

Concentration

Doug Sanders is a study in concentration and good golfing form as he lets go with a drive Friday at the Open. A birdie on the 18th would have tied Sanders with winner Gene Littler, who won by one stroke.



'How About That'

Slammin' Sam Snead watches the flight of his ball after slugging a good one at the Open Saturday. Can't tell if the shot pleased him or not.

Littler Is Champ! 'Slammin' Sam Is Foiled Again

By JOE CADARIU Sports Editor

Gene Littler and Sam Snead have something in common and it's not the type of seltzer water they drink. Both golfers took second places in their first try at the National Open championship. But that's where the similarity ends.

LAST WEEKEND at Birmingham's Oakland Hills, Littler won the U.S. crown with a one-over-par 281 for 72 holes. But Slammin' Sam was foiled again in his 21st attempt for the coveted title.

Quiet, unassuming Littler played in his first Open just after he turned pro in 1954. He was 23 years old. He missed a short putt to tie for the title and Ed Furgol's 284 was one-stroke good enough to win.

A youngster, Snead by name, was burning the fairways in 1937, when Littler was only 6. The hard-driving newcomer was the talk of the town when the classic tourney returned to Oakland Hills after first being played there in 1924.

WHILE QUALIFYING for the '37 Open, Snead fired a 136 which tied a like score by E. J. (Dutch) Harrison for low among all competitors.

Favorites for the title included Tony Manero, '36 champ, and local pro Al Watrous. Not much was said about the flashy 25-year-old from White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., nor about a man named Ralph Guldahl.

On the longest course in Open history, 7,037 yards, powerfully built Guldahl tied together rounds of 71-69-72-69 to edge by two strokes the surprising Snead.

SAM SAID his downfall was the second round when his putting was off and he came in with a 73.

One of golfdom's all-time greats, Bobby Jones, followed Snead and Guldahl throughout the tourney. After the finish, he called Snead the most promising young golfer in the game.

And that he was.

Through the years Snead has won almost every conceivable title—except championship of the United States. (See LITTLER, Page 5-B)



Cleaning the Traps

Bob Rosburg, who was tied for first place after the second round of the Open, had his difficulties during the third and fourth rounds when he shot 74-78, and spent some time in traps. Rosburg shot a 67 in the second round to tie the course competitive record. He said the last round pin placements would hurt some of the golfers. It did.



\$2 Bettor

A spectator, dressed in the role of a perfect golf fan, studies the scorecard at Oakland Hills, giving it more thought than one would the horses at the race track.



Golfing Hierarchy

The greats of golf had a chance to socialize a bit when the National Open took place in Birmingham last weekend. The Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills was the scene of this gathering where these five stars pose together for the first time. Left to right: Walter Hagen, Open champ in 1914 and 1919;

Billy Casper, Jr., champ in 1959; Dr. Cary Middlecoff, 1949 and 1956 winner; Arnold Palmer, 1960 champ and all-time high money winner with more than \$75,000 last year; and Sam Snead (without hat), three-time second place finisher.

Titans, Browns Lead Leagues

Dave Kaloocy of the Titans, Babe Ruth Pioneer League, knocked a grand-slammer to win for the Titans, 9-6, over the Rockets.

Browns of the Satellite League are still riding high over the rest of the pack with seven wins and no losses.

Browns pulled a switch recently by having their catcher, Mitchum, pitch and their star pitcher, Conley, catch. The experiment worked as Mitchum pitched a one-hitter.

BIRMINGHAM BABE RUTH PIONEER

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LAST WEEK'S GAMES

Table of game results for Babe Ruth Pioneer.

SATELLITE

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LAST WEEK'S GAMES

Table of game results for Satellite.

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Two Grand Slams Top League Action

Jeff Mays, a baseball oddity in that he is a "hitting pitcher," pitched a three-hitter and collected the only two hits for the Yankees as they shut out the Tigers, 1-0, in the American Major League, last week.

In the National Major League, the Dodger John Amos hit his second grand-slammer of the season against the Pirates. He also was the winning pitcher, 5-4. Phillip Drew in the Federal Minor League slammed a bases-loaded homer for the Barons, helping to beat the Rangers, 12-4.

IN BLOOMFIELD'S American Major League, the Tigers won the championship for the first half of the season. The Tigers will play the winner of the second half for the league championship.

In the American-National Tee Ball League, David Monicatti saved the game for the Badgers when he caught a line drive, stepped on second for a double play and threw to first to complete the season's first triple play. BIRMINGHAM

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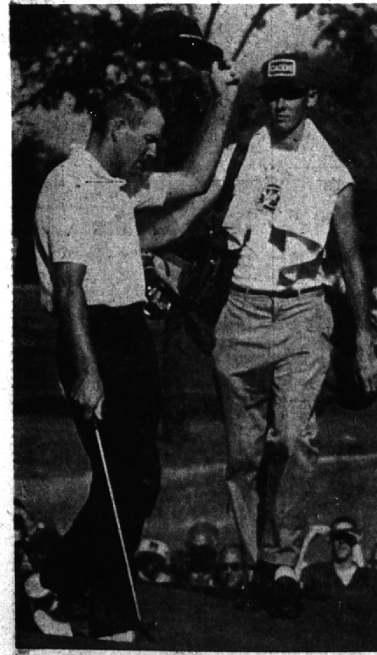
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Hail The Victor!

A tired champion, Gene Littler, doffs his cap after sinking his final putt. At the time Gene didn't know he would be the 1961 Open champion. He retired to the press tent where he watched on TV his closest competitor, Doug Sanders, come in a stroke behind. Littler's 73-68-72-68—281 was good enough to win the likeable Californian his biggest paycheck in quite a while, \$14,000.

Don Morris to Compete in Finland

By JESS MAXWELL, Staff Writer

Don Morris of Seaholm High School is a crew-cut youngster five-foot, eight-inches tall. He is built like a swimmer—feet and streamlined.

But Don, noted as an outstanding diving prospect, is deaf. He neither speaks nor hears.

HE HAS just been selected to participate in the "Olympics for the Deaf" in Helsinki, Finland, Aug. 6-10.

Don is one of 102 selected United States athletes who will represent America in the 1961

International Games for the Deaf. Contestants from 60 countries will participate in the event, which includes track, field, tennis, swimming, basketball, wrestling, and gymnastics.

The W. Bloomfield boy is one of the top divers in Michigan. He was the number one diver at Seaholm, finishing second in league and State Class A championships.

"DON is one of the best divers anywhere—with or without a hearing problem," said Corey VanFleet, swimming coach at Seaholm. "He is an excellent competitor and will be a good representative

for the United States," VanFleet said.

Don will assemble with the rest of the U.S. team at Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C. on July 15 to start training. From there they will journey to Duisburg, Germany, by jet airliner for final conditioning.

FOLLOWING the Games, the U.S. group will tour Europe for two weeks.

Each contestant is required to raise the funds for the trip, which total \$1,850. This includes all food, lodging, transportation, and spending money.

"No special fund raising program is available for the 'Deaf Olympics,'" said Van Fleet. "Thus each participant must raise his own expenses—Unlike the regular Olympics."

Southfield Opens Nine Playgrounds

Southfield Parks and Recreation Department will open nine playgrounds Monday.

To prepare for the intensive summer program, 25 part-time recreation workers will attend a two-day training institute at Southfield No. 10 school today and Friday.

Two four-week series of "learn to swim" classes are being offered to children seven years and older and at least 51 inches in height.

The first session was held Monday. The second session begins July 17. Registration for the second period will take place July 15 at the high school.

TWO WEEKLY teen age and adult swim classes are offered at the high school pool, beginning Monday.

The teen class meets at 7 p.m. and the adult class at 8 p.m. Registration is at the pool.

Family swim nights are offered every Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. at the high school pool.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB will increase its activities during the summer months.

Programs for ladies and gents over 50 years of age include dancing, cards, trips, movies and refreshments.

The club meets on the first and third Thursday evenings of the month at 8 p.m. at McKinley school.

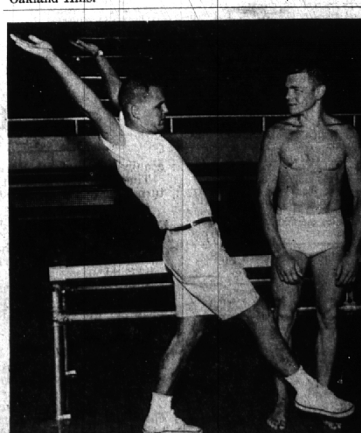
TENNIS CLASSES for beginners will be offered Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Southfield High School tennis courts.

The first class begins Tuesday at 8 p.m. Another class will begin July 17. Registration must be made in advance at the department office.



It Didn't Fall In

A missed putt was the difference between \$1,750 and \$2,616 for Gardner Dickinson. The ball hung on the lip of the cup and Dickinson dropped his club and bowed from the waist down. This happened on the 17th green during the second round of the National Open last weekend at Oakland Hills.



Olympic Diver

Corey VanFleet, Seaholm High School's swimming coach, demonstrates a dive to Don Morris, one of 120 U.S. athletes who will compete in the International Games for the Deaf in Helsinki, Finland.