

Sports

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EXTRA ROUND TO DECIDE U.S. OPEN

Faldo benefits from Strange finish

BROOKLINE, Mass. (AP) — Nick Faldo bogeyed the 16th hole to give Curtis Strange a one-stroke lead with two holes to play in the fourth round of the U.S. Open golf tournament Sunday.

On the 17th green, Strange stood over an eight-foot birdie putt and Faldo sat on his golf bag reading his card and averting his eyes from what he thought would be the end of a long week that suddenly turned ugly.

Nearly trampled by the huge gallery on the 17th fairway, Faldo already had putted out from 25 feet for par on the hole, when Strange eased his putt down the hill. The ball started slowly and seemed to gather speed immediately, slipping by the left side of the hole as it rolled another five feet.

Strange missed the putt coming back for par, and a pair of pars on No. 18 set up today's 18-hole playoff with both golfers tied at six-under-par 278 after 72 holes.

"I thought Curtis was going to make it," Faldo said about the putt at No. 17. "Those last few holes, I had to really grind them out."

"That 18 was crazy with the crowd, and 17 was real bad. That hole scared me because I could hear the stampede behind me and the marshalls put the rope up in front of me."

Officials were allowing the crowd to come onto the fairways to follow the twosome since they were the last on the course.

Strange already had a crowd problem of his own when a man who has a history of bothering golfers was arrested and taken from the 12th fairway. Strange had complained that the man, who identified himself as Charles Abdenour, confronted him.

None of the top 10 players from Saturday's third round was able to break par Sunday as the pack fell behind the two leaders.

Strange started the day one shot ahead of Faldo, Bob Gilder and defending champion Scott Simpson. Strange shot 72 with three bogeys and two birdies. Faldo had the low round among the leaders, a par 71 with one birdie and one bogey.

Gilder shot 75 to finish at two-under 282 with Fuzzy Zoeller, who shot 66 in the fourth round. After shooting 72, Simpson was at 281 along with Paul Azinger, who shot 66.

Two shots behind the leaders at 280 were Steve Pate with a 67, Mark O'Meara with 71 and D. A. Weibring with 72. Larry Mize, who started the day at five under, shot 76 for a par 284 total.

Peter Jacobsen broke the course record with a seven-under-par 64 to finish at 286.

Dave Barr of Burnaby and Dan Halldorson of Brandon, Man., were out of contention before the fourth round. Barr had a 70 Sunday to finish at 287, while Halldorson closed with a 73 for a 290 total.

The U.S. Open is the only remaining major tournament that uses the 18-hole playoff format.

The two previous Opens at the Country Club, 1913 and 1963, also went into playoffs. This is the 28th playoff in U.S. Open history.

Did Tyson hit wife?

NEW YORK (AP) — Eight days before the biggest fight of his career, heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson is portrayed in a Newsday report as a person who has hit his actress wife and raised fears among her family about their marriage.

In its Sunday editions, Newsday reported that Stephanie Givens, sister of Tyson's wife, Robin Givens, contends the marriage was a mistake from the beginning, that Tyson has emotionally and physically abused his wife, and that the stress of the rocky relationship caused Robin to have a miscarriage last week in Atlantic City, N.J.

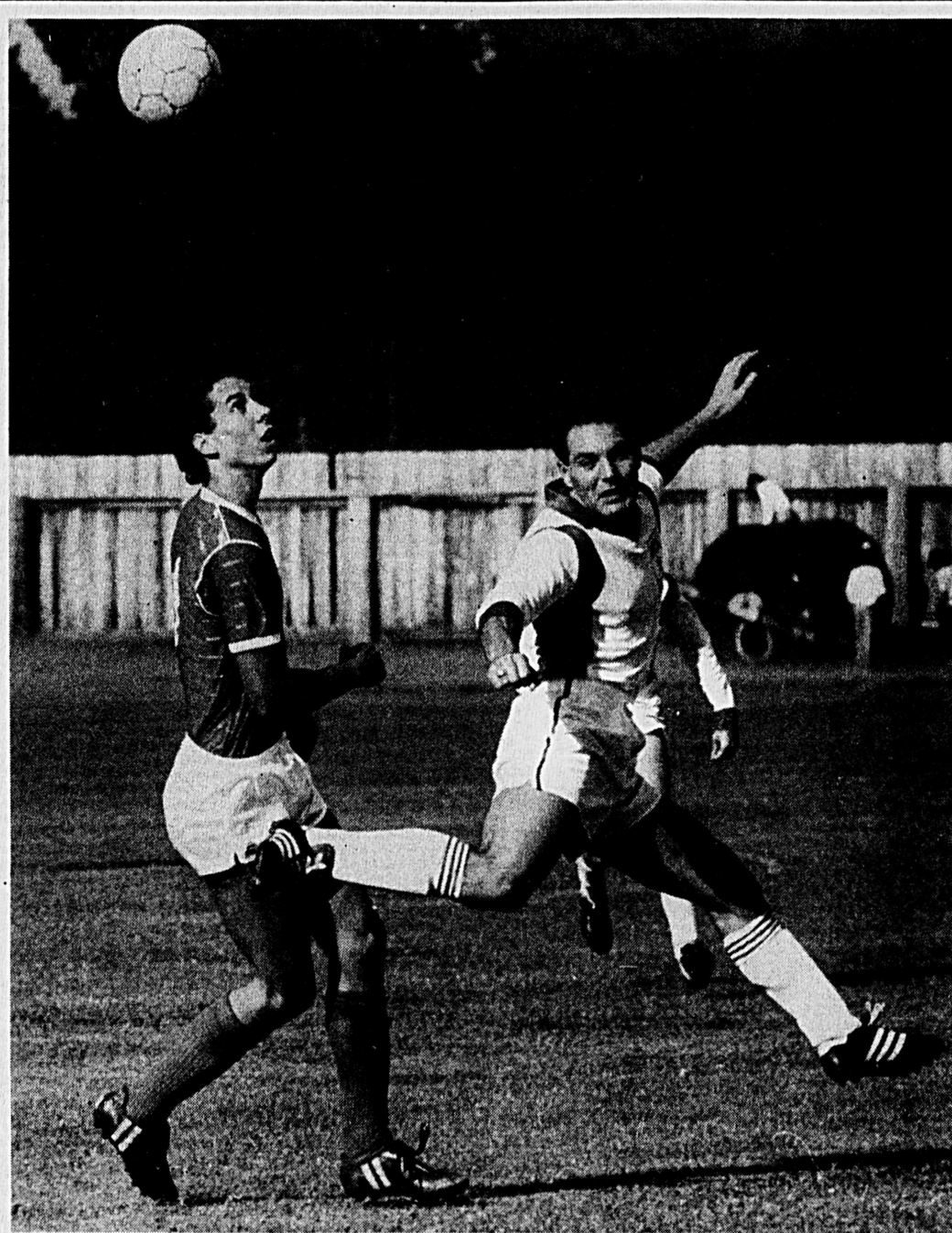
"I've felt it's all been a big mistake from the beginning," Stephanie Givens told Newsday from Madeira, Portugal, where she was playing in a tennis tournament. "Michael's supposed to be the good guy and everybody else is supposed to be abusing him."

"Nobody knows how abusive Michael is. Robin has definitely been harmed emotionally. Not as much physically. But you never know what he is going to do."

In early May, the newspaper said, Stephanie Givens spent a week in Los Angeles with Tyson and Robin Givens, who was filming a television movie, *The Women of Brewster Place*.

Stephanie Givens said Tyson was drinking heavily every day and one morning showed up at the set drunk.

"(He) caused a terrible scene," the newspaper quoted her as saying. "He started breaking the lights, using foul language, throwing things. They had to stop filming."



A member of the Maple Soccer Club (right) goes for the ball against his Croatia opponent.

Citizen photo by Lisa Murdoch

EXHIBITION SOCCER

Croatia shows control

by PAUL SMITH
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For the first half hour of Saturday's exhibition game between the Maple Soccer Club of Prince George and Vancouver Croatia, it looked like the local side might be a match for the favored southern team.

Prince George even scored the opening goal to give local fans something to cheer about. But after Vancouver equalized four minutes later, it became clear which was the stronger team.

Croatia, demonstrating superior ball control, scored five unanswered goals en route to a 5-1 victory at Rotary Stadium.

The game, played before a crowd of about 200, pitted a select side of some of this city's top players against Croatia, which won the Canadian amateur title two years ago and was a national finalist last year.

Croatia also has won the past three championships in the Pacific Coast Soccer League, the premier league on the Lower Mainland.

The Prince George team, hampered by a lack of practice time together, did well to keep the game close early.

"You have some good players here, but they haven't played together enough," said Drago Stajduhar, president of Vancouver Croatia. "If they played together more often they'd be OK."

Jim Briggs, coach of the Prince George side, admitted the lack of practice time was a factor, but felt the Maple Club played well nevertheless.

"Each individual player out there rose to the occasion," said Briggs. "I'd say individually they played a lot better than they have in the recreation league (Prince George Senior Soccer League) or the North Cariboo (Senior Soccer) League."

"I think in every respect we have to be very proud of them. I think it was a great show — we were delighted by the outcome."

Rod Ramsay, the top NCSL scorer last year, scored the opening goal for Maple in the 29th minute when he took the ball on the right side, cut into the middle and slid it low into the right side of the net.

That, unfortunately for Prince George, seemed to wake Vancouver up. When Robert Cirjak volleyed a cross home with his left foot at the 33rd minute, the momentum took a definite shift Vancouver's way.

Croatia scored twice more in

the next seven minutes to virtually decide the issue. Davor Pavlovic, with his first of two goals, scored on a header off another nice cross in the 37th minute and Keith Ferbers made it 3-1 when he capitalized on some sloppy defensive play.

Croatia was in control the rest of the way, demonstrating a fine passing style and taking advantage of Maple's lack of playing time together.

Maple goaltender Sergio Bacerra made some tough saves in the second half to keep the score as close as it was.

Bacerra stopped Cirjak's header in close, then robbed the Vancouver striker again when he stopped a point-blank drive.

Bacerra was unlucky on Cirjak's second goal. He made a difficult save on a drive from the right side, only to have the rebound go right to Cirjak.

Eric Jones had the other Croatia goal in the 79th minute.

The Vancouver 86ers of the Canadian Soccer League will be in Prince George on Aug. 6 to play Labatt's Pastry Chef of the North Cariboo Senior Soccer League, and to give a youth soccer clinic.

Leaders extend margin

Labatt's Pastry Chef padded its lead atop the North Cariboo Senior Soccer League with a shutout victory Sunday against the Barnes Chev Olds Kickers.

Labatt's beat the Kickers 3-0 at Rotary Stadium for its eighth victory of the season without a loss.

The victory left Pastry Chef five points clear of idle Prince George Croatia in the race for first place. The Kickers dropped to 0-7.

Graham West scored twice for Labatt's and Marcel Kusek added a marker on a 25-yard, dipping blast off a free kick.

The Kickers kept the game scoreless for the first half, but Labatt's took control in the second.

In the other game Sunday, Quesnel edged Linden-Rheingold 3-2.

Ian Brown, Kerry Gray and Steve Kusek scored for Quesnel, while Martin Connelly tallied twice for Linden.

Connelly opened the scoring at the nine-minute mark, but Brown tied the game at 21 minutes. Gray and Kusek made it 3-1 in the second half and Connelly scored with three minutes remaining to make it close.

First victory comes at last

Molson Golden finally broke into the win column in Prince George Senior Soccer League play with a victory Sunday at Rotary Stadium.

Molson, which had lost all six of its previous games, upset Coach's Corner 3-2. Walter Kalanj scored the winner for Molson as Coach's dropped to 3-5.

In other games Sunday, First Choice Deli edged Sgt.

O'Flaherty's 2-1 and United Football Club tied GGST 1-1.

First Choice remained in first place with a 5-0-2 record. Sgt. O'Flaherty's dropped to 3-4-1.

Mario Mastroianni scored the winner for First Choice with about five minutes to play.

United, also unbeaten at 2-0-4, moved into sole possession of second. GGST, 2-2-3, moved into a tie for third with Sgt. O'Flaherty's.

European semi-finals ready

DUESSELDORF, West Germany (AP) — West Germany and the Netherlands square off in one semi-final of the European soccer championship, while Italy and the Soviet Union meet in the other.

The West Germans and Dutch, who failed to win their opening games of the tournament, clash in Hamburg's

Volksparkstadion on Tuesday. The unbeaten Italians and Soviets meet at Stuttgart's Neckarstadion on Wednesday.

A place in Saturday's final in Munich's Olympic Stadium is at stake for the four teams, who have withstood the challenges of England, Denmark, Spain and Ireland during eight days of play.

LAKERS REMAIN ALIVE

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Kareem Abdul-Jabbar hit two free throws with 14 seconds remaining and Magic Johnson scored 11 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter as the Los Angeles Lakers defeated the Detroit Pistons 103-102 Sunday to even the NBA championship series at 3-3.

The result forced a title-deciding meeting at the Forum on Tuesday night.

The game will either give Los Angeles the first repeat championship in 19 years or Detroit its first NBA title. If the Lakers beat the Pistons, they will become the first team to win three seven-game playoff series in one season.

Isiah Thomas was brilliant in defeat for Detroit, scoring a final series-record 25 of his career playoff-high 43 points in the third quarter. James Worthy led the Lakers in scoring with 28 points.

After Abdul-Jabbar's free throws made it 103-102, Joe Dumars of the Pistons missed a jumper and the Lakers' Byron Scott was fouled immediately with five seconds remaining. Scott missed both free

throws but the Pistons were unable to get off a shot that would have won it.

Johnson had 19 assists, 14 in the first half. Those 14 broke the mark of 13 he shared with Houston's Robert Reid. Johnson holds the championship series record of 21 assists for a game.

Eleven of Worthy's points came in the second quarter when the Lakers outscored Detroit 33-20 to turn a six-point deficit into a 53-46 halftime lead.

Thomas hit six of seven shots and 14 points in a span of 4:38 early in the second half as the Pistons closed the gap to 64-62 with 6:23 left in the third quarter.

Los Angeles responded with six consecutive points before Thomas got hot again.

He scored 11 more points in the last 3:29 of the period, breaking the 41-year-old record for points in a quarter in a final series. The previous mark of 21 was set by Philadelphia's Joe Fulks in 1947.

The Pistons visit the Lakers on Tuesday at 6 p.m. on KIRO (cable 7).

JAYS EARN SPLIT

Barfield bats better

DETROIT (AP) — Jesse Barfield appears to be pulling out of his slump, and that's good news for the Toronto Blue Jays in their drive to rise in baseball's American League East standings.

Barfield, who has been struggling with a .221 batting average, drove in four runs, three on a homer, as the Blue Jays beat the Detroit Tigers 6-4 Sunday for a split of their four-game series. The Tigers beat the Blue Jays 6-1 Saturday.

The win leaves Toronto in sixth place, three games below .500 and nine games behind division-leading New York.

Duane Ward, 5-0, pitched one inning and struck out two for the victory. Tom Henke pitched the ninth for his 12th save.

"It's been difficult," said Barfield, who has been the subject of trade rumors lately. "The way things were when we left Toronto, I wasn't sure I'd be going back there."

"But I've had a good series. We'll see what happens now."

Both benches emptied in the first inning after Stottlemire hit Alan Trammell with a pitch on the left elbow. No punches were thrown and Trammell left the game during an at-bat in the third, complaining of tenderness in the elbow.

The Yankees visit Detroit tonight at 8 on KOMO (cable 8).

Andre, Law hurt Expos

CHICAGO (AP) — Andre Dawson did not make any promises to the kids Sunday in a pre-game baseball clinic, even after one reminded him that he hits a home run when the wind is blowing out in a commercial in which he appears.

The wind really was blowing out, and Dawson went one better. He hit a home run and also tripled, doubled and made a sensational catch in right field on the first pitch of the game to lead the Chicago Cubs to a 3-3 National League victory and a three-game sweep of the Montreal Expos.

"That helped loosen me up," said Dawson of the diving catch he made on a drive towards the gap off the bat of Tim Raines.

"It wasn't a very good omen for us," said Montreal manager Buck Rodgers.

"It set the tone for us," said Cubs' manager Don Zimmer. "If he doesn't make the catch, the ball goes for a triple and who knows what might have happened."

Former Expo Vance Law and Rafael Palmeiro had three singles each in the 15-hit attack which carried the Cubs to their fourth straight victory and sent the Expos to a fifth straight defeat. Law boosted his average to a league-leading .328, just ahead of Palmeiro who is hitting .326.

The Expos ended their seven-game road trip with six losses. Rodgers called it "the worst road trip I can remember. We didn't pitch, we didn't hit, we got our butts kicked."

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