

Nicklaus 'Masters' Weiskopf, Miller

Record fifth victory

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Jack takes the victory leap

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Snaps 'No. 5 jinx'

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—Jack Nicklaus' dramatic victory in the Masters yesterday broke the back of the historic "No. 5 Jinx" in one of golf's major championships.

Until Jack won for his fifth green jacket, No. 5 had been a voodoo number that had plagued the game's greatest—old Willie Anderson, Bobby Jones, Ben Hogan, Walter Hagen, Arnold Palmer and Nicklaus himself—through the years in this country's two major stroke-play tournaments, the Masters and U.S. Open, and the British Open.

Palmer was a relatively young man of 35 when he won the fourth of his Masters in 1964. He had Augusta in the palm of his hand. No one questioned that in subsequent years he not only would win a fifth but perhaps a sixth, seventh and eighth.

Now 11 long and agonizing years have passed for the charger from Latrobe, Pa. He not only has failed to win another Masters, but also has been unable to capture another major crown of any description.

He is apparently barred by the "No. 5 Jinx."

Nicklaus' fourth Masters came three years earlier for him—at age 32—than it did for Palmer. The year was 1972. In the nine years from his first in 1963, he set virtually every record in the event—the youngest champion, first back-to-back winner, lowest winning score and biggest margin.

Only three men have won four U.S. Opens, none five. They were Willie Anderson, Bobby Jones and Ben Hogan, each with radically different experiences.

Willie Anderson, a young Scotsman about whom little is known, won in the primitive years—first in 1901, then in consecutive years, 1903, 1904, 1905.

Walter Hagen began painting the British Open red, white and blue with his first championship there in 1922. He repeated in 1924, 1928 and 1929. Although he won five American PGAs—a match play event at the time—he never got No. 5 in the British Open.

Bobby Jones, a golfing prodigy from Atlanta, won the first of his Opens in 1923, a round-faced kid of 21, and the fourth in 1930, the year he swept the U.S. and British Amateurs and the U.S. and British Opens for his fabled Grand Slam.

Bizarre was the case of the great Ben Hogan. He won his first Open in 1948, then he suffered a near fatal automobile accident. They said he might never walk again, much less play golf again.

He not only walked, he played golf, winning the Open in 1950; 1951 and 1953. But no more. A fluffed three-foot putt on the 16th cost him a fifth Open in 1956 at Rochester, N.Y., where Cary Middlecoff won. At Denver in 1960, an inch more on his shot at No. 17 might have meant the title, but the ball fell in the water, and Palmer won his only Open.

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—Jack Nicklaus, firmly and authoritatively reasserting himself as the world's premier golfer, emerged from a three-man scramble with Tom Weiskopf and onrushing Johnny Miller and scored a record fifth victory in the Masters golf tournament yesterday.

Nicklaus, who started the final round one shot back of Weiskopf, also boosted his record collection of major titles to 15 with his final round 68 and a 276 total, 12 under par on the 7,020 yards of rolling hills that make up the famed Augusta National Golf Club course.

But he had to struggle to do it.

Weiskopf led as late as the 15th hole of the final round. Miller, the young man whose early-season exploits caught the fancy of the nation, bolted into contention with another record performance and could have tied with a birdie on the 18th hole.

But he missed from about 18 feet for the birdie that would have forced a playoff, the ball slipping by on the low side as Miller cradled his blond mop of hair in both forearms, his youthful face contorted in anguish.

Then Weiskopf, who was

some eight feet above the hole, had his chance to tie it on the final hole. He needed that putt to gain the green jacket he so desperately covets.

His face a grim mask of concentration, he lined it up. He tapped it. And he missed on the right side. His shoulders slumped. He was a runner-up again, for a record-matching fourth time.

Miller had a fantastic 66, six under par, in his final round. Weiskopf, that undeniably talented but sometimes temperamental man, closed with a 70. They tied for second at 277, just one slim stroke back of Nicklaus, who watched from the scoring tent as his rivals' closing bids failed.

No one else really got in the title chase.

Hale Irwin, the U.S. Open champion who played about two hours in front of the leaders, came on with a brilliant, record-matching 64 in the bright, warm, sunny weather to claim a tie for fourth at 282, a distant six shots back of the winner.

He was tied with veteran Bobby Nichols, a former PGA champion and the head pro at

the Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio, who had a closing 69.

Portly veteran Billy Casper was next, shooting 70-283.

Dave Hill came on with a 68 and was next at 284.

Lee Trevino, who came to this event only because he won last year's PGA national championship and was hoping for a career grand slam, never really got in it. He had a 71-286.

Arnold Palmer, that legendary 45-year-old, received a series of standing ovations as he fought his way around in a solid par 72 for 287.

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—Final top scores and money winnings in the 39th Masters golf tournament at the 7,020-yard, par 3636-72 Augusta National Golf Club a-depotes amateur:

Jack Nicklaus	\$40,000
Tom Weiskopf	\$21,250
Johnny Miller	\$21,250
Hale Irwin	\$12,500
Bobby Nichols	\$12,500
Billy Casper	\$7,500
Dave Hill	\$6,000
Tom Watson	\$4,500
Hubert Green	\$4,500



A weekend for Mikes—Mike Sands above, Mike Shine at right. Together, they captured 10 events at the Nittany Lion Relays.

Sands, Shine sparkle in Nittany Relays

By DAVE BROWN
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Mike Sands and Mike Shine may be the best pair of trackmen ever to man the starting blocks for Penn State.

The two All-Americans made believers of spectators, visiting coaches, and competing athletes at the Nittany Lion Relays this past weekend as they overcame some outstanding track talent and the near "polar bear country" weather conditions.

Together they won nine first place trophies and shared honors as the most outstanding track athlete of the meet (selected by a panel of visiting coaches).

"The two guys, Shine and Sands, it was really a great performance on their part," PSU track coach Harry Groves said. Paced by the efforts of Sands and Shine, the Nittany Lions dominated the meet by winning an amazing 10 events.

Cornell (four wins) and Villanova and the Philadelphia Pioneers (three wins each) were the next highest team finishers. Groves conceded that his squad had more individuals participating in the meet than any other team, but nothing can distract from the Lions' fine showing.

However, one thing that obviously distracted from the caliber of performances was the cold, windy environment of

Beaver Stadium which Groves called "polar bear country."

"Did you see the 880-relay?" asked Groves. "If the wind had stopped, those guys would have fallen on their faces. Anything beyond the quarter mile was zipped (time-wise)."

"There were a lot of great athletes and some great competition, although the performances won't bear it out because of the weather." "But there were some great performances today (Saturday)."

Penn State's Bill Gifford pole vaulted 16 feet to set a meet record and earn the outstanding field performer award.

"Even with the tail wind, it was out of sight," Groves said of Gifford's winning vault.

Friday's conditions were less severe and the Lions took advantage of them to win two of the four events held that day. Shine set a meet record with his 52.8 in the 440 intermediate hurdles and his time would have been considerably faster if a misplaced hurdle hadn't ruined his timing.

Friday's other win for the Lions came in the distance medley relay. The team of George Dixon, Sands, Jim Morrison, and George Malley scored a come-from-behind victory when Malley's kick was too much for the Cornell anchor man.

In Friday's six-mile run, PSU's George Christopher led for the first four miles, but Cornell's Scott Meyers eventually pulled away for the win. Christopher finished second and Nittany Lion Ed Darken was sixth.

Saturday belonged to Messrs. Sands and Shine.

Sands, who won the 1975 NCAA indoor 440 championship, opened the afternoon by winning the invitational 100 in a wind-aided 9.5.

Shine had an incredible 13.6 time for the 120 high hurdles, but his winning time was obviously aided by a strong wind.

In one of the few records not tainted by the wind, the Blue & White snapped a meet and stadium record with a 59.7 in the shuttle hurdle relay. Dennis Rock, Pete Kiproff, Randy Moser, and Shine obliterated the old mark of 1:00.6 set by PSU last year.

Two of the meet's most thrilling moments came in the Lion victories over Essex Community College in the 440 relay and 880 relay.

The relay team of Rock, Steve Hackman, Shine and Sands scored both of these triumphs. Sands wiped out Essex leads in both races with exciting anchor legs.

In the four-mile relay, Dixon, Morrison, Paul Stemmer, and Malley won in 17:30.5. Malley, for the second time in two days, had to outkick an opponent on the final lap to ensure a State victory.

Penn State finished second in two of Saturday's better races, the two mile and the sprint medley relay. Philadelphia Pioneer and former Lion Grep Fredericks outkicked PSU's

Stemmer on the last lap of the two mile to win the race.

In the sprint medley relay, Penn State led all the way until Villanova's Phil (Tiny) Kane came out of nowhere to nip Lion Howie Triebold at the wire. Kane ran 1:55.8 half-mile anchor leg for the winners.

Of all the events in the two-day meet, possibly the one with the most fan appeal for Penn State students was the intramural one-mile relay.

Beta Theta Pi fraternity's team of Don Guerriero, Chuck DeLisio, Mike Gawlas, Rich Schlough, Rick Shaver, Mark Corneal, Pete Hegman, and Dominick Emanuele set a new record with its winning time of 3:26.1. The top five teams in the race broke the old record. Last Thursday, 38 intramural teams competed to determine the six finalists who ran in the Nittany Lion Relays. The intramural teams were most enthusiastic in their brief fling with the big-time.

RELAY WRAP-UP—Penn State's next home attraction will be Saturday against Kent State. PSU weightman Knut Hjeltnes did not compete Saturday due to a muscle injury suffered at the Colonial Relays. Hjeltnes undoubtedly would have won at least one field event. Bill Fletcher of Slippery Rock set a meet and stadium record with his winning decathlon total of 6,775 points. Fletcher won the last three events to clinch his win. Lions Dave Hajnik and Mark Bilyk finished third and sixth, respectively. The weather kept the crowds small and the few faithfuls who stayed to the end were huddled together under blankets, a la football weather style.

Thomson leads trackgals

By BARB PARMER
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Saturday's cold, windy setting at Beaver Stadium was less than ideal for the anticipated record-breaking weekend in the women's events of the Nittany Lion Relays.

While six records were set in the 14 events open to women, only two of these broke old marks set in previous Nittany Lion Relays competition. The other four records were established in events new to the Relays this year.

Triple event winner Carol Thomson of the Delaware Track Club turned in one of the finest performances in the two-day contest, breaking two Relays records and winning the outstanding women's field athlete award.

Thomson leaped a record 18-1 1/4 feet in the long jump, breaking her own Beaver Stadium mark of 17-5 3/4 feet. In the 100-meter hurdle trials, Thomson improved her 1973 Relays record by .5 seconds,

finishing in 14.1 seconds. She hurdled to a 13.9 finish in the finals, but the race was declared wind-aided, disallowing the time to be counted as a record.

High jumping between gusts of wind strong enough to blow the bar off the standards, Thomson was the only jumper to clear 5-4 for another first place finish.

Tina Leatherman, representing the Fredrick Track Club, copped her second straight outstanding women's track athlete award. En route to this honor, Leatherman edged out Vanesa Hugley of Rutgers in the 100-yd. dash, tying her 1973 Relays mark of 11.3 seconds. She also participated on the winning 440 and 880-yd. relay teams from the Fredrick Club.

Although weather conditions worked against better times and distances, the Penn State women fared well in the competitive meet, taking two first, two seconds and three third places.

The most exciting victory for the Lady Lions came in the last event of the contest, the mile relay. Running the last leg of the relay, Karen Johnson received the baton 30 yards behind the front-running Syracuse Chargers. In a picture perfect finish, Johnson outkicked her opponent in the last 220 yards of the race, inching out a Penn State victory at the tape.

The first place finish by Johnson, Pat Daley, Beth Patridge and Carolyn Wernstedt established the Relays and stadium mark, 4:06.0, in the new event.

Lady Lion Chris Landis threw her javelin 100-3 1/2 feet, far enough to capture first place in that event. Teammate Laurie Brilla took third spot in the same event, throwing for 94-11 feet.

In other events, Mary Seybold of the Syracuse Chargers finished almost four seconds ahead of teammate Katy Schilly in the 3000-meter run, 10:03.6. Schilly, who has never before been beaten by any of her teammates, attributed her second place

Bucs 5, Mets 3

Kison unleashes the sidewinder

By RICK STARR
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PITTSBURGH—Bruce Kison gave a wild, roller coaster pitching performance but hung on to take a 5-3 decision from the New York Mets yesterday afternoon in shadowy Three Rivers Stadium.

It was Kison's "sidewinder" fastball that kept the Mets on their toes throughout the afternoon—often out of self-defense.

Kison turned his fastball loose for several brushbacks, five walks and a wild pitch. He even balked once in the second inning, but still succeeded in hanging the loss on Mets ace Tom Seaver (1-1).

"I don't know exactly how many I walked," Kison said after the game while sipping up a can of root beer. "I used my fastball as much as possible. With my delivery it's hard to throw a good

breaking ball and get good rotation on the ball."

Although the Mets scored three times and belted two solo homers, Kison limited New York to just three hits and struck out nine.

Pirate second baseman Rennie Stennett started the scoring in the first inning by rounding the base paths on two Met errors and an Al Oliver single.

But Kison gave back the run to Met catcher Jerry Grote in the second by surrendering a walk, a balk, a passed ball and a wild pitch. (Grote is still 0 for April at the plate.)

In the Pirate third, Oliver brought the 14,841 fans to their feet with the 1,000th hit of his career, then raced home on Richie Zisk's single after stealing second.

But the first man up for the Mets in the fourth, robust Dave Kingman, reversed the

direction on one of Kison's fastballs and knocked it 400 feet over the left centerfield wall to tie the score again.

Pirate third baseman Richie Hebner then doubled home Stennett in the Pirate half of the fourth as the Bucs again pulled ahead by a length.

Two scoreless innings went by until the Mets pulled Seaver for a pinch-hitter.

The roof immediately caved in on Met reliever Harry Parker who had to pitch to Stennett, Hebner, Oliver, Willie Stargell, Zisk and Dave Parker. By the time he struck out Parker for the third out, two more runs were in and Pittsburgh had a 5-2 lead.

Met right fielder Rusty Staub cut the Buc cushion by a run in the eighth with a homer, but Kison struck out Kingman to end the inning, then put the Mets down in the

ninth, fanning pinch-hitter Bob Gallagher to end the game.

Kison (1-0) appeared in 40 games as a starter and reliever during 1974, and has a definite preference for the starter's role.

"I prefer to be a starting pitcher," Kison said. "A reliever has to get ready every day, but if you're a starter you know where you are. There's more pressure in the bullpen because you have to throw strikes. If you're a starter you can feel your way around for a few innings."

Yesterday's win keeps Pittsburgh perfect this season with three wins and no losses. Kison said he likes the club's start.

"We got off to a 2-10 start last year," Kison said. "Now we're 3-0, so we're already ahead of last year's schedule, and it's going to be a tight division."

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