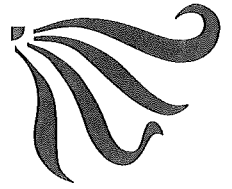


Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame



Harry H.  
Moorhead  
M.D.

2013 Nomination



# Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame

## 2013 Nomination Form

### NOMINEE'S NAME

MOORHEAD, M.D. HARRY BUDDY H.  
Last Name First Name Nickname (if applicable) Middle Initial

### NOMINEE'S DATE OF BIRTH

1922 September 30<sup>th</sup>  
Year Month Day

### RESIDENCE

Years Kentucky Resident (minimum 5 years required) approx. 1931-1953

Current Residence

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Address City State Zip

### STATUS

☒ Amateur

☐ Professional

☒ Deceased (please provide date of death May 5, 1982)

### KEY AREAS (check all that are applicable)

☒ Playing Achievements

☐ Contribution/Promotion of the Game

☐ Contribution to Junior Golf

☐ Teaching of the game

☐ Golf Course Architecture

☐ Turf Grass Research

☐ Golf Course Management/Maintenance

☒ National Recognition

### SUPPORTING MATERIALS

#### Required

- ✓ One page type written biography of nominee
- ✓ Two (2) Letters of Nomination

#### Suggested

- ✓ Newspaper articles
- ✓ Photographs

July 14, 2013

Mr. Brandon Neal  
Golf House Kentucky  
Attention: Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame  
1116 Elmore Just Drive  
Louisville, KY 40245

Dear Mr. Neal,

On May 23, 2013 my wife and I had the opportunity to visit Golf House Kentucky. What a thrill to see such a beautiful place and the history it holds. We were there for about an hour and a half during which time we toured the facility and then sat with Patsy Fitzpatrick and Erin Horn reviewing an album of golf clippings regarding my father Harry H. Moorhead, M.D., aka "Buddy" and his success in Amateur Golf which occurred from approximately 1937-1952. At the end of the meeting both Patsy and Erin encouraged us to submit a nomination for the Hall of Fame.

Here is a summary of his story:

At age 15 he was the Club Champion at Owl Creek Country Club in Anchorage. He was a member of the Anchorage High School Golf Team which won the Kentucky State High School Championship in 1937, 1938, and 1939. He was individual Kentucky High School Champion in 1940 after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> twice and 3<sup>rd</sup> once the previous three years. He was also an outstanding High School Basketball Player, making the Courier-Journal All-Kentucky Basketball Team in 1940 (see 43 KHOF).

In February 1941 our father was diagnosed with Tuberculosis after hemorrhaging at a University of Louisville Basketball practice. He then became a patient at Waverly Hills Sanatorium for approximately 4 months and 1 month at Norton Hospital, (personal record). At that point he was not doing very well, so he was pulled out by John Marshall, Jr., who built him a one room cottage on the Marshall property in Anchorage and he was confined to his bed until November of 1942. "The Judge" and our father were very close. During World War II, Dad had some energy to help take care of the grounds at Owl Creek, but it wasn't until the fall of 1945 that he again picked up a golf club.

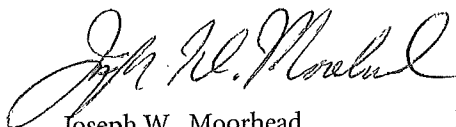
Despite the physical challenges that resulted from his illness, (functioned with a collapsed lung for most of his adult life), he went on to be successful in golf, winning the Irvin Cobb Championship in 1948 and the Kentucky Amateur Championship in 1949, before qualifying and making it to the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the United States Amateur at Oak Hill, CC in Rochester, New York that same year. Johnny Carrico, former Staff Writer for the Courier-Journal described his winning of the 1949 State Amateur as "One of the most inspiring comebacks in the history of Kentucky Golf..." (see 24 & 25 KHOF). For a complete listing of his achievements, please see the attached file: "BioPlayOtherProfAchieve."


Due to his experience battling TB, he chose to study Medicine at the University of Louisville while playing amateur golf. He graduated in 1950 and was initially going to specialize in lung ailments, but changed his mind, instead accepting a residency program in Psychiatry at Cornell University Medical College and New York Hospital in White Plains, New York. From what we know today, it was a very difficult decision for him to leave Kentucky, but he went on to help many people regain their health in doing so.

It would be a great honor for my brother Rick, my sister Jean and me to have him as a member of the Hall of Fame. We lost him young at age 59 on May 5, 1982 to leukemia most likely due to all the radiation he experienced when he battled TB 40 years earlier. We have memories of him, but not a lot of them. This would be one that would last forever, not only for our family, but for the State of Kentucky as well.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or if you need any additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Joseph W. Moorhead

  
Richard H. Moorhead

  
Jean M. Gillespie

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**Erin Horn - Bobby Boden's Nomination Letter of Harry H. Moorhead, M.D.**

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**From:** Joe Moorhead <joemoor14@yahoo.com>  
**To:** "ehorn@kygolf.org" <ehorn@kygolf.org>  
**Date:** 7/21/2013 7:36 PM  
**Subject:** Bobby Boden's Nomination Letter of Harry H. Moorhead, M.D.  
**CC:** "greenforcerr@gmail.com" <greenforcerr@gmail.com>  
**Attachments:** Bobby Boden Nomination letter.pdf

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Hi Erin,



My cousin Chris Moorhead droppped of the attached file, (sorry for the size of it) last Friday around midday from Mr. Bobby Boden who grew up with my father and who played on the 1939 Anchorage High School Kentucky State Championship team which he refers to in his letter. He has to be 92-93 years old at this point and I see that he didn't sign or date the letter so I just wanted to clarify who the letter was from! It was important to my Brother, My sister, my cousin Chris and me to get someone who knew my father to respond as part of the nomination process.

Please let me know if you need the letter dated and/or if you need a signature or not and Chris will make sure that it happens.

Have a good week and thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Joe Moorhead

c 203 273-0127  

Harry H. Moorhead

Student, basketball player extraordinary, and championship Golfer.

Nicknames: Buddy, Bud and "Champ".

First met Bud when he was in the eighth grade. He was, of course, a little brother which when he got on the golf course he quickly erased. He had an excellent natural swing . He was rather shy in his own way resulting in no few of the coed eying him.

Before his illness ( to give you an idea of his prowess ) he was runner-up in 1939 for the Ky. State High School Championship and then the winner in 1940. He even won ( with my mother) the Lyle Bayless trophy for the mixed two-ball tournament in connection with the Bartlett Tournament ( long a fixture at Owl Creek).

Judge John Marshall returned to golf about the same time as Bud really stated playing excellent golf. Bud, Bill and I played with the Judge and ate at the cottage with him and smoked his cigarettes. He told us all about his fishing prowess and at the time was painting trout. Being young we were impressed ,to say the least, at his many State Championships. Bud became his protégé.

When Bud came down with his illness I was able to visit him once at the Waverly Hills. He was a sick young man and Judge was willing to take care of him . So Bud was moved back to Anchorage. I was at Indiana University and didn't see much of him for several months You know the rest of the story, Judge, Big Springs and all the trimmings.!

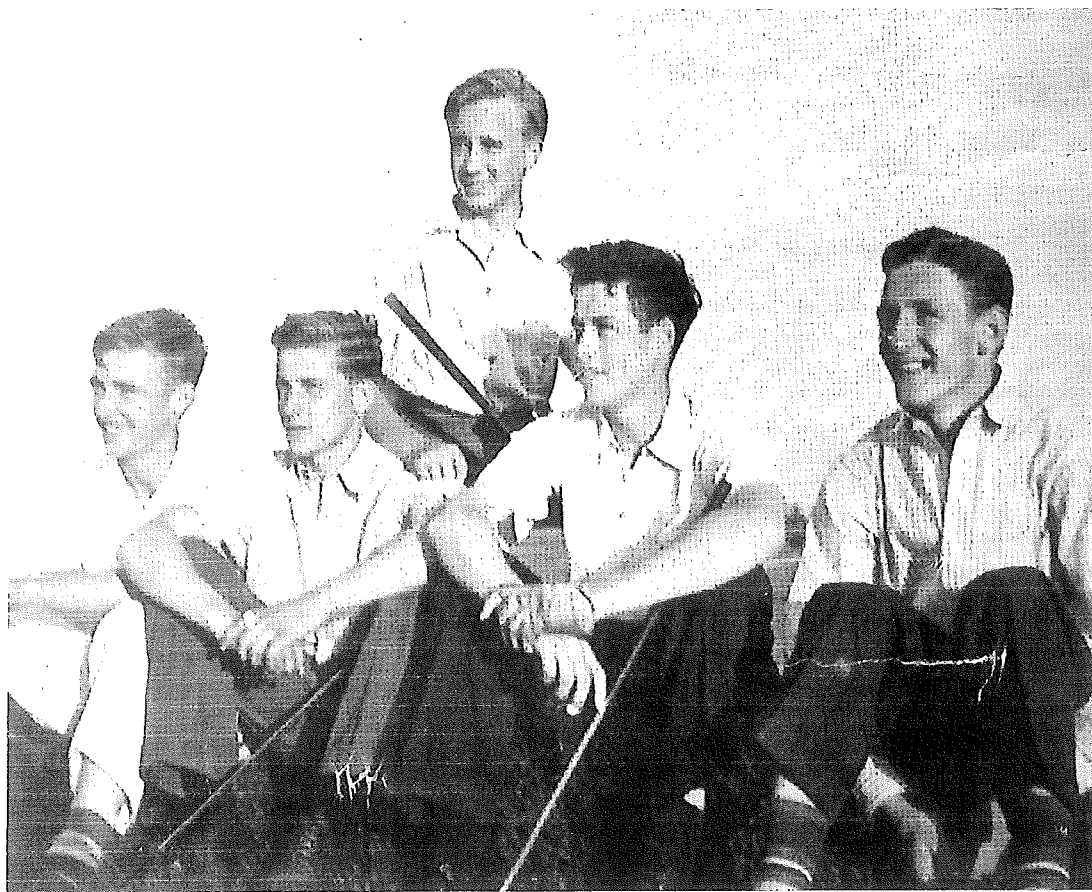
Bud's was a story of success. He came back strong, did his schooling, was State Champ, married and had good kids like you all. It was his road to travel but I often wondered what would have happened if he had stayed in the Ohio Valley. Whatever, I enjoyed being friends with the Moorheads, loved Ethel, didn't see much of Bill or Mary. Life moves on!



# THE KENTUCKY



## *High School Athlete*



ANCHORAGE HIGH SCHOOL GOLF TEAM  
KENTUCKY CHAMPIONS - 1939



Official Organ of the KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
AUGUST - 1939









—(C.-J. Photo.

## Springtime Is Swingtime for These Boys

Shown here are members of the Anchorage High School golf team. They are, left to right: Billy Moorhead, Bob Boden, Buddy Moorhead and Milton Haywood.

**Biography:**

Born September 30, 1922 Fairmont, West Virginia

Died May 5, 1982, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, NY, NY

From approximately 1931-1953 resided at 12300 East Osage Road Anchorage, KY 40223

1940 Graduate of Anchorage High School Anchorage, KY

1950 Graduate University of Louisville School of Medicine

November 12, 1955, married Joan M. Vaughey of Peekskill, New York

Chief of Psychiatry, St. Agnes Hospital White Plains, New York

Vice Chairman of the New York State Medical Board

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Cornell University Medical College and New York Hospital

Board member of the Westchester Medical Society

Delegate of the New York State Medical Society

Diplomat of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology

Fellow of the American Psychiatry Association and a Member of the American Medical Association

Survived by three children:

Joseph W. Moorhead, Richard H. Moorhead and Jean M. Gillespie, and 4 Grandchildren that he never knew.

**Playing Achievements:**

Kentucky and National Golf Achievements:

Club Champion Owl Creek Country Club at 15 Years Old (see 02 KHOF)

Winner, Kentucky State High School Golf Championship, 1940, two other times Runner-Up, and one time third the previous three years (see scanned documents). Member of the Kentucky State High School Championship Team, Anchorage High School, 1937, 1938, 1939. (see 04 KHOF)

1940, Age 17 Qualified for Kentucky State Amateur Championship Audubon CC, Louisville, KY. Tied for Medalist honors at 144. (see 07a KHOF)

February 1941 – Fall of 1945, Out of Golf due to a potentially deadly illness, Tuberculosis. Hemorrhaged at U of L Basketball Practice in February, 1941. Became a Patient at Waverly Hills Sanatorium for approximately 4 months, 1 month at Norton Hospital, (personal record), then pulled out by John Marshall, Jr. who built him a one room cottage on the Marshall property in Anchorage. (See scanned Courier Journal Article , ( 24 KHOF & 25 KHOF), "Just Like a Movie", Johnny Carrioco

Member of the University of Louisville Golf Team, (1947-1950, see 10 KHOF), and (Personal Record)

1948 Winner, Kentucky Amateur Championship, Second Flight (see 10a KHOF)

1948 Winner, Irvin Cobb Championship Amateur Division (see 11-15 KHOF)

1948 Winner, Kentucky Open. Amateur Division (see 18 KHOF)

1948 Winner, Valley View Open. Amateur Division. (see 16 KHOF)

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1949 Winner, Kentucky Amateur Championship (see 18-25 KHOF)

1949 Winner, Tri –State Best Ball Event at Losantiville, CC Cincinnati, Ohio (see 26 & 26a KHOF)

1949 United States Amateur Oak Hill Country Club Rochester, NY: made it to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Round further than any Kentucky participant that year and had the low Match Play round of the tournament (see 28-34a KHOF)

1949 Golf Exhibition with Byron Nelson, Fred Wampler, and Jimmy Scott at Valley View Golf Club, New Albany, Indiana. September 5, 1949. (see 35-36 KHOF)

1950 Runner Up, Tournament of Champions Boiling Springs Country Club, Lexington, KY (see 37-40 KHOF)

1952 Winner Big Spring Club Championship and one other time probably between 1947 and 1953; (documentation personal record). Contacted Big Spring but they only had records back to 1954.

**Other Achievements:**

1940 North Central Kentucky High School Conference All Conference Basketball Team (see 42 KHOF)

1940 The Courier Journal All-Kentucky High School Basketball Team. (see 43 KHOF)

1963 Winner Whippoorwill Club Championship Armonk, New York (documentation available if needed)

1963 Runner-Up Macy's Westchester Amateur Golf Tournament Winged Foot Golf Club Mamaroneck, NY (documentation, available if needed)

1969 Winner Whippoorwill Club Championship Armonk, New York (documentation available if needed)

1971 Winner Whippoorwill Club Championship Armonk, New York (documentation available if needed)

1972 Winner Whippoorwill Club Championship Armonk, New York (documentation available if needed)

Founding Member of "GAPA" Golfers Association of Psychiatrists of America! (45 KHOF)

**Professional Achievements:** (The Louisville Times, 44 KHOF)

1950 Doctor of Medicine Degree University of Louisville (see 46 KHOF)

Chief of Psychiatry, St. Agnes Hospital White Plains, New York

Vice Chairman of the New York State Medical Board

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Cornell University Medical College and New York Hospital (see Residency file 47 KHOF)

Board Member of the Westchester County Medical Society

Delegate of the New York State Medical Society

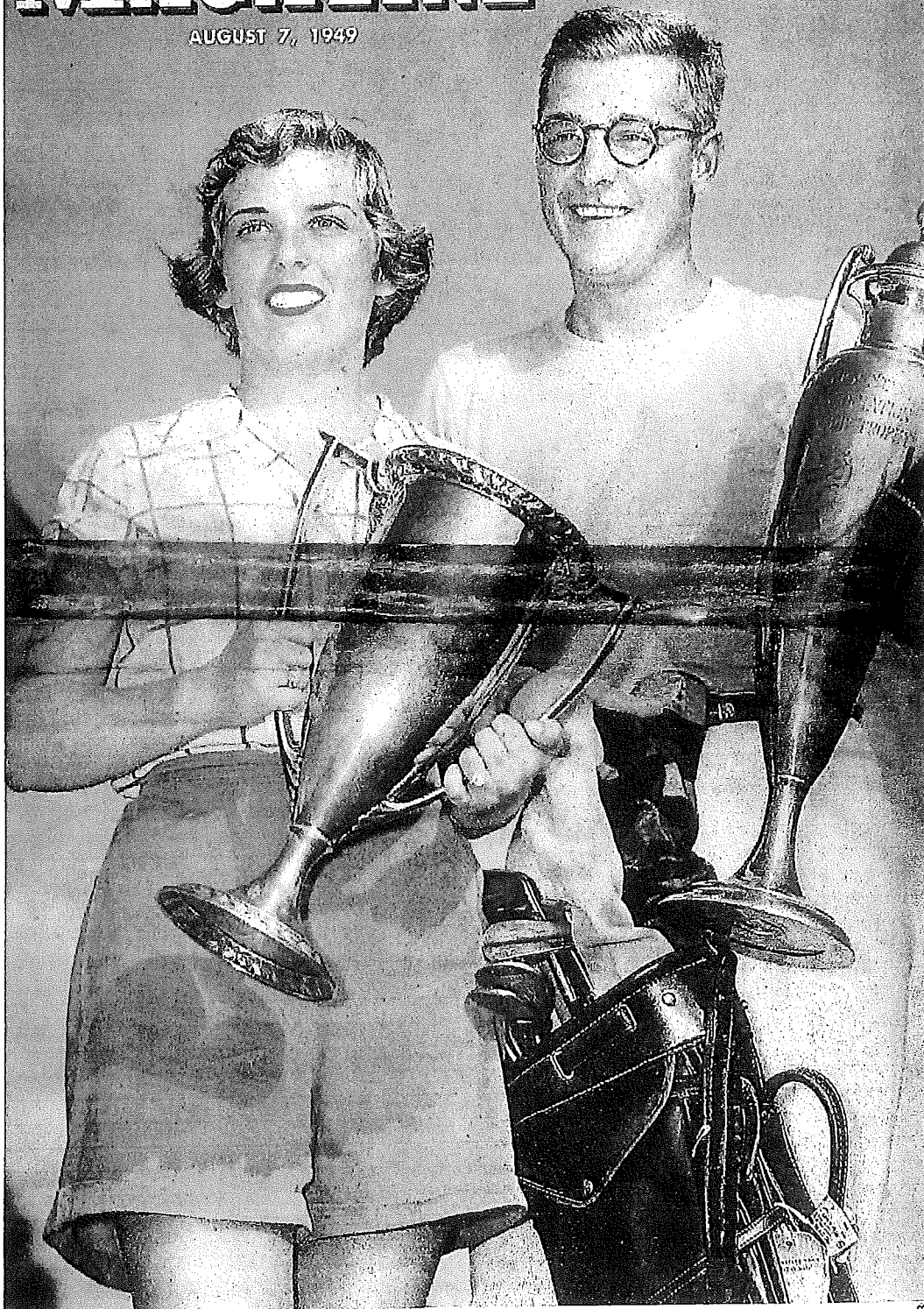
Diplomat of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (see 48 KHOF)

Fellow of the American Psychiatry Association and a Member of the American Medical Association, (see 49 KHOF)



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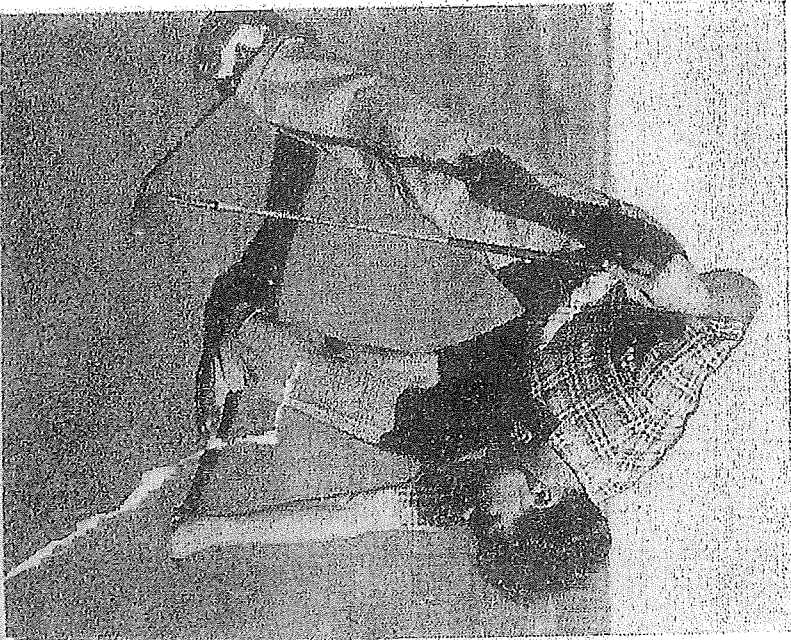
Buddy Moorhead and Betty Rowland admire the trophies they won.

**THEY'RE THE CHAMPS**

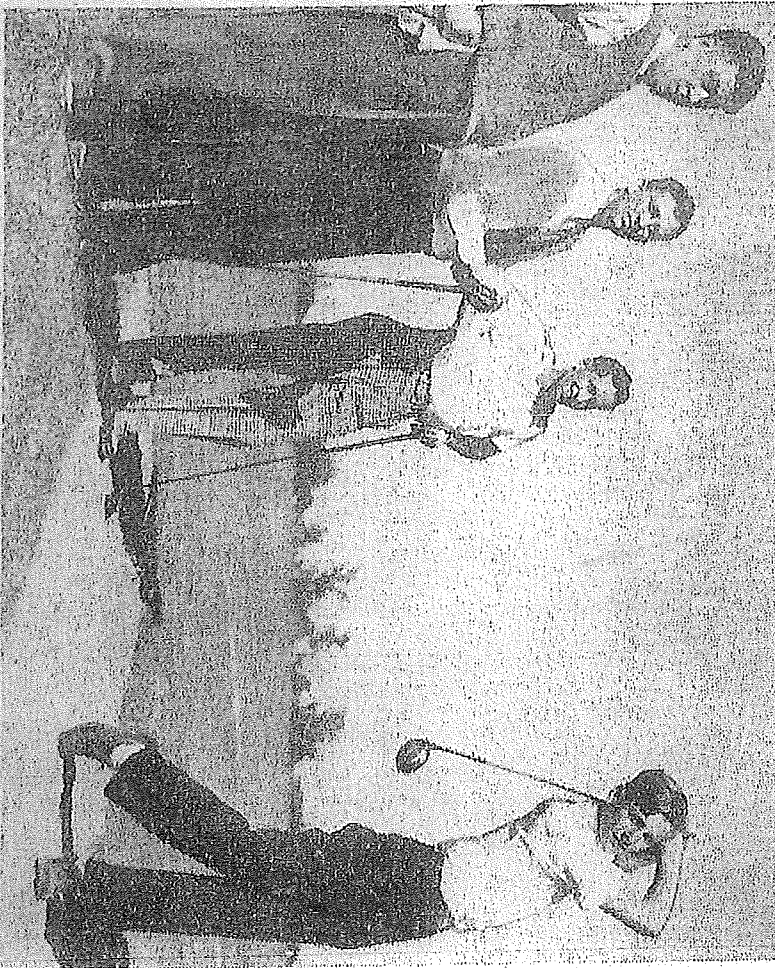
When it comes to knocking the golf ball  
Betty Rowland and Buddy Moorhead take the

01 KHOF

## Low Handicap Golfers of City Open Falls Cities Association Season



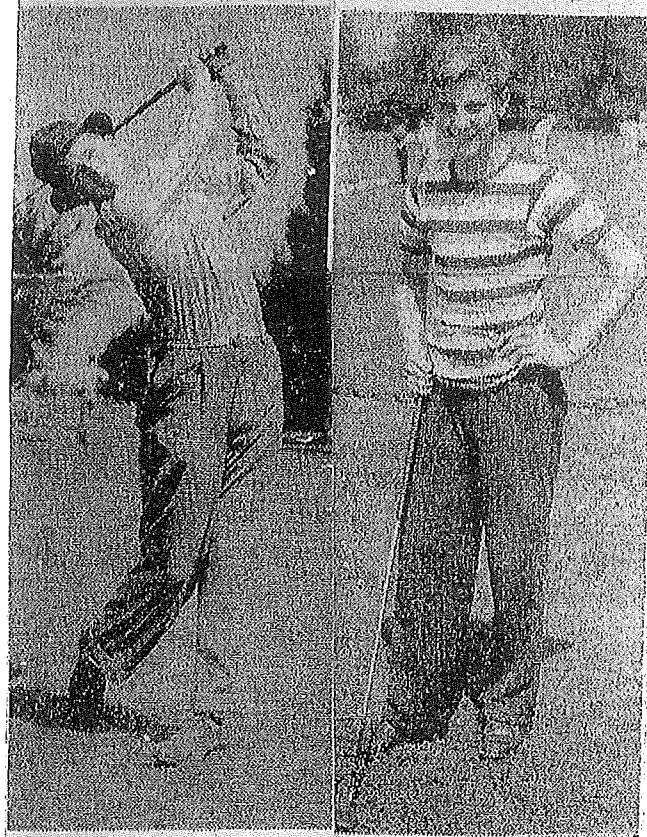
The low individual prize went to Jimmy Scott, State amateur champion from St. Louis, who stroked a 71, one under par.



J. M. Wynn, Chester Folger and Joe Hoch watch Buddy Moorhead, 15-year-old Oel Creek champion and youngest association golfer, drive off the 10th tee at Seneca.

—(C-J. Photos By Art Acker)

## Luminaries In Links Event



Two luminaries of the links in the 14c amateur golf tournament this week at the Lexington Country Club are shown above, Jack Mohnney of Lexington, at the left, and Buddy McHead of Louisville. Buddy, 15-year-old champion of the Owl Creek 14 in Louisville, was the youngest player to qualify for the first flight here. He was beaten in his first match by Benny Owen of Lexington. Mohnney in the quarter-finals today faced Dr. Billy Wolfe of Louisville, the tourney medalist.



# Manual, Moorhead Win Golf Titles

## Reds Beat

## Henry Clay

## In Playoff

## Buddy Takes Individual Crown By 13 Strokes

By JIMMY JONES.  
Courier-Journal Staff Writer.

Danville, Ky., May 15.—Louisville and Jefferson County scored a virtual grand slam in the fifth annual Kentucky State High School golf tournament which ended after 54 holes of medal play at Danville Country Club today.

"Buddy" Moorhead of Anchorage came through with the individual championship with a total of 234 following a spectacular 73 in the afternoon.

Runner-up was Pat Grimes of Valley with a 247 and Tommy Stokes of Male High was third with 248.

### Wins By Stroke.

The red-shirted team of du Pont Manual High, also from Louisville, completed the riot in favor of the metropolitan forces when it came through with the team trophy, its first in the history of the tournament, after defeating Henry Clay of Lexington in a three-hole playoff by one stroke.

Manual's final stroke total was 1,032 and that of Henry Clay 1,033. Male also took third team honors with a total of 1,048.

## Rain Doesn't Dampen High Schoolers



Rain and a wet course failed to dampen golfers in the Kentucky State High School tournament at Danville Wednesday. "Buddy" Moorhead, Anchorage, is shown comparing scores with W. D. Baker of Lexington's Henry Clay (left) and Marvin Myers of Lexington's University High (right).



## Manual Annexes High Golf Title

## Reds Score In Playoff;

## Moorhead Wins.

Danville, Ky., May 16 (AP)—Manual High of Louisville holds the Louisville linksmen into a three-hole playoff before bowing in the fifth annual tournament yesterday. Manual had an aggregate of 1,032 strokes to 1,033 for Henry Clay.

Male of Louisville was third with 1,048. Anchorage, defending title, finished sixth. After three years of trying—and losing each time by a single stroke—"Buddy" Moorhead of Anchorage won the individual title with a fifty-four-hole total of 234.

Pat Grimes of Valley Station, with a 247, and Tommy Stokes of Male, with 248, completed the Jefferson County trophy sweep by taking second and third places.

Lee E. Read, vice president of the State Golf Association, invited the Kentucky High School Athletic Association to hold the tournament in Louisville next year.

OS KHOF



*Edgar to Bud*

# DOWN in FRONT

BY LARRY SHROPSHIRE

IF THE MEN who are coaching high school golfers in our state realize their desire, the annual scholastic links tournament will become the official property of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association before time for the next event rolls around. They already have launched a move to petition the association to adopt the tourney as part of its regular athletic program.

So far the golf tourney has been practically an orphan. For five years in a row it was held at Anchorage—simply because Anchorage invited the other teams in to play. This year it was held in Lexington—simply because Henry Clay high and Asaland Golf Club invited the teams here.

After the close of the tournament Friday, coaches of the teams participating met and decided to petition the association to take over the event. H. L. Davis, Henry Clay coach, who was in charge of this year's tourney, was put in charge of drafting and circulating the petition.

The coaches would like to see the event officially conducted by the state organization, and also think it would be mighty nice if the association possibly should provide a worthwhile permanent trophy to be faced in competition year after year.

The association president, W. P. O'Donnell of Richmond, got in for the winnow of the tournament and also attended the meeting. He evinced interest in the coaches' proposal and encouraged them to prepare the petition for consideration by the association's board of control.

To my mind, the board will be overlooking a good thing if it turns down the proposal. Golf is a fine game. It's growing in interest among schoolboys and girls. The state tournament deserves encouragement and an "official" status.

## Buddy Awaits The "Charmed" Time

The third time may not always be charmed, but it certainly ought to be for personable young Buddy Moorhead, the slight, blond Anchorage linksman whose power and finesse with the clubs belie his stature and youth.

A top-notch golfer, Buddy twice has had the state high school championship almost within his hands, only to see it snatched away in most disheartening fashion.

Last year as a 18-year-old sophomore, this sharpshooter made a real bid for the title. With but three holes left to play he held a four-stroke lead over lanky Lloyd Ramsey, Lexington's classy young swinger.

It looked like purs the rest of the way would make it sure. Buddy got two pars, but Ramsey, on his sharpest game, collected two birdies as they played together down the stretch.

Lloyd was left with a bad lie after his drive on the final hole, but made a miraculous stroke with his spoon, hooking the drive just right around some trees, and sank his putt for his third straight birdie.

That took the heart out of Buddy and he faltered, needing a bogey to get down and losing the crown by a single stroke.

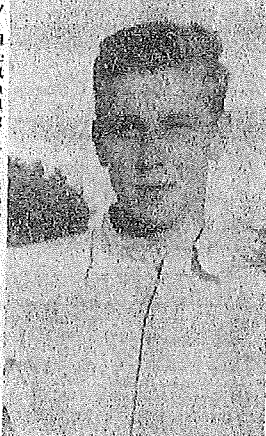
The pressure was on again Friday as the slender Anchorage boy neared the finish of this year's event. He heard that Cluck Healy, playing just behind him, was coming strong, so he buckled down to the task. He had gone two over on the 15th, a costly slip, but going to the 17th he uncorked a dandy drive, blasting the ball close to 250 yards along the uphill fairway.

He parred the hole, then headed for the 18th with a luscious 280-yard poke off the tee. He next lofted one that stopped a club's length from the cup, then rammed home the putt for a birdie three, a splendid display of courage.

Then along came young Healy, as cool as a cucumber and Ralph Giddah rolled into one shell. He needed only a par to take the prize. His drive was good, his second shot left him on the green some 20 feet from the cup. Calmly he lagged up to the hole. With the pulse of a veteran he sank his second putt, the clincher, leaving Moorhead again with runner-up honors and thoughts of next year.

Twice he has suffered heart-breaking losses, but Buddy isn't discouraged. He's determined to make the third time charmed. He'll be on hand again next year when they start shooting for the championship, and you can bet he will make it tough for the rest of the field.

Buddy is the lone hold-over of the Anchorage team that has won the state title four straight times, but he gives assurance that they have some good youngsters coming on at his school and that his team will be in there next spring battling to make it five in a row.



BUDDY MOORHEAD

# Moorhead Com

## ing Golf Leader of State If Marsho

By ELBERT RANNEY.

A past master in the art of tournament golf is passing his repertoire of information along to a youngster. The veteran no longer can win big tournaments and he knows it. But in the role of a coach or trainer he feels sure that his blond protege is destined for a great golfing career.

That's a lead up to an introduction to Judge John Marshall, four times winner of the State Amateur crown, and 16-year-old par-shooting "Buddy" Moorhead of Anchorage.

Take it from Judge Marshall, most of the professionals and about everyone who knows anything about the niblick pastime, "Buddy", hardly known by his real name of Harry, is considered the best prospect for national ranking Kentucky has had in many years.

At 16, "Buddy" is better than most of the State's stars at many years his senior. He can give par a battle on any course and his rapid growth has developed his powerful arms so much that he takes no back seat to the long hitters.

Perhaps it's a bit early to predict young Moorhead as the winner of the State title next week at Audubon. But you can bet your last dollar he's right in the thick of the running. If he continues to improve in the next three years, he's likely to be in a class by himself.

For two years Judge Marshall patiently has given attention to "Buddy's" game. He offers criticism when such action is deserved and furnishes pointers to correct errors. "Buddy" is a diligent student and takes his medicine without whining. The correct form, temperament and other necessary details have been drilled into him day after day.

One thing about "Buddy's" game, however, is that he's at his worst when playing with his voluntary instructor. That's because he is frequently changing his swing to prevent duplication of flaws. But when he's by himself or playing against a strange opponent, he can bang them straight down the middle, shoot his seconds straight to the pin and handle the putter nicely.

"Buddy" got into the golf game at an early age and continues whenever the opportunity permits at Owl Creek Country Club, his

home course. One especially good turn advanced by Judge Marshall, and followed to the letter, is that "Buddy" never tees up in the fairway even though winter rules are in force. He was about the only player in the recent Southern High tourney that stuck to this procedure. This is bound to help his game in the long run.

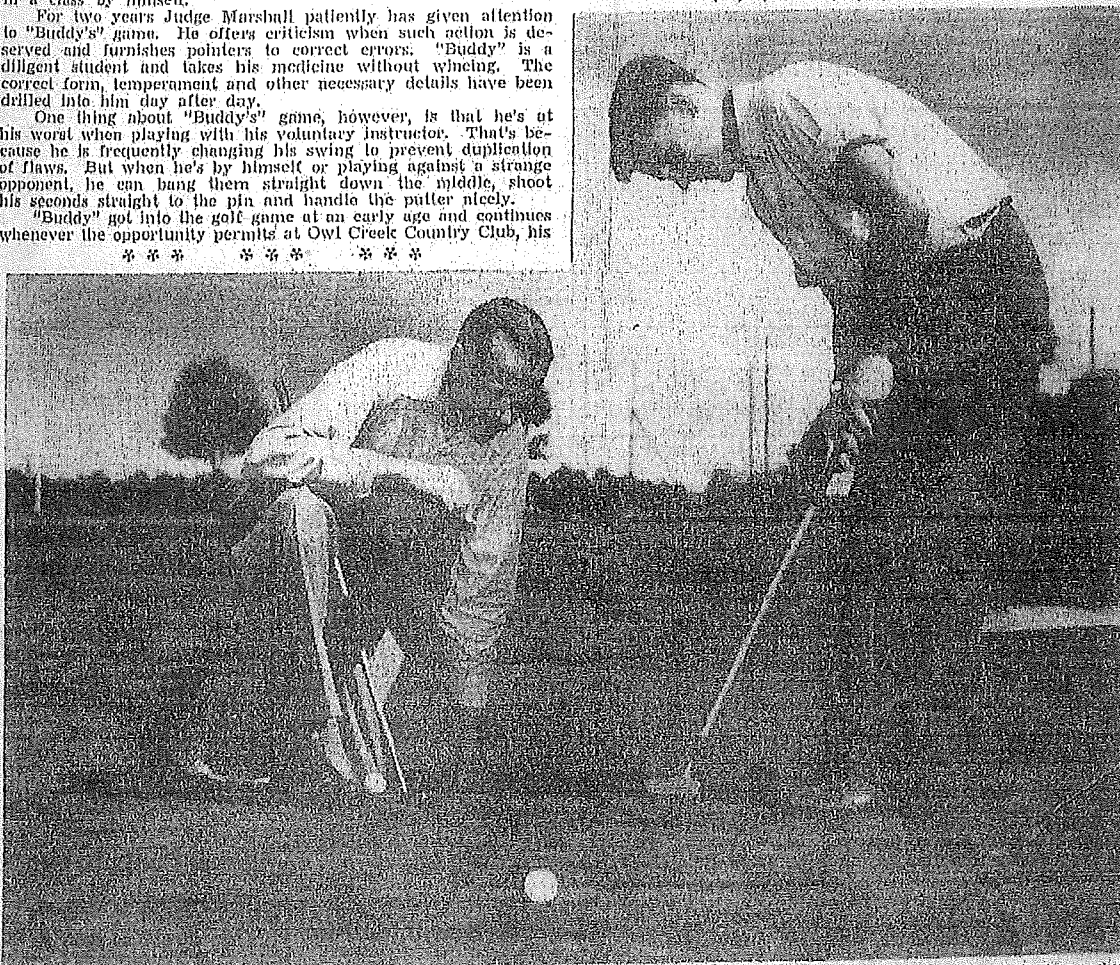
When young Moorhead attempts to qualify in the amateur next week, he doesn't intend to play with Judge Marshall, even though the latter claims he's going to "play around." But even at that the judge figures he may qualify among the thirty-two low.

The fact that "Buddy" has grown four and one-half inches the past year and boosted his weight fifteen pounds to 150, give him the necessary power from the tee. His drives average 250 or better. Only recently during a Falls Cilles team match, "Buddy" was outdriving Roger Skidmore, Crescent Hill's long hitter. He even had the latter pressing.

"Buddy" has had more than average success in tournaments, ever considering tough breaks. He has been runner-up the last two years in the State High School tourney, losing out the last time in the stretch duel.

Keep tab on this youngster. A few years from now he is apt to be at the top. Don't take our word for it, but check his progress closely in tournaments.

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—(By Times Staff Photographer.)

### Judge John Marshall Checks Putting Stroke of Protege, "Buddy" Moorhead.

Despite being only 16, young Moorhead has made rapid strides as a golfer under the watchful eye of Judge Marshall, former tournament star. Marshall has drilled "Buddy" on the funda-

mentals of the game for the past two years. He believes his protege is about ready to go places and take his place among the State's golfing leaders.