

Tway has to struggle to stay close

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Bob Tway, a non-winner since capturing the PGA Championshiip last August, eagled his first hole at the U.S. Open Thursday, but had to struggle to stay close to playing partner and early leader Ben Crenshaw.

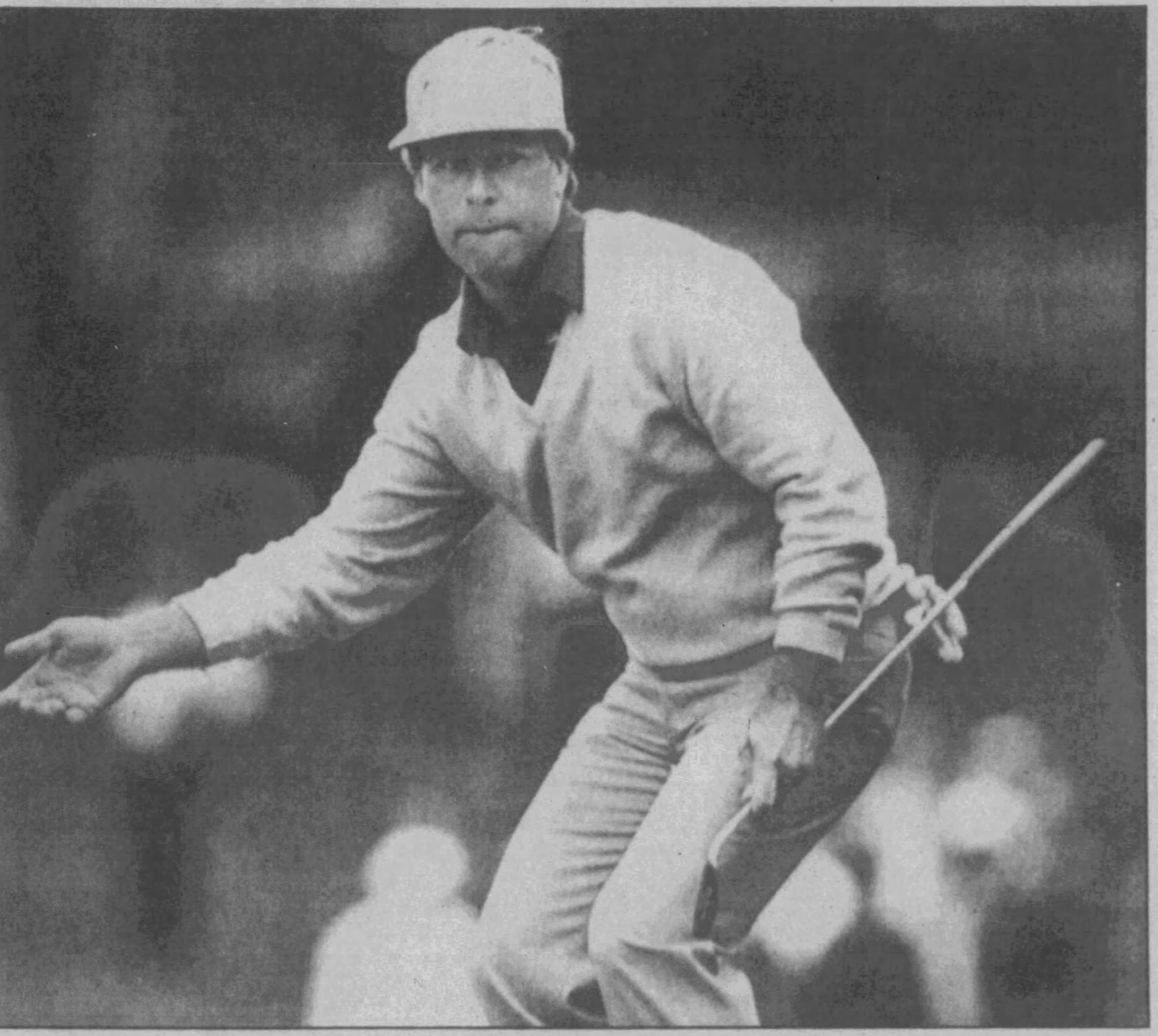
Tway's round, an even-par 70, seemed at times a microcosm of his less-than-spectacular showing so far in 1987.

"It was a scramble, just like this whole year," said Tway, 28.

Tway's year, his third on the PGA Tour, started fast with a third-place finish at Phoenix in January — but was followed by six missed cuts and no victories in 17 tournaments.

He missed the cut at his last two tournaments before the Open and ranks only 34th in tour earnings with \$141,526.

That's a big turnaround from last year, when Tway won the PGA and three other tournaments, finished second to Greg Norman in Tour earnings with \$652,780 and was named PGA Player of the Year. Tway clipped a few trees and tripped through the mangy, wet roughs as he struggled with his driver Thursday. His 70, though, was good enough to put him in a pack of players three strokes behind Crenshaw.



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NUN HAS FUN IN THE SUN: Sister Joseph Maynard of Joliet, III., wears a Cubs visor atop her habit during Wednesday's game at Wrigley Field between the Cubs and the Philadelphia Phillies.

BASKETBALL — The parents of Len Bias filed a multimillion dollar suit against their son's agent Thursday, charging fraud, breach of contract and negligent mismanagement of the former basketball star's affairs in the weeks before his death. James and Lonise Bias also sued the Reebok International shoe manufacturer and the insurance company that had written a disability policy on the former University of Maryland all-American . . . Iowa State Coach Johnny Orr has nominated 6-3 guard Gary Thompkins for the Big 8 Conference all-star team that will play in China Aug. 20-30. Final team selections will be made later this summer... The championship series between the Los Angeles Lakers and Boston Celtics was the highest-rated NBA finals in history, with a Nielsen rating of 15.9, CBS-TV said Thursday. Sunday's Game 6, in which the Lakers clinched the title, was the highest rated daytime basketball game ever, including college.

FOOTBALL — Former Iowa State wide receiver Robbie Minor was released by the British Columbia Lions of the Canadian Football League earlier this month after a brief tryout . . . Agent Norby Walters will ask the NFL to hold a supplemental draft for seniors Charles Gladman and Teryl Austin if the two Pitt players are suspended by the school, it was reported Thursday. The Pittsburgh Press reported Wednesday that Gladman, a running back, and Austin, a defensive back, were suspended by Coach Mike Gottfried following a university investigation into reports they signed contracts with Walters' company.

PLAYING IN A threesome with Crenshaw and Larry Mize, Tway showed the way with an eagle on the par-5 first hole at the fogshrouded Olympic Club's Lake Course.

He hit a driver and 2-iron to the back of the green on the 533-yard hole, the second-longest on the course.

Tway then chipped the ball 15 feet straight into the cup for an eagle, one of only two on the first hole. Chip Beck had the other one a few minutes earlier.

"You always like to get off to a good start, and I got off to a great start," Tway said. "But it was only one hole and I had to play the rest of them."

The rest of them weren't so easy. He bogeyed the second, fifth and sixth holes, came back with an 8foot putt for a birdie on the seventh and made the turn in par-35, two behind Crenshaw.

Tway started well again on the back nine, but then stumbled. He birdied 10, took a bogey on 11 after hooking left into the trees, bogeyed 14 and birdied 15. "I didn't drive the ball well," he said. "I missed the fairways a lot until I started using a 3-wood. I'll that's a minimum on this golf continue using a 3-wood if I'm not driving well."

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Ben Crenshaw uses a little body English to urge a putt toward the cup on the 11th hole Thursday at the Olympic Club in San Francisco, site of the 87th U.S. Open golf championship. Crenshaw's gyrations worked as the putt dropped for a birdie.

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did Tom Kite. Fuzzy Zoeller struggled to a 78.

And Corey Pavin, winner of two early-season titles, suffered back problems and was forced to withdraw after playing only seven holes. Bob Tway, a non-winner since his 72nd hole sand shot beat Norman in the PGA Championship last August, was among a large group tied with Nicklaus at 70.

ALSO AT 70 were the 51-year-old national seniors champion, Dale Dougass, Lennie Clements, Jim Thorpe, Mark Wiebe, Jay Don Blake, John Cook and two more foreign players, South African David Frost and former British Open champion Sandy Lyle of Scotland.

Masters champion Larry Mize was at 71.

Crenshaw, a former Masters champion, had to overcome a double-bogey to separate himself from

(extremely long, difficult putts) and that offset the double-bogey," Crenshaw said.

Ballesteros hit only eight of the narrow, tree-lined fairways on the Lake course at Olympic Club, but got away with just a single bogey. "Pretty good for me," shrugged Ballesteros, who has made a career of extracating himself from extremely difficult positions without damage.

"It was very difficult," he said of the tight, sloping fairways with over-hanging cypress, eucalyptus and pines, and the very small, very fast greens.

"But I shot 68," said Ballesteros, winner of two Masters and a pair of British Opens. "Three more 68s, and I think I win the championship" that he has called "my No. 1 career

CRENSHAW, TOO, talked of the tasks ahead.

got to save shots, and accept it when you don't," said Crenshaw, who opted for a fairway wood or a long iron off most tees.

"It's a trade-off," he said. "I was willing to give up some yardage to keep it in play."

He hit mid-irons inside of six feet and made the putts for birdies on the third and fourth holes "and just kept it going," he said.

Crenshaw, recognized by his peers as one of golf's premier putters, made critical saves on the sixth and ninth holes, then went to 3-under for the day with a 60-foot birdie putt on the 11th.

It was, he said, a relatively straight putt, "about 6-8 inches of break.

His effort on the 13th - from about 35 feet - was shorter, but much more difficult.

It was downhill on a very fast green, broke first to the right and then to the left and began searching for the hole "like it had eyes." When the ball clicked against the bottom of the cup, he was 4-under on what he called "a tremendously

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MISC. — Pitcher Joe Niekro suffered a minor separation of his right shoulder during Wednesday's brawl between the Minnesota Twins and the Milwaukee Brewers, the Twins said Thursday. Niekro was acting as a peacemaker and put his arms around Brewers 6-foot-3, 230-pound outfielder Rob Deer. Niekro is have been selected as the Big 8 Conference's 1987 Athletes of the Year. Noonan was a recent first-round draft choice of the National Football League's Dallas Cowboys and a consensus All-America pick in 1986. Kelly was named Big 8 Player of the Year twice and is Sprinter Pat Cadichon of Prairie View, Ill., has signed a national letter of intent to compete in track at Iowa State University, school officials announced Thursday. Cadichon was third in the 400 meters His best times are 48.17 seconds in the 400 and :21.1 in the 200. **Associated Press**

the pack.

"I gave a couple back," he said of his troubles on the 14th hole, "but course.

"I made a couple of no-brainers

"We're looking at a very stern test," he said.

"I kept my mistakes to a minimum today. On this golf course, you're not going to hit all the fairways and all the greens. You've difficult golf course."

