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RON WOLFF

## 2 Wrestlers Win Crowns 'For Area'

DEFIANCE — Ron Wolff, Defiance College sophomore from Mansfield Madison, and Bill Schmidt, freshman from Ontario, both won weight-class wrestling championships in the Mid-Ohio Conference this past season.

Wolff took the top spot in the 145-pound class while Schmidt was the 167-pound champ. Wolff, named captain of the team by his teammates, finished the year with a 12-3-1 record and Schmidt, who started slowly, finished

## Mel Pender Sets Record In Australia

SYDNEY (UPI) — Sprinter Mel Pender set a record in the 100 meter event and teammates Gayle Hopkins, Jim Kemp and Jay Silvester turned in outstanding performances Saturday as U. S. athletes dominated the first day of the Australian men's track and field championships.

Pender established an Australian national record in the 100 meters with a winning time of 10.3 seconds while Hopkins had a long jump effort of 26 feet, 8 1/2 inches. His winning distance was a record but the mark was disallowed because of excessive wind.

Kemp, one of America's top middle distance runners, won the 400 meters event in 46.4 seconds while Silvester, a former Utah State University athlete, took the shot put with a throw of 62 feet.

## Badger Pair Take Fourth

CINCINNATI (AP) — Richard Wonders and Eugene Biesack of Racine, Wis., combined for a 1,277 series Saturday to take fourth place in the regular doubles division of the American Bowling Congress Tournament.

Wonders, a 21-year-old student at the University of Wisconsin, set the pace with a 192-237-211-640 series. Biesack, 23, a production control clerk, had a 637.

Ted Bakstelos and Don Wray of Detroit rule the doubles division with the 1,296 total they piled up Wednesday.

## Bland National

MIAMI — The National League, with its bland announcement there will be "further study" of a plan to expand to 12 teams in 1969, is not telling all it knows. In their panicked little hearts, they will go to 12 teams next year, matching the American League format of two six-club divisions plus a pennant playoff.

It is a losing game that NL president Warren Giles, die-hard foe of expansion, is playing in his ludicrous attempts to sweep under the rug the mounting evidence that a 12-team National League will be in operation in 1969.

Giles' fiction that the league will stick to its 1971 expansion plans was unwittingly dignified by the good, gray Associated Press which chose to report that "the league's three-man expansion committee made no recom-

ommendation about speeding up expansion." This was either sheer over-caution by The Associated Press, or sheer naivete. The three-man expansion committee was not expected to make a recommendation to the league. That will be done when it counts, at the April 20 meeting of all the NL club-owners in Chicago, when expansion for 1969 will be recommended and approved.

## Dead Body?

Expansion watchers have been given their choice of statements by Giles and by Walter O'Malley, owner of the Los Angeles Dodgers and a member of the expansion committee. It should be an easy one.

In scoffing at 1969 expansion, Giles stated, "The league is looking for good, sound, long-term expansion plans. The American League

expanded a year ahead of us last time and we didn't fold up." O'Malley's statement is: "I feel if we must expand, we have to do it now."

Who is to be accepted as the National League spokesman, Giles or O'Malley? Consider their contrasting roles. Giles is the lame-duck, sitting-duck league president who wasn't told to retire last year but was given only a one-year contract by the clubowners after a succession of five-year contracts. Giles doesn't own a vote in NL affairs. In expansion matters, he is labeled an obstructionist. According to Frank Lane, now of the Baltimore Orioles, Giles once told him "the National League will expand over my dead body."

## Expansion push

O'Malley, who has been pushing hard for 1969 expansion, is merely the most influential clubowner in the NL, perhaps in all the majors. He has also been one of baseball's advanced thinkers. He has virtually dictated that San Diego be admitted to the National League in 1969

Giles' opposition is insignificant when the NL clubowners choose to act. They are genuinely distressed by the American League's split division and play-off plan next season, with its threat to the windup of the NL pennant race. The prospect of competing with the fan-interest in the American League play-off leaves NL clubowners shuddering for special reasons.

They know the National Broadcasting Co., which owns television rights to the major league games, would instantly swing away from their pennant race to the more exciting AL play-off. NBC would pay the AL clubs extra revenue for such telecasts with the National League cashing in on none of the new money. Mr. O'Malley, who already has swung eight of the ten NL clubowners to his side, has no notion of permitting such to happen.

## Bitter Feeling

The two leagues have been careful not to show the bitterness that exists between them, but it is there. In a joint meeting of the leagues last August, the AL announced it planned a split, ten-team league in 1968. NL clubowners, led by O'Malley, heaped abuse on AL president Joe Cronin and expansion committee member Gabe Paul of Cleveland, for such action without warning to the NL. Also the topic was ruled out because it was not on the joint meeting agenda.

Cronin and Paul and the other AL powers have been revelling at the NL discomfiture ever since they expanded to ten teams. They have also been enjoying their threat to coerce the NL into expanding quickly. They are laughing at the suggestion that a bitter NL might not play them in the 1968 World Series. The NBC network, which has given the majors a \$50 million TV contract that includes World Series games, has the say about this, not the National League.

The expansion statements to be watched between now and April are those of O'Malley, the NL's greatest achiever, not those of Giles, the figurehead league president who wasn't even invited to a recent top-20 level meeting of clubowners. Giles' mantle of office merely cloaks his ineffectuality in expansion affairs.

## Boyish Tom Shaw Holds Links Lead

By RON SPEER

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — Tommy Shaw, boyish looking wonder of the Pensacola Open Golf Tournament, widened his lead to four strokes with a hot 67 Saturday for a 130 second round total.

"I wouldn't play in weather like this at home," said the ever-smiling teaching pro from Golf, Ill.

He battled through bone-chilling winds and occasional snow flurries wearing long underwear, two sweaters, two pair of pants and a yellow stocking cap.

Shaw was trailed by a big gallery attracted by his opening round 63, which burst the 26-year-old extrovert out of obscurity.

His five-under par score in the second round, which was postponed from Friday, because of heavy rains, matched the best score of the day as bad weather sent totals soaring.

"I AM PLAYING better than I ever have in my life," said Shaw, whose score at the half-way mark equaled the tournament record and was the lowest of the pro tour this year.

Shaw was four shots in front of lanky George Archer, California stringbean who was a 68 for a 134 total.

Gay Brewer had set the tournament record enroute to victory in the 1967 tournament here. Brewer, seeking to become the first pro in five years to win the same tournament three years in a row, was far back in the field with a 70-141.



TOMMY SHAW

## Cincinnati Gets Rice

CINCINNATI (UPI) — The Cincinnati Bengals announced that defensive tackle Andy Rice, obtained from the Houston Oilers in the American Football League player draft, had signed a contract.

Rice, 6-foot-2 and 262 pounds, played a year and a half with Kansas City and was the Chief's starting tackle in the 1967 Super Bowl. He was traded to the Oilers midway through last season. The 26-year-old Rice played college ball at Texas Southern.

## Leading Staker

American had 1,082 stakes races in 1967, compared to England with 186. France had 173, Italy with 101 and Ireland with 41.

# Indoor Track Meet Summary...

## Class AA

50-yard high hurdles — 1, Duane Hill, Mansfield Senior, 6.5; 2, Steward, Mansfield Madison, 3; 3, Curren, Shelby, 4; 4, Leach, Wadsworth's, 5; 5, Larkin, Cleveland Rhodes.  
Distance medley relay — 1, Cleveland Rhodes (Coutler, Kazmier, Wilson, Wilhoit), 11:07.5; 2, Wadsworth, 11:25.0; 3, Ashland, 11:29.0; 4, Mansfield Madison, 11:33.0; 5, Mansfield Senior, 11:33.8.  
Spring medley relay — 1, Cleveland Rhodes (Kozik, Franzinger, Goviazzi, Johnson), 2:33.2; 2, Wooster, 2:36.2; 3, St. Vrain, 2:37.5; 4, Wadsworth, 2:40.2; 5, Ashland, 2:41.7.  
50-yard low hurdles — 1, Hill, Mansfield Senior, 5.1; 2, Walker, Mansfield Senior, 5.4; 3, Fisher, Shelby, 5.7; 4, Clayton, Ashland, 5.8; 5, Culliver, Mansfield Malabar, 5.9.  
Shot put — 1, McLane, Coshocton, 44 feet, 5 1/2 inches; 2, Wood, Ashland, 39 feet, 10 inches; 3, Wittig, Wilson, 37 feet, 10 inches; 4, Wadsworth, 36 feet, 10 inches; 5, Viar, Wooster, 36 feet, 10 inches.  
Long jump — 1, Kooker, Shelby, 19 feet, 11 inches; 2, Franzinger, Cleveland Rhodes, 19 feet, 10 inches; 3, Culliver, Mansfield Malabar, 19 feet, 10 inches; 4, Weitzel, Wooster, 19 feet, 10 inches; 5, Poochbaugh, Ashland, 18 feet, 11 inches.  
High jump — 1, Knepp, Shelby, 5 feet, 8 inches; 2, Rabalin, Wadsworth, 5 feet, 4 inches; 3, Zuppas, Wooster, 5 feet, 4 inches; 4, Stewart, Mansfield Madison, 5 feet, 4 inches; 5, Blevary, Mansfield Senior, 5 feet, 4 inches.  
1600-yard relay — 1, Cleveland Rhodes

## Class A

Mapleton, 5.4; Aurora, 5.5; Newcomers town, 4.8; Hillsdale, 2.8; Plymouth, 12; Mt. Vernon St. Vincent, 6; Crestline, 5; Crestview, 4.  
One mile run — 1, Gonn, Mapleton, 5:01.0; 2, Walton, Aurora, 5:02.0; 3, Durbin, St. Vincent, 5:05.0; 4, Garn, Hillsdale, 5:06.5; 5, Marliatt, Newcomers town, 5:10.0.  
High jump — 1, Stewart, Aurora, 5 feet, 10 inches; 2, Badger, Hillsdale, 5 feet, 10 inches; 3, Schmidt, Newcomers town, 5 feet, 10 inches; 4, Reynolds, Mapleton, 4 feet, 11 inches; 5, Hiner, Hillsdale, 4 feet, 11 inches.  
Long jump — 1, Slinger, Newcomers town, 19 feet, 5 inches; 2, Hickey, Mapleton, 18 feet, 11 inches; 3, Myers, Hillsdale, 18 feet, 11 inches; 4, Griffith, Aurora, 18 feet, 9 inches; 5, Adams, Plymouth, 17 feet, 10 inches.  
50-yard dash — Claypool, Mapleton, 5:21.0; 2, Myers, Hillsdale, 5:25.0; 3, Nesbaur, Aurora, 5:32.0; 4, Ames, Newcomers town, 6:15.0; 5, Henry, Plymouth, 6:15.0.  
50-yard high hurdles — 1, Krapp, Aurora, 7.1; 2, Brown, Mapleton, 8; 3, Strang, Hillsdale, 4; 4, Kok, Plymouth, 5; 5, Crestview, 12:49.  
Spring medley relay — 1, Mapleton (Jewell, Claypool, Briggs, Murtuga), 2:39.0; 2, Newcomers town, 2:41.0; 3, Aurora, 2:42.1; 4, Hillsdale, 2:48.5; 5, Plymouth, 2:49.  
50-yard low hurdles — 1, Brown, Mapleton, 6.7; 2, Krapf, Aurora, 6; 3, Clark, Plymouth, 4; 4, Meyers, Hillsdale, 5; 5, Snader, Newcomers town.  
Two mile relay — 1, Newcomers town (LITTLE, Autt, Zeigler, Ripley), 9:18.4; 2, Wadsworth, 9:19.0; 3, Aurora, 9:24.6; 4, Hillsdale, 9:33.5; 5, Crestview, 9:40.2.  
Distance medley relay — 1, Aurora (Delgado, Pearson, Sorvadi, Harlman), 11:23.2; 2, Newcomers town, 11:32.9; 3, Mapleton, 11:44.4; 4, Hillsdale, 11:38.9; 5, Crestview, 12:13.  
Spring relay — 1, Mapleton (Claypool, Jewell, Brown, Hickey), 1:53.3; 2, Newcomers town, 1:56.6; 3, Hillsdale, 1:56.6; 4, Aurora, 1:58.2; 5, Crestline, 2:01.3.  
Two mile run — 1, Hayes, Newcomers town, 10:53.0; 2, Mapleton, 11:16.4; 3, Durbin, St. Vincent, 11:19.4; 4, MacArthur, Aurora, 11:21.3; 5, Histed, Crestline, 11:21.8.  
1600-yard relay — 1, Aurora (Renzel, Denk, Walton, Pearson), 3:23.1; 2, Newcomers town, 3:27.0; 3, Mapleton, 3:31.7; 4, Plymouth, 3:37.0; 5, Crestview, 3:39.0.

# 'Kids Believed In Selves,' Exults East High Mentor

COLUMBUS (AP) — "The kids believed in themselves, especially at the end."

That's how Columbus East coach Bob Hart summarized his feelings after the irrepressible Tigers, cool and determined, survived the scare of their lives to win their second state high school Class AA basketball championship in six years Saturday night.

IT WAS an old-fashioned shootout with East winning its 24th in a row because it dominated the offensive boards. The final score showed East winning 64-60 over game Hamilton Garfield.

"They wouldn't quit. They believed they could do the job, just like they have all season," Hart said of his gutsy Tigers. "Randy Smith and Ed Ratleff took those shots at the end because they knew they could score."

Hart, dripping with perspiration but savoring every second of the victory in the steaming East dressing room afterward, explained that Smith's turn-around jumper with four seconds left saved his reeling Tigers. It gave East a 62-58 edge after Ratleff's long 25-foot set shot broke a 60-all tie seconds earlier.

Nick Connor probably made the most significant contribution in the see-saw fourth quarter when he tipped in one of East's five offensive rebounds with four seconds to play. That in essence was a major point in the narrow victory that almost slipped away.

"That Connor is out of sight. He's tremendous," commented Hart. Connor had

26 points and grabbed 13 of East's 48 rebounds.

Hart felt his team's 24th straight victory could have been accomplished with more ease had the Tigers fared better at the free throw line. "We made only six of 17. That's not good at all," observed Hart.

The East coach also lauded his guards — Howard Harris and Randy Bias. "They have been criticized all year but they did everything they were supposed to. They got the ball down the floor and gave it to the big men. We wouldn't be here without them," Hart said.

Garfield coach Bob Sweeten was downcast but very laudatory of East's victory even though his squad battled down to the final seconds against the state's top ranked and only unbeaten team.

"EAST HAS a very fine ball club. They won because they outmanned us on the boards. They went on top and

## Finalists Get Four Spots

COLUMBUS (AP) — Columbus East and Hamilton Garfield dominated the Class AA all-tournament team selected Saturday night by a panel of sportswriters.

The championship Tigers landed Nick Connor and Ed Ratleff on the team while brothers Payton and Willie Townsend of Garfield also were selected, along with Mel Foster of Lima Senior. Receiving honorable mention were Paul Howard of Lima Senior, Howard Harris of Columbus East and Al Vilcheck of Euclid.

# Smith Tops Wright By One Blow

PORT MALABAR, Fla. (UPI) — Marilyn Smith lost battles to par and to 20-mile an hour winds, but still fired a 76 Saturday to hold a one-stroke lead over Mickey Wright in the \$10,000 Port Malabar Invitational golf tournament with a 36-hole score of 144.

Miss Smith, complaining of being "short with my irons, short with my wedges," mustered a 39-37, five-over par 76 in the second round of the second stop on the 1968 Ladies Professional Golf Association tour. Miss Wright, two strokes down after Frida's first round, picked up one of them Saturday with 70-75 — 145.

The lowest round of the day was burned in by Jan Ferraris, who added a 72 to her first round score of 77 to finish the day with 149.

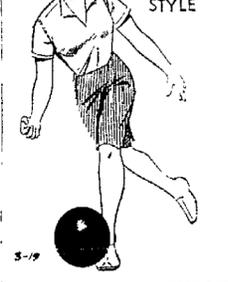
PORT MALABAR, Fla. (UPI) — Second round leaders in the Port Malabar Invitational golf tournament. Marilyn Smith 68-76-144, Mickey Wright 70-75-145, Kathy Whitworth 72-75-147, Debbie Austin 73-75-148, Sandra Haynie 74-75-148, Leslie Holbert 71-77-148, Jo Ann Prentice 75-75-149, Jan Ferraris 77-72-149, Kathy Cornelius 75-75-150, Sandra Spuzich 75-75-151, Judy Kimball 75-76-151, Marlene Hage 78-73-151, Donna Canon 74-75-152, Sybil Griffin 75-77-152.

## Newest Saint

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) — The New Orleans Saints of the National Football League have added Brad Ecklund to their coaching staff for the 1968 season. Ecklund, 46, served the last two years as offensive line coach for the Atlanta Falcons.

## BOWLING TIPS

by Marion Ladewig



## ADOPT SMOOTH STYLE

We emphasize the elimination of mistakes in this column, but finding fault isn't always the best way to improve. Studying the actions of a good bowler can be helpful, particularly if he or she seems to have a sound, graceful style.

By thinking of how a bowler with good timing looks, you can try to adopt some of this same smoothness yourself. It works.

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