



Amateur Boxers Vie for Titles Here

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this year. Physicians who have examined him, including his tour sponsor, Dr. Martin Lichtner of Los Angeles, are uncertain whether his ailment is a throw-back to a year-long seige of non-paralytic polio that threatened to end his golfing career ten years ago.

DESPITE HIS BAD BACK, Pete managed to pick up \$1,300 for a ninth place tie in last weekend's \$50,000 Texas Open at San Antonio with 72-67-66-71--276, four under par and six shots off Frank Beard's winning 270. Two other first-time contestants here this week, Charles Coody and Bert Weaver, tied Brown at San Antonio but no one in the current T-C field bettered his 276, although Nicklaus and Palmer did not compete in Texas.

Brown became interested in golf as a caddie and entered his first tournament, the Lone Star Open, at the age of 19 with borrowed clubs. He subsequently won the Lone Star three times, the North and South Open three times, the National Negro Open in 1961 and 1962 and the Michigan Open in 1962.

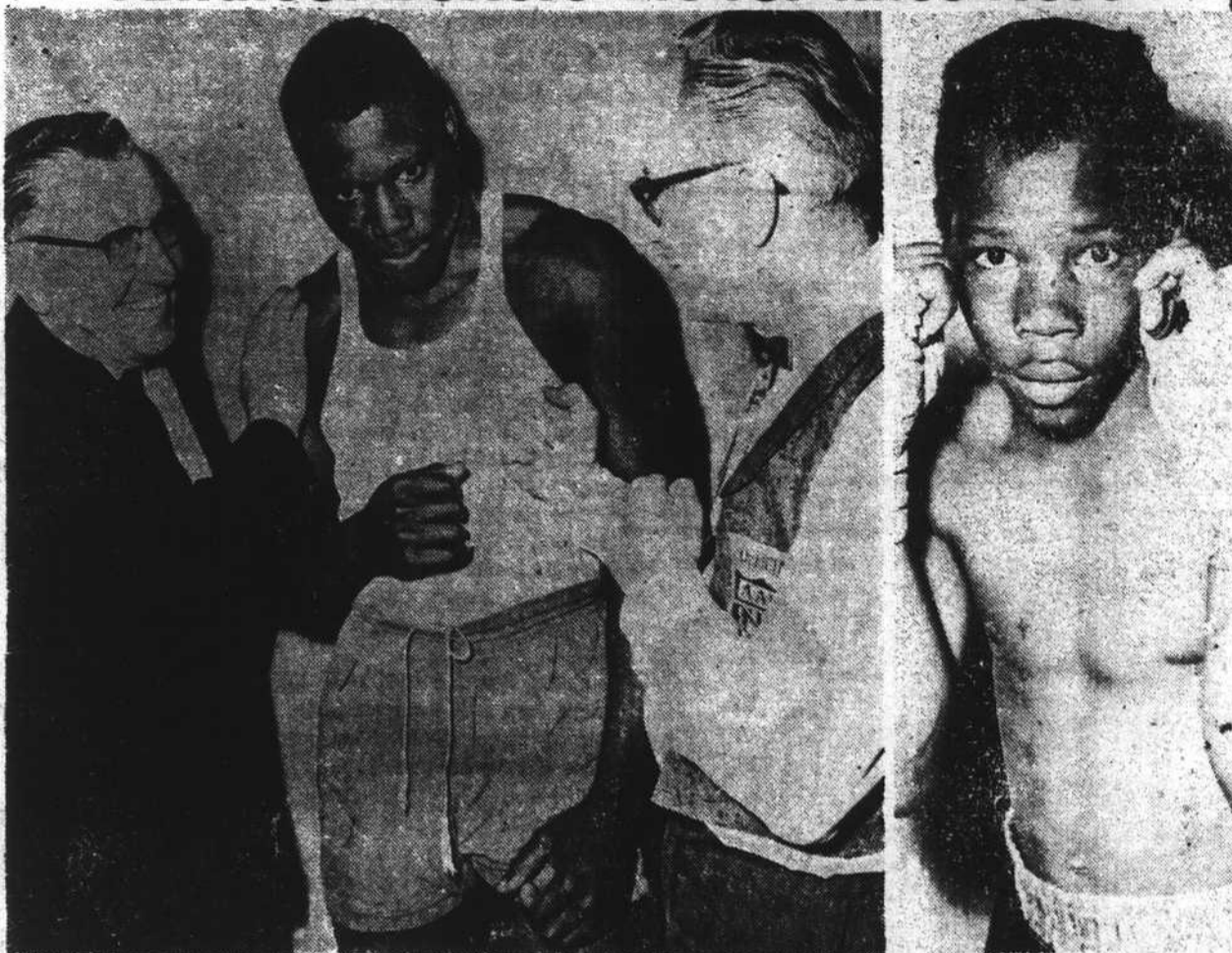
He was accorded "approved player" status by the PGA in 1963, a special category that permits non-members of the pro organization to compete in "official" tournaments, and earned his first prize money on the major tour at Bakersfield that same year. But his total take in "official" tournaments in 1963 amounted to a paltry \$923 and it looked like he might be forced off the tour due to lack of funds.

Pete got his big break in February of 1964 when Dr. Lichtner offered to underwrite his expenses on the big tour in return for a 50 per cent share of his winnings, if any. Relieved of financial pressure, he went on to win \$21,796 in "official" money last year, which placed him 29th on the PGA money-winning list for 1964.

ALTHOUGH PETE FEELS that his victory at Burneyville last year was somewhat tarnished by the fact the Waco Turner event was held the same week as the Tournament of Champions here, which meant he was not called upon to contend with 29 of the country's top players, he proved he could play right up there with the best the very next week when he tied for 13th in the Colonial National at Fort Worth and added \$1,620 to his earnings.

At Fort Worth, Brown tied such fine golfers as Doug Sanders and Lionel Hebert, finished a stroke better than Lema, Billy Maxwell, George Knudson and Phil Rodgers, and two ahead of

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GOLDEN GLOVERS--Amateur boxers from four states start slugging it out in annual Las Vegas Golden Gloves tournament at Convention Center tonight (April 29) with finals set for Saturday night. Photo at left shows boxer Eddie Butler receiving some "inside dope" from State Assemblyman Austin Bowler (left) and County Treasurer Bill Galloway, officials of sponsoring Footprinters. Photo at right shows entrant Ron Hardison.

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