



Sports Roundup

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Pete Plans Comeback

GOLF CHAMPION Pete Brown, forced to withdraw after one round of play in the recent Tournament of Champions here due to severe muscular spasms in his back, hopes to return to the PGA circuit in about four weeks.

"I'm going to enter the hospital in Los Angeles within a couple of days," Brown told the VOICE last Saturday as he prepared to leave Las Vegas. "I've got to get this condition cleared up one way or another so I can make the big summer tournaments in the east. I've notified Fort Worth and New Orleans that I can't play in their tournaments (this weekend and next), but I hope to be back in action at Memphis late this month."

Pete was particularly disappointed by his forced withdrawal from the Tournament of Champions last weekend because he was the first Negro to ever qualify for the big Desert Inn Country Club event in its 13-year history.

"I sure wanted to make a good showing here," he said Saturday as he watched the tournament players approach the ninth green in company with his wife and one of his four daughters, who came up from Los Angeles to see him compete here. "But it just wasn't to be. Even with sedation, I didn't think I was ever going to get through that first round. I ached all over."

After shooting a six-over-par 78 in Thursday's first round, a remarkably good effort in view of the pain he obviously was suffering and the fact he had to restrict his back swing to "bunt" proportions, Pete still hoped to continue Friday. But after hitting a few practice shots Friday morning, he told his sponsor-partner, Dr. Milton Leichter, it was no use trying. Dr. Leichter agreed and made immediate arrangements for his hospitalization when he returned to Los Angeles.

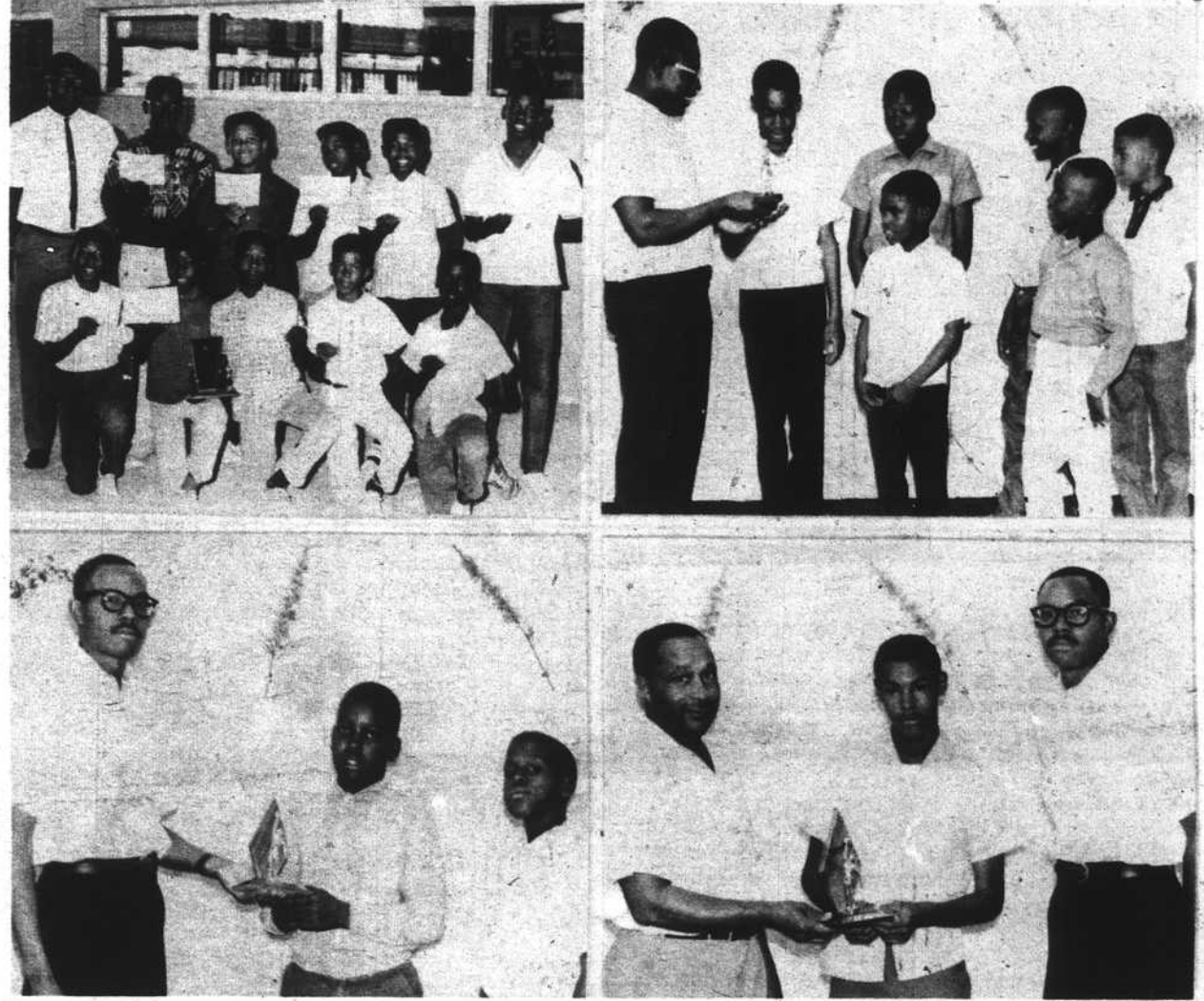
"I knew I was in trouble as soon as I hit my first drive on Thursday," Pete said. "I could only get my hands back about one-quarter of a normal swing and my follow-through almost tore me apart."

Trouble Started Early

PETE'S TEE-SHOT on the par 5 first hole traveled about 175 yards down the middle of the fairway and he pulled his wood second into the rough, where a galleryite stepped on his ball. His playing partner, 1959 T-C champion Mike Souchak, told him he was entitled to a free drop, which Pete took, but his wedge approach from about 50 yards out skidded some 40 feet past the pin and he needed three putts to hole out for a bogie 6.

He picked up two more bogies through the next six holes, but a birdie on No. 8 enabled (See SPORTS, page 12)

Honor Top Schoolboy Quintets



YOUNG CAGERS RECEIVE AWARDS--Trophy presentations to top teams in City Recreation Dept. All-City and Doolittle Recreation Center Elementary Athletic League competitions are shown on this page. At upper left are undefeated Matt Kelly School sixth-graders who won All-City championship and post-season tournament. Front (from left) William Smith, Tom Turpin, Michael Williams, George Keyes and Calvin Walker. Rear (from left) Coach John Bass, Elbert Taylor, Phil Harris, William Hall, Alvin Lewis and Charles Banks. At upper right, Coach William Lewis (left) displays trophy awarded his fifth graders from Madison School for winning 5th grade title in Doolittle Center league. Team members front are Benjamin Mayfield (left) and Dexter Brewer; rear (from left) Thomas Grayson, Timmy Shaw, Michael Wilson and Michael Holmes. Immediately above left, James Pughsley, Elementary Athletic League official, presents Donald Purifoy (center) and Robert Kelly of Westside School with trophy awarded their second place team in fifth grade league. Immediately above right, Doolittle Center director Joe Haynes (left) presents Andre Nester (center) and coach James Pughsley of Highland School with second place trophy in sixth grade competition. Below at left, Haynes presents championship trophy to coach Pughsley of Highland for winning All-City sixth grade title. Team members are (from left) James McDuffie, Clarence Lawson, Williè Fluker, Robert Gordon, Lionel Hollins, Herbert Rogers and Charles Love. Below at right, Doolittle Center assistant director Shirley McDaniel (left) presents first place trophy to coach William Evans of Madison School sixth grade champions in Elementary Athletic League. Team members are (from Left) Percy Divine Jr.; Lonnie Bolden, Gerald Smith, Darnell Harris and Roosevelt Kelly. Men's Progressive League sponsored Elementary Athletic League play. Photos of two other Matt Kelly teams that won top awards in All-City competition will appear in next week's VOICE.

