

Texan recovers in time . . .

Rogers nails down British Open

SANDWICH, England (AP) — Bill Rogers, once teetering on the brink of collapse, righted himself with critical consecutive birdies and quick-stepped his way to a final-round 71 and a four-stroke victory Sunday in the 110th British Open Golf Championship.

The skinny, 29-year-old from Texarkana, Tex., claimed the first major title of his seven-year pro career with a 276 total, four shots under par on the 6,829-yard Royal St. George's Golf Club links.

Rogers, runnerup in the U.S. Open last month, had a commanding five-stroke lead when the final round started, but watched in stone-faced dismay as it dwindled to a single shot only seven holes deep into the round.

Most of the troubles were of his own making. And most of them came on the 529-yard, par-5 seventh.

He drove into the rough, put his second on the bank of a bunker, hit his third shot far to the right of the green, over the heads of gallery, was short with his pitch from the deep rough, chipped to four feet, and missed it.

It was a double bogey-7, chopping his margin to a single stroke over young Bernhard Langer of West Germany, with dangerous Ray Floyd only two back.

Rogers scored a routine par on the next hole, then birdied the next two. He was in command again, this time to stay.

The victory was worth \$50,000 from the total purse of \$400,000.

Langer, the 24-year-old son of a Munich bricklayer, took second with a par-70 final round and a par 280 total. It was the best finish by a German in a major golf tournament.

James, a British regular on the European tour, and Floyd shared third at 83. James shot a 73 and Floyd matched par 70 in the chilly, breezy weather.

Sam Torrance of Scotland, benefitting from a hole-in-one on the 16th, managed a 70 despite a double bogey on the last hole and was alone at 284.

Bruce Lietzke, Rogers' roommate at the University of Houston, and Manuel Pinero of Spain were next at 285. Lietzke shot a closing 69 and

Pinero a 70.

Ben Crenshaw, who blew his chances with a poor performance in the third round, Howard Clark of Great Britain and Brian Jones of Australia were at 286. Clark had a closing 68, Crenshaw and Jones 71s.

Jack Nicklaus, holder of a record 17 major professional titles, simply couldn't recover from an opening 83, the worst of his career. Tom Watson, the defending champion, took himself out with a 75 in the third round.

They finished in a tie for 17th at 290. Also at that figure was 51-year-old Arnold Palmer, a two-time British Open king.

Nicklaus had a par-70 in the final round, including 16 pars, a birdie and a bogey. Watson shot 73 and Palmer a 71.

Each, in turn, was saluted with loud, sustained, warm ovations from the portion of the gallery of some 30,000 who were able to find seats in the stands around the 18th green. So was Lee Trevino, twice a winner of this title and one of the great gallery favorites. He had a closing 73 and a 287 total.



Texan Bill Rogers, right, and caddy Chris Frame celebrate victory in the British Open Sunday.

Miller hurls another blast

NEW YORK (AP) — The chief negotiator for striking major league baseball players says the sport's management wants to break the players' union, a charge denied by one of the club owners.

Marvin Miller, executive director of the Major League Players Association, also accused his counterpart for the owners, Raymond Grebey, of lying in an attempt to split the union membership.

"It has been clear from the beginning that the intent was to gravely weaken the players' association, if not shatter it completely," Miller said in an interview on NBC Radio's "Sports at Large" broadcast. "And that has been its sole and major purpose."

In statements that the owners' proposal for free-agent compensation would affect only 10 current major leaguers, Grebey, director of the Player Relations Committee, is attempting "to shatter unity by lying, and I say that advisedly," Miller continued.

"Why would an industry buy \$50 million worth of strike insurance and provoke this strike and keep it going if only 10 players were affected?" he said.

"If I had any indication that we were trying to break the union, you'd hear about it from me, because I don't think that would be proper," Roy Eisenhardt, new owner of the Oakland A's said. "And I have to say that I have never sensed that."

Meanwhile, in Washington, federal mediator Kenneth Moffett will have the home field advantage today as negotiations move to the nation's capital.

Moffett and Secretary of Labor Raymond J. Donovan will meet with both sides beginning at 2 p.m. EDT.

Donovan has labeled the talks "a last ditch effort" to salvage the season.

"The American people want baseball and they want a World Series," he said.

The 5-week-old strike has claimed 449 games, over one-fifth of the regular season, and forced postponement and possible cancellation of the All-Star game.

Mark Belanger, Baltimore player representative who has attended most of the negotiating sessions, said the switch to Washington would not necessarily make a settlement easier to reach.

"If we go to Washington and the same thing prevails, there will not be any smiling," Belanger said.

The Orioles' shortstop also said that there was a very real possibility of the season not resuming.

"I wouldn't be surprised if in 1981 there is no more baseball," he said.

The key issue remains compensation to teams who lose players in the re-entry draft.

The club owners' \$50 million insurance policy, which pays each team \$50,000 for each game it misses, runs out Aug. 5.

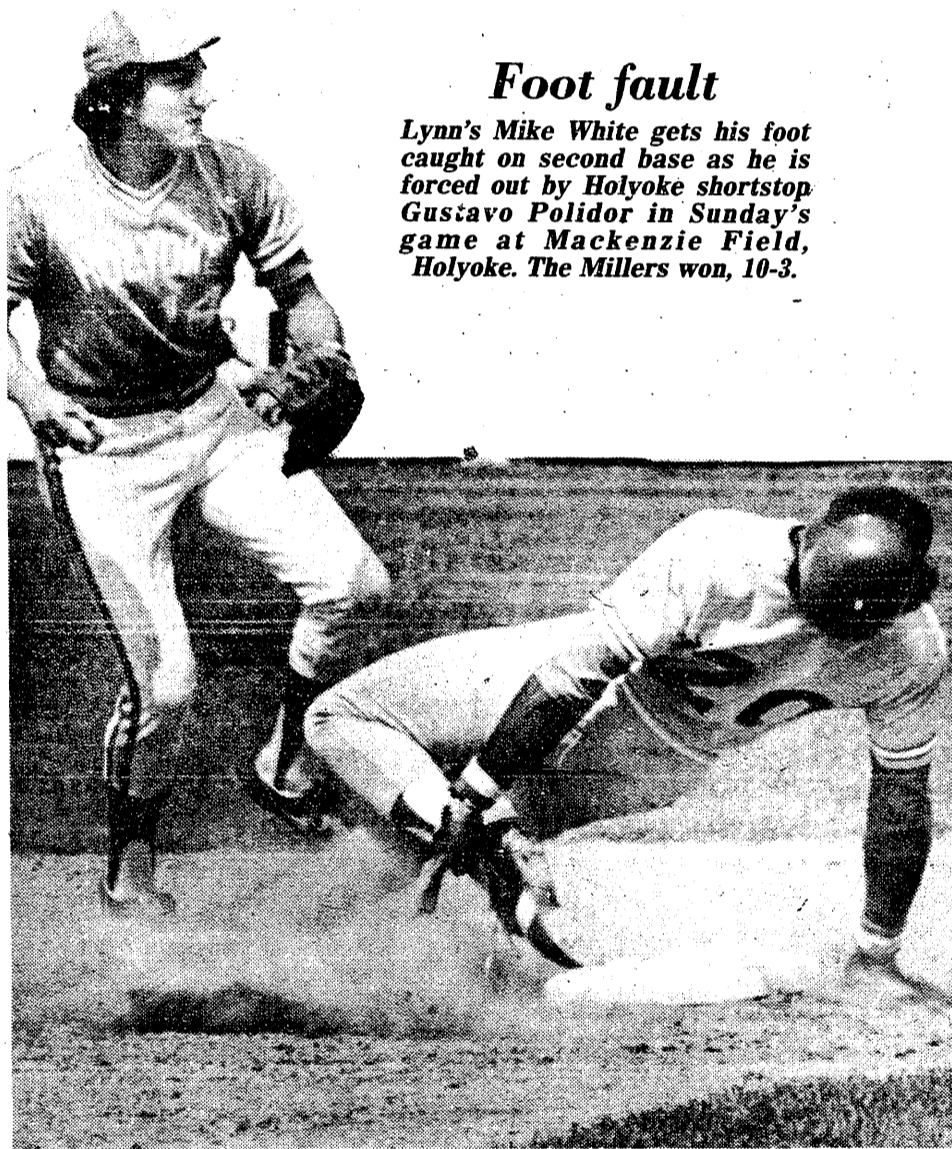
Runner Oparowski second on Cape Cod

ORLEANS — Paul Oparowski, an East Longmeadow native now living in Derry, N.H., placed third Sunday in the annual 13.1-mile Cape Cod road race that was won by Greg Meyer of Holliston. The winner's time was 1 hour, five minutes and 21 seconds.

Jack Fultz of Lincoln, who issued a strong challenge to Meyer, was second.

Joan Benoit of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, retained the women's crown in the half-marathon which drew a total field of 1,360 runners.

Nancy Konz of Easthampton finished second among the women in 1:13.48. Jane Welzel of Lee was third in 1:16.57.



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Foot fault

Lynn's Mike White gets his foot caught on second base as he is forced out by Holyoke shortstop Gustavo Polidor in Sunday's game at Mackenzie Field, Holyoke. The Millers won, 10-3.

Millers' bats explode against Sailors, 10-3

By FRAN SYPEK
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HOLYOKE — Hitting can become contagious, as the Holyoke Millers showed Sunday afternoon at Mackenzie Field where they exploded for 15 hits en route to a 10-3 Eastern League victory over the Lynn Sailors before 761 fans.

Everybody got into the act for the Millers, with each member of the lineup collecting at least one hit.

"We haven't hit the ball like this in a long time," said Miller skipper Jim Saul.

Gary Pettis was the Millers' sparkplug; he did what a leadoff man is supposed to do — get on base.

The fleet center-fielder had three hits in four plate appearances and was outright larcenous on the basepaths with three steals. Throughout the season, it has seems like the Millers play their best baseball when Pettis gets on base.

Pettis, who has been plagued by some nagging injuries to his left knee and a pulled muscle in his back, raised his stolen base total to 39.

"If his knee hadn't been bothering him, he could have had even more stolen bases," admitted Saul.

Other offensive standouts were Ricky Adams, who also went three-for-four and Les Pearsey, who knocked in three runs. The ironic aspect of the whole thing was that the Millers didn't arrive home from Saturday night's game in Lynn until after midnight, forcing Saul to cancel batting practice.

"This is a funny game," said Saul. "Maybe not having batting practice is the answer."

The main beneficiary of the plate prowess was Miller pitcher Bill Mooneyham, who evened his record at 7-7. Mooneyham admitted that he didn't have his best stuff, but the right-hander fanned four to establish a new Holyoke record for strikeouts.

Mooneyham now has 104 strikeouts, two better than Mike Dempsey's previous mark of 102 set in 1978.

The Millers held a 4-3 lead entering the bottom of the eighth before breaking the game open with six runs. Curt Brown, who relieved Mooneyham in the top half of the inning, completed the game to earn his sixth save.

Patriots open camp for new NFL season

SMITHFIELD, R.I. (UPI) — The New England Patriots open their annual summer training camp today at Bryant College with 58 rookies, free agents and selected veterans, but there will be a few missing faces.

Offensive lineman Brian Holloway of Stanford, the team's first-round draft choice, and Stanford punter-kicker Ken Naber, a late-round choice, are both unsigned.

In addition, veteran linebackers Rod Shoate and Steve King, tight end Don Hasselbeck, defensive lineman Ray Hamilton, running back Horace Ivory and reserve quarterback Tom Owen are all unsigned for the season.

Tennis at Longwood . . .

Gildemeister, Clerc in U.S. pro final

By JERRY RADDING
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BROOKLINE — South American Hans Gildemeister, the singles runnerup here two years ago but more successful as a doubles player since, took a 6-3, 6-1 cruise past Bernard Fritz of France Sunday in the semifinals of the U. S. Pro Tennis Championships at Longwood-Cricket Club.

In a night match, top-seeded Jose-Luis Clerc of Argentina gained the final with a 7-5, 6-0 victory over third-seeded Eliot Teltscher.

Gildemeister and Clerc will be clashing for the \$28,000 top prize tonight at 8.

It took the 13th-seeded Gildemeister only 59 minutes to get rid of the unseeded Fritz, a 27-year-old campaigner who had to go through the qualifying round to get into the tournament.

"I just played my basic game," said Gildemeister. "I stayed back and made him run because I knew he would get tired and make errors."

The two-handed court craftsman from Santiago, Chile, was in trouble only once. He dropped his service in the second game and trailed 2-0. He was one point away from going into a 3-0 hole before he started his comeback.

"If I got that 3-0 lead I could have won the first set," reflected Fritz, "but I think

I was playing too fast. I was going to the net too early, instead of waiting for the right moment.

"I was very relaxed at the start but in the second set I got tired. My back started to bother me and I couldn't serve.

"But this tournament has been very good for me. It's helped my confidence. My ranking will be going up and I won't have to qualify for the next tournament."

At 0-2 in the first set, Gildemeister took the next four games. Fritz held his service at love in the seventh game, but that was the last game he was to win until he was behind 4-0 in the second set.

Fritz salvaged his final game for 1-4 but won only one point in the last two games as the match ended.

Does Gildemeister, playing his first tournament since the French Open early in June, feel he can go all the way here?

"Once you're in the finals, anything can happen," he answered. "I've been playing a little better every match here. I'm improving — especially my serve."

Teltscher beat Ricardo Cano of Argentina, 6-4, 6-3, in a morning quarterfinal match which was rained out on Saturday night.

The 22-year-old Californian now living in Sebring, Fla., showed his best form at

the start when he took a 3-1 lead in the first set.

Clerc, forcing his foe out of position with his strong forehands and moving to the net for easy putaways, eventually pulled even at 4-4. He broke Teltscher in the 12th game to take the set when the former UCLA All-American hit long with a forehand from the baseline.

The second set was all Clerc, with the tourney favorite showing poise and confidence and Teltscher looking tired at the end.

Clerc sympathized with his opponent's morning-night schedule. "I know it's very difficult to play two matches in one day," he said. "I'm glad I didn't have to do it."

BASELINE BANTER — One of the linemen here is Ray "Sugar Bear" Hamilton of the New England Patriots. Somebody asked him what he'd do if John McEnroe gave him a hard time. "I'd pick him up and wring him out," said Hamilton with a smile. . . . Leon Gray, a former Patriot now with the Houston Oilers, was a spectator. . . . A busy man in the chair was Norris Bond, a leading New England official who has been head referee for the Teaching Pros tournaments at Longmeadow. . . . Second-seeded Raul Ramirez and Pavil Slozil moved into the doubles finals with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Robert Van't Hof and Van Wintsky. . .



JOSE-LUIS CLERC
... Longwood finalist