

Latest National Golf Tournament

DE SOTO LAKES, Fla.—The movement of associating professional golf tournaments with other public events soon gets another application with the introduction of the new national De Soto Open, March 24-27, in conjunction with the colorful annual Hernando de Soto Celebration in adjacent Bradenton, Fla.

As a self-competitive game, golf has steadfast friends almost immediately. It seems everyone "in" golf or familiar with the game lends it a hand—perhaps while, incidentally, helping themselves into a fine golf attraction.

To the "bugs" who love the game, apparently including our President who has brought it new popularity, it appears to be one of those good things everybody wants to share with others.

LEGIONS of friends pursue new avenue to proselytize. They seem sometimes to go far afield but easily find new aficionados for the game that dates to early Scottish beginnings and U.S. introduction in 1888, at Yonkers, N. Y.

Now we find promoters of other events such as the Indianapolis 500-Mile classic and the Kentucky Derby enfranchising side-show golf plus the "industrials" such as Crosby Enterprises, soft drink beer, and distilling companies, and others.

LATEST IS THE De Soto (Lantomb) company. With the De Soto Lakes Golf and Country Club, and adjacent Bradenton's city-extended Conquistadores (Hernando de Soto Historical Society) it is co-sponsoring another new "tee off time" golf tournament.

Additionally, there are many realtors featuring lush golf courses as integral parts of plush new real estate developments, all of which the Professional Golf Association strongly favors as benefiting influences.

CURRENTLY, THE PGA is busily working on several other major new events with "big business" background and assistance, and is hopeful of having some of them come off in 1960, too.

For nearly a score of years now, the Conquistadores and other clubs

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that with adequate instructions, the average swimmer can learn to adapt himself to the underwater environment in comparative safety.

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Be seeing you "down under" this summer.

Detroit Tigers Expand Scout Service Staff

Tiger president William O. DeWitt announced that James A. Campbell, director of minor league operations, has appointed LeGrant E. Scott, of Birmingham, Ala., to the Detroit scouting staff.

A former player and minor league manager, Scott will work with Billy Pierce, longtime Tiger scout, in covering the southeastern states.

DEWITT SAID the signing of Scott to full-time service is another step in the expansion of the Tiger scouting system intended to build up the minor league organization and speed the player procurement and development program.

Scott, who worked for the Philadelphia Phillies as a scout from 1948 to 1954 and later was engaged by the New York Yankees, on a part-time basis, became affiliated with the Tigers in the capacity of a sub-scout two years ago. A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Scott was a pre-medical student at the University of Alabama for three years before turning to professional baseball, first as a pitcher, then as an outfielder.

HE PLAYED with Atlanta and Birmingham of the southern association, Indianapolis of the American association, and Rochester and Toronto of the International league.

At the close of the 1958 season he was acquired by the Phillies from Indianapolis and spent the 1959 season in the National League.

THE SHOW will be the biggest of the current series, with four other strong supporting matches. In the chief preliminary, Roy and Jay Shire will put their world tag team championship on the line against Dick Steinborn and Johnny Weaver.

IN OTHER bouts, Dick Boek will oppose Joe Blanchard, Raul Ramero will tangle with Wee Willie Davis and the Sheik of Araby will take on Emil Dupre.

"The Bruiser is a disgrace to wrestling, and I'm going to give him such a drubbing he will be ashamed to show his face around here again. It is a mockery for anybody as crude as he to be called the U. S. champion. Phoney like him give wrestling a bad name," said Gagne.

Gagne himself is one of the most talented grapplers of any era, which may explain his annoyance at The Bruiser's success.

GAGNE IS A former Big Ten, NCAA and National AAU wrestling champion and a former U.S. Olympic mat man.

The Bruiser, on the other hand, gained all his knowledge of wrestling from his experiences as a bouncer in a Las Vegas gambling hall.

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