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Hall Of Champions Gives City Glittering Showpiece In Park

As some of us can testify from experience, Marine officers have a talent for expressing themselves in a vigorous and understandable manner. I was reminded of this yesterday while listening to the remarks of Major Gen. Victor H. Krulak, commanding general of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, at the ceremonies dedicating San Diego's new Hall of Champions at Balboa Park.



A lot of oratory mingled with the pealing bells in the beautiful old park, but nobody said it better than this energetic Marine officer.

"There is more horsepower in San Diego than any other town of like size," said Krulak, "and I'm sure of it." Krulak handed the city another citation when he declared, "San Diego is dynamic in its understanding of the obligations of a community."

That's a sincere and deserving tribute to the men (notably Nortie West, O. W. Todd Jr., Bob Breitbard and John McQuilken) who have worked so tirelessly and effectively to bring the Hall of Champions from the drawing board to reality. The result is a stunning shrine to San Diego's athletes that will become one of the park's major showpieces.

Anybody with even a passing interest in athletics—or celebrities, for that matter—could easily spend an hour or two inspecting the show cases and studying the portraits of San Diego's celebrated roster of champions. The building has been distinctively lighted and decorated, and the entire job was thoughtfully conceived and superbly executed. In the parlance of the fight game, the joint has class.

A Surpassing Honor, Says Mo

The athletes were so impressed by the shrine San Diego has built in their honor that they found it difficult to express themselves.

"This is honestly the greatest honor of my life," said Maureen (Little Mo) Connolly Brinker. Few athletes won more honors than Little Mo before she put away her trophies and began concentrating on her new role as a mother and housewife in Scottsdale, Ariz.

It was a gay, memorable occasion, with the ceremonies being conducted in bright sunshine. The fury of winter seemed far removed to everybody but Congressman Bob Wilson who had left behind a sleet storm in Washington to fly here with a flag that fluttered over the Capitol as recently as Jan. 1.

The sun warmed a man's bones and made him glad to be among the living. And he rejoined especially over living in a town that appreciates the values of fun and games, and honors its own.

He listened carefully to the words of Rear Adm. Murr Arnold, commandant of the Eleventh Naval District. "Athletes are builders of men," the admiral

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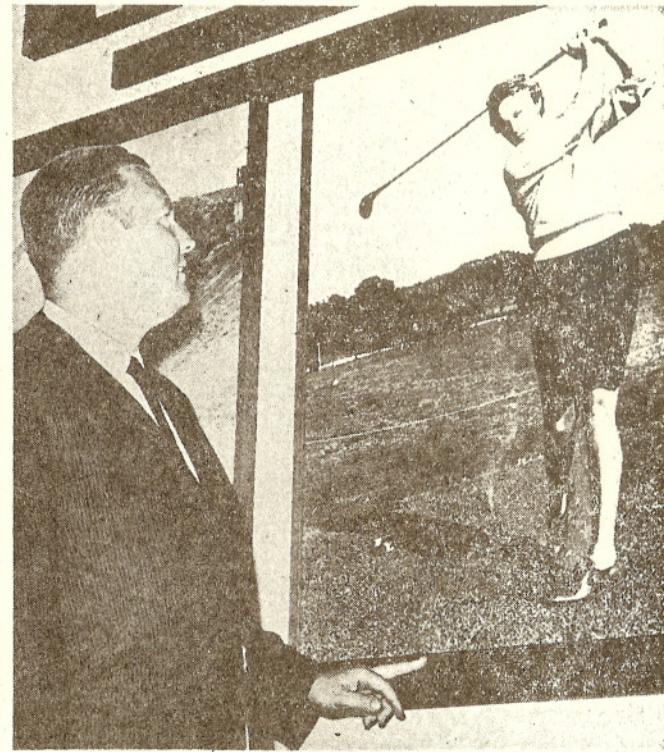
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Athletic Greats Open Hall Of Champions



Maureen Connolly Brinker recalls her reign as world tennis queen as she poses beside her portrait in the

Hall of Champions yesterday. Occasion was the official dedication of the San Diego Hall of Champions.



Golfer Billy Casper checks the swing of a feminine member of the links set, Mickey Wright, as he looks

over her photo in Hall of Champions. Miss Wright was honored yesterday as San Diego pro Athlete of Year.

Hall Of Champions Is Dedicated Here

By CHUCK SAWYER city and county governments. er, 1932 Olympic pole vault ent seated on the platform with numerous civic and military leaders of the community. Others honored with full color oil portraits in the Hall of Fame. They included Dr. Harold are the late Milton (Milky) Mrs. Brinker spoke on behalf of the Hall of Fame



was saying, "not only the physical man, but the moral and mental man."

And there was the meaningful message of Judge Joe Shell, chairman of the Breitbard Athletic Foundation's board of governors. "We dedicate the Hall of Champions to the youth of the community and the area," said Shell. "We dedicate it to achievement; to faith."

Those are lofty sentiments and they often find both expression and action in this community. A guy fell to wondering why San Diego must prove its standing as a big league city when it has produced an abundance of big leaguers through the years.

Every year, it seems, is vintage year for San Diego athletes and it defies easy explanation. Climate is part of it. Superior coaching has a major role. And steadfast encouragement by such groups as the Breitbard Foundation, the Junior Golf Association and the Tennis Patrons tells a lot of the story.

He's A Todd-y For The Body

But the big thing, I suspect, is a kind of community esprit de corps. This is a town with an extraordinary regard and appreciation of athletics, and particularly for the individual. Sports provide a bond between the military and the civilian, and they flourish in a town where adults find it difficult to say no to a deserving youngster.

It's significant that the original funds for the Hall of Champions came from two \$12,500 grants from the City Council and the County Supervisors. They acted largely on the recommendation of Junior Todd, and largely because of Todd's integrity.

"Todd has a 1,000 batting average at the Civic Center," remarked Mayor Dail, good-humoredly, "and that's because we respect him."

It would be an exaggeration to say San Diego is full of men like Todd. He's a rare and wonderful breed. But there's a lot of people here with a strong feeling about the community, people who are anxious to serve and who ask nothing in return.

This has been especially apparent the past couple of weeks in San Diego's response to the Chargers. The City Council, for example, long ago recognized the need for a good recreation department and program and provided the proper facilities. Now there is an appreciation of what big league football can mean to the community, of the opportunity now at hand.

"This is a sendoff to a great athletic era," predicted Mayor Dail as the Hall of Champions was dedicated yesterday. "We're going to bring the Chargers and major league baseball to San Diego."

Not even a nightingale could sing a purtier song.

Bob Duden's 67 Leads Qualifiers, 4 Card 68

By PHIL COLLIER

Bob Duden, veteran Portland pro who uses the unconventional croquet-type putter, fired a five-under-par 67 yesterday at Mission Valley Country Club to lead 57 players qualifying for berths in the \$37,000 San Diego Open. Capitalizing on his unique but red-hot putter, Duden set a swift pace for 183 other qualifying hopefuls by shooting nines of 34-33. He required only 15 putts on each side.

Only 23 others managed to score 71 or better, despite bright, warm, perfect condi-

tions. Most of the qualifiers said they thought Mission Valley was playing longer than it ever has before, despite the absence of recent rain.

Henry Williams Jr., Frank Boynton, San Diegan Bill Bisdorf, and Al Johnston turned in the day's second-best qualifying scores, each carding 68's. Joe Moresco, Paul McGuire and Doug Higgins shot 69's.

The 70 shooters included Jimmy Clark, Jim Bourne, Jim Smoot, Tom Talkington. (Continued on b-4, Col. 4)

of the San Diego Hall of Champions and its feature attraction, the San Diego Hall of Fame.

The opening was the climax to a project conceived and created by the Breitbard Athletic Foundation to honor San Diego's athletic greats with major assistance from the

Council Will OK Reasonable Expense-Dail

Mayor Dail said yesterday San Diego will meet "any reasonable requirements" to bring the Los Angeles Chargers here to play their 1961 American Football League schedule.

Dail said he believes the City Council will get behind the move. "I'm confident the council will approve any reasonable requirements for improvement of Balboa Stadium so that the Chargers will have a fine place to play," he said.

Dail indicated that by reasonable improvements, he believes anything up to \$250,000 in expenses will be approved.

Meanwhile, a staff of two women and from seven to 10 members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Committee for the Chargers is working daily to handle the flood of telephone calls, letters and season ticket requests for the prospective home season of the Chargers here.

Four more women to handle the typing will join the staff Saturday, Ron Seymour. (Continued on b-4, Col. 1)

(Cotton) Warburton squads of 1938 through 1941, Boston Red Sox slugger Ted Williams, Olympic broad jump champion Willie Steele and former USC gridiron star Russ Saunders. Opening ceremonies were conducted in the adjacent Alcazar Gardens with the seven Hall of Fame members pres-



Earle Brucker, left, former catcher with Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics and later major league coach, shows the effects of rugged play to Ralph Kiner, vice president of the San Diego Padres and former National League home run king. Brucker is member of San Diego's Hall of Fame.

7:45 A.M. KICKOFF

Pro-Am Event Launches S.D. Open

By HOWARD HAGEN

Four s o m e s headed by young pros Ronnie Reif and Jerry Pittman will take off from the first and 10th tees at Mission Valley Country Club this morning at 7:45 to launch the \$5,000 pro-amateur prelude to the San Diego Open golf tournament.

Most of the nation's leading pros and some of this area's top amateurs will be in the 176-man field that annually starts the five-day golfing carnival.

The \$20,000 Open, 72-holes, will get underway tomorrow and run through Sunday.

Among the 44 pros shooting for expense money today will be Bob Goalby, former college football player who has

won back-to-back PGA tournament victories at Coral Gables, Fla. and Los Angeles; San Diego threats Billy Casper and Gene Littler, San Diego Open defending champion Mike Souchak; hard hitting Arnold Palmer, 1960 "Golfer of the Year" who homered four times on the ninth hole at Los Angeles, and such proved swingers as Dow Finsterwald, veteran Johnny Palmer, Don Whit, Doug Sanders, Paul Harney, Julius Boros, Lloyd Mangrum, Tommy Bolt, Billy Maxwell, Bill Collins, Jerry Barber, George Bayer and the Hebert Brothers, Jay and Lionel.

Most of the PGA stars were on hand, at Mission Valley yesterday tuning up with

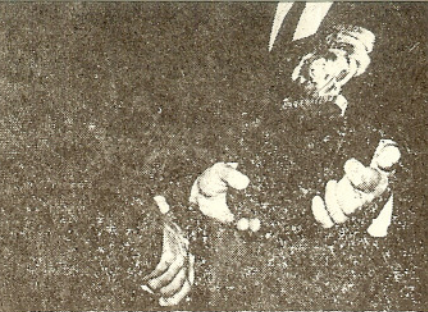
practice rounds or working on the practice tee.

Some of them said the course played a little longer than last year. Few kept score but one nine-hole tally reported was the 34, two-under-par, by Max Faulkner of England.

Faulkner said he was pleased with the way pitches held on the greens.

On and off the circuit: Bob Goalby, Los Angeles winner, checked into the course in early afternoon, denied he'd come from the bank and allowed that "I'm always surprised the boys shoot as low as they do here. Mission Valley has some good holes though there's not a lot of

trouble." Goalby was tied for first here last year, after two rounds, then slipped back with a pair of 70s as Mike Souchak triumphed with 269. . . . Open sponsorships have hit 271 and may top 280 counting those in the mail. That would put \$28,000 in the till before firing starts tomorrow. . . . Depression note: The Palms Springs Desert Classic, a 90-holer just three weeks away, has closed its amateur list at 390 and is over-subscribed though the fee went from \$150 to \$200 per hacker this semester. . . . Rookie pro Phil Rodgers won't compete because he won't be an approved tournament player until later this month. (Continued on b-4, Col. 3)



International Star Class sailing champion, Lowell North, left, receives plaque from Bob Breitbard of Breitbard Athletic Foundation honoring North as San Diego's amateur "Star of the Year" for 1960. Presentation took place at annual Breitbard award luncheon yesterday at the El Cortez Hotel.

STAR OF YEAR

North, Wright Breitbard Picks

Star Class sailing champion, Lowell North, yesterday was named San Diego's amateur "Star of the Year" at the annual award luncheon of the Breitbard Athletic Foundation at El Cortez Hotel.

Golfer Mickey Wright was named the "Star of the Year" from the professional ranks.

North, who last year won his third International Star Class sailing championship in four years at Rio de Janeiro, accepted his plaque from Bob Breitbard, president of the foundation. Miss Wright, who her third women's PGA title last year, could not be present and her award was accepted by her mother, Mrs. Albert Kline.

North and Miss Wright thus join a brilliant group of San Diego athletes who are winners of past "Star of the Year" awards. They include broadjumper Willie Steele, tennis champion Maureen Connolly Brinker, pole vaulter Bobby Smith, griddler Dr. Bill McColl, golfer Gene Littler, archery king Ruben Powell, all-around prep star Deron Johnson, Olympic Decathlon champion Milt Campbell, the late Bob Gutowski of pole vault fame, badminton champ Jim Poole and young tennis queen Karen Hantze.

The two were selected from a group of monthly "Star" award winners. Included in this list were Art (Hambone) Williams, Bernie Finlay and Bones Bowers for basketball; Brad Andres, motocycling; Bob Skinner in baseball; Miss Hantze in tennis; Mike

Graves, Ed Buchanan and Karen Oldham in track, swimmer Joe Alkire, golfer Billy Casper, bowler Jack Quinn, Olympic stars Lt. Bob Beck in the pentathlon and Sgt. James Hill in rifle shooting, football stars Steve Thurlow and Doug Bennett and cross country runner Mike Draglia.

Sherman New Giant Coach

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (AP) — The New York Giants, turned down by Green Bay's Vince Lombardi, today hired Allie Sherman as head coach of their National Football League team.

Sherman, an assistant coach under Jim Lee Howell the past two seasons, signed a three-year contract at an undisclosed salary.

"We went after Lombardi right after the close of the 1960 season but he told us his obligations at Green Bay would not permit him to consider the job," said Wellington Mara, the Giants' vice-president. "We had a mutual understanding when he went to Green Bay that he would get first crack at the job if it became available. We are certain that Sherman will make a fine head coach."

Lombardi, who piloted the Packers to the Western Di-

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