above. They'd leap several feet and make the spillway, only to meet with a solid wall of plank at the upper end. The middle passage, or gate, was left closed but water was flowing over the other three. At the base of the closed section there was a quiet backwater and hundreds of fresh run sea trout from 5 to seven inches in length were packed like sardines in this temporary shelter. One could pick them up by hand for some were handled and released.

I thought to myself a person with an ordinary dip or landing net could fill a half bushel basket in a matter of minutes—just like lading soup out of a pot. The larger trout would remain on the spillway. I watched some that were in the 14 inch bracket making a try for upper reaches of the stream only to be blocked with a man made wall. There were 15 or 20 anglers whipping the pool below and most of them were there when I left late in the afternoon. I kept visualizing what could happen after I left and I imagine it did happen. Wednesday afternoon a friend of mine looked the situation over and there wasn't a single trout at the top of the spillway. He intimated that some fishermen filled their

baskets with trout that never felt the prick of a barbed hook. AN AGITATION

For several years now there has been an agitation among a certain element of the angling fraternity to have temporary barriers installed near the head of tide and upstream from good pools. Anglers lament that they lose the best part of the June-July run by permitting the trout to move far upstream to an area where the banks are a maze of tangled alder growth that eliminates fly fishing entirely and cuts bait fishing down to approximately 25 per cent. They talk of the good fishing to be had in the pools below dams that act as a "dead end street" for trout unless equipped with fish ladders. It surprised me to learn that some of our trout biologists are not adverse to "temporary barriers" in streams that have no dams as barriers to their free passage to the inaccessible upper reaches. What angler worth his salt wants trout penned up like crate fattened chickens waiting to be plucked? Some forget if no trout go up stream no trout come down.

Investigation by trout biologists tends to the belief that there is no assurance that a fish-ladder will improve the angling in a pond with respect to the number caught or size of fish. This columnist has no argument to offer as to whether or not fish-ladders improve the trout fishing in the pond above but I am definite-

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Starters With Positions For Saturday June 20th

- PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN TIME.
FIRST DASH GOES AT 7:40.
- NO. 6-9 FREE FOR ALL 2 Dashes at \$400.00 each
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Three Undefeated Cubans Make U.S. Debuts Tonight

NEW YORK (AP)—The Cuban boxing invasion goes full blast tonight when three more undefeated battlers from the land of Kid Gavilan and Castro make their U.S. debuts at Madison Square Garden.

The three invaders are welterweight Florentino Fernandez, who meets Stefan Redl in the television main event, and lightweight Douglas Vaillant and Carlos Hernandez. All three Cubans are 21. They will box 10-rounders.

They follow in the footsteps of welterweight Luis Manuel Rodriguez. This hard-hitting 147-pounder made an impressive showing Wednesday when he decisively whipped former welterweight champion Virgil Atkins in Miami.

Fernandez, a bull-necked, farmer's son nicknamed The Ox, is the star of the new troupe. He is a 5-9, heavy-torsoed 143-pounder with a highly touted record, including 33 knockouts.

The Cuban ace's power will be given a good test by Redl, a stocky, strong, 5-5, 147-pounder. The German-reared fighter, now

a resident of Passaic, N.J., has a 23-3-1 record. He is 26.

Vaillant, 5-10, meets Jimmy Grow, 27, of Lewiston, Idaho. Doug, a plumber when not fighting, has won 16 fights, lost none, tied one, and kayped 12. Grow, an air force veteran, has a 47-9-3 record, including 33 knockouts.

Hernandez, also 5-10, came to Cuba from Venezuela. He has won all eight of his fights by kayos. He will oppose Luke Easter, a 22-year-old prospect from Pittsburgh whose record is 15-3-1 including 9 kayos.

Tigers' Al Kaline Suffers Injury

BALTIMORE (AP)—Al Kaline, Detroit centerfielder, was hit by a thrown ball in a double-play attempt in the first inning of the Detroit-Baltimore game Thursday.

The Tigers had the bases loaded with none out. Kaline, batting fourth, grounded to Orioles shortstop Chico Carrasquel, who threw to second baseman Billy Gardner for the force-out of Charley Maxwell.

Gardner's peg to first to complete the double play was wide and struck Kaline in the head. The injury was diagnosed as a depressed fracture of the left cheekbone. He was taken to hospital for observation.

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