Super Mex loves pressure

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The pressure was applied immediately by two of the greatest players in the history of golf.

It was just what Lee Trevino needed.

"Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player both birdied the first hole and I'm thinking, 'Hey, they're coming at me in a hurry'," Trevino said. "That's what I need to play good. I like smoke. I've always liked pressure."

And, in one of the most pressure-packed tournaments in recent history, Trevino fired a front-running 70 that provided him with the title in the Tournament Players Championship on Sunday.

At one point, Nicklaus, Player, Tom Watson, Hubert Green, Ben Crenshaw and British Open champion Seve Ballesteros of Spain all shared second place, hot on Trevino's heels.

He proved to be the toughest of them all in the ambitious event that is billed as the annual championship of golf's touring pros. He started the final round with a one-shot lead and, though tied at times, was never headed.

He finished with a 278 total, 10 shots under par on a Sawgrass layout tamer than usual. His total was a course record by five shots.

The win, Trevino's 23rd on the U.S. tour, was worth $72,000 from the total purse of $440,000 — the biggest in North America. It marked the 13th consecutive season Trevino has won at least once.

Crenshaw took second to win $43,200 and become the game's 25th man to reach $1 million in career earnings. He made the finish close with a six-under-par 66 and a 279 total, but a birdie putt that would have tied him with Trevino refused to fall on the final hole.

Watson and Ballesteros were tied for third at 280. John Mahaffey, Mike Reid and Peter Jacobsen were at 282. Green and Player were at 283 and Nicklaus at 284.

Dan Halldorson of Shilo, Man., had a 72 on the closing day, giving him 286 on the tournament. Jim Nelford of Burnaby, B.C., closed with a 73 for a 294 total.

Willie scores winner

VANCOUVER (CP) — Willie Johnston of the Vancouver Whitecaps scored late in the game Sunday to give the home team a 2-1 exhibition win over visiting Toronto Blizzard in a North American Soccer League exhibition game.

Johnston drove the ball past Blizzard goalkeeper Tony Chursky from close range at 85:02 for the victory.

Midfielder Cliff Calvert opened the scoring for Toronto early in the match but Trevor Whymark drew the Whitecaps even with a goal late in the first half.

It was the first exhibition triumph for the defending Soccer Bowl champions, who earlier dropped a 2-1 decision in a shootout to Tampa Bay Rowdies.

Austin wins rich tournament

NEW YORK (AP) — Tracy Austin returns to high school in Rolling Hills, Calif., on Tuesday and becomes just another one of the kids.

The only difference is she's $300,000 richer after winning the $300,000 women's indoor tennis championship at Madison Square Garden on Sunday.

"I don't really think about the money," Austin said after her 6-2, 2-6, 6-2 victory over Martina Navratilova. The victory brought her 1980 earnings to $383,000.

And what does a 17-year-old do with the money?

"I really don't do much," she said. "I live with my parents. I won a car in my first pro tournament. I might go shopping a little bit more than I used to. But I don't buy anything wild."



TRACY AUSTIN
... back to school

Austin methodically defeated Navratilova with accurate passing shots and devastating service returns.

Navratilova, two-time defending Wimbledon champion, lost for only the second time in 38 matches this year. And, Sunday's victory's by Austin reversed the decision in last year's winter tour finale, when Navratilova beat Austin 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

A Madison Square Garden crowd of 13,878 — an all-time one-day attendance record for women's tennis — watched the Avon tour championship.

Navratilova won $52,000 for her runner-up finish. Evonne Goolagong-Cawley took third place by default when Billie Jean King had to withdraw because of a knee injury.

Louisville, UCLA clash for crown

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Louisville and the University of California at Los Angeles, two of the quickest and most disciplined college basketball teams in the United States, meet tonight to decide the U.S. collegiate championship.

The opponents have sparked considerable interest in the big game — neither was expected at the start of the season to make it this far. Louisville has lived in the shadow of the University of Kentucky, while UCLA, a giant under former coach John Wooden, were a nine-game loser this season.

Both teams play aggressive yet highly-sophisticated basketball at a feverish tempo.

The scene is not without its heroes.

Louisville All-American Darrell Griffith, a 6-4, 190-pound senior guard, is a symphony of movement. He leaps like a ballet artist, turns and twists with flair and shoots baskets off either ear.

UCLA counters with 6-8, 220-pound senior forward Kiki Vandeweghe. It's the first trip to the final in five years for the California school. The last time they made it, 1975, the Bruins defeated Louisville 75-74 in overtime in a semi-final.

Vandeweghe scored 24 points Saturday as UCLA downed Purdue 67-62 in one of the two semi-finals.

Louisville won its semi-final 80-72 over Iowa, with Griffith scoring 34 points.

Young nips Nancy Lopez

LAS VEGAS Nev. (AP) — A nine-year-old dream has come true for Donna Caponi Young.

Young fired a two-under-par 70 Sunday to earn a one-shot victory over Nancy Lopez-Melton in a $200,000 Ladies Professional Golf Association tournament.

Clippers advance to finals

NANAIMO, B.C. (CP) — Nanaimo Clippers edged Richmond Sockeyes 3-2 Saturday to win the best-of-seven B.C. Junior Hockey League semi-final series 4-3.

Nanaimo now meets Penticton Knights for the league championship.

Richmond led 1-0 at the end of the first period, but the host club moved ahead 2-1 in the second.

Mike Johnson, Gerry Bogle and Paul Cyr scored for the winners. Brand Hand and Randy Hall scored for Richmond.

Nanaimo outshot Richmond 40-25. Each team had four minor penalties and one major.

U.S. ATHLETES HAVE A PLAN

WASHINGTON (AP) — American athletes' plan seems simple — compete in the summer Olympic Games in Moscow but protest the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan by boycotting all ceremonies, even those at which winners would be presented their medals.

The American Olympians would fly in shortly before the competition begins and leave immediately after, staying within the Olympic Village or the training facilities and not doing any of the things tourists do.

The proposal, approved Saturday by the Athletes Advisory Council of the U.S. Olympic Committee, was sent to the White House. There is no reaction from President Carter.

On Friday, however, Carter told U.S. Olympic athletes that the United States would not participate at all: "I say that not with any equivocation. The decision has been made."

There is no administration reaction to the council's plan to send a five-person delegation to the White House to discuss its proposal.

The U.S. committee, which has said it would support Carter's call for a boycott, has until May 24 to enter a team in the Moscow Games. A decision may be made during a meeting of the the committee's House of Delegates April 11-13.

Regina rink captures title

PERTH, Scotland (CP) — Marj Mitchell's rink from the Regina Caillis Club won the women's world curling championship for Canada on Saturday with a dramatic 7-6 extra-end win over a Swedish rink skipped by Elizabeth Hogstrom.

"That was the toughest one we were ever in," Mitchell said. "Those Swedish girls can curl."

Mitchell had Nancy Kerr at third, Shirley McKendry at second and Wendy Leach at lead.

Canada and Sweden had finished the round-robin portion of the 10-nation tournament with identical 8-1 records. Mitchell's only loss was 8-6 to Sweden, which was beaten 8-5 by the U.S.

In semi-final games, Canada whipped Scotland 9-4 and Sweden beat the U.S. 9-5.

Close to 500 spectators, the largest crowd of the week, watched the final game in the championship, sponsored by the Royal Bank of Scotland.

The Canadians, with last rock on the ninth end, scored two to go ahead 6-5. A miss by Hogstrom on her last rock on the end enabled Mitchell to draw for a pair after she had raised in a Kerr stone with her first effort.

On the 10th the Regina rink was counting two after Mitchell drew into the 12-foot ring at the front of the house. The other was an inconspicuous biter at the back.

Hogstrom took out the Mitchell stone and rolled into the eight foot to lie shot.

Mitchell missed the takeout by a hair and rolled through and all Hogstrom had to do was to draw into the house for the winning point with last rock.

Hogstrom had what looked like perfect weight. She called for some sweeping and her second and lead complied. As the rock passed over the centre line of the house, the Swedes raised their brushes high in victory and the spectators rose and cheered.

SWEEPS FURIOUSLY

Few noticed Kerr furiously sweeping the Swedish stone as it came alongside the Regina biter. It slid past to die no more than two inches beyond the face of the Regina rock.

But everyone noticed when Kerr yelled and raised her brush to signal the extra end.

Hogstrom had a counter back in the 12-foot ring when she came to shoot on the extra end and she drew just inside the house for two. Mitchell took that one off but rolled out.

Hogstrom put her last rock into the four-foot ring. Mitchell made no mistake on her final stone, tapping out the Swedish shot rock and rolling over into the 12, well enough in to get the point and the championship.

Switzerland won the first women's world competition last year.

Curling with Hogstrom were Carina Olasen, Birgitto Sewik and Karin Sjogren.

McKendry played with strained shoulder muscles which hampered her sweeping.

Winnipeg squad tops mixed event

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — "We weren't counting on 12 ends — 10 would have been enough," a smiling Jim Dunstone said Sunday after his Winnipeg rink won the Canadian mixed curling championship with a 7-4 win over John Fortier of Prince Edward Island.

Dunstone enjoyed a 4-2 advantage in the 10th, but Fortier made a flawless double takeout with his last rock and stayed to count two, forcing the match into an extra end.

Dunstone blanked the first extra end when he was a shade thin coming through a narrow port between guards. He took out Fortier's shot rock, but lost his shooter to leave the house empty.

In the 12th, Fortier ignored Manitoba biters at the front of the 12-foot rings and had his shooters try repeatedly to tuck in behind cover on the right side of tie house. When his own last rock kissed a guard, it was left exposed for Dunstone's last rock and the Manitobans' biters counted three to win.

Dunstone had stolen two crucial one-point ends from Fortier earlier in the final, but the Charlottetown skip said it was the second steal, in the seventh end, that hurt most.

The Manitobans cut Fortier out of a possible three points when Dunstone's wife, Carol, playing third position on the rink, put P.E.I. on the defensive with a role that froze to shot rock.

MANITOBA HELD EDGE

That put Manitoba two up, an edge it held after trading points in the eighth and ninth ends.

Dunstone said he felt confident coming home two up in the 10th.

Bruins back on track with Sinden on bench

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

With coach Fred Creighton missing from their corner, Boston Bruins have come out fighting.

"You just can't avoid that kind of contact and be a winner in this league," said Harry Sinden, the Bruins' general manager, after his scuped-up charges thrashed Philadelphia Flyers 7-2 in National Hockey League action Sunday night.

Sinden took over behind the bench Saturday after firing coach Fred Creighton in Atlanta. The Bruins defeated the Flames later that day and flew home to Boston, where they merely got meaner.

There were 10 fighting majors assessed in the game — two each to Boston's Terry O'Reilly and Philadelphia's Jack McIlhargey.

"Forechecking and checking all over the ice — that's the forte of the Montreal Canadiens, the Philadelphia Flyers and the Boston Bruins," said Sinden. "And they've been the three best teams in this league for quite a while."

Elsewhere, Montreal Canadiens extended their undefeated streak to 15 games with a 6-1 win over New York Rangers, Minnesota North Stars made it five wins in a row with a 7-1 romp over Colorado Rockies, Quebec Nordiques dumped Vancouver Canucks 6-2, Pittsburgh Penguins defeated Winnipeg Jets 4-2, Chicago Black Hawks beat Atlanta Hawks 4-2 and New York Islanders and Buffalo Sabres tied 1-1.

On Saturday, the Canadiens fought back from a three-goal, third-period deficit to tie Hartford Whalers 5-5, Buffalo defeated Toronto Maple Leafs 5-1, Boston beat Atlanta 5-2, St. Louis Blues won 6-2 over Washington Capitals, Colorado blasted Detroit Red Wings 5-1, Los Angeles Kings defeated Quebec 4-1 and Chicago and the Islanders tied 4-4.



TERRY O'REILLY
busy night

Rick Middleton scored his 38th and 39th goals of the season for the Bruins, who scored three unanswered goals in the second period to break open a game that was tied 1-1 after 20 minutes of play. O'Reilly, Mike Milbury, Pete McNab, Al Secord and Bobby Lalonde added one each. Paul Holmgren and Bob Kelly replied for the Flyers.

Boston defenceman Ray Bourque drew an assist to tie a league record for rookie defencemen at 60 points. Bourque, who played for Verdun Black Hawks of the Quebec major junior league last season, was Boston's first amateur draft pick last summer and eighth over-all.

Canadiens 6 Rangers 1

Steve Shutt and Bob Gainey each scored two third-period goals and Guy Lafleur added three assists for the Canadiens in New York. Gainey also assisted on the game-winning goal by Doug Jarvis and had Montreal's first shorthanded goal of the season to help the Canadiens to their 12th win — with three ties — in the 15-game streak.

"It's been a long year for us — thank goodness," said Gainey, who had nine shots on goal as the Canadiens enjoyed a 43-24 edge in that department. "It's given us a chance to regroup and put this year's team into some kind of order so we can be a challenger in the playoffs."

Stars 7 Rockies 1

Colorado had 13 shots on net — the fewest ever by a Minnesota opponent in the team's 13 years in the NHL.

Steve Payne became the third player in North Stars' history to score 40 goals in a season.

Nordiques 6 Canucks 2

Goran Hogosta played his first game in more than three months and provided solid goaltending as Quebec took advantage of its few scoring opportunities to post the win. Hogosta kicked out 36 shots and the Nordiques got two power-play goals from centre Bob Fitchner.

Penguins 4 Jets 2

Mark Johnson, a member of the U.S. Olympic championship hockey team, scored his first two NHL goals to spark Pittsburgh's offence.

Penguin coach Johnny Wilson, who has used Johnson sparingly, said the rookie has a future in the league.

"He handles the puck extremely well and he's got a good shot," said Wilson.

Hawks 4 Flames 2

Grant Mulvey scored his 36th and 37th goals in a 16-second span in the third period to lift Chicago to the home-ice win.

Sabres 1 Islanders 1

Jim Schoenfeld scored for the Sabres and Bob Nystrom for the Islanders in the first 13 minutes at Buffalo and goaltenders Bob Sauve of Buffalo and Billy Smith of New York played flawless hockey the rest of the way.

Ruel will not return

MONTREAL (CP) — Claude Ruel, who took over as coach of Montreal Canadiens after Bernie Geoffrion resigned Dec. 12, says he won't be back behind the National Hockey League club's bench next season.

The Canadiens, who struggled under Geoffrion, have rebounded under Ruel and are battling Buffalo Sabres for second place in the over-all standings.

"It has nothing to do with money," Ruel said. "I told you a long time ago, I've told you many, many times that I wasn't interested in being a head coach here or anywhere else.

"You know why I came back. It was the thing to do. I had to do it. It was something I could contribute, but look — when you're a head coach they expect you to be perfect."

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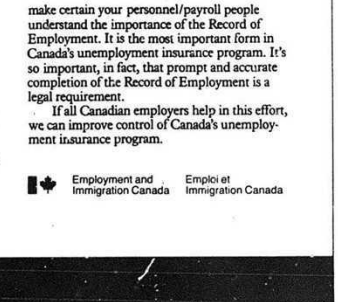


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