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THE FIRST BLACK MAN to play in the Masters,. Lee Elder, works with his caddy, Henry Brown, getting some practice shots. Brown, an Augusta, Ga. cab driver said, "All he has to do is stay cool and relax." (UPI Telephoto)

Boxing matches set for hall

DUNDALK — Johnny Wilburn of Glen Burnie and Larry Washington of Baltimore are scheduled to go four rounds in a middleweight boxing bout tonight (Friday) at Steelworkers Hall.

Immediately preceding the Wilburn-Washington bout will be a scheduled six round confrontation between lightweights Ronnie "Rock" Green of Baltimore and Hubert Stevenson of Winston-Salem.

Leading off the events will be Johnnie Baldwin of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Lamont Lovelady of Des Moines. The middleweights are scheduled to go 10 rounds.

The second bout will be between Rico Hoye, also of Kalamazoo, and Julius Dickens of Washington. An eight round bout is set for the middleweights.

Welterweight Floyd Mayweather of Kalamazoo will meet Sparky Wheeler of Washington in a scheduled six-rounder.

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Elder reception good at Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Like John Smith and Joe Jones, the name Henry Brown is a common one that rarely attracts attention but at Augusta National Country Club Henry Brown is like the Hutton TV commercial. When Henry speaks they all listen.

Henry Brown spoke Tuesday and the AFRO liked what he said because Brown is the highly respected caddie who will be toting Lee Elder's bag the next three days — providing, of course, the Washington entry makes the Friday night cut in this historic Masters Tournament.

"Lee has a good, sound golf game," declared Brown, himself a one-handicapped player who last year won the club's caddy championship, and has had rounds of 68-74-68-75 on his last four trips over the course. That works out to a 3-under-par score.

"The first two days I'll settle for par," said Henry, using the personal pronoun style of the proverbial fight manager. "If I can make 144 between tee-off and cutoff, I'll be in good shape. After that I'll be going for the birdies and eagles just like the rest.

If luck holds out I'll be right up there and don't let anyone tell you it's all strength or skill. Luck and the good breaks have helped all the big guys in their win — Nichlaus, Player, Miller, Palmer and Trevino.

"Just let us have our share and we'll take care of the rest."

Elder likewise is happy with Brown as his caddie.

"This fellow knows golf and he knows the course. We had some problems our first day together but that was due to the fact he wasn't familiar with my game. Since then we have become a pretty good team and I feel that it is up to me from here on.

Lee was paired with former U.S. Open champion Gene Littler for his opening round tee-off at 11:15 on Thursday.

Rain was in the forecast for the first day and that could handicap the finesse players like Elder.

However, any fears Lee may have had about the way he would be accepted were dispelled in the two full days he spent here prior to the opening round.

The crowds were warmly receptive but not overly so. They applauded his appearances, cheered his good shots and otherwise served indicators that there would be no marked hostility here.

As he strolled up the ninth fairways of Wednesday's par-3 tournament—a final prep for the big event — he was compelled to doff his cap so often he finally settled for keeping it in his hand and waving.

When his score of 25 — two behind winner Isao Aoiki — was announced the spectators roared their approval.

"Everyone has been great," he said afterward. "I may not win but I'll be giving it all I have."

NEWCOMER AND OLD HAND—Lee Elder, who made his debut in the Masters Tournament at Augusta National Golf Club on Thursday, shared a relaxed moment with Arnold Palmer during a Wednesday practice round. Palmer (right) is a four-time winner of the tourney, therefore, should know the lay of the land. Elder, on the other hand, was feeling his way as the first black ever to compete in the event.

Lee Elder has company at Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Let's try for a real shakeup at Augusta National this weekend! Let's root like mad for Lee Elder, Rod Curl, Isao Aoiki or Lee Trevino to win this 1975 bash, which had its underpinnings ripped when Elder kicked tradition on the shin by winning the Monsanto Open last April at Pensacola, Fla.

Elder's feat opened the Masters golf field for the first time to blacks. Then two weeks later came the Curl victory which marked entry for the Wintu Indian.

Aoiki is not a Japanese pioneer, but none has ever won here. And he was off to a good start in that direction when he won the annual par-3 contest on Wednesday.

Trevino, of course, doesn't need the money but a triumph here by the merry Mexican will sort of end the strangle hold the blue-eyed blonds, and black haired South Africans have held on the gaudy glassware for over the past 15 years. — LACY.

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Hearing set back month on Lyle's marital woes

DENVER (UPI) — District Judge George Manerbino has delayed until May 22 the preliminary hearing for seventh-ranked heavyweight Ron Lyle on charges of second-degree assault on his wife.

Lyle sought the continuance so that the court date would not interfere with his training for a May 16 weight champion Muhammad Ali in Las Vegas.

Manerbino also said he would issue a "gag" order in the case in light of Mrs. Lyle contacting Denver newspapers and issuing a press statement detailing her side of the March 13 incident. She charged that Lyle fired a gun at her.

Lyle's attorneys at first had agreed to waive the preliminary hearing if the arraignment on the charges could be delayed until after the championship fight. The agreement was made when the district attorney indicated he would fight any request for a delay.

"That is such a cumbersome type of agreement," Manerbino said after the details were explaind to him by Lyle's attorney, William Lewis. "I don't know why you want to make it so cumbersome when it can really be handled very simply by just delaying the preliminary hearing.

"On the date of the hearing (April 28) bring the defendant in and she wants to go ahead and waive it that is fine," said Manerbino, to the surprise of Assistant District Attorneys Steve Munsinger and Bob Jenkins. "But I am continuing the preliminary hearing without any conditions."

Leonard Chessler, who is working with Lewis in Lyle's defense, said the continuance was needed because "the matter is dealing with two very serious things in a man's life.

"First he is facing the chance of a lifetime in his career and secondly this is a very critical stage in the judicial process and his mind and body both have to be elsewhere."

Lyle, the only member of the top 10 that Ali has not fought, has a 30-2-1 record with 21 knockouts.

NBA playoffs

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Houston vs. New York

(Best of three)
April 12 — at Houston, 1:40 p.m.

Washington vs. Buffalo

(Best of seven)
April 12 — at Buffalo, 1:40 p.m.; April 16 — at Washington, 8:05 p.m. April 18 — at Buffalo, 9:10 p.m.; April 20 — at Washington, 1:10 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Detroit vs. Seattle

(Best of three)
April 12— at Seattle, 11 p.m.

Chicago vs. KC-Omaha

(Best of seven)
(All KC-Omaha games to be played in Kansas City)
April 13 — at KC-Omaha, 1:35 p.m.; April 15 or 16 — at Chicago, 8:30 p.m. April 17 or 18 — at KC-Omaha, 8:35 p.m.; April 19 or 20 — at Chicago.

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