

# The Junior Is Lots of Fun

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With all deference to Tommy Jacobs' fine performance, it is nevertheless true that at a USGA Open Championship there is one hero, whereas at a USGA Junior Amateur Championship there are 128. It is spectacular to see Hogan come storming home to break the back of Oakland Hills before 15,000 swarming fans, but, after all, it is the magnitude of the accomplishment and the impressiveness of the setting which provide the thrill.

Fortunately in this year's Junior Championship at the University of Illinois, there was no monster of a course to slay, no stampeding hordes to lend a false sense of importance to friendly engagements, but there were 128 young Americans playing golf for the pure love of the game.

It is indeed difficult to describe to those who have not seen a Junior Championship what it is the boys bring to the game that we, their elders, lack. The will to win is present, but the grimness of more mature players is absent. The display of skill is extraordinary, but it is made more human by occasional lapses. Situations that would defeat an older golfer are accepted casually. The only criticism is good-natured and offered with a smile. And always in their play of the game there is a spirit of gayety and good will that is irrepressible. No wonder with 128 heroes like that, the Junior Championship is the USGA's blue ribbon event!

## Jacobs Can Defend in '52

It is well recognized that junior golfers have not had sufficient experience to be consistent in their play. Therefore "upsets" are to be expected. However, Mason Rudolph's performance in reaching the finals of the two preceding Championships certainly made him the favorite this year. Unfortunately, the Clarksville, Tenn., boy did not play his best golf in the fourth round, and Billy Ford, Charleston, S. C., is too good a golfer to be defeated



Tommy Jacobs

by anything but first-class play. Therefore, his showing in his fourth and final Junior Championship became Mason Rudolph's poorest.

In the meantime Tommy Jacobs, Montebello, Cal., had been doing a little giant-killing on his own behalf and in the fourth round knocked out another red-hot favorite in the powerful young Orlando, Fla., golfer, Don Bisplinghoff. Unlike Billy Ford, Tommy Jacobs continued his winning ways and playing steady, sound golf, finished off all his remaining matches by comfortable margins to become the fourth holder of the title. Since Tommy is only 16, for the second year a junior champion will be eligible to defend his title.

Most of those who survived to the later rounds were experienced in previous Championships, several like Billy Wolfe, Capitol View, Md., having played all four

One of the newcomers whose performance was impressive and who was a great favorite with the gallery was John Parker, from Tulsa, Okla.

It will be recalled that this is only the second year the Junior Championship has been conducted by a separate Committee. Last year at Denver there were five members of this new Committee at the Championship. This year at Champaign there were eleven on hand and there was much enthusiasm displayed by all of those in attendance. The promotion of Junior activities was discussed informally during the day and three night meetings of the Committee were held.

#### Everyone Can Help

The USGA does not conduct a Junior

Championship for the mere purpose of awarding a title. The USGA's main purpose in the conduct of a Championship for boys and in the promotion of junior activities lies solely in the development of the game of golf along healthy and constructive lines. In this program we need the help and support of all lovers of the game.

A player who had competed in two previous Junior Championships approached an official on the 9th green with this question: "If my ball moves in a bunker after I have taken my stance but before I touch anything with my club, is there a penalty?" The answer was, of course, yes, whereupon the player turned to his opponent and said:

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### Briefing for the Junior Amateur Championship



Colonel Lee S. Read, of Louisville, Ky., whose unceasing efforts have developed for his section the biggest entry in the USGA Junior event in each of the four years it has been held, is briefing Kentucky's ten qualifiers for this year's Championship. The boys, kneeling, left to right, and their scores: Donnie Lee Robinson, Coral Ridge, 70; Dean Radtke, Lexington, 71; Bob Nichols, Louisville, 71; Joe Breckel, Louisville, 72, and Bill Conliffe, Louisville, 74. Standing: John Churchman, Jr., Louisville, 75; Kennedy Engle, Lexington, 75; Eddie Kirby, Bowling Green, 76; Jack Norman, Bowling Green, 76, and Mike Dudley, Winchester, 76.

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"You see, you were wrong; there is a penalty. Instead of my being one up we are all even."

It is not often that the opponent refuses

a concession and even less often that the player makes a claim for his opponent. Perhaps it is the fact that these things do happen at a Junior Championship which makes it a bigger event than even the Open.