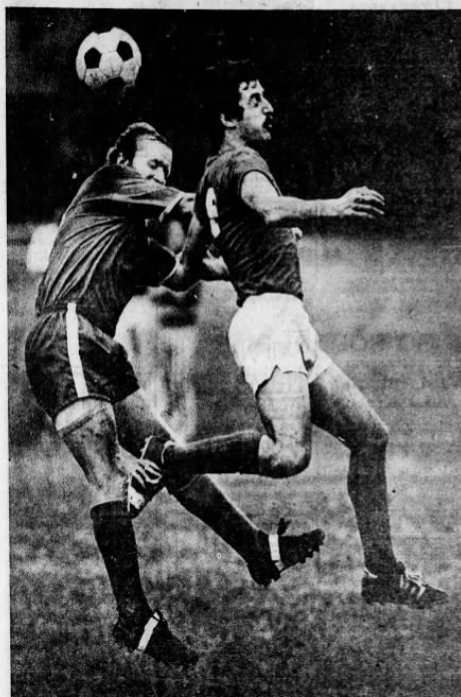


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## Sports

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Staff Photo by Bruce Basing

At one point in the second period the ball seemed to elude both Tony Kreidl of the Bavarian Blue Ribbons (left) and Gary Batefeldt of the Winnipeg Fort Rouge. Fort Rouge won the St. Paul Invitational tournament Monday 4-3.

# Blyleven edged by Angels 3-2

By Joe Socher  
Staff Writer

If Bert Blyleven's performance for the Twins Monday night at Metropolitan Stadium was his last, he made it a memorable one. Blyleven lost to the California Angels 3-2, or more accurately in California's Frank Tanana, who retired the Twins in order from the third through the sixth innings while the Angels were mopping at Blyleven for a rainout and a run threat.

(Carow hit on eighth after even Carow didn't have one. Page 3C)

Blyleven was greeted by boos and later crying to an impromptu chorus of "Good Night, Bert! It's Nice to See You Go." At the conclusion of his half of the match he stroked off the mound trailing 3-1 and

offered a short-armed salute to the crowd that you would be hard-pressed to describe as a wave since his hat was clinched.

"What more can I do?" Blyleven wondered afterward.

Blyleven allowed only six hits. He struck out two of the first three batters he faced and then watched as the Twins loaded the bases in the first inning and failed to score. Steve Brye led off with a single over the head of Dave Chalk at short. Bud Carow beat out a perfect bunt down the third-base line and both runners moved up on a ground ball. Larry Hyde fouled out and after Dan Ford was hit by a pitch, Cray Kueck struck out and Phil Roof broke his last while grinding out to Bruce Bochte at first.

The Angels scored one in the second when Bochte drilled a double to left and Bill Melton singled, softly, also to left. They added a single run in the seventh after Rod Jackson singled and catcher Andy Etchebarren lifted a bloop to center that escaped the diving Brye and rolled in the warning. Blyleven was momentarily caught in a rundown, with Carow running over from first to apply the tag.

Except for Brye's miscalculated dive, which was ruled a hit anyway, the Twins stood strongly behind Blyleven. For example, in the fourth inning Dave McKay ruffed Bill Melton of a possible double when he stalled Melton's hard line drive between third and short. Joe

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# Criticism rains on Indy 500

By John Gilbert  
Staff Writer

Indianapolis, Ind.

The race called the Indianapolis 500 officially became history Monday, but the game called "What Might Have Been" raged full-tilt ahead, and will continue to do so until next year.

The reason is the newest in a history book-full of Indy traditions, 1976, the first 50 Indy 500s had only been cut short twice because of rain. Now three times in the last four years—1972, '73 and '76—rain has thrown a wrench, you should pardon the expression, into everybody's plans.

St. John Sherman Rutherford III became the ninth man to win more than 500 miles per year when he came officially victorious. 230 other drivers, however, could visualize themselves accepting first-place money had the race been resumed for the final 50 laps. Rutherford admitted he sympathized with them, but, all things considered, he'd rather be where he was than where they were.

In the case of the eight top challengers, all could look at minor problems with their cars, problems they fixed during the track-drying procedures. All were ready to instantly "take the wheel" when the race resumed. But the rain resumed.

In Rutherford's behalf, had the rain not come in the first place, he probably would have pulled away to a winning victory, because his Hoy-Gain McLaren was humming perfectly—71 laps have been gone at that pace all day," he said with a broad smile—while the others would never have gotten the opportunity for repairs they required.

That included runner-up A.J. Foyt, who protested that Rutherford had improved his status illegally. "All I know," Foyt said, "is I had a lead of 23 seconds and Johnny cut it to

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Associated Press

# Bouncing to a happy landing

Rory Henry of Vancouver, British Columbia, bounced across Seattle's Green Lake after his hydroplane flipped during a race. Henry's helmet was rigged off his head as he first hit the water, but he was thrown clear of the boat and received only bruises in the mishap.

# Area soccer keeps its amateur standing

By Allan Hoberg  
Staff Writer

Some folks feared that the addition of professional soccer to the local sports scene would damage the following that amateur soccer was enjoying, but that fear was unfounded. Amateur soccer never had much of a following around here anyway.

Monday's championship game in the three-day St. Paul Blackhawk Invitational Invitational tournament at the St. Paul Academy was a good example. After trailing Milwaukee's Bavarian Blue Ribbons almost the entire game—sometimes by as many as three points—the Fort Rouge team from Winnipeg brought the game to a 3-1 tie on a penalty kick with hardly a minute

left and then won 4-3 after three minutes of sudden-death overtime.

Yesterday's match was one of the most important in local amateur soccer, but the crowd was typically sparse. About 300 spectators watched from the grassy bank at the stadium and most of them were players whose teams already had been defeated or wives and children of the players on the field.

"You don't need a big crowd or a lot of hullabaloo to have a good match," said Kurt Spelbach, a "mostly retired" watchmaker from Milwaukee who followed the game in his native Germany before coming to this country.

"These boys work at other things all week long and they save all

their energy and sometimes their anger to let it out at the game. This makes good soccer."

As Laurie Melvor, the winning coach, pointed out as he was being drenched with beer after the game, "neither side could muster great quantities of energy because we both had played three matches in two days before we played today."

It was a high-scoring, rough battle. Several players left the match (lightly with minor injuries and most teams played the overtime short-handed because each had had a man injured for foul play. It was quality soccer. The Bavarian Blue Ribbons already have earned a place in the semifinals for the U.S. Amateur

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# Coles wins British PGA in a play-off

Associated Press

Sandwich, England  
Neil Coles, known as "the quiet man of British golf," sensationally topped a 3-foot putt at the third sudden-death play-off hole at Royal St. George's course Monday to win the British PGA and \$17,500.

The 41-year-old Londoner came through in the play-off thriller from Ireland's Eamonn Darcy and South African Gary Player.

It was the third crucial putt in four holes that Coles had struck home to score his first major tournament victory and win the biggest cash prize of his 25-year professional career.

The three golfers had tied with level par totals of 286. Coles having to sink an 8-foot putt on the 19th green.

Player maintained his poor record in sudden-death eliminations by knocking himself out at the 13th—the first extra hole. He elected to

play his second putt of 4 feet before the other two had made their first strokes on the green and missed it. Coles and Darcy safely two-putted for pars.

Defending champion Arnold Palmer covered the first nine holes in 33, but dropped a shot at the 11th and then stood two over par. Despite getting birdie two's at each of the first two short holes, Palmer had three fives and was also two over par. At the second, he drove into a bunker and only just managed to get the ball out with his recovery shot. He finished with a 1-over-a-par 71. Palmer's score for the tournament was 282, two over par.

Christy O'Connor, the Irish veteran, also finished at 282. Tony Jacklin of Britain, who had a 76 on the second round, finished with 283.

Darcy, runner-up last year, had to settle for second again. He and Player each won \$8,550. Darcy also won \$800 for being the leading under-25 challenger.

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