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Koch wins by two

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A week ago at the Inverrary Classic, Gary Koch was very disappointed with his play this season.

"I was having dinner with my business manager (long-time amateur star) Vinnie Giles, and more or less kidding, I asked him what I'd have to do to get back in law school," said the 24-year-old Koch.

"Well, this morning I received a telegram from him.

"It said, 'law school can wait.' It was pretty appropriate."

Koch, another in the growing corps of young men who are claiming the pro golf tour for their own, private playground, made that telegram appropriate Sunday afternoon with a hard-won, scrambling, two-under-par 70 and a two-stroke victory in the Florida Citrus Open.

"Lady Luck was smiling on me," he said. "I've only been in position to win two times, and each time I've won.

"I'm very fortunate. If someone had told me I would shoot 70, I'd have said I probably wouldn't win. I'm fortunate that I played reasonably well—and nobody played better."

The slender Koch, a University of Florida product who was urged on by almost constant cries of "Go, Gators, Go," followed in the footsteps of such players as Bruce Lietzke and Tom Purtzer who have led the way in youth's domination of the tour this season.

He acquired his second tour title—the first was the Tallahassee Open in his rookie year of 1976—with a 72-hole total of 274, 14-under-par on the Rio Pinar Country Club course, the hot, humid and heavily wooded layout where he once won the national Peewee Championship.

GARY KOCH

Koch, trailed by a huge gallery of local friends, started the occasionally windy day with a two-stroke lead and held the top spot all the way despite concerted challenges by fidgety Joe Inman and South African Dale Hayes, who faced a problem of selecting between two putters on each green.

He eventually nailed down the $40,000 first prize with a scrambling par on the 14th, a 10-foot birdie putt on the 15th and a routine par on the very tough 16th.

Koch also holed a six-foot par-saving putt on the 18th, but that merely made his winning margin two strokes instead of one.

Hayes and Inman tied for second at 276. Each had a four-under-par 68. Inman with an erratic effort that included seven birdies and three bogeys.

Steve Melnyk was next with 68—277, followed by second-round leader Bob Zender, Graham Marsh of Australia and Victor Regalado of Mexico at 278. Zender and Marsh, a veteran international but a rookie on the American circuit, had 71s while Regalado's brilliant, seven-under-par 65 ranked as the day's best round.

None of the game's established stars ever really got in the title chase. Masters champ Ray Floyd managed a closing 69 for 280. Defending titleholder Hale Irwin was 74-286. Arnold Palmer struggled to a 75 and 287. And Lee Trevino, in only his second start since major back surgery last year, shot 76 and had a 295 total.

"I can't think of any place I'd rather win than here in central Florida," said Koch, a resident of nearby Temple Terrace who said he played his first competitive tournament, at age 9, on this course.

274—Gary Koch, $40,000	70-66-68-70
276—Dale Hayes, $19,500	71-69-68-68
276—Joe Inman, $19,500	71-68-68-69
277—Steve Melnyk, $9,600	72-68-69-68
278—Graham Marsh, $7,367	70-69-68-71
278—Bob Zender, $7,367	69-67-71-71
278—Victor Regalado, $7,367	67-74-72-65
279—Ray Floyd, $5,900	69-70-70-70
280—Mike Bond, $4,786	71-68-68-73
280—Dale Douglass, $4,786	68-71-71-69
280—Ron Streck, $4,786	70-70-69-69
280—Ray Kirkland, $4,786	70-69-69-72
280—Grier Jones, $4,786	71-70-67-72
280—Walter Berger, $4,786	71-68-71-69
280—Fuzzy Zoeller, $4,786	73-67-71-69
281—Bruce Lietzke, $3,600	70-72-68-69
281—Mike Morris, $3,600	70-71-69-71
281—Danny Edwards, $3,600	69-70-71-71
281—Mac McLendon, $3,600	71-70-68-72
281—Ken Still, $3,600	69-69-68-75
282—Bob Murphy, $2,700	72-70-69-71
282—Andy North, $2,700	72-70-71-69
283—Forrest Fezler, $1,767	72-68-72-71
283—Jim Simons, $1,767	71-71-68-73
283—Mark Hayes, $1,767	71-73-67-72
283—Jerry Pate, $1,767	71-69-71-72
284—Bob Lunn, $1,425	74-71-68-70
284—Ben Crenshaw, $1,425	71-68-73-72
284—Howard Twitty, $1,425	68-73-71-72
284—Wally Armstrong, $1,425	67-74-70-73
285—Lee Elder, $1,400	72-70-73-70
285—Tony Jacklin, $1,400	69-73-70-73
286—Cal Peete, $949	69-72-72-73
286—Bob Gilder, $949	73-68-69-76
286—Bill Sato, $949	71-69-71-75
286—Tom Weiskopf, $949	70-69-74-73
286—Kermit Zarley, $949	73-70-67-76
286—Jim Dent, $949	70-74-68-74
286—J. C. Snead, $949	71-72-71-72
286—Bobby Gilder, $949	73-68-72-73
286—Jack Renner, $949	69-74-71-72
286—Mark Lye, $949	68-74-69-75
286—Gary McCord, $949	73-72-72-69
286—Terry Diehl, $949	67-76-72-71
286—Tom Joyce, $949	75-70-70-71
286—Larry Ziegler, $949	73-69-72-72
286—Bob Murphy, $949	73-69-73-71
287—John Schlegel, $494	71-74-69-73
287—Larry Ligh, $494	70-72-72-73
287—Mike Crawford, $494	69-73-72-73
287—Mike McCullough, $494	69-75-70-73
287—Bob Crispy, $494	70-68-73-76
287—Arnold Palmer, $494	71-73-69-74
287—Bob Wynn, $494	73-70-71-73
287—Chi Chi Rodriguez, $494	73-72-72-70
288—Monty Kaser, $440	69-75-71-73
288—Babe Hiskey, $440	75-70-71-72
288—Dave Eichelberger, $390	69-74-71-74
289—Morris Hatalsky, $390	72-70-71-76
289—Morris Hatalsky, $390	70-75-71-73
289—Cesar Sanudo, $390	74-68-73-74
289—David Haberle, $390	74-69-71-75
289—Charles Coody, $390	75-70-70-74
289—Hale Irwin, $390	74-70-71-74
290—Lionel Hebert, $335	73-73-72-72
290—Mason Rudolph, $335	70-74-72-74
290—Charlie Sifford, $335	72-72-70-76
290—Bruce Fleisher, $335	70-71-76-73
291—Ed Sneed, $293	73-72-73-73
291—Ed Sneed, $293	73-71-72-75
291—Lee Elder, $293	69-73-74-75
291—Bob Eastwood	72-72-74-73
291—Roger Parker	75-70-76-70
291—Jerry Heard	72-73-74-72
291—Barney Thompson	71-73-75-72
291—Lee Trevino	73-72-74-72
295—Mike Hill	71-74-76-74

Treated to pro fights

Ohio prisoners have 'ball'

MARION, Ohio (AP) — Unbeaten welterweight Wilfredo Benitez showed his considerable fighting skills and showmanship in pounding out an easy eight-round decision over Mel Dennis before an appreciative crowd of some 1,300 inmates at the Marion Correctional Institution.

The occasion was the third series of quarterfinals in the U.S. Boxing Championships, promoted by Don King, who for four years until September 1971 resided at Marion as No. 125-734.

The prisoners had a ball. They screamed, were knocked down, booed lack of action, cheered for inmate Arthur "Tap City" Harris, who fought on the card and went bananas over round girl Veronica Bedell.

And like a football crowd they came armed with signs.

One read, "King's back. We told you so."—Another said, "Howard, you got in. Will you get out?" They also chanted for ABC sportscaster Howard Cosell to take a bow in the ring and roared with laughter when King introduced Cosell as "The mouth of boxing."

In winning his quarterfinal welterweight fight, Benitez put on a beautiful display of boxing. He raked Dennis with left jabs, and scored with lots of good left hooks while slipping most of Dennis's punches.

Benitez, 146, of Puerto Rico, hurt Dennis, 145, of Houston, in the second round and shook him on several other occasions. In the fifth round, the crowd exploded when Dennis, upon being broken from a clinch, stuck out his left hand as if to tap Benitez's gloves. Dennis also smiled and then Benitez wiped the smile off his face with a hard right hand.

Judge Carole Castallano gave all eight rounds to Benitez. Referee Jimmy Devlin scored it 7-1 and judge Larry Barrett had it 5-1-2, both for Benitez.

The Benitez fight was seen live on national television as was the lightweight quarterfinal match between Ruby "The Snake" Ortiz, 135, of New York, and Vinnie DeBorros, 132, of Waterbury, Conn. Ortiz used right-handed power in scoring a unanimous decision. Ortiz scored a knockdown in the third round with a right counter to the head.

There were three knockdowns in the middleweight quarterfinal between Ricky Mosley Jr., 157, of Las Vegas, Nev., and Johnny Baldwin, 162, of Houston.

Mosley went down from the right hand to the jaw but got up to knock Baldwin down twice in the fourth round. After Baldwin got up from the second knockdown, Mosley bombarded him with a series of head punches and referee Barrett stopped it at 2:30 of the round.

In the two other quarterfinal matches, Stan Ward, 233, of Sacramento, Calif., scored a unanimous eight-round decision over Kevin Isaac, 198, of New York, and in a featherweight match, Reuben Castillo, 125, of Bakersfield, Calif., boxed his way to a unanimous eight-round decision over Kenny Weldon, 126½, of Houston.

Harris, serving a term for second-degree murder—King did his time for manslaughter—made his fellow inmates happy when he stopped Johnny Heard of Chicago on a cut eye after four rounds. Harris weighed 160, Heard 162.

In another fight which was not part of the tournament, Michael "Dynamite" Dokes, 203, of Akron, Ohio, stopped Charlie "Big Tuna" Jordan, 205, of Detroit after three rounds on a cut eye.

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New Yorker wins L.V. marathon

PAUL FETSCHER

It took Paul Fetscher 62 tries to win his first 26-mile marathon, but the real estate broker from New York City finally made it yesterday in a thrilling finish during the first Prevention Marathon.

Trailing two runners on the third 7.5-mile circuit through the rolling countryside near Trexlertown, the 31-year-old Fetscher turned it on and blazed past the coleaders as they reached Route 222 and began heading back to the Velodrome.

In an attempt to demoralize the two challengers, Fetscher never let up down the stretch and crossed the finish line in two hours, 33 minutes and six seconds, nearly one and one-half minutes ahead of runnerup Lou Gunderman. Frank Goldcamp placed third in a time of 2:35.30.

Fetscher had high praise for the organizers of the race, as did many of the 215 runners, saying the course was well-marked, the people "wonderful" and the entire race handled without the confusion that often marks the first running of a marathon.

The race had been organized by the Lehigh Valley Athletic Association, a local group of distance runners, and Prevention magazine of Emmaus.

At least three Lehigh Valley educators won trophies in the race. Carmen Hagelgans, 46, teacher and cross-country coach at Parkland High, finished 11th overall and took second in the 40-year-old and over class.

Dr. John Ondria, 42, associate professor in electrical engineering at Lehigh, came in 13th and Dr. Ross Yates, 52, professor of government studies at Lehigh, topped the 50-year-old and over field.

Of the 215 runners who started the race, 152 finished and were treated to lunch following the race at the Goodwill Fire Co. along Route 222.

Steve Werley, a 17-year-old student at Emmaus, copped second place in the high-school division and finished 29th overall with a time of 2:57.53. Ed Kay, another local runner, wound up 19th. And his time, along with Hagelgans and Ondria, gave the Lehigh Valley Athletic Association a one-point margin of victory in the team race over the Penn Athletic Club.

Wayne Deegan, 17, of Pottstown, captured the high school competition with a time of 2:51.06 while Cynthia Kimbleton was the top woman in the race with a time of 3:46.42.

During lunch most of the runners said they preferred natural foods and vegetarian diets.

Fetscher, who seemed to speak for most of the field, said he always feels lethargic after eating meat and doesn't run very well. "I'm always making alfalfa sprouts, and I garden organically in my yard," he continued. And like most endurance athletes, he said he takes several vitamin supplements to maintain his strength.

That was the same dietary plan preferred by Cahit Yeter, 42, a New York City chef, who finished ninth — the only one of the first 10 finishers over 40.

Yeter, who as a youth ran with the national track team of Turkey, said he has run over 200 marathons in 43 countries.

Yeter also complimented the course. "You can't find a better course than this! I ran in Philadelphia and the course there is so flat, so dull. Same in Orange County, California. But this course has wonderful rolling hills and beautiful countryside — it's so interesting."

Crestettes lose 61-60

NEW YORK CITY — Cynthia Garcia poured in 20 points and Rachel Wells helped out with 14 points in the second half as Roberto Clemente made a sweep of its weekend doubleheader over the Allentown Crestettes 61-60 Sunday night in the Eastern Women's Amateur Basketball League.

Karen Hardin scored 13 of her team-high 19 points in the opening half as the Crestettes (8-8) played a very disciplined-style offense and stayed close to Roberto Clemente.

Near the end of the half, however, the visitors were forced to run with the winners and they couldn't keep the pace as Allentown committed several turnovers and Roberto Clemente pulled out to a 31-24 halftime lead.

Garcia, a 5-0 guard, came on with 12 points in the second half, with most of her points coming from the perimeter. Wells, who had 14 rebounds, scored on a three-point play late in the game and Garcia connected on a set shot, making it 61-58 with 24 seconds left, to clinch the win. Robin Allen hauled in 18 rebounds for the winners, while Karen Hardin had the same number for the Crestettes.

CRESTETTES — Sorem 4, K. Hardin 19, N. Hardin 5, Dyshouse 5, Pastore 8, Mussolino 11. Totals 22 16-22 60.

ROBERTO CLEMENTE — Wells 14, C. Garcia 26, Smith 6, Allen 12, Wolter 13, J. Garcia 2, Brado 0. Totals 24 13-18 61.

Halftime score — Crestettes 31-24.
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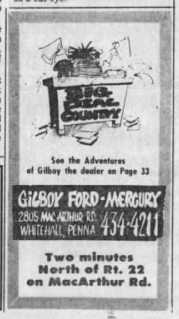

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