

Rain suspends final round Watson, Nelson tied for U.S. Open lead at 4-under

By BOB GREEN AP Golf Writer

OAKMONT, Pa. (AP) — Tom Watson, the defending champion, and Larry Nelson were tied for the lead in the U.S. Open Golf Championship yesterday when a late afternoon thunderstorm and eventual darkness caused an overnight interruption of play.



Hal Sutton sits under the umbrella of his caddy on the 18th green in yesterday's final round of the U.S. Open at Oakmont, Pa. Rain forced the suspension of the final round with defending champion Tom Watson and Larry Nelson tied for the lead at 4-under par.

Watson had five holes to play and Nelson had three to go when the storm swept over the Allegheny Valley and caused a suspension of play at 5:30 p.m. EDT.

The sponsoring U.S. Golf Association eventually called play for the day at 6:49 p.m., EDT, and announced that if there is a tie at the end of regulation play, an 18-hole playoff will be held this afternoon.

The six golfers will resume play from the point they had reached when the storm, packing lightning and heavy rain ripped over the Oakmont Country Club course.

Watson and Nelson shared the lead at 4-under-par. Watson was 3-under for the day and Nelson, the soft-spoken little man who won the 1981 PGA national title, was 4-under.

Dr. Gil Morgan, the non-practicing optometrist who won the first two PGA Tour titles in 1956 and 1957, was 1-under for the tournament and three shots off the lead with two holes to play.

Seve Ballesteros of Spain, the current Masters champion, and Cal Peete, the most successful black player the game has produced, were 1-over-par, and five strokes off the lead. Ballesteros, with Watson in the final group on the course, had five holes remaining. Peete, paired with Nelson, had three to play.

Ray Floyd, the PGA champion, was the only other player who had not completed play when the rains came. Floyd was 8-over-par for the tournament and out of title contention.

Watson, seeking to become the first man since Ben Hogan in 1951 to make a successful defense of the U.S. Open, started the day in a tie for the lead with Ballesteros, who was threatening Watson's position as the dominant figure in the game.

Their anticipated duel faded to

'Match play' will decide Open

By ALAN ROBINSON AP Sports Writer

OAKMONT, Pa. — It's been decades since a major American golf championship featured match play, but Tom Watson said that's how the 83rd U.S. Open champion will be decided.

"It's match play right now," Watson said of his two-man battle with Larry Nelson, which was halted yesterday because of a thunderstorm.

Play will be resumed this morning with both Watson and Nelson at 4-under par.

"I'm happy to be in the position I'm in," said Watson, who is trying to become the first golfer in over three decades to win consecutive Opens. Ben Hogan was the last, winning in 1950 and 1951.

"He (Nelson) hasn't made as many mistakes as me, but he hasn't made as many birdies either," Watson said.

Watson birdied six of the first nine holes for a front nine 31 Sunday at the famed and feared Oakmont Country Club course, but had cooled a bit on the back nine when the rain and lightning came.

Watson has had little success since winning the 1982 Open with the now famous chip shot he holed on the 17th at Pebble Beach. But he said he still has confidence generated by that victory.

"I've not been thinking about last year, but it has taken some of the pressure off," he said.

The suspension was the second of the Open. Until this year, no Open round had ever been suspended until the following day by weather.

Now, two rounds of the 183rd Open have been.

Nelson, like Watson, also will be looking for a victory — the biggest in American golf.

Impressions of an U.S. Open

By TOM SAKELL Collegian Staff Writer

OAKMONT, Pa. — Spending a few days at the U.S. Open not only gave me a crash course in big-time professional golf, but big-time journalism as well.

Even though I spent much of my time standing in the pouring rain or running in and out of the press tent, I learned the only way to watch professional golf is in person.

The tournament started at 7 a.m. Thursday, and I found nearly 300 people burling one of the most treacherous putting surfaces known to man — the first green.

Golf fans are early risers and perhaps one of the most knowledgeable groups of sports fans when it comes to knowing each player's strengths and weaknesses.

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The 18th green was easily the most popular spectator spot on the course. A straightaway hole that measures 456 yards, fans could see the pros tee off and then hit their approach shot. The wide, hilly green afforded an easy view for the 1,000 spectators in the bleachers at this hole.

This is also the only area where fans have a good chance of talking to their heroes. For those of us in the press, it was much easier.

Every golfer who shot a good round was led directly to the media center, which was appropriately housed in a circus tent. At the press conference, sportswriters from all over the world tossed mostly inane questions at the weary players.

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Virgil's 4 RBIs leads Phillies to 14-2 romp over the Pirates

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ozzie Virgil homered and drove in four runs and Philadelphia scored seven times in the eighth inning to help Charlie Hudson win his first major-league game as the Phillies blasted the Pittsburgh Pirates 14-2 yesterday.

Hudson, 11, scattered eight hits in going the distance in his fifth start since being recalled from the minors last month.

Singles by Pete Rose, Ivan DeJesus and Joe Morgan gave Philadelphia a 1-0 lead in the third inning against Larry McWilliams, 7-5.

Rookie Marvell Wynne's first major-league home run tied it in the third of Pittsburgh.

Cubs 4 Cardinals 1 ST. LOUIS (AP) — Dick Ruthven fired a two-hitter and Gary Woods and Ryne Sandberg drove in two runs each to key a four-run second inning, leading the Chicago Cubs to a 4-1 victory yesterday over the sagging St. Louis Cardinals.

Ruthven, 44, allowed Steve Braun's solo homer, his first since 1980, in the fifth and final inning. He allowed singles to the pitcher with two outs in the ninth inning. It was Staub's sixth straight ninth-inning hit.

Jeff Reardon got the last out for his 10th save.

Psdrres 6 Astros 4 SAN DIEGO (AP) — Garry Templeton belted three doubles and drove in three runs

to lead the San Diego Padres past the Houston Astros 6-4 yesterday.

Templeton's second double drove in two runs and capped a four-run fifth inning that gave the Padres a 5-4 lead.

Elias Sosa, 11, the second of three Padres pitchers, worked two innings to pick up his second win and Sid Monge went the final 1-3 innings to earn his first save.

Dodgers 5 Reds 1 LOS ANGELES (AP) — Burt Hooton fired a three-hitter to beat Cincinnati for the first time in five years as the Los Angeles Dodgers defeated the Reds 5-1 yesterday.

Hooton, 62, won his fifth straight game and retired 19 of the final 20 batters he faced. He struck out one and walked one.

The right-hander, who has a 5-12 career record against the Reds — including a 3-0 record as a Dodger — last defeated Cincinnati on June 23, 1978. He allowed singles to Paul Houshander in the second and seventh innings and a single by losing pitcher Bruce Berenyi in the third.

Giants 9 Braves 6 SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Jack Clark, who knocked in four runs, and Johnnie LeMaster each homered during San Francisco's five-run seventh inning as the Giants outlasted the Atlanta Braves 9-6 yesterday.

Clark belted a two-run homer and had two sacrifice flies. LeMaster scored three runs and his fourth home run marked a personal season high. Joel Youngblood also scored three runs for the Giants.

Right-hander Mike Krukow, 44, posted his first victory since May 24. He fell behind 2-0 in the first inning on singles by Jerry Royster and Claudiu Washington followed by a two-out, two-run single by Chris Chambliss.

over the Milwaukee Brewers for their fifth straight victory.

Pinella drove in two runs with a double in the third inning, hit a two-run single in New York's fifth, and drove in another run in the seventh with a single. The Yankees now have scored 36 runs during their winning streak.

Matt Keough, 33, making his first appearance since joining the Yankees last Wednesday, became the first Yankee right-handed starter to win a game, going 5-1-3 innings and getting relief help from Bob Shirley and George Frazier, who earned his third save.

Orioles 6 Red Sox 3 BALTIMORE (AP) — Eddie Murray hit two solo home runs and Jim Palmer pitched effectively in his first start since April 26 as the Baltimore Orioles defeated the Boston Red Sox 6-3 yesterday.

Palmer, 24, allowed only three hits in 5-1-3 innings, walking one and striking out three.

Murray cracked leadoff homers in the fourth and sixth innings, giving him 11 for the season. Boston starter Mike Brown, 54, allowed only one other hit during his six-inning stint.

Blue Jays 6 Angels 1 TORONTO (AP) — Barry Bonnell stroked a two-run homer and Ernie Whitt and Jesse Barfield added solo shots to back the three-hit pitching of Luis Leal as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the California Angels 6-1 yesterday.

After Cleveland took a 1-0 lead in the first on a bases-loaded walk to Ron Jackson, Whitt tied the game with a home run in the second and put the Blue Jays ahead in the third with an RBI single in the third off Dave Goltz, 0-6.

Indians 7 Tigers 2 CLEVELAND (AP) — Julio Franco's run-scoring double sparked a five-run seventh inning and Larry Sorensen scattered nine hits as the Cleveland Indians beat the De-

troit Tigers 7-2 in the first game of a double-header yesterday.

Royals 4 Mariners 2 KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Rookie Cliff Pastornicky, hitless in his first 14 at-bats in the major leagues, drilled a three-run homer in the seventh inning yesterday to rally the Kansas City Royals to a 4-2 victory over the Seattle Mariners.

White Sox 1 A's 0 CHICAGO (AP) — Britt Burns hurled a three-hitter and Harold Baines doubled in the game's only run yesterday to lead the Chicago White Sox to a 1-0 victory over the Oakland A's.

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Laughter is the shock absorber of life's blows

Stephenson captures Keystone Open

HERSHEY, Pa. (AP) — Jan Stephenson usually chokes when defending a title, but yesterday she repeated as champion for the first time in her career by sinking a 10-foot downhill putt at the \$200,000 Lady Keystone Open.

Stephenson had a final round 69 and an 11-under total of 205 to take the \$30,000 first-place money in the 54-hole LPGA tournament, which was played on the 6,388-yard, par-72 West Course of Hershey Country Club.

"This is the first time I've ever been a repeat winner," Stephenson said. "That's why this win is especially satisfying to me."

"I played very well all day. I really made every putt that was makeable. I always play badly when I'm defending a title. This time I didn't," she said.

One stroke behind Stephenson was Pat Bradley, who had pulled to 10 under par with a birdie-3 on the final hole. Bradley matched Stephenson's 69 total for the final round and finished at 206 for the 54 holes.

The contest came down to the 18th hole, which Bradley finished with a birdie as Stephenson missed a putt on the 17th for a par.

"I took it too easy" on the 17th green, said Stephenson, who was two strokes up starting the hole. "I wanted to protect a two-stroke lead."

"When I walked over to 18 and heard the (crowd) roar, I knew that Pat Bradley had birdied 18, and I felt like kicking myself for missing at 17."

Bradley praised her opponent's putting. "Regardless of what she says, she is a good putter," Bradley said. "That was a terrific pressure putt" on the 18th.

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Jan Stephenson blasts out of an 18th hole sandtrap on to the green during the final round of yesterday's Lady Keystone Open at Hershey Country Club. Stephenson sank the 10-foot par putt for a one-stroke win over Pat Bradley.

"It was so nervous my hands were shaking," she said. "I knew there was no reason to play safe. I hit the putt firmly and the ball went right in the middle of the cup."

Amy Alcott, who had the best final-round score with a 5-under-par 67, finished in third place at 207.

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sports briefs

Lucas is first Olympic ticket applicant.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col. — Dr. John Lucas, a University professor of Physical Education and Sports Historian, was the first applicant for tickets to the 1984 Olympic Games, in Los Angeles Cal., a U.S. Olympics official said.

C. Robert Paul, director of communication for USOC, speaking from his office in Colorado Springs, Col. said Dr. Lucas got his application last Monday, filled it out and returned the very same day.

Dr. Lucas, a former Olympic athlete himself is the author of "Modern Olympic Games" and also teaches a course — PE 443 — by the same title.

—By Bobby Dale Morgan

Cunningham to sign multi-year contract

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia Coach Billy Cunningham, who considered leaving the 76ers after they won the NBA crown last month, reportedly has agreed to sign a multi-year contract that will make him the highest paid coach in the country.

The agreement with Sixers owner Harold Katz followed five days of intense bargaining over Cunningham's salary, sources told the Philadelphia Inquirer.

The sources said Cunningham will make more than \$300,000 a year un-

der the agreement. Cunningham's old contract, which guaranteed him \$200,000 a year, expired May 31, the night the Sixers defeated the Los Angeles Lakers for the NBA title.

The Sixers have scheduled a news conference today to announce the agreement.

After winning the title, Cunningham, who drives himself extremely hard during the season, told friends he might leave to devote more time to his family.

Lewis uncorks 2nd-best jump in history

INDIANAPOLIS — Carl Lewis, the finest long jumper in the world, uncorked the second-best jump in history, clearing 28 feet, 10 1/2 inches last night in the USA-Mobility Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

The magnificent effort by the 21-year-old Lewis bettered the 28-9 he soared last year in the National Sports Festival at the Indiana University Track Stadium.

That had been second on the all-time list — behind Bob Beamon's 29-2 1/2 in the ratified city of Mexico City in the 1968 Olympics — until Lewis surpassed it on his first attempt in the national championships at the same stadium.

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