



All that coaxing can't make putt drop for Al Martino on ninth hole at Alpine. He lost semifinal match to Tom Cunningham.

Teller, 16, Gains State Golf Final

By ED DI CROWORTH

Sixteen-year-old Scott Teller of Quonset yesterday became the youngest finalist in the 70-year history of the state Amateur Golf Championship.

The North Kingstown High School junior will oppose 37-year-old Tom Cunningham of Wampanoag today in the 36-hole showdown of the R.I. Golf Association's annual tournament at the Alpine Country Club in Cranston.

Teller gained his berth in the final by eliminating 15-year-old Scott Cooke of Portsmouth, 4 and 3, in the quarterfinals and then squeezing at a 1-up victory over Pat DiPadua of West Warwick in the afternoon semifinals.

Cunningham, a roofing-manufacturer from

East Providence, advanced by defeating Tony Ferraro of Wampanoag, 2 and 1, and Albert Martino of Alpine, 2 and 1.

According to such veteran authorities as Ed Perry, secretary of the R.I.G.A., and Mike Thomas, retired golf writer of the Journal-Bulletin, Teller is the youngest finalist in the long history of the championship.

The late Don Fairchild and T. Siffert Teller were only 17 when they made their first appearances in state finals many years ago, and Bruce Moran was 18 when he equaled his uncle, Ronnie Quinn, in the 1952 final.

No teenager has ever won the title, but that apparently doesn't disturb the untappable Teller.

"I only hope I can play as well in the final as I did against Cooke in the quarter," he said. "I was even par for 15 holes and really hitting the ball well then."

Teller was seven over par in the semifinal, but still eked out a victory over DiPadua, a 26-year-old West Warwick school teacher. DiPadua, who had fired a brilliant two-under-par 68 in eliminating Quinn, a five-time champ, in the quarterfinals, was victimized by his erratic short game in the semis.

"I thought I had a chance to win it after I pulled even by winning the 10th and 11th holes," he recalled. "But Scott hung on and I couldn't make the putts I needed in the end."

The match, though, was nip and tuck to the final hole. Teller dropped his approach about 10 feet from the cup and DiPadua hooked a pitching wedge into deep rough near the green. Teller two-putted for a par and DiPadua took three from the fringe for a bogey, putting the teenager in the final.

Neither Cunningham nor Martino was at the peak of

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P.I. Entries 1-2 In Hammer in W. Germany

Special to The Journal-Bulletin: Heidenheim, West Germany. At the Jackson of Providence and Bartlett of Smithfield, respectively, in the 100-yard hammer throw in a meet between the United States and West Germany near track teams.

Jackson and Bartlett are former Cheshire High School athletes. The U.S. men's team defeated the West Germans, 12-5, and the U.S. girls defeated the West German girls, 8-6-6. The teams are made up of athletes under 19 years of age.

North Franks of New Bedford won the 800-meter run in 3:38. He finished two-tenths of a second ahead of his U.S. teammate, Dale Scott of Brighton, Calif.



Fraternal Help: Scott Teller's putt pops in and out despite the body english applied by his younger brother John (left) who was his caddy in R.I. Amateur tournament.

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Weiskopf Takes British Open by Three

TROON, Scotland (AP) — Tom Weiskopf, finally harnessing his terrible temper and exploding his enormous ego, won the British Open at Troon yesterday by three strokes over Tony Miller and Britain's all-time champion, Jack Nicklaus.

Weiskopf's two-under-par 69 in a soft rain that lashed the 7,094-yard Old Course at Troon gave him a total of 209.

Just as he did in the final round last year, Nicklaus put together an incredible but belated charge.

He broke the course record by two strokes with an amazing, seven-under-par 65 that included an eagle-three and a 30-foot chip for a birdie.

He was alone in fourth at 280, right under par but four strokes back.

Lee Trevino, who had won this title the last two years, finally got his game in gear with a 68 but was far back at 287.

Palmer, England's Tony Jacklin and Gary Player of South Africa were in a group at 290. Player had a final round 69, Jacklin 70 and Palmer, greeted by a standing ovation from the unbel-

ieving Scots around the 18th green, had 72.

Weiskopf, who led after each of the four rounds, was a front-runner all the way in the final round. He played in the last two games with Miller, the only man who had a good chance to overtake him, stretched his lead to three strokes at the end of three holes and led by at least two the rest of the way.

The 61-year-old, now the winner of four of his last seven starts, captured his first major championship—a triumph he so desperately wanted.

"I'll never consider myself a great player until I win a major championship," he had said earlier this week.

Always before, his temper had kept him from fulfilling his great potential.

"Potentially, I've been an awful good player for an awful long time," Nicklaus said.

In the last two months he broke through, winning the Colonial in Fort Worth, the Kemper in Charlotte and the Philadelphia Classic. He was second in Atlanta, third in the U.S. Open and fifth in the American Golf Classic.

Through that string Weiskopf talked almost daily of his new-found maturity.

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Sox Sweat Out Victory in Ninth

By HAROLD RICH
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Boston

Mild-mannered Eddie Kasko had taken off his uniform top and he was sitting in his office chair taking sips of refreshing beer from a mug.

"Okay," he said, with mock severity to the gaggle of sports journalists surrounding his desk. "How can he bring in a left-hander to pitch to a right-hander?"

Kasko was talking about himself. With his Boston Red Sox leading Texas, 6-5, and runners on first and third with two out in the ninth, he had summoned left-hander Bob Veale to replace right-hander Bob Bolin in yesterday's game. Waiting to move to the plate was dangerous Rivo Curly, a right-handed hitter.

Then, while sweaty second-baseers were uttering epithets in their pews at Fenway Park, Veale shut them up abruptly. With his first pitch, he got Curly to ground out to second for the final out, preserving a 6-5 victory for reliever Bolin and moving the second-place Sox to within one game of the American League's Eastern Division leader, New York.

There had been no indication for the first half of the game that the 12-253 win-losses at Fenway would have reason to be holding their breath in the ninth inning. Left-hander Bill Lee, the Sox starter, had shut out the Rangers for five innings and his team had scored four runs.

But the Rangers scored three runs in the sixth, including two on a homer by Bill Sudakis, and they tied it 4-4 in the eighth.

The tie, though, lasted only until the bottom of the eighth, in which Carl Yastrzemski tripled in the tie-breaker and Orlando Cepeda singled to what proved to be the winner.

Now, going into the top of the ninth, the score was 6-4. Bolin, who had replaced Lee in the eighth, retired the first two batters in the ninth, and the Sox were still in the lead.

There, Bolin's fortune changed. Dave Nelson hit a ground single to left, Vic Harris singled to center and

Alex Johnson sliced a run-scoring single just to the right of first baseman Yastrzemski. Out in the Sox bullpen pen, left-hander Veale and the seldom-used right-hander, Mike Garman, were warming up. Kasko was short of right-handed relief, since Don Newhauser wasn't available, having entered Hahnemann Hospital here yesterday for tests to determine the extent of a back ailment.

"He (Bolin) was struggling," said Kasko. "And you've got to go with the best out of the club. He (Veale) has had good luck against right-handed hitters."

Veale and Curly, both former National Leaguers, are no strangers.

"He's a fast-ball hitter," Veale was saying later.

"Then why did you throw him a fast ball?" someone asked.

"Heck," said the left-hander, "I was just trying to get him out of the box. He's my best pitch. Strength against strength. He has had his days against me and I have had mine."

So with the one pitch, Veale increased his save total to 10, 50 more than any other Sox reliever.

The Sox had started the game with a bang, literally. Their leadoff batter, Tommy Harper, whacked a 2-2 pitch thrown by right-hander Steve Dunning, into the leftfield screen for his fourth homer of the season. Harper thereby continued mystifying his han-

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Sports Perspective

Burden of Proof On Vataha Again

by Bill Parrillo

Amherst, Mass. — In one sense, the Patriots' Randy Vataha is a rookie again. And then again, he isn't.

Two years ago, he was the darling of the fans at Schaefer Stadium, a sort of football Horatio Alger type who was a big underdog but overcame all sorts of obstacles and became a star. He was small (5-foot-10, 170 pounds), no other teams wanted him, yet he proved himself.

Now, the Pats have a bunch of new coaches and a new system. It's a new year and there are a lot of good pass-catchers around. And Vataha, a passer-catcher, has to prove himself again.

"Basically, that's true," he admitted between yesterday's double sessions at the Pats' training camp here. "I know all coaches have doubts about what a small guy can do. The only difference is that now it's not a do-or-die situation like two years ago. Then, I was living from day to day."

But there is the thing about the other pass-catchers. Vataha is embroiled in a searing battle with Tom Reynolds, Darryl Stingley, Reggie Rucker and Charlie McKee. Five good players fighting for essentially three spots. One of them, at least, will be traded.

"The idea of being traded doesn't bother me; I don't even think about it," Vataha said. "The competition should make me better. If I get beat out, I'll mean the other guy is going to be pretty damn good."

There's no questioning Vataha's confidence that he'll still be a big man for the Pats. You can see that in the daily workouts here. For instance, in a passing drill early in yesterday's morning session, he was awful, dropping passes all over the place. Then, later in the session, in a live scrimmage, he caught seven in a row.

"It's a question of concentration," he explained. "If you start thinking about the ones you've dropped, then you'll drop a few more. If I dropped one two years ago, it was crucial. Now I'm trying to improve. I'm not just trying to find a spot on the roster."

He's also trying to make up for last season, a disaster for both him and the Patriots.

"I'll be honest. I lost some enthusiasm at the end of last season," he said frankly. "That never happened before. I had played on Rose Bowl teams (Stanford) and I played on a team that had a 5-4 record. But I had never lost my enthusiasm. I've spent the last six months trying to put the pieces back together."

In his rookie year, Vataha was the third-best passer-catcher in the American Conference. He caught 51 passes for 872 yards and nine touchdowns. Last year, he was cut in half — 25 catches for 369 yards and merely two TDs. His detractors, who had said he was too small, figured they were finally right — the league had caught up with Randy Vataha.

"A lot that happened to Randy was our fault," said Sam Rutigliano, the only holdover coach on Chuck Fair-

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Major League Baseball

American League

RESULTS YESTERDAY
Boston 6, Texas 4, New York 2, California 2, Detroit 2, Milwaukee 5, Oakland 1, Baltimore 5, Chicago 4.

National League

RESULTS YESTERDAY
Pittsburgh 7, Houston 2, Philadelphia 3, Montreal 2, St. Louis 2, Los Angeles 3, Chicago 3, Cincinnati 2.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS

American League		National League	
Team	W-L	Team	W-L
Boston	42-40	Pittsburgh	37-41
New York	42-39	Philadelphia	37-41
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Bosox Win; Ryan Hurls His 2nd No-Hitter of Season

Rangers Bow In 6 Innings Before Tiant

By HAROLD RICH
Journal-Bulletin sports writer

Boston — The Boston Red Sox yesterday defeated the Texas Rangers, 5-1, in a game that was delayed for two hours and 52 minutes because of rain, then was called after a half-hour delay in the middle of the sixth inning, the Sox showed, among other things, that they are better odds than the Rangers.

Dwight Evans' bases-empty homer, which broke a 1-1 tie in the second inning, proved to be the winner in a game played in a steady drizzle. The homer and an insurance run in the fifth inning, in which Doug Griffin tripled, made a winner of right-hander Luis Tiant (12-8). He gave up five hits, all singles. Three of them came successively and led to the Angels' run in the second inning.

The three successive hits were by Rico Carty, Jeff Burroughs and Jim Spencer. The Angels might have experienced a bigger inning if catcher Budge Fisk hadn't given Tiant an important assist. With one run in, Carty on second and Spencer on first, after one was out, Fisk picked Spencer off first. Then Rich Billings fled out to the warning pike in left center.

Tiant was quite fortunate. With his team leading, 2-1, in the third inning, he benefited from a Ranger accident resulting from the slippery field. Trying to score from second base, Jim Mason slipped and fell midway between third and the plate and was thrown out by right fielder Evans. Alex Johnson had singled to right after two were out.

The Sox managed six hits off left-hander Jim Merritt, a 20-game winner for the Cincinnati Reds in 1970 before his arm went bad. The Sox extracted a run off him in the first inning, which Luis Aparicio opened with a double between the third baseman and the bag. Aparicio moved to third on an infield out and scored on Orlando Cepeda's infield hit. The Sox' gumpy-kneed designated hitter might not have made it to first if second baseman Dave Nelson hadn't thrown erratically, off balance, after a dandy stop of the grounder, far to his left.

Evans made it 2-1 with his fifth homer, in the next inning, and the Sox scored their final run in the fifth. Griffin's triple to right center and Rick Miller's sacrifice fly. The Sox' management was eager to play the game because this was the Rangers' second and last visit of the season. Had the game been postponed, it probably would have had to be made up on the Sox' next and last visit to Texas late next month.



Nolan Ryan on route to no-hitter yesterday.

The rain stopped briefly at around 4:30, and the game started at 1:32. Not long thereafter, the rain resumed, light for the first several innings and moderate the remainder of the game. The game finally was called a few minutes before 7 o'clock, nearly five hours after the scheduled start time.

A crowd of 11,703, most of which remained until the end, was rewarded for perseverance. The Sox announced that persons who had bought tickets for the game will get a chance to see a later game. Announcement will be made as to what game that will be. Persons must, of course, have held on to their ticket stubs.

Running the bases: The Sox took three of four from the Rangers and remained a game behind the American League's Eastern Division leader, New York, which beat Kansas City, 2-0, yesterday. With Rico Petreoli's single, Danny Cater played third base for the Sox. It was his first experience at that position since 1971, when he was with the Yankees.

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Angels Ace Fans 17, Halts Tigers, 6-0

Detroit — (AP) — A lengthy eighth inning in which the California Angels scored five runs may have cost their pitcher, Nolan Ryan, an American League strikeout record yesterday. But the stiffness the fireballing right-hander developed during the sixth wasn't enough to prevent his second no-hitter of the season.

The 26-year-old Texas struck out 17 — one short of Bob Feller's league record — an allowed only four baserunners. All on walks, as the Angels blanketed the Detroit Tigers, 6-0, before a crowd of 41,411.

"There'll be another day," Ryan said afterward. "But I can't say I'm disappointed with myself for not getting the strikeout record."

Ryan's other no-hitter came at Kansas City two months ago to the day. Detroit, meanwhile, was suffering its second no-hitter of the season. The offer was thrown by Steve Busby of Kansas City on April 27.

That long layoff in the eighth hurt me," Ryan said. "When I went out in the bottom of the inning I was stiff. I think that's why I struck out only one batter the last two innings."

Compared with his earlier no-hit job, Ryan said: "I had better stuff. I knew what a no-hitter was, and this time when the pressure came I, ever seen pitched."

Manager Bobby Winkles called it "the best game I've ever seen pitched." Of the 10 Detroit outs that weren't strikeouts, only four were hit to the outfield. Gates Brown came closest to a hit. He drilled a line drive which shortstop Rudy Moon leaped and grabbed with one out in the ninth.

Tiger Manager Billy Martin said Ryan "had everything. He always pitches good. I like his stuff." Dick McAuliffe and Duke Sims, both left-handed hitters, each struck out three times. "That's the best I've ever seen anybody pitch," McAuliffe said.

"That's the best I've ever seen," echoed Sims. "Brown kept mumbering. I threw super stuff, super stuff." Ryan, 6-foot-2 and 195 pounds, became the fourth pitcher in history to hurl two no-hitters in one season.

The other pitchers to throw two no-hitters in the same year were Johnny Vander Meer of the Cincinnati Reds in 1938, Al Reynolds of the New York Yankees in 1961 and Detroit's Virgil Trucks in 1932. Vander Meer is the only man to pitch consecutive no-hitters. Maloney pitched 10 no-hitters in the first 1963 no-hitter but lost on two hits in the 11th.

The only Detroit players who received walks were Brown in the first inning, Mickey Stanley in the fourth, Dick Sharon in the fifth and Brown in the sixth. None got past first base. Ryan retired the last 10 Detroit batters.



Tense Moment on 18th Hole: Scott Teller (left) draws club for second chance after casual water ruling gave him a free drop. At right, his opponent in R.I. Amateur, Tom Cunningham, checks ruling while Ed Perry of RIGA explains why it was not called a lost ball.

Teller Wins R.I. Amateur, 5 and 4

By ED DICKWORTH
Sixteen-year-old Scott Teller of Quinebaudet won his first golf trophy yesterday. And it wasn't any minor-league thing.

Instead, the North Kingstown High School junior started at the top — the state Amateur Championship — as he defeated veteran Tom Cunningham of Wampanoag, 5 and 4, in the rain-plagued 36-hole final at Algonquin Country Club in Cranston.

Teller, who became the youngest player to win the state title in the 71-year history of the tournament. The late Johnny Burke, at 19, was the youngest previous winner in 1935.

In retrospect, Teller undoubtedly got the impetus he needed to win on the 15th hole in the morning round.

Teller, who was two down at that point, appeared destined to go three down when he pushed his tee shot into woods that line the right side of the fairway.

When he was unable to locate the ball after a five-minute search, Teller was ordered by the referee to return to the tee and hit a provisional ball.

Two holes later, Teller pulled out a 2-up lead out in half.

Later, Cunningham admitted he was upset by the ruling. But he refused to lay his second-round collapse to the confusing and debatable turn of events.

"I just didn't play well in the afternoon, that's all," the 37-year-old Holy Cross alumnus admitted. "I wasn't hitting many greens or sinking any of the putts I needed."

Teller allowed that the ruling had been a big break for him.

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Teller, a member of the North Kingstown High School football team who intends to become either a professional golfer or veterinarian, credited his father, 15-year-old John, for a large measure of his success.

"He did a terrific job of caddy for me," the caddyman explained. "John gave me moral support and a lot of help around the green. I needed one as bad as the other."

Teller, who celebrated his 16th birthday on Jan. 14, now will turn his attention to a couple of junior tournaments. "I'm going to try and qualify for the U.S. Golf Association's Junior Championship at Dedham, Tuesday," he offered. "After that, I'll play in the RIGA Junior at Warwick next week."

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Maggard got singles and Rick Burleson got a double in the inning.

A three-run home run by Benque featured a four-run fourth inning. It was Benque's 10th homer of the year. In the sixth inning, Cecil Cooper of Pawtucket collected his 11th home run.

In the first game, Syracuse scored in the eighth inning. Dickie's lead-off home run retired 12 batters before Rick Blad ended his streak and started the winning rally with a single.

Ken Bennett drew a base on balls and Tom Matichuk doubled, driving in Blad with the only run of the game.

Pole was the losing pitcher. His record dropped to 10-8.

Tomorrow night the Paw Sox return to Pawtucket, where they will play the Richmond Braves at McCoy Stadium.

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Boston 5, Texas 3, 10 p.m. (rain)
New York 5, Kansas City 3
Baltimore 5, Chicago 3
Cleveland 5, Milwaukee 3
Detroit 5, Philadelphia 3

STANDING OF THE TEAMS

Eastern Division
W. L. Pct. G.B.
New York 52 42 .553 —
Boston 48 40 .545 1
Baltimore 46 39 .541 1 1/2
Detroit 48 43 .527 2 1/2
Milwaukee 41 46 .469 6
Cleveland 33 50 .399 18

Western Division

W. L. Pct. G.B.
Oakland 52 40 .565 —
Kansas City 50 45 .526 3 1/2
California 46 43 .517 4 1/2
Minnesota 46 43 .517 4 1/2
Chicago 46 41 .511 5
Texas 38 58 .398 19 1/2

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National League

RESULTS YESTERDAY
Houston 5, Cincinnati 3
Los Angeles 5, Pittsburgh 3
San Francisco 5, St. Louis 3
San Diego 5, New York 3
Philadelphia 5, Milwaukee 3

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Eastern Division
W. L. Pct. G.B.
Los Angeles 53 34 .609 —
Cincinnati 47 42 .526 1
Houston 46 47 .495 1 1/2
Pittsburgh 41 46 .469 6
St. Louis 38 50 .438 18

Western Division

W. L. Pct. G.B.
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Sports on Air

TONIGHT

7:30 p.m. — NEAR, WERE, WYON.
8 p.m. — CHICAGO, ST. LOUIS, PHILADELPHIA, PITTSBURGH, CLEVELAND, DETROIT, MILWAUKEE, BOSTON, NEW YORK, KANSAS CITY, MINNESOTA, CALIFORNIA, TEXAS, HOUSTON, SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO, SEATTLE, PORTLAND, OAKLAND, KANSAS CITY, MINNESOTA, CALIFORNIA, TEXAS, HOUSTON, SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO, SEATTLE, PORTLAND, OAKLAND.

Charleston, 4-0

Charleston, W. Va. — (AP) — John Morlan limited Teller to four hits yesterday as the Charleston Charlies posted a 4-0 International League shutout over the Mud Hens.

Richmond, Va. — (AP) — The Richmond Braves made it four wins over the Rochester Red Wings with a 5-3 International League baseball victory yesterday.

Peninsula Splits

Peninsula, Va. — (AP) — The Peninsula Braves split their first two games yesterday. They defeated the Charleston Charlies, 4-0, in the first game, but lost to the Mud Hens, 4-0, in the second game.

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