

Ray Floyd led from start, gave others little chance

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — like everybody else, wound up being a spectator, finishing 11 shots off the pace. Floyd led every round as the glamorous event became a dull one-man show.

Floyd's winning score was 65-66-70-70-271, tying the record Nicklaus set in 1965.

Only one man made a serious lunge at him and it proved too little too late. Young Ben Crenshaw charged in with a closing 67, highlighted by a gambling eagle on the 13th and a par on the long 15th from the water, to take second money with 279, eight strokes back.

Floyd collected \$40,000, Crenshaw \$25,000.

Nicklaus, recognized as undisputed king of the game with 16 major titles, never mustered a rally in defence of the title he grabbed for the fifth time a year ago. He struggled in with a 73 to tie Larry Ziegler for third at 282.

Floyd, a 33-year-old veteran of 15 years on the tour, started the final round with an eight-stroke lead after finishing Saturday's round with a birdie. He said he was convinced Saturday night that he could win.

"Realistically, I knew it was over—I was sure no one could catch me," he said. "But I didn't want to finish sloppily. I wanted to shoot a good round."

"After I got that birdie on the 15th, I just wanted to finish and not get hurt. I was in control."

Nevertheless, Floyd's hands were shaking slightly when he reported to the locker room about an hour before his scheduled Sunday tee-off time and began opening stacks of telegrams from friends and well-wishers.

At the very first hole, he hooked his drive behind a tall pine tree. Right off, he was staring at a possible bogey or double bogey.

"I was only about 2 1/2 feet from the tree," he said. "I had no line to the green at all."

"So I punched a hard hook shot out with a seven-iron and it rolled flag high on the green. I almost broke my club but I saved my par."

Floyd got his lone bogey on the fourth hole where his shot into the wind missed the green but he recovered on the next hole, lashing a three-iron shot to within three feet of the cup.

He got another birdie at the short 12th, sinking a putt from 20 feet, and then birdied the 520-yard 15th with a 15-foot putt that gave him a record of having played the four par fives 14 under par for the four days.

Val Vickers sharp in three events

Valerie Vickers finished first in three of a possible four events to lead Lethbridge to a second place finish in the Alberta junior 10-pin association's 11th annual handicap tournament held Saturday and Sunday at the Silver Dollar Bowl in Calgary.

Calgary dominated the trophies, taking 11, with Lethbridge winning seven and Edmonton two.

Vickers, an 11-year-old bantam (under 12 years of age) bowler, rolled a 223 to take the girls' high singles — the first time in 11 years that a bantam has beaten the higher classifications.

Vickers also won the bantam girls' singles with a 504 total, shared first place in the bantam team division with Charlene Kometz, Les Ablonczy and Brian Groves and came in second with Stu Nyquist in bantam doubles.

The team's winning totals were 1,880 while Nyquist and Vickers rolled 929 in doubles.

Putting the three groupings together, Vickers was able to win the bantam girls' overall trophy, with a total of 1,402 pins.

Other Lethbridge winners were Ablonczy in the bantam boys' singles (560 pins), the junior (13-16) doubles pair of Susan Cherniwchan and Merylen Bunnage (1,071 pins) and the bantam doubles pair of Beth Rodzinyak and Harold Orich (943 pins).

Other top performances by Lethbridge bowlers were Rodzinyak, second in bantam girls' singles with a 484 total; Sharon May, third in junior girls' singles with a 553 total; Bunnage, third in junior boys' singles with a 549 total; Marilyn Deitrich, third in senior (17-21) girls' singles with a 599 total; the senior's team of Dave Bobak, Sherry Cherniwchan, Wendy Rodzinyak and Craig Kometz, third with a 2,299 total; the junior's team of Ralph Weets, George Crow, May and Bunnage, second with a 2,062 total; the junior's team of Rhonda Sillito, Len Heinonen, Susan Cherniwchan and Ken French, third with a 2,025 total; and the bantam team of Chris Clemmer, Rodzinyak, Carmen Weets and Orich, second with a 1,820 total.

A total of 34 Lethbridge bowlers took part in the two-day event.

Rinke honored as outstanding boxer

PRINCE ALBERT (CP) — Three Canadian champions and a former Canadian champion won their events at the Western Canada amateur boxing championships during the weekend.

Carman Rinke of Lundbreck, Alta., won the 147-pound class and was named outstanding senior boxer in the two-day event.

Rinke stopped Joe Mason of Dawson City, N.W.T., in the first round of the final match. In a semi-final Saturday, Rinke won on points over David Ius of Vancouver.

Canadian champions Guy Boutin and Randy Jackson, both of Edmonton, won their divisions. Boutin stopped Jack Snaith of Vancouver in the second round of their 125-pound division and Jackson won an unanimous decision over Alex Angelomatis of Vancouver in the 156-pound class.

Former national champion Morgan Williams of Weyburn, Sask., scored a decision on points over Jim McMillan of Kamloops, B.C. in the 132-pound division.

In the two other senior finals, Wayne Caplatte of Winnipeg won an unanimous decision over Brian Jones of Vancouver in the 165-pound division, and Neil Melrose of Calgary defeated Ivan Pavovic of Vancouver on points in the heavyweight division.

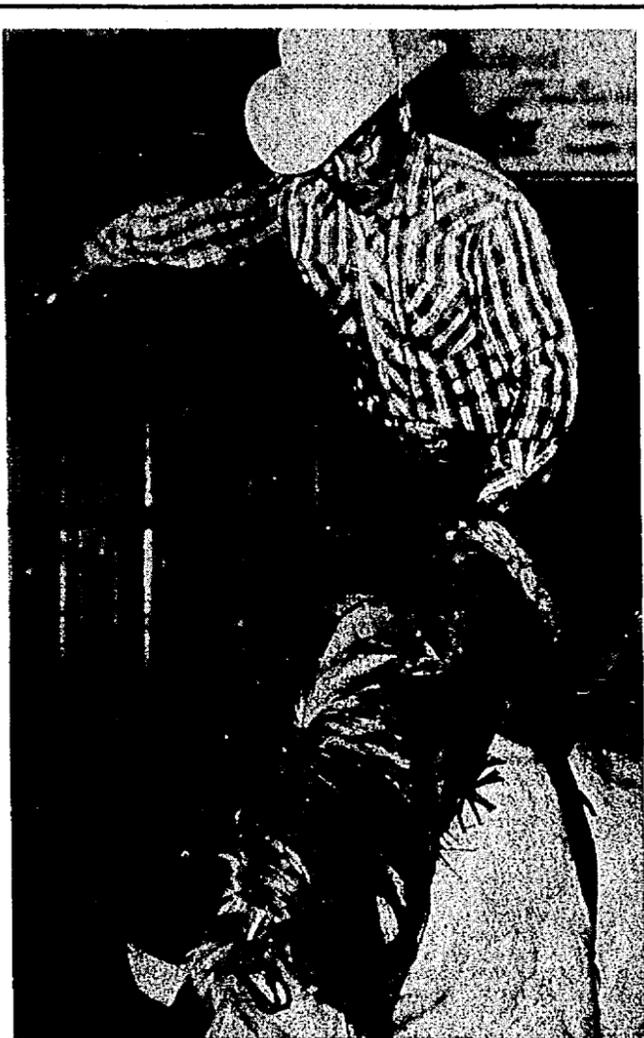
The winners advance to the national finals in Sudbury, Ont., next month from which the Canadian Olympic team will be chosen.

Special meeting

A special meeting for all managers, presidents, umpires and coaches will be held Tuesday, 8 p.m. at the Labor Club board room.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss league constitutions, umpire fees, umpire clinics, provincial playoffs, tournaments and team names (contact persons).

Umpire-in-chief Cliff Firth urges each league and team to have a representative at the meeting.



BLAINE LOUIS CONCENTRATES ON HIS SADDLE BRONC, BIGHORN

Dodds' 75 wins bull riding

Ostrom top bulldogger

By GARRY ALLISON
Herald Sports Writer

Ron Ostrom, the bespectacled 22-year-old reigning Canadian steer wrestling champion from Carlsland, proved Saturday night at Cardston that his winning the dominion title last year was no fluke.

Ostrom, one of the last 15 bulldoggers out at the first professional rodeo in Cardston in eight years, took full advantage of his late positioning in the rodeo.

Having two prior performances to study the steers that were giving the vast majority of the cowboys fits, Ostrom went out Saturday night and dropped his steer in 4.4 seconds to win the rodeo championship going away.

During the first two performances, and much of the final performance, the steer wrestlers were at the mercy of the quick steers and the long score. Only five of the 58 doggers entered managed to record times under six seconds.

Ostrom pocketed \$538.12 for his 4.4 seconds of work.

Second spot went to another young competitor, who ironically finished second in the race for the Canadian title to Ostrom, Joe Chomistek. The Scandia hand topped his steer in 5.3 seconds.

It wasn't all young competitors in the money however, as Canadian rodeo's oldest active cowboy, Ernie Dorin of Bruce, wound up in third spot with a clocking of 5.4 seconds. Oscar Walter of Lethbridge and Jim Hern of Bindloss split fourth and fifth with a 5.5 second time.

Bull rider John Dodds, who paid the price of his trade with a night in the hospital after a bull called Redcliff stepped on him Friday, captured the bull taming title and banked \$374.85 to help ease the pain.

The former Ponoka cowboy, now calling Echo, Oregon home, garnered 75 points on Redcliff Friday before the bull unceremoniously stomped on him at the conclusion of his ride.

Medicine Hat's Tom Davies earned 72 points on a Reg Kesler bull Saturday to walk off with second place money while third spot went to three cowboys, Rocky Hubley, Sonny Clegg and Dale Claypool. They all marked 71's.

Reg Kesler's stock proved to be a solid test for most of the competitors in the riding events, and the saddle bronc event in particular saw some classic rides.

Young Jim Kelts of Consort spurred out a rhythmic ride aboard Factory Special, a hard bucking bronc, and gained 74 points and \$416.50 for his winning effort.

Former world and Canadian champion saddle bronc rider, Mel Hyland of Surrey, B.C., wound up in second hole, receiving 71 points from judges Bud Van Cleave and Ernie Dorin. Third and fourth place was split between Austin Mawson and Brian Claypool. The two Saskatchewan boys both eaned 70 points.

There was a virtual traffic jam for top spot in the bareback event.

Reigning Canadian all around king, Bob Hartell, the 1975 cowboy of the year, Lynn Jensen, and six time Canadian bareback champion, Dale Trottler, all raked out 72 point rides to share the championship.

Hartell and Trottler both took out a horse called LK, while Jensen teamed up with Creamo.

The trio will all bank \$203.84 apiece.

Allan Thorpe of Calgary was next in line with 69 points.

Barry Edge of Cochrane roped and tied his calf in 10.9 seconds Friday and then sat back and watched a few ropers threaten his time, but not surpass it. Edge picked up a cheque for \$499.80 from rodeo secretary Fred Gladstone for his winning effort.

Lee Phillips of Carlsland came close to Edge with an 11 second run. Home-town boy, Bill Reeder, showed the 700 on hand Saturday why he's one of the best in the business when he wrapped his calf in 11.7 seconds.

Larry Robinson of Innisfail was third with an 11.9 second run.

Jerri Duce of Granum, who is presently sitting in 12th place in the world barrel racing standings, had a field day at Cardston.

She won both go rounds with identical runs of 14.7 seconds and captured the average as well. The blonde former Miss Rodeo Canada carted off \$167.64 from the two-day, three performance show.

Sister Joy wound up in second spot overall with a total running time of 29.8 seconds.

BEHIND THE CHUTES . . . Among the spectators Saturday was rodeo great Herman Linder . . . Linder's records in the rodeo world are still unchallenged . . . also in the crowd, and sporting a cast on her leg after a fall with her horse at Medicine Hat, was Mary Lynn Walter . . . timers for the rodeo, presented by Ted Bly and Lynn Jensen, were Liz Kesler and Edith Gladstone . . . bareback bronc of the year in Canada, Moonshine, shed Mike Dodd in a flurry of action . . . rodeo veteran and former National Finals saddle bronc king, Marvin Joyce of East Helena, Montana, suffered a rare setback when Kesler's Strawberry bucked him off . . . Pete Bruisehead of Cardston barely avoided a wreck in the steer wrestling when his steer cut sharply in front of his horse . . . bullfighter Mickey Bagnell promising to have a new car act to go with his entertaining levitation act he developed over the winter . . . 19-year-old saddle bronc and National Finals veteran, Hard Twist, still going strong, bucking off Charlie Louis after a few quick leaps . . . a disappointing turnout of only 1,200 people took in the top-calibre show over the three performances.

Braves ink Messersmith

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The new guy, the millionaire, sat on the bench next to some of his less affluent teammates.

The attitude of those Atlanta Braves making a mere \$50,000 or so might have been one of resentment toward the newest Brave, Andy Messersmith, but they welcomed him with open arms over the weekend.

"It was like a spiritual thing when we found out Andy was coming with us," said Lee Lacy, a team-mate of Messersmith with Los Angeles last season.

"We had thought we were out of the bidding," said Lacy, who came to the Braves via the traditional route, a winter trade. "You can't believe how happy everyone is about our getting him."

"Andy's got to boost our morale and make us a better club."

The 30-year-old Messersmith, who'd been declared a free agent during the off-season after winning 19 games

without a contract for the Dodgers last year, ended a long search for a new team Saturday when he came to terms with the Braves.

Messersmith, twice a 20-game winner, had rejected numerous bids—including an earlier one from Atlanta—before finally coming to terms with Braves' owner Ted Turner.

His three-year contract calls for \$200,000 a year, plus a \$400,000 bonus for signing.

Roberge, Blazers repel Sons 4-0

LLOYDMINSTER — Roger Roberge, a pain in the side for Lethbridge Y's Men Native Sons during the best-of-seven series, scored three times Saturday to lead Lloydminster Border Blazers to a 7-3 win and a sweep of their Central Alberta Junior Hockey League final with the Sons.

The league title, won last year by the Native Sons, returns to the Northern Division after a one-year absence. Vermilion had won the championship for three consecutive years before the Sons claimed the crown.

Roberge, who had eight goals in the series, scored twice on the powerplay as Lloydminster held 2-1 and 5-3 period leads.

Roland Gervais, Danny Gervais, Kirk Davies and Brian Hozak rounded out the Blazer attack. The four players, along with Roberge, accounted for 19 of the 20 Lloydminster goals in the four games.

Meanwhile, Lethbridge which had scored 46 goals in seven games (for a 6.6 goals-per-game average) in beating out Taber Palace Pats in the Southern Division final, managed but 12 goals in the four outings (for an average of three goals a game).

Dwayne Howell, Glen Scheibner and Albert Dumont scored for the Native Sons in the final game.

Lloydminster grabbed a 2-0 lead after 14 minutes of play but the Native Sons battled back to tie the score 2-2 early in the second. At the midway point of the second period, the clubs were deadlocked at 3-3. Then the roof fell in.

The Blazers fired four unanswered goals, including two by Roberge, to take the series 4-0.

"We played pretty good for two periods," Native Son manager Hans DeGroot said. "Then the penalties got to us in the third."

Lethbridge served five of seven minors, and the lone misconduct, called in the first two periods but after the final stanza, the Native Sons had been assessed 38 of the 57 penalty minutes.

The penalties that hurt the most were a pair of majors and a game misconduct given to Lethbridge defenceman Gino Guzzi with 8:26 remaining and the Blazers leading 5-3. Lloydminster's Rick Weinhandl received a major at the same time, leaving the Native Sons shorthanded for seven minutes.

ELRICH TIRE SPORT SCORES

NATIONAL LEAGUE				NHL PLAYOFFS-AT-A-GLANCE							
	East	West	Pct.	GBL	Series E	G	W	L	F	A	Pts
Pittsburgh	2	0	1.000	—	Montreal	1	1	0	4	0	2
Chicago	2	1	.667	1/2	Los Angeles	1	0	1	0	4	0
New York	2	1	.667	1/2	Chicago	1	0	1	0	4	0
Montreal	1	2	.333	1 1/2	SERIES F						
St. Louis	1	2	.333	1 1/2	Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Philadelphia	0	2	.000	2	Toronto	0	0	0	0	0	0
SERIES G											
Cincinnati	3	0	1.000	—	SERIES H						
San Francisco	2	0	1.000	1/2	Boston	1	1	0	4	0	2
Atlanta	2	1	.667	1/2	Los Angeles	1	0	1	0	4	0
San Diego	1	2	.333	2	SERIES I						
Los Angeles	0	2	.000	2 1/2	Buffalo	1	1	0	5	3	2
Houston	0	3	.000	3	NY Islanders	1	0	1	3	5	0
TODAY'S GAMES											
San Francisco 6 Philadelphia 3											
San Diego 5 Philadelphia 3											
Pittsburgh 7 New York 6											
Cincinnati 9 Houston 3											
Chicago 8 St. Louis 5											
Atlanta 4 San Diego 2											
San Francisco 6 Los Angeles 4											
SATURDAY'S RESULTS											
Pittsburgh 5 Philadelphia 4											
New York 1 Montreal 0											
Cincinnati 13 Houston 7											
Chicago 4 St. Louis 3											
Los Angeles at San Francisco, p.p.d., rain											

AMERICAN LEAGUE				WESTERN CANADA							
	East	West	Pct.	GBL	Series	G	W	L	F	A	Pts
Detroit	1	0	1.000	—	Victoria	5	Medicine Hat	4			
Baltimore	2	1	.667	1/2	Victoria leads best-of-seven						
Milwaukee	1	1	.500	1/2	Canadian semi-final 2-0						
New York	1	1	.500	1/2	Calgary 8 Quebec 4						
Boston	1	2	.333	1	(Calgary leads best-of-seven						
Cleveland	0	1	.000	1	Canadian semi-final 2-0)						
WESTERN CANADA											
New England 3 Cleveland 2											
(New England wins best-of-five											
U.S. quarter-final 3-0)											
WESTERN CANADA											
Victoria 5 Medicine Hat 4											
(Victoria leads six-point quarter-											
final 5-1)											
CENTENNIAL CUP											
Selkirk 5 Prince Albert 3											
(Best-of-seven quarter-final tied 1-											
1)											
Spruce Grove 10 Vancouver NorWes											
4											
(Spruce Grove leads best-of-seven											
quarter-final 2-0)											
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Calgary 3 Quebec 1											
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semi-final											
New England 6 Cleveland 1											
New England leads best-of-five											
U.S. quarter-final 2-0											
San Diego 4 Phoenix 2											
Best-of-five U.S. quarter-final tied											
1-1											
WESTERN CANADA											
Victoria 2 Medicine Hat 2											
Victoria leads six-point second-											
round series 3-1											
MAHL											
Beauce 7 Philadelphia 6											
Best-of-seven final tied 2-2											
Centennial Cup											
Charlottetown 4 Sydney 3											
First game best-of-seven Eastern											
semi-final											
Prince Albert 4 Selkirk 3											
First game best-of-seven Western											
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Western quarter-final 1-0											
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BASKETBALL			
	NBA	ABA	Pct.
Atlanta	123 Philadelphia 109		
Phoenix	121 Seattle 95		
New York	99 Cleveland 94		
Houston	110 Detroit 89		
Indiana	109 Kentucky 95		
Best-of-three preliminary round			
tied 1-1.			

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