

Sports Outlook



The Georgetown Figure Skating Club held a Junior Olympics for their young skaters over the weekend. The youngsters took part in a variety of relay events, and

could always count on having someone there for back-up when it appeared they were going to lose their balance.

Acton team among penalty free winners

Members of the Acton Nellis Construction Atom Rep hockey team were among the winners in the Esso Penalty Free Sweepstakes.

The Acton team was among 250 that were drawn from over 2,500 eligible entries from teams that had played penalty-free hockey games during the two week contest from Jan. 9-23.

The purpose of the Sweepstakes was to encourage amateur teams to play safer hockey by completing games without penalties.

The Sweepstakes grand prize was won by the Marmora Lions Atoms, coached by Lloyd Acorn of Stirling. Each member of the team will receive a pair of Micron Mega skates, with a retail value of about \$200.

The 250 secondary prize winning teams will receive products ranging from hockey sticks and equipment bags to personal stereo headphones.

Each of the 2,500 teams that sub-

mitted penalty-free game sheets will receive an Esso Penalty Free Sweepstakes crest, and Certificate of Achievement.

It has been proposed to make the Esso Penalty Free Sweepstakes an annual event, since it was so successful.

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Golfers tee off for big bucks

By John Grabowski

All-time golfing great Gary Player once said, "When you play for fun, it's fun. But when you play golf for a living, it's a game of sorrows. You're never happy."

Contrary to Player's opinion, it's a good bet that there are some happy golfers on the pro tour nowadays. Tour purses have been increasing consistently over the years, with the greatest increase ever occurring in 1987. Purses for the 46 events on the tour totaled \$32,106,093 last year, an increase of better than \$6.5 million (or 26 percent) over 1986's total.

No one was happier than 33-year old Curtis Strange of Kingsmill, Va. Strange won the Arnold Palmer Award as the leading money winner on the tour, accumulating an astounding \$925,941. His total broke the previous record, set by Greg Norman in 1986, by more than a quarter of a million dollars. Paul Azinger also beat Norman's old standard, finishing with \$822,481 in winnings.

An even better idea of how earnings have soared can be obtained by examining the number of \$100,000 winners. The first time the magic mark was reached was 1963, when both Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus surpassed it, with \$128,230 and \$100,040, respectively. The number of players has increased steadily since then, to the point where a record 96 golfers earned \$100,000 or more last year. At least \$200,000 was earned by 55 tour pros, \$300,000 by 32, \$400,000 by 19, and \$500,000 by 14.

Prior to 1987, only 17 golfers had ever cracked the \$400,000 barrier, and only five the half-million plateau. Of the top 10 single season marks, seven were reached in 1987.

Strange and Azinger's 1987 totals were, respectively, \$888,241 and \$588,462 higher than their 1986 totals, for the two biggest one season gains in PGA history. The previous high was Bob Tway's \$488,757 increase in 1986.

In the past seven years, six different golfers have won the Palmer Award as the leading money winner.

Strange is the only repeat winner, having led the tour in 1985 as well as 1987.

Four rookies topped \$100,000 last year, led by Keith Clearwater, who set a rookie record with \$320,007 in winnings. Sam Randolph, John Inman and Kenny Perry were the other newcomers to join the select group.

Greg Norman of Australia was the leading non-American money winner, with \$535,450. South Africa's David Frost and West Germany's Bernhard Langer rounded out the top three.

As of 1988, 85 golfers had surpassed the \$1,000,000 mark in career earnings. Jack Nicklaus (\$4,976,980) and Tom Watson (\$4,701,629) head the list, with Tom Kite, Ray Floyd, Lee Trevino, Curtis Strange and Lanny Wadkins also having passed the \$3,000,000 level.

Jack Nicklaus won \$100,000 or more for a record 16 consecutive seasons (1963-78). Tom Watson currently has a 14-year streak going, including

the last 11 with \$200,000 or more. Watson also holds the mark for consecutive \$300,000 seasons with six (1977-82). He topped the money list a record four consecutive years during that span (1977-80), but still trails Nicklaus, who has been the leading money winner eight times.

Arnold Palmer was the first golfer to win \$1,000,000, reaching the mark on July 21, 1968. Hal Sutton, at age 26, was the youngest to attain that level in career earnings.

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