

Palmer Wilts; Player Wins Masters Title

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AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—Gary Player, the bold little man from South Africa, won the Masters golf title by a stroke yesterday.

Arnold Palmer blew to a double bogey 6 on the last hole in his bid to repeat as champion.

Player, with an erratic 74 in the rain-delayed final round finished with a 72-hole score of 280, 8 under par for the four rounds over the nerve-wracking 6,980-yard par 36-36-72 Augusta National course.

Palmer, who had a second straight Masters title in his pocket up to the final hole, finished in a tie with amateur Charlie Coe, two-times U.S. amateur champion, one stroke behind at 281.

It was the sixth straight year that the Masters title has hung on the last few strokes. Palmer won it last year by shooting birdies on the last two holes.

Yesterday, needing only a par at the 18th to beat Player by a stroke, he hit into a sand trap, cuffed the ball like a duffer around the green of the 420-yard hole and came in a stroke behind with a last round 71.

Player, a slightly-built somber-looking figure who wears an all-black costume on the course carried a four stroke lead into yesterday's play after torrential rains had washed out Palmer's bid for the title Sunday. The scheduled Sunday finals were canceled after Palmer cut Player's lead to two strokes.

Yesterday Player set out as if to wrap up the title and the \$20,000 prize money early, shooting birdies on the first two holes. But he almost came un-

stuck going around the horn—that difficult part of Augusta National from the 10th through the 13th holes.

Gary went three over par with a bogey 5 on the 10th hole and double bogey 7 at the 475-yard 13th and Palmer caught him. Then Player bogeyed the long 15th and Palmer, shooting sure par golf, moved a stroke ahead.

At that stage it appeared all over. Palmer had fired a 3-under-par 33 on the front nine and hadn't missed his par for eight holes coming back.

Player, who finished about a half hour ahead, was sitting in the lounge of Augusta National's quaint clubhouse watching the action on the television screen and grimacing with every shot when it happened.

Palmer got off a fair drive on the 18th. He hit his second shot badly and it rolled into a trap at the right of the green as a gallery of some 7,500 looked on.

Obviously shaken Palmer hesitated about selecting a club, then banged his trap shot clear across the green into the crowd and down a bank. He had to get down from there in two to tie. But his pitch stopped some 15 feet beyond the cup and he failed to make the putt coming back.

Celtics Can Clinch Title With Victory Tonight

BOSTON (AP)—Boston can clinch its fourth National Basketball Association playoff title in five years tonight and the players say the team still hasn't performed at peak potential.

Time has run out for the battling St. Louis Hawks who step on the Boston Garden court on the short end of a 3-1 count in the best-of-seven final series.



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DR. FROOD'S THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: The best defense is a good offense, unless you're weak or cowardly, in which case a good hiding place is unbeatable.

3rd Straight Title--

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The flying rings have been discontinued in national as well as dual meet competition.

Tumbling and rope climbing also have been discontinued in dual meet competition but will be held in the NCAA tourney for at least another year.

The still rings, the long horse vault and free exercise — all Olympic All-Around events — will be regular events in all dual meets starting next year.



DEAR DR. FROOD: Every guy I go out with thinks he's Casanova. What should a girl do?

Chased

DEAR CHASED: Ask each one to roll up his sleeve. If there is a small birthmark just above the left elbow, you've got the real Casanova.



DEAR DR. FROOD: A tackle on the football team likes the same girl I do. He says that if I see her any more, he'll mop up the floor with me. I refuse to be intimidated! What should I do?

Ninety-nine Pounder

DEAR NINETY-NINE: You'd better let your hair grow long.



DEAR DR. FROOD: I am a sophomore majoring in architecture. Our college has just completed a magnificent carillon tower. Yesterday, while examining the blueprints, I was horrified to discover that the tower will collapse at 3:30 P.M., June 3, 1964. I have taken my calculations to the dean, to the architects, to the builders, to the president of the college. No one will pay any attention to me. I am desperate. What can I do to avert disaster?

Frantic

DEAR FRANTIC: You've done your best, son. Now, for your own peace of mind, won't you join me in a short trip to Las Vegas to see what kind of odds we can get?

DEAR DR. FROOD: I've been writing poems to a certain girl for about five months. Yesterday I found out that this girl and her friends get together to read my poems and laugh at them. Do you think I should stop writing to her?

Upset

DEAR UPSET: Definitely not. There are all too few humorous poets writing today.



FROOD TO WASHINGTON! Dr. Frood has been called by government officials to unveil his extraordinary "Luckies for Peace Plan." Questioned about this plan, Frood replied: "The details are still classified, but it all started when I discovered that college students smoke more Luckies than any other regular. This led me to believe that if all the world's peoples would but lean back and light up a Lucky, they would be too happy to be belligerent."

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