

## Competition Still Hot For Masters Invites

DUNEDIN, Fla.—More than a dozen established professional golfers are still competing for Master tournament invitations.

They're adding up points on the winter tour and hoping that the Masters tournament committee will follow its custom of recent years and invite two top performers in the current series of tournaments.

Harold Sargent, president of the Professional Golfers' Association of America, announced today that the PGA tournament committee has set up a point system to determine the winter tour leaders, just in case.

In each PGA co-sponsored tournament between Jan. 1 and April 1, 24 points will go to the winner, 23 to second place and so on, down to one point for 24th place. Each winner will receive a 10-point bonus.

THIS POINT system will determine the two top men not already on the invitation list for the April 3-6 classic at the Augusta National golf club in Augusta, Ga.

It's not an advance, so that the PGA would be prepared in case the Masters tournament committee decided to add two winter tour leaders to its invitation list again this year.

The list of invitees has not been announced by the Masters tournament committee up to this time.

Six men who won PGA co-sponsored tournaments in 1957, Paul Harvey, Roberto DeVicenzo, Stan Leonard, Al Hesselink, Gardner Dickinson, Jr., and Pete Cooper are among those who could qualify through the PGA's point system.

TWO OF THEM were double winners last year, Harvey in the Carling Open and the Labatt's Open, and DeVicenzo in the Colonial National and the All-American Championship.

The others are 1957 champions, too, Leonard in the Greater Greensboro Open, Hesselink in the Kansas City Open, Dickinson in the Insurance City Open, and Cooper in the St. Petersburg Open.

One of the first major tournament winners of 1958, the veteran P. J. Moynihan and John Obergang, who hopes to qualify through the point standings, Harrison won the Tijuana Open last month.

Six others in the struggle for the two positions, in case they are not, are:

**Relay Mark Falls in Rout**

The Birmingham school record in the 200-yard freestyle relay was smashed Friday night as the Maple swimmers routed Southfield, 55 to 30, for their 12th consecutive dual triumph.

Pete Sirtz, Tom Bechtel, Dave Smith and Bill Buick combined talents for a 1:36.5 clocking in the 200-yard relay event, a time that bettered the school mark of 1:37.8.

THE OLD school record was established in 1957 by Bechtel, Sirtz, P. J. Moynihan and John Obergang. The new standard was only three-tenths of a second slower than the state record in the event.

Birmingham captured nine of the 10 firsts, with secondstringers securing much of the action in the lapsid victory.

**Maples Drubbed By East Detroit**

EAST DETROIT—Birmingham high school basketballers were handed their fifth reversal in 11 starts here Friday night, a 58-40 shellacking administered by East Detroit's Shamrocks.

The Maples now sport a 3-3 record in Eastern Michigan league play. East Detroit's overall mark stands at 8-2.

East Detroit, vaulting to a 36-12 halftime edge, had 21 points from Ron Emerick and 17 from Gary Ballman.

**Pontiac Kennel Club Committees Fronted By Area Residents**

Two Birmingham area men have been picked to head Pontiac Kennel club committees.

Mr. G. W. Lawler, 5400 Lane Lake, Bloomfield township, has been named chairman of the trophy committee. E. A. Kraft, 5470 Telegraph, Bloomfield township, recently succeeded as club president, is the advertising and publicity chairman. The selections were made by the club's new president, Volney R. Cotton, Orionville.

KRAFT is a trustee of the club, as John F. Siefen, 2750 W. Fourteen Mile road, Farmington township. Mrs. Kraft is the club's secretary-treasurer.

**Crane, BlueJay Matmen Victorious**

Southfield and Cranbrook notched victories in last week's area prep wrestling competition.

Cranbrook capped its third mat win against two defeats and a tie, a 24-15 decision over Cleveland University school at home Saturday afternoon. The Cranes won seven of the 10 bouts, with Gary Griescheit and Lee MacBride scoring pins for the winners.

A 34-16 TRUMPET last Thursday at Wall Lake was Southfield's seventh in nine outings. The Jays won six bouts, three by pins. Wall Lake scored two pins.



CHISOX HURLER BILL PIERCE  
With Billy, 1, and Patty, 2

## His Ambition? To Play On a Pennant-Winner

FAST BEVERLY—"My main ambition in major league baseball," said Bill Pierce of the Chicago White Sox, "is to be on a pennant winning team and feel that I have done something to help them get there."

"And with the trades that Chicago has made," he continued, "this may just be the year that we'll win the pennant."

Pierce and his family, who live in East Beverly during the off-season, are getting ready to leave for spring training in Florida soon.

LOOKING FORWARD to the trip and keeping their fingers crossed that the cold weather does not continue are Mrs. Pierce, 2-year-old Patty and 4-year-old Billy. Asked if he wanted to be a baseball player like his dad, young Billy replied that he wanted to become a doctor so that he could take care of everyone.

"That was my ambition too when I was a youngster," laughed Pierce, "but somehow baseball interrupted my plans and I have never regretted it."

Signed to a Detroit Tiger contract in 1941, Pierce spent part of the 1945 season with a Detroit farm club and the other half with the Tigers.

IN 1948 he "traded" to the Chicago White Sox for Aaron Robinson and has remained with them ever since.

"The biggest thrill in my career," commented the 30-year-old left-hander, "was pitching in my first all star game in 1954 in Cincinnati."

His 1957 earned run average for over 200 innings in the 1955 season was the lowest ERA recorded in 10 years by a pitcher in the American league.

Although I won only 15 games that year," said Pierce, "I consider it my best pitching performance since I have been in the majors."

THE ONLY major injuries suffered by the 149-pound hurler were a back injury in 1946 and a sore arm in 1954.

The Detroit team for us to beat is the New York Yankees," remarked Pierce, who won 20 games in 1957.

"And as far as batters go, I think they're all rough," he commented, "but among the toughest are Mickey Mantle of the Yankees, Ted Williams of Boston and Harvey Kuenn and Al Kaline of the Tigers."

During spring training and the regular season, a great deal of emphasis is put on running to strengthen pitchers' legs, Pierce says.

"THE REASON for this," states the native Detroit, "is that the

**Presbyterian '5' Still Undeclared In Church Cate**

Unbaptized First Presbyterian stayed out in front of Birmingham's YMCA church court on Monday night making it eight straight wins with a 44-20 rout of St. James Episcopal.

Harold Chapel led Presbyterian with 10 points in a game during honors went to Jim Duffield of St. James with 17.

Lutheran Redeemer stayed in contention by shelling Kirk-in-the-Hills, 40 to 21. Jim Metz sparked Redeemer with 14 points.

JACK SPEICHER'S 21-point effort paced Birmingham Congregational to a 41-20 shellacking of First Methodist. Franklin Community won a forfeit from Community Congregational in Monday's other scheduled game at Derby 43-0.

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## Late Sports Flashes

### Jackets Bombed

HARVEY WOODS—Country Day proved no match for Harper Woods' crowd powerhouse here Tuesday afternoon, as the host preppers shelling the Yellowjackets, 61 to 21, after holding a 33-11 halftime edge. The Harper Woods reserves also won, 37 to 27.

### Barons Bow

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Northville scored a 57-41 Wayne-Oakland bon win over Bloomfield Hills here Tuesday night the 16th defeat in 13 starts for the host Barons. The Hills led at halftime, 23 to 20, but trailed at the end of the third quarter, 40 to 38. John Dickson was high for the losers with 13. The prelin went to Northville, 47 to 38.

### Jays Dunked

ROYAL OAK—Kimball high's swimmers captured seven of 10 firsts here Tuesday night as they breezed to a 61-35 win over South Field. It was the seventh loss in eight starts for the Jay tankers.

### 20 Straight Now

THE Maple four-one of Dave Smith, Dave Kider, Tom Bechtel and Pete Sirtz set of a new school and pool record of 1:37.1 in the 200-yard medley relay Tuesday night as Birmingham's swimmers trounced visiting Ferndale, 7-22.4 for their 20th straight dual triumph. Birmingham won all but one of the 10 firsts. The Maples' Bill Driver tied the pool record of 1:54.7 in the 100-yard breaststroke.

### Cranes in Upset

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Rob Klein meshed 22 points to pace Cranbrook's basketbalers to a 75-42 upset rout of Kimball on the Crane floor Tuesday afternoon. Cranbrook led at halftime, 43 to 17. John Studebaker netted 18 and Tom Bray and Jim Williams 14 each. The winner, Kimball's reserves won, 41 to 35.

### Chamberlain "SOLD" Ours

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second just one stroke behind the winner, Ken Venturi.

GENE BONE, assistant at Tam O'Shanter country club, finished in the payoff in the first time this year. He carded a 275 which put for 20th and netted him \$100.

Some major events still remain on the PGA winter tournament schedule. Next for the golf tour is the \$15,000 Texas Open at San Antonio today through Sunday. The \$10,000 Houston Invitational, Feb. 20-23, follows.

Then the same shifts to Louisiana for the \$15,000 Baton Rouge Open, Feb. 27-March 2, and the \$20,000 Greater New Orleans Open, March 6-9.

THE CIRCUIT then moves on to Florida for a part of the \$15,000 events, the March 13-16 Pensacola Open and the March 20-23 St. Petersburg Open. The Arizona Open, March 28-30, at Wilmington, N. C. wraps up the winter tour.

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## Hebert, Mayer Will Collide In National Golf Day Feature

DUNEDIN, Fla.—Both the Professional Golfers' association champion and the U. S. Golf association champion will compete in national golf day June 7.

A whole new format for national golf day, an event which was announced today by Harold Sargent, president of the PGA of America.

As a high point to the week-long national golf day competition, the PGA of America will handle disbursement of national golf day receipts.

Sargent predicted today that the PGA of America will be successful, ever held under PGA sponsorship.

All of the more than 1,000 golf professionals who are members of the PGA of America will be asked to cooperate in the nationwide golf competition.

Those who beat the winner of the Hebert-Mayer match, with the help of their established handicaps, will receive new, is designed "I beat the champion" medals from the PGA.

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THE ONLY requirements are that all contestants be played between June 1 and 7, inclusive, and that each contestant pay his \$1 entry fee before teeing off and turn in his official card after completing the round.

A special provision will permit ladies to play national golf day rounds for an entry fee of 25 cents. All PGA golf professionals will be urged to play special caddy events during the first week in June.

So far as other golfers are concerned, national golf day rounds can be played concurrently with rounds in club tournaments or golf competitions.

First golf events scheduled between June 1 and 7, inclusive.

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