

The Phillies' Mike Schmidt plays the umpire's role as he signals the Pirates' Omar Moreno's safe in action at Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia.

NL warms to designated hitter

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The National League owners get together in Kansas City on Aug. 17 to discuss, among other things, the designated hitter. Most of the discussion will be for the adoption of the DH too. Yet, when the American League put in the rule back in 1973, just about every NL owner to a man got down on the junior circuit for "cheapening" baseball with a "gimmick" like designating a hitter to bat for the pitcher.

Regardless of the up-front rhetoric, the reason the National League now looks favorably toward the DH is simple economics. It is cheaper to clothe, feed, room, and fly 24 or 23 players rather than 25. With the DH, a team's pitching corps can be reduced by one or possibly two pitchers. The owners deny this but that is for the benefit of the players' association that will surely complain if the squad reduction occurs.

Last week in Philadelphia, Mike Schmidt warned of taking too lightly the success of the Cubs, pointing out that the Phillies annually have trouble with the

low and inside

"pesky" Chicagoans. Schmidt did say that he thought the Cubs would "come back to the pack" before the season's over.

Another Phillie, Steve Carlton, said the day games the Cubs always play at home (Wrigley Field has no lights) will wear down the Chicago pitching staff, especially the starters. And, all the Phillies questioned said that a team has to be "through it" to win it, meaning a team must have weathered the wars of a pennant race at least once, recently, if it is to be considered the favorites.

Tripping (down memory lane), one remembers the last great Cub team that didn't. It was that 1969 team of Don Kessinger (ss), Glenn Beckert (2b), Billy Williams (rf), Ron Santo (3b), Ernie Banks (1b), Randy Hundley (c), and a cast of thousands in the other two outfield positions, among them Jim Qualls and Adolfo Phillips. Leo Durocher was the manager of that team that succumbed to the "Cinderella" Mets at season's end.

Footnote: in '69, the Cubs had a 4½ game lead over the Mets on July 15.

The beanball war in Pittsburgh over the weekend brought to mind a guy that loved to get hit in the head, or the back, or the neck, or anywhere. He was the one and only Ron Hunt. Hunt played for the Giants, Mets and Expos and is now retired. Hunt set a dubious record by getting hit with a ball a record number of times. My favorite was once when he was nearing the end of his career with the Expos. Montreal was playing the Phillies and Hunt came up to pinch hit. He got behind in the count, 0-2, and the Phillie hurler came with an off-speed pitch, trying to fool the crafty Hunt. But Ron was too fast. He stuck his head in front of the pitch and got first base.

Later, the Expos manager at the time, Gene Mauch, said something like Ron would do anything for a team. He (Hunt) was a real tough competitor. Mauch loved that kind of stuff.

Remember the Cleveland beer riot?

British Open champ beats Jack again

Nicklaus good but Watson's one better

TURNBERRY, Scotland (AP) — "You could see it in his eyes," Johnny Miller said. He was talking, with something approaching awe in his voice, of Tom Watson.

"I remember I played with him a few years ago before he started winning all these tournaments," Miller said. "I took one look at him and I said to myself 'Hey, this guy is gonna be the kingpin.'"

"You could see it in his eyes. You could see it in his hearing, the way he handled himself. You could just see it."

"You knew he was going to be No. 1. He's smart. He's tough. He's tremendously strong and he's one of the greatest putters in the world."

"That's not a bad combination." It was a combination Jack Nicklaus found too tough to handle in the British Open golf championship. They went at it, head-to-head in the same pairing, for the last 36 holes. When it was over, when one of the game's greatest confrontations was ended, Nicklaus was the loser.

Just as he did at the Masters,

Watson took the best that could be offered by the greatest golf player the world has known — took it, grinned and went one better.

"I gave him my best shot," Nicklaus said Saturday, then laughed ruefully.

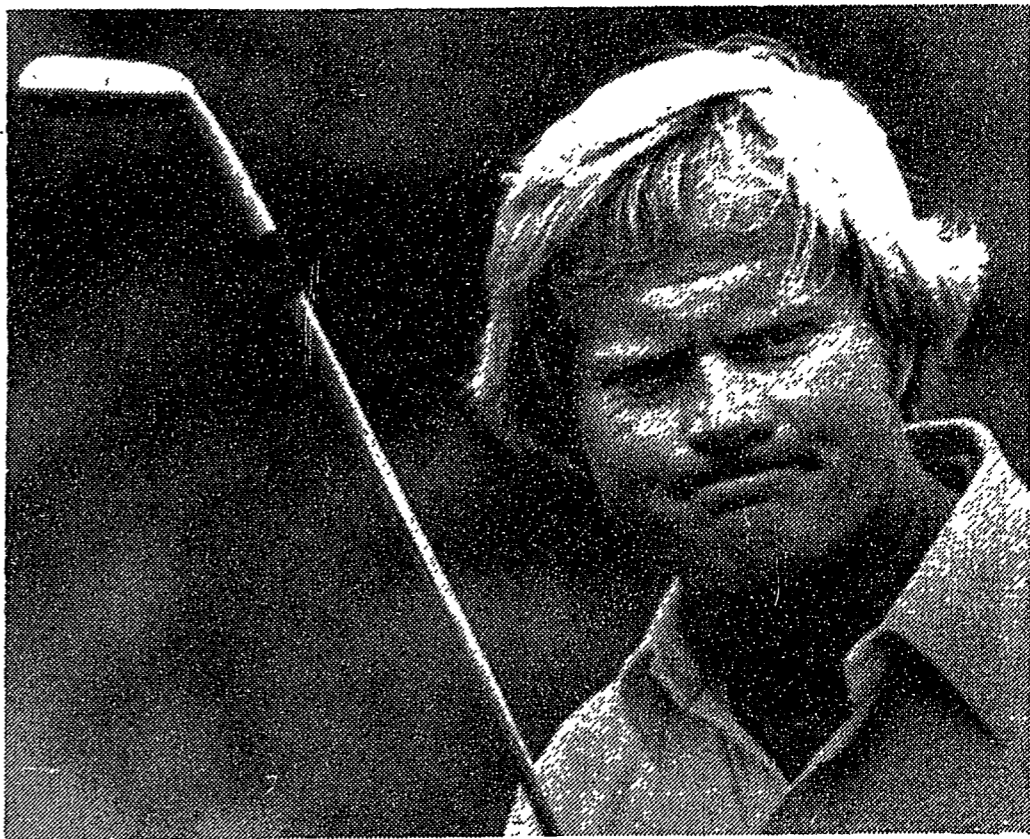
"I'm tired of giving him my best shot and it not being good enough."

It wasn't. It was close. Very close. But it wasn't quite good enough. Nicklaus played the last two rounds in the British Open 65-66. He bettered the best previous score in the 106-year

history of this event by a staggering seven strokes with a 269 total. He birdied the last hole from 60 feet. He played his last 36 holes with one bogey.

And it wasn't good enough. Watson was better. He played the last 36 holes — all with Nicklaus as his partner — in 65-65. He was one better than Jack at 268.

"There was never any doubt in my mind," Watson said. "No doubts. I knew I was going to win it."



Jack Nicklaus bettered the previous record score at the British Open last weekend, but still was only second to the tournament's champion, Tom Watson.

Tennis is more than a game at the White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — At the White House, associates use such phrases as "determined," "unrelenting" and "disciplined" to describe President Carter's style. They're talking about his tennis game, not his statesmanship.

Two or three afternoons a week, Carter's most urgent

business seems to be finding a fourth for a doubles match.

The tennis rage has swept the White House with such spirited intensity that tennis whites are threatening to replace blue jeans as the Carter administration uniform. Some days those stately executive offices resemble a locker room at Forest Hills as the likes of national security advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski, budget director Bert Lance and presidential assistant Hamilton Jordan scurry around in shorts and T-shirts.

Despite the burdens of high office, when the President beckons with his tennis racket, even the busiest bureaucrat juggles his schedule to fit in a game.

Carter, a fierce competitor from all reports, has been putting into practice techniques to psyche out opponents that he picked up from reading "Inner Tennis."

The theory behind W. Timothy Gallwey's book,

which Jordan and Brzezinski also have read, is that the opponent inside your own head is more formidable than the one on the other side of the net. The best players learn how to exploit the uncertainties in an opponent's mind with a simple comment like, "Aren't you holding your racket differently today?"

A memo circulated last month reminded tennis buffs that they needed "personal permission" from the President to use the court, which has a slightly tattered net and a cracked rubbery surface that collects so much dirt the balls are black after a couple of games.

"It takes a certain degree of shamelessness to ask the President when he's in the middle of deciding what to do about the Middle East if you can play tennis, but..." says Jim Fallows.

Fallows, Carter's speech writer, and others try to corner the boss on his way to meetings or send him a memo

with their request, which Carter checks personally.

Carter initials back an OK or tells the players to coordinate with one another or he says no. Some disgruntled lobbyists, upset at seeing the court empty at a time they asked for, have charged "elitism" enters into the process.

"Just because the President doesn't play that day doesn't mean he wasn't intending to play," said Susan Clough, Carter's personal secretary and a pretty good player herself. "I can't believe that people would actually complain about the system. They should be flattered that the President is allowing them to play tennis on his court at his house."

The President's style and score is as much a secret as the date of his meeting with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, but according to scattered reports, while Jimmy Carter is no Jimmy Connors, he makes up in

sheer doggedness what he lacks in skill.

But the White House firmly denies recently published reports that once when losing, Carter started calling "foot faults" against his opponent. Foot faults are hard to spot faults that are seldom cited, even in professional matches.

"He's very determined," said Brzezinski.

"A respectable doubles player," said Tim Smith in Kraft's office. "A good weekend player."

"Very steady and very disciplined," said Dr. William Lukash, the White House physician, who often plays with the President at Camp David. "He has an exceptional serve. But no, I don't think he would make the college tennis team."

"It's good that the President can take a half hour in the day for some exercise that also gives him so much pleasure and satisfaction," said the doctor. "It's a great way for him to relax."

While staffers are diplomatic in evaluating the President's game, they're less charitable when asked to rate each other's skills.

Jordan assessed Brzezinski's game with a vague, "Well, it's as good as his foreign policy."

Brzezinski harrumphed and remarked indignantly, "So that's what he thinks of my foreign policy..."

Bradley snags LPGA crown

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Pat Bradley, long off the tees, fired a three-under-par 70 for a 54-hole total of 213, six below par, yesterday to win the \$75,000 Ladies' Professional Golf Association tournament here.

JoAnne Carner, Carol Mann and Kathy Whitworth, each with a 215, tied for second. Judy Rankin, the leading LPGA money-winner this year, was next with 216.

Through the 16th hole, it appeared that Miss Bradley and Mrs. Carner might go into a sudden death playoff, since they were tied at five under par.

Miss Bradley, playing behind Mrs. Carner, birdied the 17th and did not know until she teed up at the 18th that Mrs. Carner had bogied the finishing hole.

"If I take my time and relax, I'll make it," Miss Bradley said as her thought when she reached the 18th

green in two. She two-putted from 15 feet and picked up an \$11,000 check, raising her season winnings to \$55,602.

Mrs. Carner closed her play with a 71, while Miss Whitworth had a 70 and Miss Mann a 73.

Major league standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	52	31	.627	—
Philadelphia	47	36	.566	5
Pittsburgh	46	38	.548	6½
St. Louis	46	40	.535	7½
Montreal	38	45	.458	14
New York	33	51	.393	19½
West				
Los Angeles	56	29	.659	—
Cincinnati	46	36	.561	8½
Houston	38	48	.442	18½
San Francisco	38	48	.442	18½
San Diego	37	51	.420	20½
Atlanta	32	54	.377	25½

Late games not included

Saturday's Results

St. Louis 4, Chicago 3
Pittsburgh 9, Philadelphia 8, 12 innings

New York 7, Montreal 5, 17 innings
San Francisco 5, Atlanta 4, 11 innings
Cincinnati 3, Houston 1

San Diego 2, Los Angeles 1, 10 innings
Yesterday's Results

Pittsburgh 5-12, Philadelphia 1-10
New York 2, Montreal 1
St. Louis 8-3, Chicago 3-4

Houston 6, Cincinnati 5
San Francisco 5, Atlanta 2, 1st game
Atlanta at San Francisco, 2nd game
San Diego 7, Los Angeles 5, 1st game
San Diego at Los Angeles, 2nd game

Today's Games

Pittsburgh (Forster 2-2) at Montreal (Bahnsen 3-2), n
Cincinnati (Norman 9-3) at Houston (Richard 7-4), n

San Francisco (Knepper 2-3) at San Diego (Shirley 6-9), n
San Francisco (Knepper 2-3) at San Diego (Shirley 6-9), n

Only games scheduled Tomorrow's Games

Pittsburgh at Montreal, n
St. Louis at Philadelphia, n
Chicago at New York, n
Atlanta at Cincinnati, n
Los Angeles at Houston, n
San Francisco at San Diego, n

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	48	35	.568	—
Baltimore	48	37	.563	—
New York	48	37	.565	—
Cleveland	39	41	.488	6½
Milwaukee	39	44	.470	8
Detroit	37	43	.466	10
Toronto	31	52	.373	16
West				
Chicago	49	33	.598	—
Minnesota	47	38	.553	3½
Kansas City	45	37	.549	4
Texas	41	41	.500	8
California	39	41	.488	9
Oakland	35	48	.422	14½
Seattle	37	51	.420	15

Saturday's Results

Milwaukee 3, Boston 2
Cleveland 3, Toronto 2
Baltimore 6, New York 5
Oakland 7, Kansas City 1

Seattle 5, Minnesota 2
Texas 7, California 2
Chicago 5, Detroit 2

Yesterday's Results

Detroit 6, Chicago 5, 10 innings
Toronto 5, Cleveland 3
Baltimore 6, New York 0
Minnesota 15, Seattle 0

Kansas City 5, Oakland 4
Boston 8, Milwaukee 5, 11 innings
Boston at Milwaukee, 2nd game
California at Texas, n

Today's Games

Boston (Stanley 5-3) at Cleveland (Bibby 8-5), n
New York (Torrez 8-7) at Baltimore (Flanagan 5-8), n

Toronto (Willis 2-3) at Detroit (Roberts 4-8), n
Kansas City (Hassler 5-2) at Chicago (Barrios 8-3), n

Seattle (Montague 5-6) at Oakland (Norris 2-6), n
Minnesota (Redfern 2-4) at California (Tammag 12-8), n

Only games scheduled Tomorrow's Games

Boston at Cleveland, n
Toronto at Detroit, n
Kansas City at Chicago, n
New York at Milwaukee, n
Seattle at Oakland, n
Minnesota at California, n
Only games scheduled

NFL contract feud drags on, end predicted by tomorrow

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Ed Garvey, executive director of the NFL Players Association (NFLPA) is expected to testify today as the court feud over the proposed collective bargaining contract between National Football League clubs and players resumes.

The hearing may conclude today or tomorrow, attorneys predicted. More testimony was heard Saturday by U.S. District Judge Earl R. Larson from Jack Reynolds, former Los Angeles linebacker who now is without a contract and isn't likely to return to the Rams after his criticism of owner Carroll Rosenbloom.

Larson tentatively approved the pact, but 16 players say it does not safeguard their interests. They were seeking to negotiate the agreement, worked out several months ago between the clubs and the NFLPA.

Reynolds testified he had heard Rosenbloom say he would "cut the throat of anyone who touched his free agents" and that Rosenbloom aimed his remarks particularly at the Kansas City Chiefs.

Reynolds testified that in happier times with the Rams, he had a verbal agreement with Rosenbloom for a five-year contract at \$120,000 a year, plus \$100,000 in bonus money.

However, he added, when it came time for lawyers to put it down in writing, the Rams were "deleting things all over" and Rosenbloom told Reynolds it was a "whole new deal" now that the collective bargaining agreement was approved by NFL clubs and NFLPA.

"The Rams said there was no need to talk anymore," Reynolds said, after he turned down the revised verbal agreement.

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