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## Her 1st win shared with golf legend

By Reid Hanley

Kris Tschetter became a first-time winner last week at the Northgate Classic, near the Twin Cities, and one of the first calls she made was to Ben Hogan.

Yes, Ben Hogan. Hogan befriended her at Shady Oaks Country Club in Ft. Worth, where they both practice.

"When I was in college [at Texas Christian University my parents got me and my brother junior

#### LPGA notes

memberships at Shady Oaks," said Tschetter, a South Dakota native. "I've been fortunate enough to watch him hit a lot of balls. He doesn't hit as many as he used to. He's blind in one eye and has two bad knees.

"He's such a nice man. You hear so many stories and he won't defend himself. A lot are true but there is another side to the story and you don't hear it."

Tschetter's name is pronounced "Cheddar" like the cheese. She has used that to her advantage and represents Kraft Light Natural Reduced Fat Cheese.

She went to a Kraft corporate tent last year at a tournament and



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The LPGA's Barbara Trammell, Jeff Morton and John Lillvis check out White Eagle Thursday before calling off the day's round.

now has a corporate tie-in.

Cog Hill has written to the United States Golf Association reticket reservations, though, because Jemsek Golf has written the same letter several times in the past. This time it thinks it has a proven track record of conducting a big tournament after two Western Opens.

"The Western has been a proving ground for us," said Jemsek

President Frank Jemsek. "We know the USGA doesn't like to use PGA Tour sites, but we can questing consideration for a future show them how our parking, cor-U.S. Open. Don't start making porate tents and other things worked out. The Western has said if we ever get the U.S. Open, they would move for a year. We'll just see what happens."

Should Cog Hill's bid be accepted, it probably wouldn't happen until after the year 2000. Pebble Beach is said to be the 1998 site.

## Rain's the leader on the course

#### Steady drenching cuts LPGA Challenge to 54 holes

By Reid Hanley

The rain fell in Aurora and it fell in Naperville. It fell on White Eagle Golf Club and it wiped out the first round of the LPGA Chicago Challenge on Thursday, reducing the tournament to 54 holes.

White Eagle, located in Aurora and Naperville, had soaked up 11/4 inches of rain Tuesday and another half-inch before Thursday morning. Challenge and LPGA officials twice moved back starting times before deciding to cancel the first round and cut the \$450,000 event to three rounds.

"Tuesday night started us off bad," tournament director Rob Koewler said. "Yesterday during our pro-am, we had another quarter of an inch, and it drizzled all day. Because of the quarter of an inch, we weren't able to do anything on the golf course. Last night was less than a half an inch, but it's a culmination of the three

"The LPGA staff would have liked to have played, but the feeling is if you can't get the first group through nine holes, it's not worth it."

White Eagle, an Arnold Palmerdesigned course that opened in 1989, was in excellent condition when the week started. Greens

and tees accepted the rain well and remained playable.

But the fairways had been well watered, and the accumulation of rain on top of it proved too much. The landing areas and approach areas, especially on the back nine, were unplayable.

"The landing zones [off the tee] had become so wet it would have become totally unfair for our players to go out there," LPGA official John Lillvis said. "There is casual water throughout the landing zones. To try to find a spot [to hit off a good lie] within the rules, we would have been taking 20-30 yards difference and changing shots for them."

The first group was scheduled to tee off at 7:30 a.m. The first postponment was until 9 a.m., and then 11 a.m. and finally noon before the round was washed out. When the announcement was made, cheers came from the locker room.

"I got here at 7 a.m. and was going to eat breakfast, hit some balls and play," said Tammie Green, who was scheduled to tee off at 8:40. "I just sat in the locker room for four hours. I think I'm going shopping and see some

Play will begin at 7:30 a.m. Fri-

day, using the same tee times as Thursday. Pairings for Saturday will be made with the leaders going off last. The cut to the low 70 and ties will be made after Sat-

Most LPGA events are 72 holes, giving the stronger players an advantage and diminishing the

importance of one hot round. "I think most of the players prefer 72-hole events," Cindy Rarick said. "But 54-hole events are a nice change. You just have

to get off to a fast start." Public and volunteer parking will continue to be at the nearby Plitt Theater, at the southwest corner of the Fox Valley Shopping Center. Buses will shuttle people to the golf course. The shuttle worked well Thursday

morning, officials said. Bad weather has plagued the LPGA Tour this summer, just as it has the men's tours. Last week, the Northgate Classic was hampered by high winds. The du Maurier Classic the week before

was hit by lightning storms. "The last five to seven weeks have been really weird," Rarick said. "We've had rain, wind, fog. We've had everything. Leave it to a golf tournament to bring in bad

### Champ

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visits, the symptoms, which included an increasingly sore throat, were diagnosed as tonsilitis. Thursday morning of the Open, Nause woke up and half her face was paralyzed. A doctor looked at her and said tonsilitis again.

"He said, 'Well, don't you think you could at least get out and play? Then we'll look at it again?"

Instead, Nause admitted herself to the hospital in Pittsburgh and spent the next four days having an aggressive dose of an antiviral medication pumped into her body. The diagnosis: Ramsey Hunt Syndrome, a virus connected with childhood chicken pox.

She was told stress probably triggered the illness.

Tour player Jerilyn Britz piled Nause into her trailer and drove her to Milwaukee, where Nause's father, Frederick, a retired surgeon, took her home to Sheboy-

She has lost 40 percent of the hearing in her right ear, but the pain and dizziness are gone, and she has been encouraged to get out and be as active as possible.

"The doctor pretty much laid it on the line, told me I should get 90 to 95 percent of my balance back," Nause said.

"In my mind I thought, 'Is that five percent gonna be the difference?' The competition out here is so tough. I'm still nervous it won't be enough."

But she doesn't dwell on what happened.

"A person has a tendency to feel sorry for themselves. I try to take every day as it comes," she said.

"I think of Heather all the time," Nause said, in reference to former Tour player Heather Farr, 27, who's battling cancer.

"At some of my worst moments, think about that, and I can't even imagine what she is going through. My mother died of cancer in November, and I watched that, so I know that really I'm

She is determined to squeeze something positive out of it all.

A workhorse on Tour who regularly played 30 tournaments a season, Nause said: "The one thing I'll probably get out of this is learning to take care of myself better. I'm going to be a little nicer to myself."

#### Pioneer

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the way it did. The mind just wears out. It's played all the golf shots. The concentration is not as keen. And patience has never been one of my strong suits.

"In a way, you're smarter. You're better at course management. But emotionally you're not as good."

She has no goals for this tour-

"I've never been a goal person," she says. "I've just done the best l can and what happens, happens. I'll just try to use my head and not get upset."

Hagge is a virtual walking history book of modern women's golf. She was present at the creation of the LPGA back in 1950.

"I was one of the charter members," she recalls, "and there were only 13 of us. We used to paint our own hazard stakes and make our own pairings. We had no money to pay anybody."

And not much money to pay themselves.

"The year I won here at Tam O'Shanter [1956] was my best time.

year," she notes. "I won eight tournaments that year and finished second nine times.

"At the time, it was the most tournaments anybody ever won in a season and I set a money winning record: \$20,235."

In the years that followed, she scored 15 more victories, yet she never won as much as \$30,000 in any one year.

"You had to have a real love for the game," she says, "because there was not that much money involved."

She harbors no feelings of jealousy toward today's players.

"They're a great, great group of girls," she says. "Everything's changed in both men's and women's golf, and it's been fun to watch it happen.

"The courses are so much better. One of the girls a few weeks ago was complaining about the food in the locker room. 'Oh. gosh,' she said, 'cold cuts again.' told her to shut up and eat it. played when there was no clubhouse to change in."

One change that has not spread to the women's game is the senior tour. Hagge does not expect to see a senior women's tour in her life-

"There won't be one," she says flatly. "Not that many girls are going to play this long. They'll quit because they don't need the money or they don't feel competi-

"Our tour is much younger than the men's tour. They have more recognizable names on the men's senior tour than on the regular

"Centel does have a senior event within their regular event in Florida. Sixteen of us play in that. I can foresee maybe three or four of those in a year, but as far as a full tour, I don't see it."

She'll continue to play on the regular LPGA Tour whenever she

"I can still walk," she says. "When I can't read the yardage book without glasses, I'll have to

"I'm still only 5-2. I tell people when I first started I was 6 feet tall. These girls are getting bigger. There's no question it helps, but if you don't have the brute force, you work harder on your timing and rhythm. Still, all things being equal, 200 pounds beats 100 pounds every time."

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# Ex-agent

A federal judge on Thursday resentenced onetime sports agent Lloyd Bloom to five years probation, instead of prison, in connection with charges he had frauduy represented college football

Under terms of the probation imposed by U.S. District Judge George Marovich, Bloom must perform 500 hours of community service.

Bloom, now a Hollywood talent agent, pleaded guilty to a charge of mail fraud for inducing Rod Woodson, a cornerback at Purdue, to falsely claim on an athletic eligibility form that he wasn't represented by a sports agent.

Woodson and 42 other athletes, in fact, had been represented by Bloom and co-defendant No Walters, in violation of NCAA rules, according to testimony at their trial more than two years

Assistant U.S. Atty. Helene Greenwald said Thursday that Woodson received \$4,336 in scholarship funds but that he wasn't eligible for the money as a student athlete. Woodson now plays professionally for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

originally was sentenced to three years in prison in 1990 after a jury found him guilty of racketeering, a more serious charge. That conviction was set aside on appeal, paving the way for Thursday's court hearing and resentencing.

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