

NORTHWEST PRODUCES ANOTHER JUNIOR CHAMPION

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The golfing Northwest has turned out a stream of top caliber amateur golfers through the years. During the recent Junior Amateur Championship the Northwest again produced a winner.

When William L. Tindall, of Seattle, Wash., scored a 2 and 1 victory in the final match at the Milburn Golf and Country Club, Overland Park, Kansas, it marked the first time in Junior Amateur history that Champions had come from the same state in successive years.

Tindall, 17 years old, followed fellow-Washingtonian, Larry J. Lee, of Spokane. Lee, who had passed the age limit and was ineligible to defend, won the 1959 Championship at the Stanford University Golf Course near San Francisco.

This was not the only record established during the Championship, played August 3-6. The entry of 1,445 started things off in record fashion, topping by 80 the previous mark of 1,365 set in 1959. This record entry was reduced to the 128 qualifiers through Sectional Qualifying Rounds at 51 locations.

Another Junior record was the first round match which went 10 extra holes before Michael Eiserman, of Independence, Mo., defeated Patrick Honeycutt, of Memphis, Tenn., one up. This also equaled the longest overtime match in the history of the USGA—the 28-hole affair between Maurice McCarthy and George Von Elm in the 1930 USGA Amateur Championship at the Merion Cricket Club, Ardmore, Pa. McCarthy was the one up victor.

A sudden thunderstorm interrupted the play of Eiserman and Honeycutt after the 20th hole on Wednesday evening and they resumed on the 21st hole Thursday morning. As Eiserman also went on to win his second and third round matches on Thursday, by margins of 2 and 1 and one up, he was thus required to play 43 holes of Championship golf in a single day.

The semi-final results marked the first

THE BALLADE OF THE INCOMPETENT GOLFER

By W. Fairbanks

I am not ambitious at all:
I am not a golfer, I know:
But I do love to drive a long ball,
Though with an unorthodox blow.
My swing is uncertain (not slow);
I am not expert with my tools;
I lack the St. Andrews argot—
But I hope I have kept to the rules!

When your skill is undoubtedly small,
'Tis hard, sir, to hit in a row
Some five or six drives, and not fall
Down hard at least once to your woe.
But putting is easier—though
A short one my confidence cools.
My game is deficient in go,
But I hope I have kept to the rules!

Unable to fly, let me crawl;
Your sympathy kindly bestow.
I am not a Vardon or Ball;
I am not a Travis or Low;
I am not desirous—oh no!—
To rise from the ranks of the fools,
To shine with Braid, Douglas, and Co.—
But I hope I have kept to the rules!

Dear sir, though my standard is low,
Unworthy of all the best schools,
My form and my style are so so;—
But I hope I have kept to the rules!

time that both matches had gone extra holes in the Junior Amateur. One match went 19 holes, the other went 20 holes.

Another record was equaled when Robert Kirouac, of Sharon, Mass., qualified for his fifth Junior Amateur, thus joining Jack Nicklaus, of Columbus, Ohio, and John P. Konsek, of Buffalo, N. Y., as the only others to qualify in so many Juniors. Nicklaus and Konsek were members of the 1960 Americas Cup Team.

Tindall had anything but an easy path to the title. He started off with a one up victory in the first round over John Einhorn, of San Diego, Calif. Along the way he won from Claude Harmon, Jr., son of the professional at Winged Foot, Mamaroneck, N. Y., by another one up margin.

The semi-finals had Tindall playing against Bruce Fischer, a 15 year old from Manning, Iowa, while Robert (Laurie)



Harry L. Givan, Chairman of the USGA Junior Championship Committee, is surrounded by semi-finalists of the 1960 Tournament. Front row, from the left: Robert L. Hammer, Runner-up; Givan; William Tindall, Champion. Back row, from the left: Sherman Finger, III, Semi-finalist; Bruce Fischer, Semi-finalist.

Hammer, a blond-haired 17 year old lad from Sarasota, Fla., met Sherman Finger, III, 16 years old and a quarterback on Evanston (Ill.) High School's football team.

The other semi-final match went 20 holes before Hammer chipped in from 15 feet off the green for a birdie four on the 561-yard hole.

Tindall and Hammer showed the strain of the weather and the Championship in the final round. Both seemed tired and the temperature was 100 degrees.

Tindall jumped off to a lead on the first hole although both had experienced tree trouble due to bad drives.

Both had opportunities on the next four holes but neither could capitalize.

On the 168-yard sixth hole, Hammer sent his tee shot 13 feet past the pin and two-putted for his par while Tindall was short, chipped up eight feet past, and missed. This evened the match but Hammer moved into the lead on the next hole when he sank a six-footer for a par five

while Tindall needed six. Pars on the eighth and ninth holes kept Hammer's margin at one up, Tindall going out in 39 and Hammer in 38.

The 11th hole was a key to Tindall's victory. It was on this 392-yard hole, with a sloping green, that Tindall holed a tremendous 61-foot putt for a birdie three that pulled him even with Hammer when it looked as if they would halve the hole.

Another long putt earned Tindall the 15th hole, and he increased his lead to two up on the 16th hole, but only after both players encountered considerable difficulty. The hole is a par four, 331 yards long, but it is tree-lined and well trapped. Both hit into the trees off the tee and their second shots missed the green. Hammer blasted out of a trap and hit the flagstick, but bounced seven feet away. Tindall then saw his chip shot lip the cup and roll two feet past. Hammer just missed his seven-footer while Tindall sank his putt.

The 17th almost proved to be Tindall's

downfall. A faulty tee shot was nearly disastrous as it hit a big tree 125 yards down the fairway and dropped, while Hammer's drive was straight down the middle. However, Tindall proved his Championship caliber here as he hit a powerful six-iron third shot, which landed 12 feet from the cup on the 488-yard hole. Hammer's third shot ran to the back edge of the green and he took two putts to get down for his five. Tindall did likewise to end the match on the 17th hole.

Tindall's victory was certainly no surprise as he has an outstanding record. He was the 1959 Washington State Junior Chamber of Commerce Champion and was both the Seattle City Amateur and City Junior Champion in 1958. In addition, he is the 1960 Washington State Hearst Champion. In his only previous appearance in the Junior Amateur in 1953, Tindall lost in the first round by a 3 and 1 margin to William G. Lovett, of Port-

land, Oregon.

Both Tindall and Hammer will be ineligible in 1961 because they will be over the age limit but the other two semi-finalists will be eligible. Fischer is only 15 and Finger is 16 years old.

The Milburn members were exceptional hosts for the Championship as they went out of their way to make the boys feel at home. As a matter of point, most of the players were housed in members' homes and were entertained during the entire tournament. One of the pre-tournament highlights was a pool-side dance.

Sam C. Sparks, the General Chairman of the Championship, and Marty Purcell, president of Milburn, deserve special praise for their all out effort to make the Championship a success. Similarly, the work of Dan A. MacDougall, a member of the USGA Junior Committee from Kansas City, was highly instrumental in the successful outcome of the tournament.

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