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O'Connor uses advice to grab British Open lead

By BOB GREEN
AP Golf Writer

SANDWICH, England — A bit of advice from "Himself" helped Christy O'Connor Jr. to a spectacular, record-breaking 64 and a four-stroke lead yesterday in the first round of the British Open Golf Championship.

"He's a hero in Ireland, a very brave player with nerves of steel," O'Connor said of his uncle, Christy O'Connor, a boisterous, carousing figure who reached the status of a legend during the 50s, 60s and 70s, and was known throughout the land simply as "Himself."

"He told me how to win the Open," said Christy Jr., a 37-year-old runner-up who has played his life in the shadow of his famous uncle, winner of scores of European tournaments and in 1965 the runner-up in the British Open.

"He said you must be brave enough to attack the course, brave enough to be positive and not negative, brave enough to play each hole and each shot one at a time."

"I kept that in mind," said the younger O'Connor, 36, a veteran of 16 years of unremarkable activity on the European circuit.

And it worked so marvelously well this chilly day on the rainswept links of the Royal St. George's Golf Club course.

"I just tried to make as many birdies as I could. I tried to keep going the way I was. I never played safe," said O'Connor, who had 10 birdies, four bogeys and only four pars.

Christy Jr. reeled off five British Open record of seven consecutive birdies, on the fourth through the 10th holes.

He broke, by one stroke, the course record set by Henry Cotton in 1934 and was rewarded by a "well done, lad; did you play all 18?" from the 78-year-old Cotton.

"And he matched the largest first round lead ever established in this ancient event. The last to lead the first round in this tournament by four shots: Cotton in 1934.

"That's the best I can play," O'Connor said.

While O'Connor, who lists individual



First round British Open leader Christy O'Connor (left) with three-time British Open winner Henry Cotton.

victory came in the 1975 Irish Open, was enjoying his finest hour, some of the game's most famous figures were thrashing and scowling in damp, bedraggled misery through the knee-deep rough and over the wet dunes.

Jack Nicklaus, who counts three British Open crowns in his record collection of 17

major professional titles, hit a tee shot out of bounds on the 14th and had to make a three-foot putt for double bogey. He finished with a 77.

Seve Ballesteros of Spain, the defending titleholder and pre-tournament favorite, bogeyed five out of six holes during the second of the rain and came in with a 75.

And Lee Trevino had it two under par after three holes, then a double bogey on the fourth and came in with a 73.

Former U.S. Open and PGA champion David Graham, an Australian now living in the United States, led a group of five tied for second at 68.

Also at that figure were Sandy Lyle,

Philip Parkin and Robert Lee, all of Britain, and Tony Johnstone of Zimbabwe.

The leading Americans were Fuzzy Zoeller and D.A. Weir, in a group at 69, one-under-par and five back.

Larry Nelson, Corey Pavin, Payne Stewart and Mark O'Meara, a two-time winner on the American tour this year, had 70s; Peter Jacobsen had a 71 despite a fat nine on the 14th hole, where he suffered a lost ball and a tee shot out of bounds.

Tom Watson, a five-time winner of this title, pulled his first shot of the tournament into deep rough, opened with a double bogey and came home with a 72 that, he said, "isn't too far back."

Andy Bean also shot 72. So did Bernhard Langer of West Germany, the Masters champion.

Tom Kite, Ben Crenshaw and Lanny Wadkins were with Trevino at 73 with the rest of the Americans spaced through the rest of the field.

O'Connor had three-putt bogeys on the first and third sandwiched around a 12-foot birdie putt on the second.

He started his string of seven birdies with a 12-foot putt on the fourth and fifth. He dropped in a 25-footer on the sixth then hit a three-iron second shot to the green on the par-five seventh and two-putted for birdie.

A 20-footer on the eighth provided him with a fifth consecutive birdie.

"Until the eighth, I wasn't really aware what I was doing," he said.

He hit a six-iron two feet from the cup on the ninth and birdied, reaching the turn without a par on his card. An eight-iron set up a 10-foot birdie putt on the 10th, his seventh in a row.

He two-putted from about 40 feet for par on the 11th and birdied the 12th from 15 feet. A drive into the rough produced a bogey on the 13th and he bogeyed the 15th after missing the green with a three-iron.

He dropped in a 20-footer on the 17th to get back to six under for the day and made par on the last.

Loree hopes to reach University Games

By JIM SAUNDERS
Collegian Sports Writer

Years of intensive training are beginning to pay off in a big way for Lady Lion gymnast Pam Loree.

The senior from Port Washington, N.Y., is at the University of Florida today where she will compete for one of six positions on the team which will represent the United States at the World University Games to be held in Japan next month.

Loree earned a chance to try out for the U.S. team by placing eleventh in the Individual All-Around at the NCAA Championships held in Salt Lake City, Utah last April.

The top ten Americans at the NCAAAs were chosen to compete for the six positions on the U.S. team. Loree was selected as the tenth candidate — the third place finisher in the NCAAAs was a Canadian citizen.

In addition to the ten NCAA finalists, six other gymnasts were invited by the organizing committee to try out for the team.

"It's one of the goals that I've had since I was young and this is my last chance," said the senior about the chance to represent her country in international competition.

While her teammates have been spending the summer working on new tricks and routines, Loree has continued to train at a competitive level and will perform the same routines that earned her a 22.0 in the all-around competition at the NCAA tournament.



Pam Loree

"Pam has displayed an exceptionally mature, professional attitude over a tough summer of training," said Lady Lion Assistant Coach Marshall Avenir. "If she makes this team it won't be because she was lucky."

Loree feels that the competition is pretty even and her chances of

qualifying hinge on "bitting" all four events.

Called a team leader by Assistant Coach Avenir, Loree says, "I will be competing alone but I know that the rest of the team will be with me in spirit and that's important to me."

If she qualifies today, Loree will become the first Lady Lion to compete in international competition since 1979.

"My Wife (Head Coach Judi Avenir) and I are both extremely proud of her having a chance to represent her country," said Assistant Coach Marshall Avenir, who is in Florida with Loree today.

Little progress made in baseball talks

By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Negotiators for the Major League Baseball Players' Association and baseball owners met for three hours yesterday, reported little if any progress, and then resumed their talks until Monday.

The meeting was the first since the players and owners agreed on a date, saying they would shut down the sport if no collective bargaining agreement is reached by that date.

Don Fehr, acting executive director of the union, said the talks presented no new ideas.

"We had hoped to begin a discussion of the basic issues, salary structure and the benefit plan," he said. "We had a brief discussion but there is still no offer on the benefit plan. We reviewed a lot of other issues, not fundamental issues, but important ones."

Lee MacPhail, president of management's Player Relations Committee, said the negotiators had dealt with 25 issues that have been placed on the table by one side or the other.

"It's hard to measure progress," MacPhail said. "We didn't reach final agreement. We've got to do a lot of work in a lot of areas."

The basic issue in the dispute between the two sides deals with baseball's television revenue and the share given to the players for their pension and benefit plan. Transactions, the players' association has received one-third of that package — about \$15 million this year.

However, baseball's new TV package jumped from \$250 million to \$1.1 billion last year, and the owners have balked at maintaining the one-third percentage for the players, which would produce payments of about \$60 million.

"We have not made a specific offer on television money," MacPhail said. "It depends on how the whole financial issue will be handled. The economic state of baseball is the most important issue to be considered."

Management has claimed to have lost \$40 million in 1984, a figure disputed by an accounting professor hired by the owners, who saw losses at closer to \$27 million.

The players claim, after an examination of the books, that baseball actually made about \$10 million last year.

At yesterday's bargaining session, the union presented a report from Roger G. Noll, a Stanford University economics professor, entitled "The Economic Viability of Professional Baseball."

Fehr said that despite the new television package, players had not received any more money for the 1985 All-Star Game than the \$2 million-plus generated in the old agreement, which expired last Dec. 31. "Not a single additional nickel has been offered."

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do, not something accountants do," he said. "Trend lines must be studied. They (owners) say salaries are going up by 15 percent and that means large losses, but the market conditions have changed and it will rectify itself. That was the end of the discussion."

Countered MacPhail, "That's very nice to say, but he's basing it on his own hopes and beliefs. We have hard figures to show what our losses are."

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Phillies snap streak against Soto, Reds

CINCINNATI (AP) — Juan Samuel had three hits and knocked in two runs last night as the Philadelphia Phillies snapped a five-game losing streak with a 6-1 victory over slump-ridden Mario Soto and the Cincinnati Reds.

Soto, 8-11, has lost his last eight decisions, the longest losing streak of his career. The right-hander hasn't won a game since June 4.

Samuel tripled in a run in the second inning, singled home another in the eighth and also had a double for the Phillies, who also got a solo homer from Mike Schmidt and a two-run double from Glenn Wilson.

Jerry Kosman, 4-2, won his 22nd career game with 7 2-3 innings of pitching, with Kent Hrbek finishing for his ninth save.

The 42-year-old Kosman allowed three runs and seven hits, struck out three and didn't walk a batter.

Samuel led off the game with a double and Von Hayes walked before a double-steal set up Wilson's double.

Samuel's triple and Schmidt's 12th homer, into the second deck in left field in the fourth, made it 4-0.

The Reds loaded the bases on singles by Nick Esasky, Dave Conley and Ron Oester in the fifth before Soto's sacrifice bunt scored Esasky.

The Phillies added a run in the sixth and filed a protest. With Steve Jeltz on second and Kosman on first, Samuel bunted and was thrown out, then was called for interference after knocking the ball out of first baseman Tony Perez's glove.

Without the interference call, a run would have scored, but Jeltz ultimately scored anyway when Von Hayes singled.

Padres 3 Pirates 2

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Carmelo Martinez belted a two-out homer in the bottom of the eighth inning yesterday to give the San Diego Padres a 3-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Martinez's 12th homer of the year came off John Candelaria, 2-4, who relieved starter Rick Reuschel after seven innings. Winner Craig Lefferts, 10-2, worked two innings in relief of Dave Dravecky with Rich Gossage pitching the ninth for his 19th save.

The Pirates got a first-inning run when Bill Almon doubled, went to third on Johnny Ray's fly ball and scored when Bill Madlock grounded into a double play. Sixto Lezcano, subbing for the injured George Hendrick in right

field, made it 2-0 in the fourth when he hit his third home run of the season.

The Padres tied it in the bottom of the fourth on Kevin McReynolds' two-out, two-run opposite-field double into the right-field corner. Steve Garvey opened the inning with a bunt single and Bruce Walton walked.

Orioles 8 Royals 3

BALTIMORE (AP) — Cal Ripken, Mike Young and Wayne Carter let the Orioles snap a losing streak against the Kansas City Royals 8-3 last night.

Ripken, 12-for-28 in his last seven games, singled prior to Murray's double in the first inning and hit his 10th homer to give Baltimore a 4-1 lead in the fifth, giving him 21 RBI in 24 games.

Scott McGregor, with three innings of relief from Sammy Stewart, who notched his seventh save, upped his record to 8-7.

Murray's double scored Lee Lacy, who had singled, and Ripken, making it 2-0 in the first inning. Young's ninth homer, the first of three off Bret Saberhagen, 10-5, came in the fourth and made it 3-1.

A two-run homer by Hal McRae, who ended an 9-for-16 slump against Baltimore this season, pulled the Royals to within 4-3 in the sixth, but Gross responded with his ninth homer in the bottom of the inning.

The Orioles latched on three runs in the eighth. Pitcher-hitter Jim Dwyer singled with two outs and the bases loaded for two runs, then Lacy singled home another run.

Mets 7 Braves 6

NEW YORK (AP) — Darryl Strawberry keyed New York's five-run fifth inning with a two-run single and the Mets went on to notch their fourth straight victory yesterday, a 7-6 decision over the stumbling Atlanta Braves.

Ron Darling, 10-2, got credit for the victory with five innings of pitching. Reliever Roger McDowell allowed Bob Horner's two-run homer in the ninth before Jesse Orosco got the last two outs for his ninth save.

Rick Mahler, 13-8, was the loser, but he was victimized by four Braves errors that led to six unearned runs.

Newcomers lead in Quad Cities Open

COAL VALLEY, Ill. (AP) — Steve Jones and Bob Tway, relative newcomers to the PGA tour and once college competitors, each eagled to tie at six-under par 64 yesterday for the lead after the first round of the \$300,000 Quad Cities Open.

The pair's showing erased an early lead by Toxan Dave Eichelberger, whose hole-in-one on the 17th, after a 20-yard chip-in on the 16th, put him two strokes off the pace at 65.

Jack Nicklaus Jr., meanwhile, son of the all-time PGA money-winner Jack Nicklaus, shot a 75 — 11 strokes back and worrying about making today's second-round cut.

Nicklaus, an amateur in his first Professional Golfers' Association tourney, birdied once, but double-bogeyed once and suffered four bogeys.

Jones turned pro in 1981 following graduation from the University of Colorado at Boulder, but was sidelined later that year by a broken thumb. He returned to the PGA tour last year.

Besides his eagle on the par-five 10th hole, Jones hit seven birdies and seven holes at par to offset his three bogeys on the 6, 14, 14, and 16 holes.

Tway, born in Georgia, said he played against Jones several times while at Oklahoma State University. He eagled the par-five 10th hole, grabbed four birdies

and hit par on the remaining 13 holes.

Eichelberger, 42, got off to a rough start with a fourth-hole bogey and then birdied nine and 10. He saved himself from a bogey on the 16th with a good chip shot from the rough, and then ace'd the 17th with a 155-yard five-iron shot from the fairway.

DANVERS, Mass. (AP) — Laura Baugh, a nine-time runner-up but never a winner in 15 years on the LPGA tour, sank a hole-in-one and grabbed the first-round lead at the \$225,000 Boston Five Classic with a five-under-par 67 yesterday.

Baugh, who also had six birdies and three bogeys, had a one-stroke edge over Therese Hession, another non-winner. Hession finished at 68, one stroke ahead of Silvia Bertolucci, Rosie Jones and Myra Blackwelder.

Kathy Baker, who won the U.S. Women's Open last Sunday for her initial tour victory, was two-under-par after nine holes on the par 72, 6,008-yard Tara Ferncroft course. But she put her tee shot into the water on the next hole, took a double bogey and came in at even par.

Defeating champion Laurie Rinker was among eight players on a one-under-par.

Baugh got her ace with a five-iron on the 156-yard, par-three, 16th hole.

Connors cruises to reach quarterfinals

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Number one seed Jimmy Connors breezed into the quarterfinals of the \$200,000 D.C. Tennis Classic last night easily defeating Lawson Duncan, 6-1, 6-2.

Taking control at the outset, Connors held serve and then broke his opponent at love to take a quick two games to none lead.

Earlier in the day, sixth-seeded Jose-Luis Clerc stopped Yugoslavia's Slobodan Zivjovic 7-6, 6-2 to lead a parade of Argentine's into the third round that included Martin Jaite, a 6-3, 6-4 winner over Peru's Jaime Yzaga, and Marcelo Ingaramo, who ousted Spain's Diego Perez, 7-5, 6-3.

In other matches, eighth-seeded Liber Pimek of Czechoslovakia

downed Spain's Fernando Luna 6-1, 6-4; Mark Dickson, No. 15, beat South Africa's Christo Steyn 6-2, 6-2; and Switzerland's Jakob Hlasek won over France's Guy Forget 3-6, 7-5, 7-6.

Yesterday's results were not totally unexpected as over the last 10 years, Argentine players have dominated play here, reaching the finals seven times and winning the clay court championship on five occasions.

Clerc, who has two of those championships, most recently in 1983, was pushed hard yesterday by the 21-year-old Zivjovic. The two players held serve thru the first set. Clerc won it by taking the tiebreaker 7-3.

Zivjovic contributed to his own downfall in the tiebreaker as he mistakenly let two balls go over his head

only to watch helplessly as they fell inches inside the baseline.

With the victory, Clerc advances into the third round, where he will meet countryman Guillermo Vilas on Friday. The meeting will be a rematch of the 1981 finals here, where Clerc won his first championship, 7-5, 6-2.

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — Chris Evert Lloyd was not at her best yesterday, but she was good enough to beat Hui Na 6-2, 7-5 in the second round of the \$150,000 Virginia Slims of Newport.

Third-seeded Wendy Turnbull, sixth-seeded Gigi Fernandez and seventh-seeded Elizabeth Smylie also advanced to the quarterfinals.

Hui is the 22-year-old Chinese tennis player who defected to the United States three years ago. Ranked No. 106 in the world, she had to qualify for this event by defeating Canadian Marianne Groat, 6-4, 6-0.

Lloyd broke Hui's serve three times in the first set. She lost her own serve once. In the second set, there were seven service breaks, and Hui saved five break points to hold serve in the fifth game.

She actually broke ahead 4-2 in the second set, but Lloyd broke right back. Lloyd broke in front in the 11th game and held serve in the 12th for the match.

Lloyd will play Fernandez in the quarterfinals today. Second-seeded Pam Shriver will meet Antonellis.

Strike could throw baseball into disarray

By JOHN NELSON
AP Sports Writer

The temptation here is to make an assumption that the players will not strike by major league baseball players:

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• The St. Louis Cardinals and New York Mets would fight it out for the National League East title, meeting for the last time at Shea Stadium in a crucial three-game series Sept. 10-12.

• The Los Angeles Dodgers would slowly pull away from San Diego in the NL West, winning by perhaps as many as eight games, while the Padres struggled with none of the team speed that helped them win the pennant last year.

• The Toronto Blue Jays, New York Yankees

and Detroit Tigers would make a three-team race of the American League East, while Baltimore and Boston fought it out for fourth place.

• The California Angels would hold off a September surge by the Kansas City Royals to win the AL West for the second time under Gene Mauch, only to lose in the playoffs, for the second time under Gene Mauch.

Such post All-Star Game speculation, while at the heart of the game's popularity, must be hedged this year against the very real likelihood of baseball's second midseason players' strike.

The last strike, which cut seven weeks from the middle of the 1981 season, forced then-Commissioner Bowie Kuhn into some very unpopular scheduling gymnastics. The season was split into two halves, with the first-half winners going into a miniplayoff with the second-half winners to decide the division champions.

But since the last strike ended near or before the date this one would begin, a split season is not an option for 1985.

There are two more frightening possibilities: • A strike is more lengthy, and the two sides do not come to an agreement until the eve of the playoffs. At that point, the teams that were leading their divisions when the strike began would begin eliminating the most entertaining and telling part of the season — the pennant stretch, when trailers often overtake first-place teams — or at least make it a close race.

• The union negotiates past its deadline, pushing a strike date back to early October. On the day before the playoffs, a strike is called. Depending on when a new contract is agreed upon, the playoffs and World Series are held in December in a domed stadium or next March in Florida as spring training is going on. Or not at all.

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