

Jacki, who has increased the federation's budget from \$2-million to \$7-million since 1983, made his comments to the *Indianapolis Star* on Friday.

Rhythmic gymnastics spots decided

SALT LAKE CITY — Diane Simpson and Michelle Berube, both of Illinois Rhythmics, tied for first in the all-around competition and clinched the only two spots open on the U.S. Olympic rhythmic gymnastics team Saturday night.

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"I don't think people appreciate what it's like to be able to high jump 6-8, pole vault 17 feet, run 100 meters in less than 11 seconds, and run 1,500 meters in less than four minutes. And do all 10 events in the space of two days."

— Gary Kinder, shown leading the pack during recent Olympic Track and Field Trials

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Relaxed Bryant leads by two in Florida Open

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TARPON SPRINGS — The final-round intensity of a professional golf tournament has not yet reached the leaders of the Florida Open.

Entering today's last round at the Innisbrook Resort, Bart Bryant of Orlando continues to lead, with an 8-under-par total of 207. Nolan Henke of Fort Myers is two strokes behind and a group of six golfers is at 212.

After Bryant shot a 68 Saturday, he planned little preparation for today.

"I'll probably go get a snack and head back to my motel room and watch *Leave It To Beaver*," Bryant said. "Obviously I feel like my chances are good, but I don't want to worry about the money or title. That's not my style. If I play a good round tomorrow, I'll be happy whether I win or lose."

If Bryant, 25, seemed nonchalant about taking home the \$7,500 first-place check, consider the preparation that his pursuer, Henke, invested into the Open.

"I haven't played much," said Henke, who returned from the South African tour in mid-March. "I've just been goofing off and going to the beach. My friend has a jet ski. I like those. Maybe if I do sell here, I'll get one."

How is that for inspiration? Win one for the jet ski. Bryant has another cause — win one for the campers — with his wife Cathy in Orlando, 10 days overdue with

their first child.

"The stork watch continues," he said. "My wife said 'if you're in the lead (Saturday), you don't have to come home.' She just takes everything in stride."

So does Bryant. His third round featured shades of the second round, where he struggled but still scored well. His tee shot on the par-5 second hole soared into trouble.

"I hit a 4-wood over the water, through the trees and it landed on the cart path," Bryant said. "I took a drop and then hit it in the trap (60 yards from the green) . . . You really don't know how to aim those. I hit it and it died six feet from the pin (and he made the six-foot birdie putt).

"That got me started on a good note. The ball could have hit the trees and bounced back in the water."

Bryant carded four more birdies and one bogey to increase his lead by one stroke. After Friday's round he led Orlando's Mike West by a shot.

West, who moved to 4-under on the front nine Saturday, began the back nine with two double-bogey and a bogey on his way to a 76.

Henke, 23, a former All-American at Florida State, turned pro last year. He had a five-birdie, no-bogey round Saturday, closing it with an 18-foot putt on 18.

"There are too many good players out here to say this is a two-man thing," Henke said.

Among the players five strokes back at 212 is PGA Tour player



Times photo — ROBIN DOMINA

Bart Bryant of Orlando, shown teeing off at No. 17 at Innisbrook Resort, shot a 67 Saturday to keep the lead in Florida Open.

John Huston of Palm Harbor. Huston, one of the first-round leaders who fell back Friday, rebounded with a third-round 67.

Huston, who birdied four of his first five holes Saturday, is a contender because of his success on the Island Course, site of today's final round. He is 8-under for two rounds on that course, but had a 5-over-par round Friday on the Copperhead course, which was used in earlier rounds.

Two other local pros are also in the third-place tie. Innisbrook director of golf Jay Overton, who finished fourth last year, shot a 68 Saturday. Steve Schaff, teaching director at Bloomingdale Golfers Club in Brandon, shot a 71.

Also at 212 are Florida Amateur champion Nick Martin (who

shot 69 Saturday) of Atlantic Beach, trying to become the first amateur winner in 18 years; Gene Jones (68) of Apopka, and David Jackson (71) of Jacksonville.

"This golf course brings everyone together," said Overton. "I think someone will have to shoot 66, 67 to win."

Last year, Bruce Fleisher of Miami shot a 66 for victory. Fleisher is currently eight strokes back at even-par 215.

Today's last foursome, which tees off at 9:20 a.m., includes Bryant, Henke, Jones and Huston.

"If I get out and shoot 32 or 33 (for nine holes) and make my presence known, at least I'll have a chance," said Huston. "That's what it's all about, the last nine holes."

Twitty, Verplank lead in

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GRAND BLANC, I. Sometimes, according to eran Howard Twitty, it's be lucky than good.

"I really didn't feel like that well. I felt fortunate after shooting a 68 to ease of the third-round lead at Open. "This is the first probably a year that I've for the lead going into round."

Twitty, seeking his first victory in eight years, with Steve Elkington, who shot 67, and Scott Verplank, who shot 70 after a pair of 66s, were at 14-under-par 202 holes.

Elkington, who started three strokes behind Verplank one in back of Twitty, shot a 67 and was tied at 14-under-par 202 with Twitty, a 68, and Verplank, who shot a 66 after firing 66s in his first rounds.

Ken Green shot 65 alone at 203. Dave Eichler was at 204 after a 67.

Other tournaments

■ **LPGA Greater Washington Open:** Connie Chillemi led for her first victory years on the LPGA Tour with a 7-under-par 64 Saturday. She had a one-stroke lead over Janice Pennington and Beth Daniel at the end of the \$225,000 tournament in Bethesda, Md.

Chillemi, who started