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AAF ACQUIRES THE RALPH MILLER GOLF LIBRARY

Los Angeles, November 8, 2001--The Amateur Athletic Foundation announced Thursday that it will acquire one of the world's major golf collections, following the decision of the City of Industry (California) city council to transfer ownership of the Ralph Miller Golf Library to the AAF.

The Ralph Miller collection will become part of the AAF's extensive sports library in Los Angeles.

"This is a wonderful addition to our library," said AAF President Anita DeFrantz. "We deeply appreciate the generosity of the City of Industry and the city council's desire to keep the collection in Southern California."

The Ralph Miller collection includes 5,000 books dating back to 1597, 1,500 volumes of bound periodicals, 400 video and film volumes, and thousands of photographs. Miller, who died in 1974, was a Los Angeles attorney and collector of golf books and memorabilia. The collection formerly was housed at a golf resort in the City of Industry.

The collection will be moved, in December, to the AAF, where cataloging will begin immediately. "We expect that researchers can begin using the materials by May or June 2002," said Wayne Wilson, AAF vice president for research.

The AAF's sports library features an extensive collection of books, periodicals, videos and photo images covering all aspects of amateur and professional sport. Olympic Games information is a particular strength. The library is open to the public.

The AAF is endowed with Southern California's share of the surplus from the 1984 Olympic Games. The Foundation awards grants to youth sports organizations, initiates its own youth sports programs and manages the Paul Ziffren Sports Resource Center Library. AAF Web site: www.aaf.org. For hours of operation of the library and for additional information, please call 323-730-4600.

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