

KENTUCKY GOLF HALL OF FAME

# **Dr. Harry H. Moorhead, M.D.**



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Buddy Moorhead and Betty Rowland admire the trophies they won.

**THEY'RE THE CHAMPS**

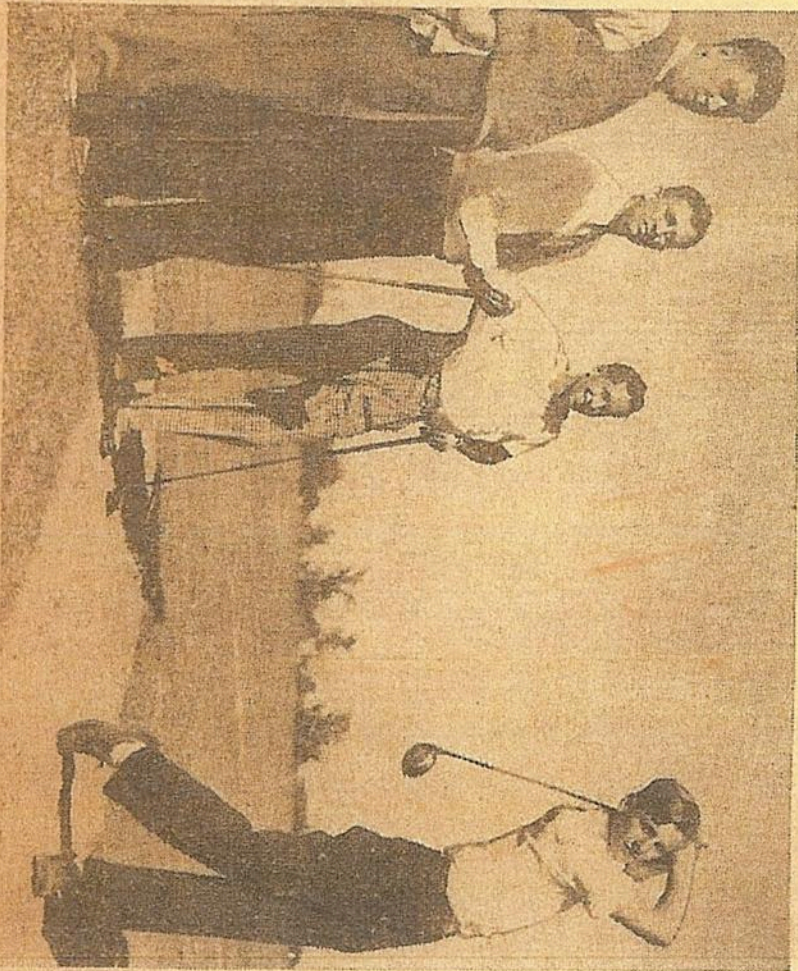
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## Low Handicap Golfers of City Open Falls Cities Association Season



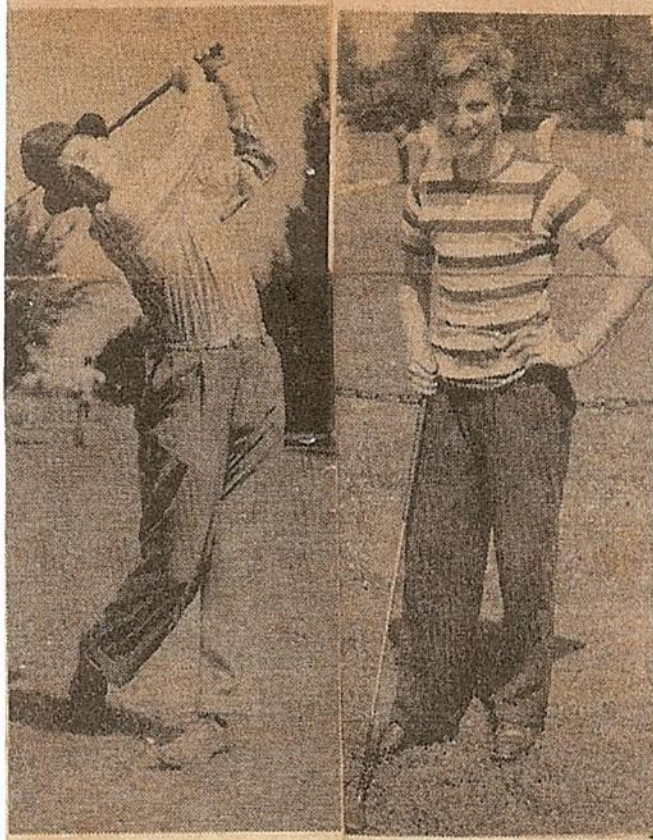
The low individual prize went to Jimmy Scott, State amateur champion from Shawnee, who stroked a 71, one under par.



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

—(C-1) Photos by Art Ahlen

## 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 Mrhead of Louisville. Buddy, 15 year-old champion of the Owl Creek 16 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.

Counter-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 75 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 Play-off;

### Moorhead Wins.

Danville, Ky., May 16 (AP)—Manual High of Louisville holds the State High School team golf championship by the slim margin of one stroke for fifty-seven holes of play.

Henry Clay of Lexington forced the Louisville linkmen into a three-hole play-off 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 titlist, 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.



*Edgar to Paul*

# 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 Ashland 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. F. 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 linkster 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 15-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 pars 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 Chuck Healy, playing just behind him, was coming strong, so he buckled down to the task. He had gone two over on the 16th, 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 250-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 Guldahl 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 poise 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 Marsha

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 wincing. 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

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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 Cities 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 Photographers.)

### 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.

SECTION 2 GOLF AND TENNIS THE COURIER-JOURNAL, LOUISVILLE, THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 27, 1940.

# Cisco, Moorhead Tie for Medal At

## Ramsey Is One Stroke Behind

### Eversole, Stein Follow; Heyburn, 15, In Top Flight

By EARL RUBY.

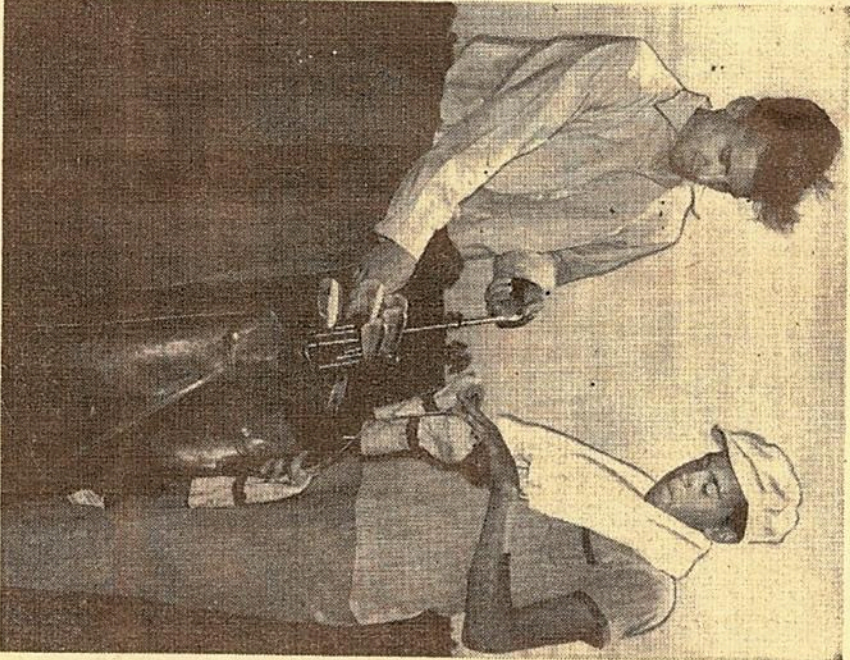
Center-Journal Sports Editor.  
Lexington, Ky., June 26.—Walter Cisco of Audubon and Buddy Moorhead of Owl Creek, two of Greater Louisville's contenders in the 30th annual State Golf Championship, tied for medal honors today at 144, two over par, and will play off later for the gold medal award.

One stroke back of this long-driving pair was Lloyd Ramsey of Lexington, who was a stroke ahead of another Lexingtonian, Johnny Eversole. Jimmy Stein, former Falls Cities champion, followed one stroke back with 147, vanning by two strokes Pete Doll and Meade Ferris of Louisville, and John Primrose of Owensboro, who had 149 each.

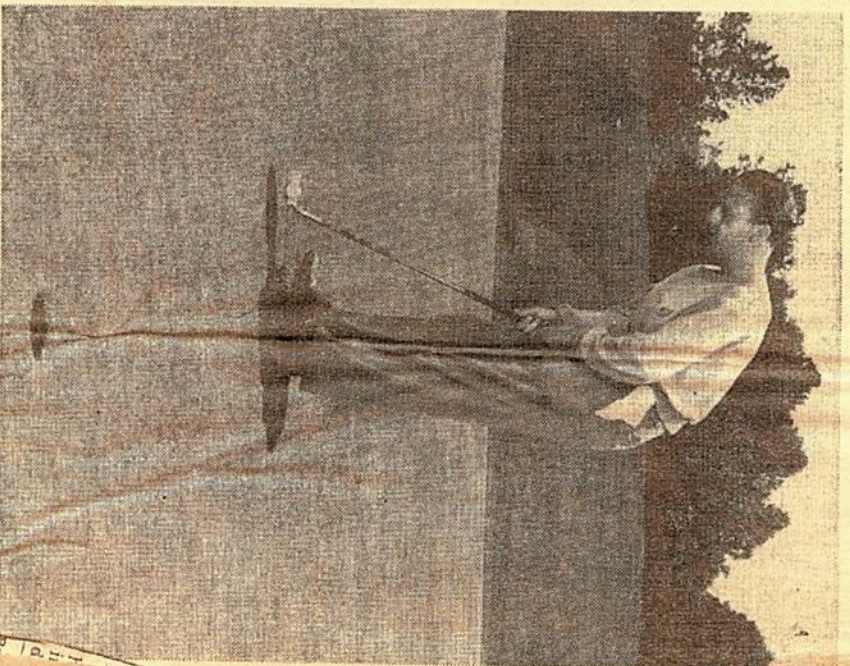
Cisco, who last year as a student at Indiana University, placed fourth in the Big Ten, qualified in the National Amateur, Inter-collegiate and Western Open, and prepared for this tournament during a three-months' stay in Florida, coupled a par 71 with his Tuesday's total of 73.

Billy Below Par.

Moorhead, 17-year-old high



Buddy Moorhead of Owl Creek, who tied for medal honors with Walter Cisco of Audubon in the State Amateur, chooses a club as his caddy, Russell Scott, stands by.



Jimmy Stein, former Falls Cities amateur champion who fired a 36-hole total of 147 to trail the medalists by three strokes, lines up a putt.

C.-J. Photos by Reiser, Mc

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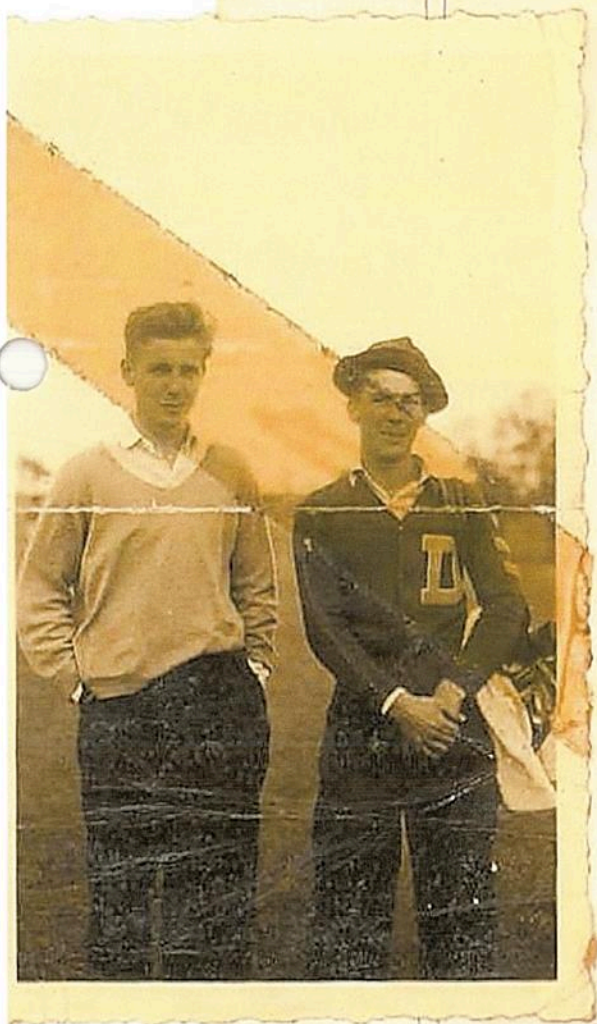


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## Matches To Begin Today

### Two Low Scores In Tournament Are 144

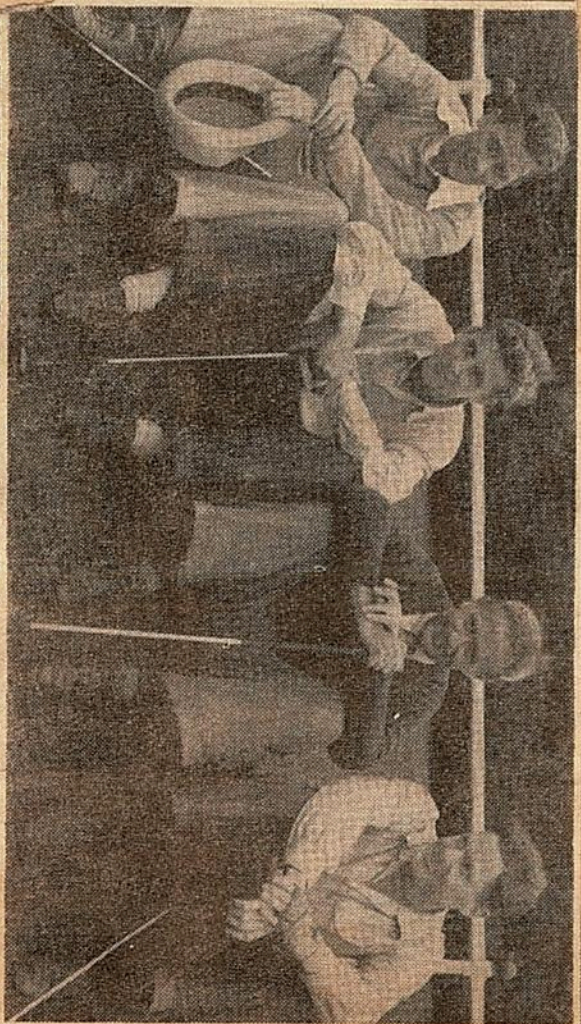
If Lloyd Ramsey's putter hadn't shaken like a leaf in a breeze on the final nine holes of the 36-hole qualifying test in the 30th annual men's state amateur golf championship tournament at the Ashland Golf Club yesterday, he would have started today's first round of match elimination as the medalist.

But Ramsey's putter shook to the tune of 20 strokes on nine holes and his total of 145 was too many to win. Thus, Buddy Moorhead, 17-year-old high school champion of the state, and Walter Cisco, University of Indiana star playing as a member of a Louisville club, wound up in a deadlock for medalist prize with 144 each. This score was but two strokes over perfect figures for the 36 holes on the long, sporting Ashland course and represents the best dual exhibition of scoring made in Lexington by amateurs in some time.

Ramsey, former high school state champion and twice city champion of Lexington, seemed to have low-gross honors at his mercy when his putter suddenly developed palsy and the ball, nicking the edge of the cups, defied the law of gravity and wouldn't drop. Two three-put greens at the wrong time ruined his chances and left Moorhead and Cisco in the tie which will have to be broken later on in the tournament.

#### Matches Begin Today

To the meantime, 32 players with



**WATCH THIS 'UN, FELLERS'**—Getting acquainted with the course rules before setting out over the links, three local entrants in the 30th annual men's state amateur tournament, top photo, read rules posted at the first tee at Ashland Golf Club. Johnny Eversole apparently is ribbing a couple of cronies, A. B. Bull Hancock Jr., and E. T. (Happy) Houthan, asking them to observe especially the second rule, which states that all players must replace divots dug out of the turf. All three represent the Lexington Country Club. The bottom picture shows an assortment of titlists, left to right, Spence Kerrow of Fort Mitchell, 1938 state amateur king; Buddy Moorhead of Anchorage, currently state high school links champion; Judge John Marshall Jr., of Anchorage, who won the last of his four Kentucky amateur titles 15 years ago but still is a tournament regular; and Jack Mohney of Lexington, former Kentucky Open titlist.

## GOLF ROUNDUP

May 28, 1942

## Moorhead's 62 Cracks Record

By JOHNNY CARRICO.

Courtier-Journal Staff Writer.

Owl Creek got a new record Saturday when youthful Buddy Moorhead cracked the vest-pocket course wide open with an eight-under-par 62.

Buddy, who had twin rounds of 31-31 over the compressed 5,366 yards of the nine-hole Anchorage layout, had lowered the standard just the previous week with a 64. It was pointed out forcibly by a veteran golfer that the University of Louisville medical student "played them as they lay."

At least three Louisvilleians will be in the field that shoots for National Open berths at Cincinnati Country Club tomorrow. Jack Ryan, Big

Moorhead

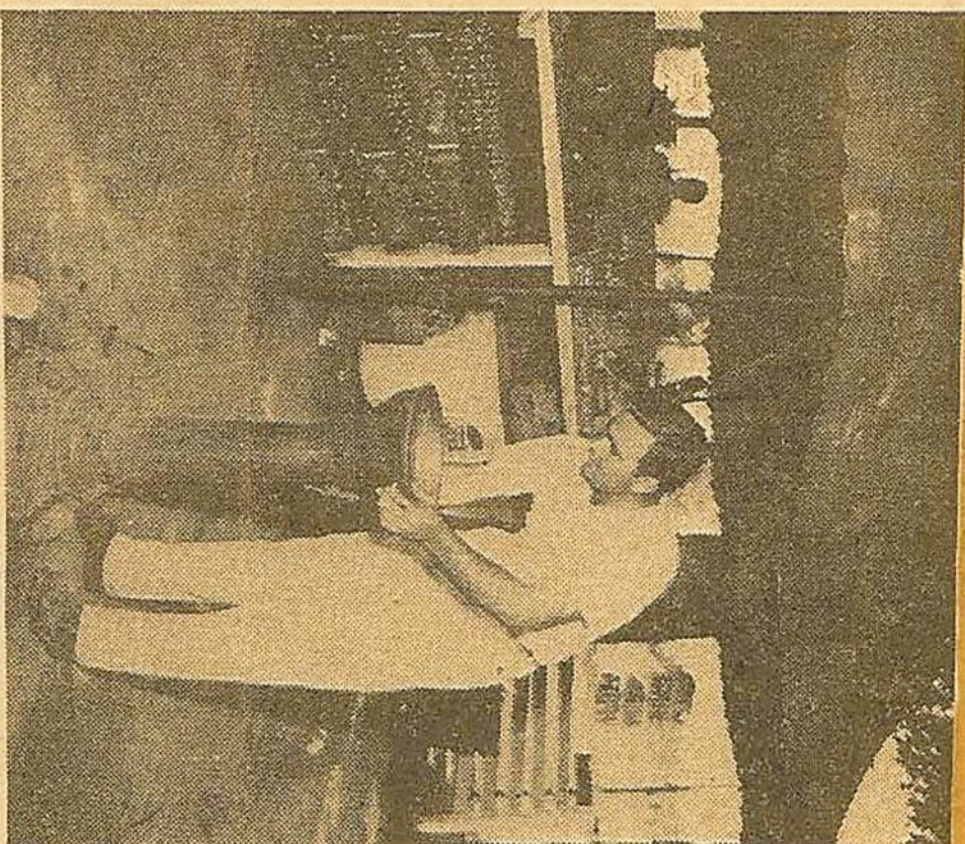
Spring pro; Walter Cisco, Jr., Audubon amateur, and Bill Kaiser, unattached pro, will be



striving in the 36-hole qualifying round.

Don Prather, with a one-under 71, led qualifying for the Seneca Inter-Club League team yesterday. Others gaining eligibility for the competition which opens next Sunday were Phil Watson (76), Conrad Kirchner (76), Charley Lally (77), Jim Green (78), Harold DeMunbrun (78) and Jack Carpenter (78). Seneca meets Shawnee in the opener.

Lovelace won the Saturday blind bogey four, mind you.



HARRELD KIRKPATRICK, who set a sizzling practice pace of 68 Thursday afternoon, couldn't quite reach the mark again Saturday in tournament play, but he still is in the running with a 74. Kirkpatrick, who resides in Greenville, is a former Murray college athlete.

## Moorhead Paces U. of L. Golfers To K.I.A.C. Title

By JOHN STOCKING

Paced by the sensational shooting of Buddy Moorhead, the University of Louisville golf squad marked up a four man aggregate of 611 strokes for 36 holes to capture the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference crown by eight points last Friday at the Danville Country Club. Moorhead, a student at the Medical School, posted a one under par 71 in the morning round and then added an even par 72 in the afternoon session for a 143 total.

Two individual performers for the Louisville outfit showed why the niblickers of Coach Taylor are so highly respected by turning in some fine golf. Johnny Mohr fired a 42-34-76 in the morning to go with a 41-36-77 for a 153 total. Nat Borden got off to a shaky start with an 81, but then came back with a neat 77 to mark-up a 158 total.

Western posted a 619 score to finish second to the Cards while Centre, which had set the early pace, faltered coming up with an aggregate of 624 for show honors. With three complete scores in for the teams, the Hilltoppers of Frank Griffin were enjoying a weak two stroke edge over Coach Taylor's golfers.

posted a 290 to finish second in field of 31 teams. . . . Buddy Moorhead who really sizzles when he waxes warm on the link today surveyed one of his most torrid rounds—a four-under-par 68 over his home Owl Creek course. It didn't prevent his team from losing an Inter-Club League match, however, to Cherokee, 17-10. In other matches, Iroquois remained a contender by taking Valley View, 16-11, and Ft. Knox edged Seneca 15½ to 11½. The L. & N. crew still dominates the nine-hole course field after a 20½ to 6½ victory over Crescent Hill. Both pros, Fithian Shaw of C. H. and Ewing Pomeroy of L. & N., had one-under 69.

Dayton, Ohio.

There will be 110 laps of the

## U. L. Trounces Centre Golfers; Face Irish Next

With Buddy Moorhead shooting a two-over-par 74, the University of Louisville golf team defeated Centre 21½ to 5½ yesterday at Seneca.

Joe Iacoballi's 75 was low medal for the Colonels. Andy Blaine, No. 1 man for Centre who is the K.I.A.C. Champion, shot 79.

The Cards' next match is with Notre Dame at South Bend Saturday. A return match with Centre at Danville is scheduled Tuesday. Friday U. of L. will compete in the K.I.A.C. golf tournament, a 36-hole medal event at the Danville Country Club.

Yesterday's results:

Louisville	Centre
B. Moorhead (74) 3	A. Blaine (79) 0
B. Byers (75) 11	J. Iacoballi (75) 1½
Low ball: Louisville 3-0	
C. McCall (77) 2	C. Comley (80) 1
Ed Lowry (81) 2½	Bo Morris (82) 1½
Low ball: Louisville 2½	Centre ½
John Mohr (79) 3	Phil West (83) 0
S. Lepping (82) 2	B. Crawford (84) 1
Low ball: Louisville 2	Centre 1

## St. Xavier Golfers Trip Anchorage 11-7

St. Xavier's golfers downed Anchorage 11 to 7 yesterday in a match played at Owl Creek. Bart Brown, Jr., led the Tigers with a 64; Louis Whipple's 77 set the pace for the Anchors.

Anchorage



# 1948: A Clean Sweep For City Of Louisville

August 9



Buddy Moorhead, the University of Louisville medical student and a protege of John J. Marshall, Jr., state amateur golf association president, came from behind in the last nine holes of play Sunday to annex the twelfth annual Irvin Cobb Championships.

To make it a clean sweep for the Falls City delegation, Jack Ryan, pro at Big Springs, had blazed around the course in three-under-par for a 68 to give him a five-stroke victory in the professional division.

Moorhead succeeds Gene Dahlbender, of Atlanta, Ga., while Ryan takes over the spot won last year by Tod Houch, Memphis pro. Neither was in the field this year.

Harreld Kirkpatrick, Greenville, burned up the course for a 68 on the final round and took second with 142, one stroke behind Moorhead and one stroke ahead of Bob Keller, Cairo.

Keller, who won the Kentucky Junior Amateur on the Paxton Park layout three weeks ago, missed a chance to win on the first two holes when he was putting for eagles on both, only to wind up with a birdie and a par.

Ryan who started the day tied with Jimmy Scott, New Albany, Ind., with 70, was four under par after the first seven holes and then breezed in

with a five-stroke margin over his nearest competitor. Scott faded in the stretch and Ewing Pomeroy, Louisville, came in second with 144.

The victory for the bespectacled Moorhead brought to the front the amazing comeback of a fellow who just wouldn't give up. For behind the golf success of Moorhead lies a strange and interesting story.

Seven years ago Moorhead was considered one of the top all-round athletes in the state. Then he was struck down by tuberculosis.

For five years he battled the disease, and spent most of the time in bed. During this siege, John Marshall, Jr., turned his attentions to Buddy and built him a small one-room house on the Marshall lawn in which to recuperate.

Last year, for the first time in more than five years, Buddy started back in golf. It wasn't easy, but neither was getting well from the dread disease.

While in bed, Moorhead determined to do two things when he got well—to make Judge Marshall proud of him on the golf course and to study medicine in order to learn more about the disease that cost him the use of one lung.

His success in the Cobb proved Buddy "has arrived" in golf. Next June he will graduate from medical school at Louisville.

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## USGA AMATEUR

### Who Will Win?

• Who will win the USGA amateur championship?

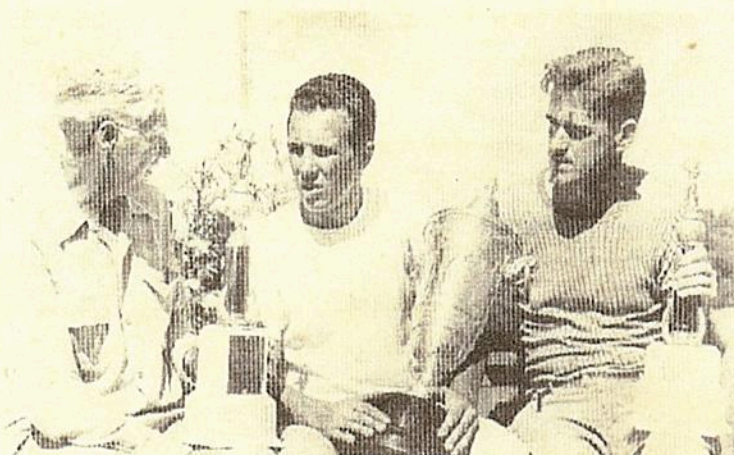
Frank Stranahan must start as favorite, although in this event, with its short 18 hole matches in early rounds, any one of the 200 players entered could get "hot" for a round and knock off Stranahan, or other stars. Many of these players could not stay with the stars over 72 holes of medal play.

There is, as a matter of fact, a tremendous amount of luck involved in the winning of the USGA amateur. There is the draw for one thing. The player who gets into a tougher quarter than another fellow is "out-lucked" before the gong rings. Then there are six 18 hole rounds, enough to give a great player (like Ben Hogan or Byron Nelson, let alone any amateur) the jitters. Any one of six one round opponents the favorite meets, may get "hot" and out goes the favorite.

And Stranahan is not the only favorite. By virtue of his 1948 record, Frank has got to be the top favorite, but right behind him are a good many "terrific" amateur golfers, who likewise, will have to play, or "luck" their way through six one round opponents to reach the semi final round.

Skee Riegel, the defending champion is one of the foremost players. He has been continually engaged in competitive golf against professionals and amateur competition since he won the title last year at Pebble Beach. Skee and former USGA champions did not have to qualify.

Entered on this basis with Skee are John Fischer, Charles Evans Jr., Marvin H. Ward, William P. Turnesa, Richard D. Chapman, and Stanley E. Bishop. Also excused from qualifying and entered is Robert Sweeny, winner of the (Continued on Page 16)



Too many trophies for the left handers. Bob Romberger, (left) Executive Secretary of the National Association of Left Handed Golfers is presenting the permanent trophy to Loddie Kempa, of Stillwater, Oklahoma, winner of the 1948 left handers' championship. Kempa is holding the Waltke trophy, a permanent one on which the winners' names are engraved each year. On the right is Don Scott of Ohio, the runner-up.

## LEFT HANDERS

### Loddie Kempa Wins Title

• Loddie (Doddie) Kempa, 27-year-old senior at Oklahoma A. & M., impressed northpaws as well as the southpaws in the galleries as he won the National Left-handed Golfers' tournament at the well-named Hills course, French Lick Springs, Indiana.

After he had won a playoff for medalist honors on Monday and carried his favorite's role through week-long competition to a 9 and 7 victory over Don Scott of Columbus, Ohio, in the 36-hole finals, the Associated Press described Loddie as a lad "who stands on the wrong side of the ball but does everything else right." And Bob Romberger, of Toledo, executive secretary of the

National Association of Left-handed Golfers, was so impressed that he said he would seek automatic qualification for the southpaw champion in the national amateur tournament.

In the final match Kempa had seven birdies in 28 holes, and was two under par, not counting one hole on which he picked up.

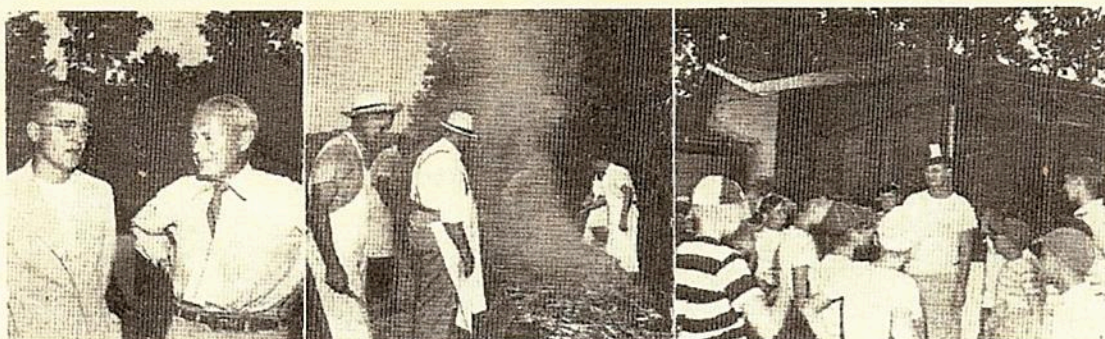
On opening day he had scored a 73 to share medalist honors with Joe Poracky of Whiting, Ind., and Herman Wyman of St. Louis, in a field of nearly 100 starters. Runner-up last year to young Bob Buchanan of Indianapolis, the Oklahoman was bothered by a head cold but was hot with his putter through the early rounds this year.

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BOB HARLOW, EDITOR

PRICE FIFTEEN CENTS

## AMATEUR GOLF



The Irvin Cobb championships at Paducah, Kentucky. (Left) Buddy Moorhead (L) who fought TB for five years, was aided by Judge John J. Marshall Jr., President of the Kentucky Golf Association. This month Buddy won the Cobb event with 71-70-141. (Center) Preparing 175 chickens at Cobb tourney to appease the appetites of 250 hungry golfers. (Right) T.S. (Chubby) Hollan, who provided and managed enough caddies to handle the bags of all the competitors. He is giving some of his boys instruction.

### Paducah's Prize Package

• The Paducah, Kentucky, Sun-Democrat, calls the annual Irvin Cobb golf championships, played at Edwin J. Paxton Park, "Paducah's Prize Package." The twelfth annual was played this month. Two-hundred and forty-seven golfers from nine states participated in the 1948 event. It required three full columns for The Sun-Democrat to publish the complete list of scores made in the qualifying round.

High spot of this annual gathering is the barbecued chicken and ham dinners, served under a big tent and "on the house." When the tournament entertained for the first time, a dozen years ago, a dozen chickens, fried by mothers and wives of Paxton Park golfers fed the crowd. This year 175 chickens and 10 country hams were used up. The Irvin Cobb tournament provides one of the great examples in America of the use of golf for social as well as competitive activity.

Buddy Moorhead, University of Louisville medical student and a protege of Judge John J. Marshall Jr., Kentucky Golf Association President, won the tournament with rounds of 71-70-141. Other leaders: Herreld Kirkpatrick, Greenville, 74-68-142, Bob Keller, Cairo, Ill., 71-72-143, Arthur MacDonald, Memphis, 70-74-144, Johnny Primrose, Owensboro, 71-74-145, Ben Owen, Louisville, 72-73-145. The winner succeeds Gene Dahlbender Jr., of Atlanta.

Jack Ryan, Louisville, won the professional division with 70-69-139. Ewing Pomeroy of Louisville was second with

Seven years ago Buddy Moorhead was considered the foremost schoolboy athlete ever developed at Anchorage, Kentucky. He was a star at football, basketball and a good golfer. Then he was stricken with tuberculosis. For five years he battled the disease, most of this time in bed. John Marshall Jr. turned his attention to Buddy, built him a one-room house on the Marshall lawn, in which to recuperate. Last year for the first time in more than five years, Buddy started to play golf again.

While ill, Buddy determined to do something in golf to please Mr. Marshall, and to study medicine so that he might serve in the cause of fighting a disease which had cost him the use of one lung. He will graduate from medical school in June, 1949. He plays golf at the Owl Creek Country Club, near Anchorage.

76-68-144. Pete Doll, Louisville, 76-69-145; Courtney Noe, Louisville, 74-71-145.

Team honors went to Bowling Green, represented by Norman Head, W.O. Chapman, John and Andy Blane with 621 strokes.

The list of amateur prizes at the Irvin Cobb is always surprising. This year, thirty prizes were given amateurs and five cash prizes to professionals. For the amateurs prizes went for first ten gross, best nine holes in each round, best 18 holes in each of two rounds, most birdies, for each eagle (one golf ball) most twos, best left-hander, best dressed, neatest caddie (sport shirt),

blind bogey, most threes. Sample of prizes. To the winner Association of Commerce Trophy, runner-up Bulova wrist watch. Winning pro \$250.00.

Paducah Golf Commission is responsible for this great tournament. Members are Edwin J. Paxton, Ray Jacobs and Sam Livingston. Mr. Livingston is Tournament Chairman and the number one man behind the Irvin Cobb championships.

The 35th Kentucky state amateur championship has been awarded to Edwin J. Paxton Park the week of June 20th, 1949.

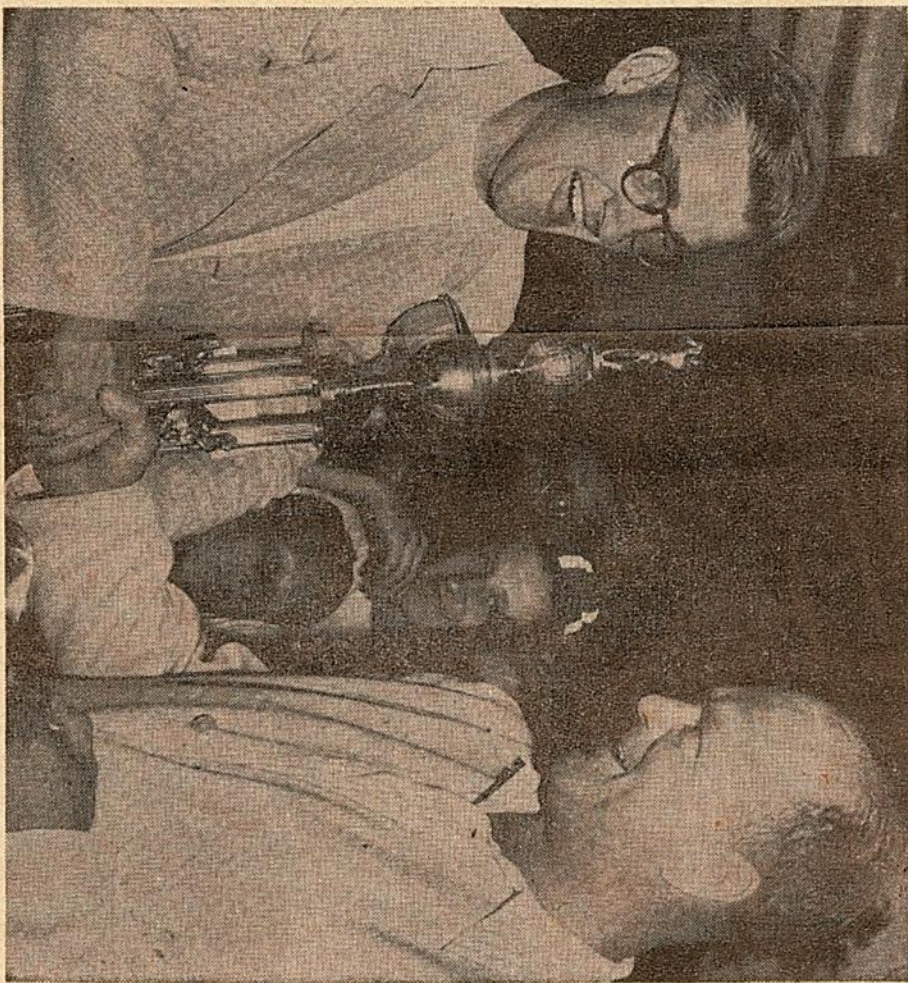
Bunch Sanders, woman correspondent for The Louisville Courier-Journal filed full reports from Paducah to her newspaper.

Edwin J. Paxton Sr., publisher of the Sun-Democrat and father of the course, has been among the most ardent golf sponsors in Western Kentucky. He is "godfather of Paxton Park."

### Chris Brinke Retires

• Detroit has a brilliant new star in Ben Smith, lanky Florida-born youth. He won the 27th Detroit District Golf Association amateur championship held over the Dearborn Country Club's flat course, built by the late Henry Ford for his employees and others who wished to take advantage of reasonably priced golf.

But it was Christian A. Brinke, the veteran golfer, and the runner-up, whose effort to win the title for the fifth time, who intrigued Detroit golfers. The 46-year old manufacturers'



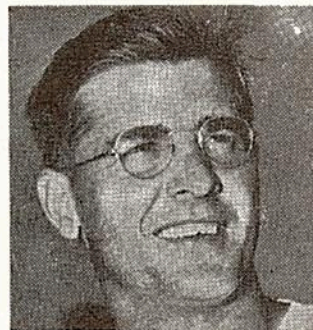
Louisville's large delegation came home with both championship titles. As amateur king of the Cobb, Buddy Moorhead of Owl Creek won Association of Commerce trophy. Winning professional, Jack Ryan, right, of Big Spring received the Ray Jacobs trophy.

## Valley View Open Winners

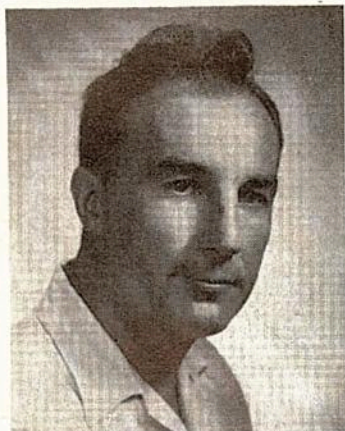


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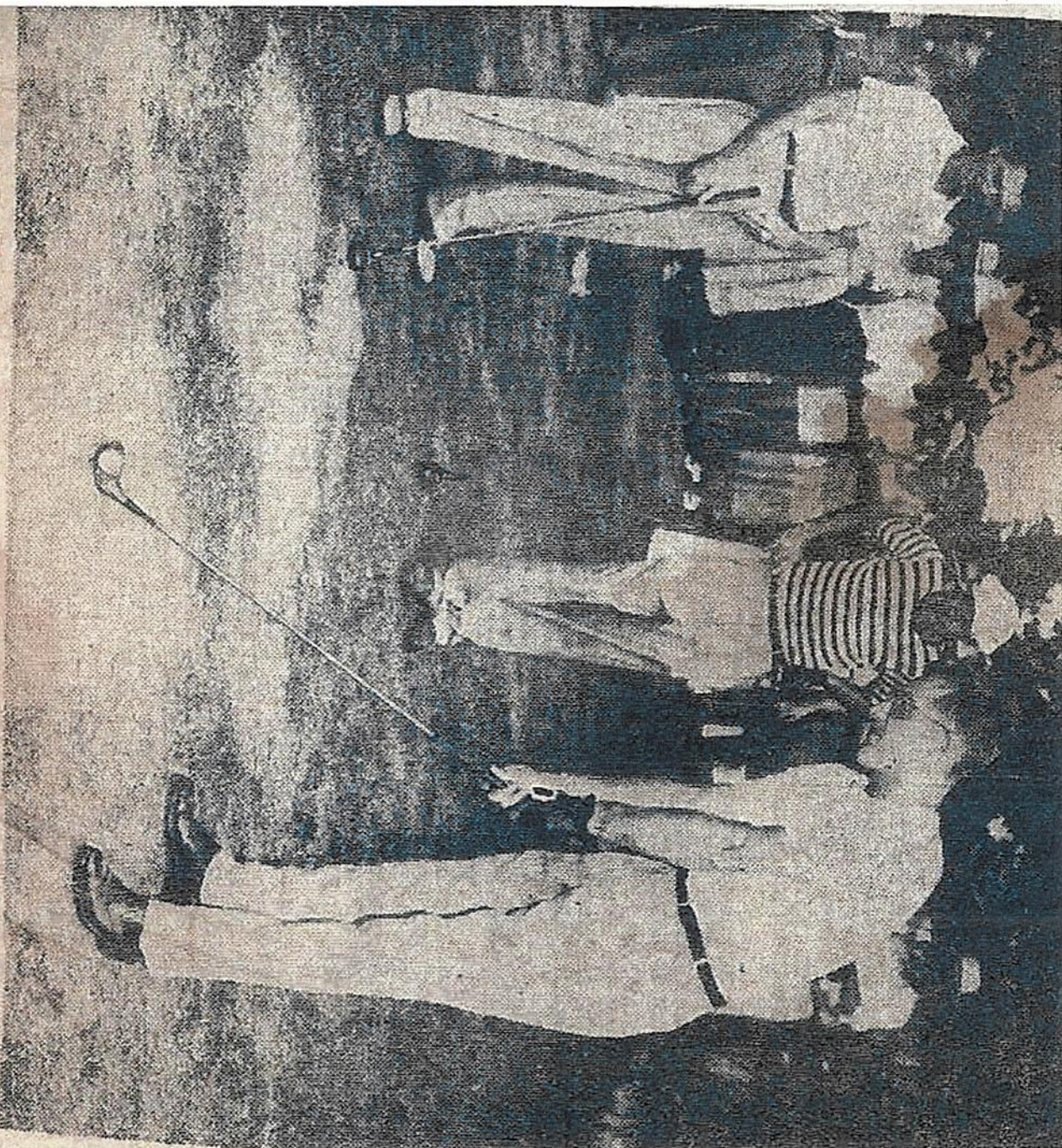
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GETTING SET FOR HIS TITLE DEFENSE IN THE IRVIN COBB CHAMPIONSHIPS was Harry (Buddy) Moorhead, of Louisville. In the background are Bob Cox, Memphis, and Arthur McDermid, Memphis (in striped shirt). Moorhead ended up four strokes off the pace at the halfway mark.



# Putter Will Be The Big Stick In Men's State

## Small Field of From 61-70 Expected for Qualifying

By JOHNNY CARRICO, Courier-Journal Staff Writer.

Paducah, Ky., June 20.—The putter will be the big stick in this 35th annual Kentucky State Amateur Championship beginning tomorrow at the Paxton Park course here.

Such is the conclusion of veteran amateur competitors who have been getting the feel of the diversified 6,300-yard par 72 municipal layout the past few days. Only putt-masters will survive the strife that the puzzling Bermuda greens offer to even seasoned shooters, they feel.

One of the smallest fields in the recent history of the commonwealth's golf classic will tee off tomorrow for the first 18 holes of the 36-hole qualifying. Only 61 had entered by last Wednesday's official dead line. However, late entries, to be accepted at the tee tomorrow, may boost the field to 70.

What the meet may lack in quantity is alleviated somewhat by the quality.

Besides Walter Cisco, the defending champion, the group includes such Kentucky mainstays as Buddy Moorhead, Johnny Primrose, Harrel Kirkpatrick, Johnny Owens, Art Nutting, Blane George Happell and Cliff Leonhardt.

### Threat Anytime.

Moorhead, from Big Spring, won the amateur section of the Irvin Cobb Championships here last year as well as the amateur division of the Kentucky Open. Owensboro's Primrose, a tournament threat anytime, was a quarter-finalist last year at Big Spring before tripping over Cisco. Owens, the University of Kentucky engineering student from Lexington, barely missed a coveted crown in '47 at Seneca when "Bud" Schweri



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## The Pairings

The pairings for Tuesday's qualifying in the State Amateur, released by State Golf Association president John Marshall, Jr.:

9:00—W. O. Chapman, Harrel Kirkpatrick, Brown Cullen, Jr.; 9:06—Johnny Primrose, O. H. Shelton, Ches McCall; 9:12—Buddy Moorhead, Johnny Owens, Milt Younker; 9:18—Strother Hargis, James Wright, Jack House; 9:24—John Rountree, Art Nutting, Andy Blane; 9:30—James English, George Happell, Nick Burlew; 9:36—Alcide Beaudeau, Sam Livingston, Dan Stone; 9:42—Ches Riddle, Cliff Leonhardt, Jack Cox; 9:48—Silas

beat him out on the last hole at Seneca.

Kirkpatrick, of Greenville, who stumbled on the last two holes to finish second in the '48 Cobb, made the quarter-finals last year. Nutting progressed to the semis last year only to fall afoul of portly Omer Doll. Blane, from Hopkinsville, is a two-time I.A.C. titlist while Leonhardt, of Louisville, is one of the state's most formidable public golfers.

### Up-and-Coming.

Louisvillians Happell and John Marshall, Jr., are the tourney's old hands. Big George first qualified back in 1919 and ever since has been a frequent member of the championship flight. Marshall holds the unequaled distinction of having won three championships in a row.

Heading a contingent of up-and-coming hopefuls is Lexington's Gay Brewer, Jr., state schoolboy king. With him are Brown Cullen, Jr., state public ruler and ex-prep titlist; Ches Riddle, runner-up to Brewer in the prep meet; Ches McCall, Bob Garin, Jr., and Rufus Hughes, state junior monarch.

Youthful Hayes Hurt, the Paxton Park pro, forecast a one-over 143 as the medal-winning count. The tournament-wise Marshall predicted par 142, with a score of 163 good for a place in the 32-man championship bracket.

### Heavy Rains.

Heavy rains through the first part of June slowed the course down considerably. Now it is drying out and, with no more rain, should be in perfect condition. After practice tours the shooters professed the layout a real golf test while ruefully recalling the shenanigans of their misbehaving putters. The course record, held by Bob Hamilton, is 65.

Cisco arrived today and will make his tuneup rounds tomorrow. The Audubon star, who last week was a quarter-finalist in the Southern, will not try for the medal, invoking his right of automatic qualification.

Recent practice rounds showed Moorhead with 33-32-71, Charley Smoot of Big Spring with

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## Putting to Dominate Men's State Meet

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35-40—75, Owens 76 and 71, Nutting 73, Kirkpatrick 33-39—72 and Stan Burlew of Owensboro 79. Tournament favorite probably will be the bespectacled Moorhead, with the strongest contention from Cisco, Primrose, Kirkpatrick and Nutting.

### Scratch Shooter.

Bearing the hopes of the large Paducah delegation will be the perennial Paducah city titlist, O. H. Shelton. The 30-odd year old salesman is a consistent scratch shooter on his home course.

Tomorrow's 18-hole stint will be followed by another 18-hole qualifying excursion Wednesday. First round of match play is scheduled Thursday morning and the second round Thursday afternoon.

Friday will see the third round in the morning and the semi-finals in the afternoon. The 36-hole final will be played off Saturday. The record for qualifying is 143, set by Jimmy Stein last year.

The weather was hot and so were some of the golfers here today. Even more torrid, though, was a tractor used on the course. It caught fire and burned for almost an hour this morning—much to the sorrow of the hard-working greenskeeper.

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# Shelton Pulls Double-Upset To Gain Finals

## Paducahan Plays Buddy Moorhead, Louisville, For Title Today

Paducah's own O. H. Shelton, completely overlooked when the pre-tourney predictions were taking place, and Harry "Buddy" Moorhead, of Louisville, will clash in the finals of the Kentucky Amateur Golf Championships at Paxton Park here this afternoon.

The slightly-built local giant-killer was forced to spring the meet's two biggest upsets before reaching



O. H. SHELTON

halved with par 4's, and Primrose won the 6th with a par 4 after Moorhead knocked in a 35-foot putt for a birdie 4 and he went 3-up again. Moorhead won the eighth with a birdie 3. On the ninth hole Primrose stymied Buddy, who had to settle for a bogie 4 on the hole. Primrose then missed his three-foot putt and also took a bogie. Making the turn 4-up, Moorhead birdied the 10th to go 5-up, but lost the 11th when he missed a three-foot putt for a par 4. The 12th and 13th were halved with pars and Buddy won the 14th with a par 4 when Primrose missed a four-footer for a tie.

Kirkpatrick was forced to turn in a sizzling round to win over Brown Cullen, Jr., Louisville youth who now holds the Kentucky Public title. Kirkpatrick won 1-up after sizzling through with a 36-33-69.

But he needed that score to win, as young Cullen applied the pressure all the way to the ex-Murray college basketball player. The pay-off came on the eighteenth hole, when Cullen's second shot failed to find the green as Kirkpatrick ended up with a par. Cullen's approach shot was not close enough for a one-putt and he lost with a bogey-five.

Medalist Primrose, who gained the easier bottom bracket, had lit-

the final round. He stopped defending champion, Louisville's Walter Cisco, 3 and 2, in the quarter-finals yesterday morning and then blasted another favorite, Harrel Kirkpatrick, of Greenville, 5 and 4, in the afternoon semi-finals.

Moorhead, who won the 1948 Irvin Cobb Championships on this same course, also staged a major upset in trouncing Medalist Johnny Primrose, of Owensboro, 5 and 4, in the semi-finals. The bespectacled long-knocker ousted Paducah's Jim Williams, 3 and 2, to advance to the semi-final round.

Shelton, who has never failed to win at least one championship in every tournament he has entered since he started playing golf, is now thickly involved in his first state meet.

O. H.'s amazing ability to master the back nine enabled him to conquer both Kirkpatrick and Cisco. He was two strokes under par for the 30 holes played in both matches. Shelton was 2-down at the turn in his match with Cisco. But the little Paducah favorite broke loose to win the first five holes on the back side and halved the 16th for the match.

Shelton and Moorhead will tee off at 9 a. m. today on the first round of their 36-hole final match.

In the second flight finals today, Stan Burlew, of Owensboro, will meet Willard Moore, former Paducahan now residing in Princeton. Burlew drubbed Paducah's Sam Livingston, 4 and 3, and Moore trimmed Norman Head, Western State college student, 2 and 1.

Shelton and Kirkpatrick halved the first hole and O. H. went 1-up with a birdie 4 on the second. He went 2-up on the short third when Kirkpatrick hit his tee shot into the trap and missed his putt for a 3. O. H. went 3-up on the fourth with a birdie 3. They halved the fifth with 5's and Kirkpatrick picked up a hole on the sixth with a birdie 3. They halved the seventh and Kirkpatrick picked up another on the eighth with a par 4. The ninth was halved with par 3's. O. H. won the 10th with a birdie three and the 11th with a pair of 4's. The 12th was halved with 3's and O. H. won the 13th with a birdie 3 and the 14th with a par 4 after Kirkpatrick missed an 8-foot putt for a half.

Moorhead won the first with a birdie 3, the second with an eagle 3 and the third with a par 3. The fourth was halved after Primrose came out of a sand-trap to within two feet of the pin. The fifth was



HARRY MOORHEAD

le difficulty in winning 4 and 3 over Andy Blane, of Hopkinsville.

Primrose had a 35 for the front-nine and managed to stay one-under all the rest of the way. Blane, who had previously eliminated John Marshall, Jr., of Louisville, and W. O. Chapman, collegiate champion of the Ohio Valley Conference, just couldn't spring the amazing recovery shots that he found in his bag Thursday.

In the first flight consolation, Jim Peloff, of Louisville beat Charles Craddock, Paducah, 4 and 3; Ches McCall, Jr., Louisville bested John Young Brown, III, Lexington, 2 and 1; Nick Burlew, Owensboro, won over John Marshall, Jr., Louisville, by default; G. O. Clark, Paducah, beat Henry Dailam, Paducah, 1 up.

Playing Friday in the second flight consolation semi-finals were Charles Grabtree, Hopkinsville, and Jack Piers, Paducah; Frank Young, Jr., Paducah, and Jim Handmaker, Paducah.

### Extended Forecasts

**KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE**  
(Through Wednesday)—The weather will be quite warm and humid through Monday, turning somewhat cooler about Tuesday, with temperatures for the period averaging about 4 degrees above the seasonal normal of 77. Widely scattered thundershowers from Saturday through Tuesday will average one-fourth of an inch or less over the area.

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# Moorhead Beats Shelton For State Amateur Title

## 26-Year-Old Anchorage Golfer Putts His Way To 7-6 Win to Climax Recovery From Illness

By JOHNNY CARRICO, Courier-Journal Staff Writer.

Paducah, Ky., June 25.—Harry "Buddy" Moorhead, who seven years ago thought he would never play another game of golf, today is king of Kentucky.

The 26-year-old medical student, who was bed-ridden with tuberculosis for almost two years, whipped the pride of Paducah, O. H. Shelton, 7 and 6, in the final of the 25th annual Kentucky Amateur Championship.

Moorhead beat Shelton at his own game—putting, the key to this hazardous, tough park Paxton Park layout. The Paducah splinter, who won't hit above 135 pounds, just couldn't stand the physical strain of 36 holes after a week of tournament play.

A noted athlete at Anchorage,

Buddy was stricken with tuberculosis in 1941. He was flat on his back from February, 1941, through November, 1942. Even now he plays with one lung collapsed.

### Crucified Opponent.

Two up after morning play, Moorhead crucified his lightweight opponent at the start of the hot afternoon firing. He ripped off birdie-birdie-birdie on the first three holes and Shelton was as good as finished. He held Buddy to only one more hole through the next six but could gain no ground himself.

Shelton's only hole in the afternoon was on the 11th when Moorhead three putted for a double bogey. Buddy closed the

match out on the 30th by cupping a smooth 30-footer; it was typical of his putting all day.

Buddy zipped over that first nine in the afternoon in championship fashion; he carved a 33 to Shelton's 37. He was two under through the 12 holes of the final round and two over for the full 30 holes.

Three one-putt greens (one a slap of 15 feet) sent Moorhead into a 5 up margin after 21 holes. He copped the 23d when Shelton hit the trap and halved the remainder of the front nine. A birdie four on the 28th boosted the champion's margin to 5 up but he three-putted for a six (a double bogey) on the 29th.

### Needed Only 54 Putts.

The Big Spring entry used 14 putts on the front nine in the afternoon and needed only 54 putts for the full route. Shelton, a 30-year-old Sunday golfer who hadn't played six rounds prior to the tournament, used 57.

Shelton putted like a demon on the first nine of the morning round to run out a 3-up lead. His carpet touch vanished on the round back, though, as Buddy overcame his deficit and took a 2-up advantage to lunch. Moorhead had 38-37 for 75; Shelton tacked a fat 42 to his one-under 35 to tally a 77.

The Paducahan went two up with a bird on the first and a par on the second, knocking in an 18-footer on No. 1. Moorhead regained one hole on the third with a seven-footer and went level on the fifth when Shelton skied his shot and caught the trap on the second. O. H. one-putted the next three greens to capture two of the holes, sinking an 11-foot tap on the 8th while Bud blew a 16-inch one.

### Gave Shelton a Birdie.

An eight-foot putt on No. 8 gave Shelton a birdie; He won the ninth with a par when Moorhead flubbed one from six feet.

Shelton failed to pick up a hole on the back side. He showed 20 putts coming in to only 14 going out. He three-putted the 11th and 17th and topped his drive on the last two holes. Unused to the physical grind of tournament play, the Paxton Park shotmaker showed signs of wear after the 13th hole.

Moorhead captured the 11th with a par by chipping up for a three-inch poke. Shelton ran past two feet and missed coming back.

Buddy got a poor tee shot on No. 12, hitting a tree and caroming into a ditch but managed to snare a half. He seized the 10th when Shelton scuffled his second shot and overran on his putt. Moorhead squared the match on the 15th with a birdie deuce off a seven-foot putt.

### Went To Front On 17th.

Bud went to the front on the 17th when Shelton three-putted for a double bogey six. The Louisville made it 2 up by playing the 18th safely for his par: Shelton missed the green and then was wide on his putt from a near stymie.

Moorhead gained the final by defeating Art Nutting 6 and 4, Jim Williams 2 and 1, and Johnny Primrose, the medalist, 5 and 4. Shelton eliminated Jim Stewart 3 and 1, Jim English 1 up, defending champion Walter Cisco 3 and 2, and Harrel Kirkpatrick 5 and 4.

Willard Moore of Paducah won

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## Results

### CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

Final: Buddy Moorhead def. O. H. Shelton 7 and 6.

### SECOND FLIGHT

Final: Willard Moore def. Stan Burlew 1 up.

### CHAMPIONSHIP CONSOLATI

Final: Ches McCall def. Otto Clark 4 and 3.

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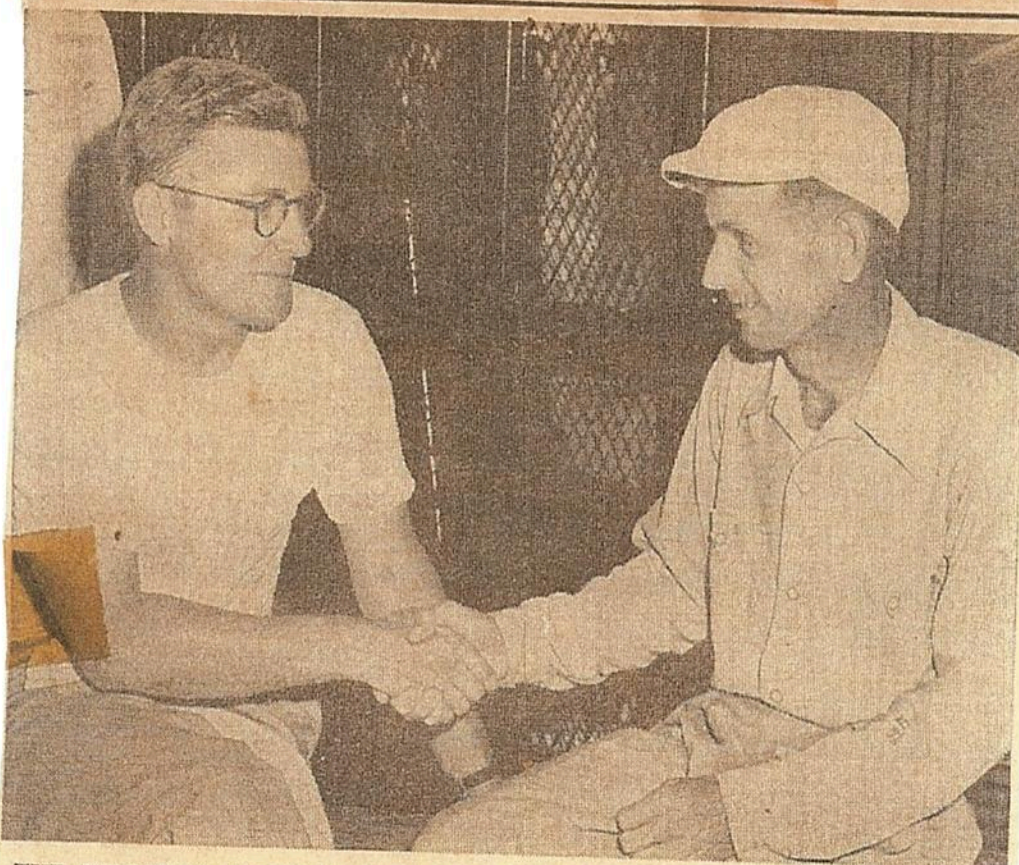
Final: Jack Piers def. Jim Handmaker 5 and 4.

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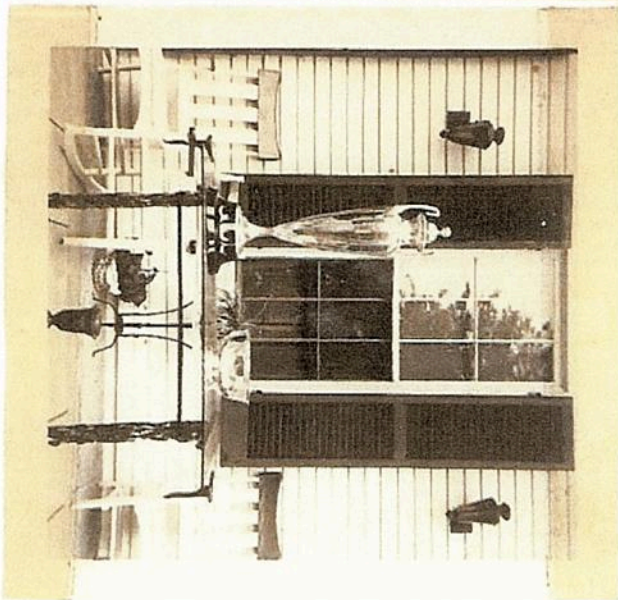
**THE WINNER'S "CIRCLE"**—Buddy Moorhead of Louisville, left, is being congratulated by O. H. Shelton of Paducah after Moorhead scored a 7 and 6 victory in the finals of the Men's State Amateur golf tourney.

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CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY was presented to Buddy Moorhead (left) after winning the Kentucky Amateur Golf Championship at Paducah's Paxton Park course Saturday. Making the presentation was John Marshall, Jr., president of the State Golf Association, as Edwin J. Paxton, for whom the course was named, looks on.

Courier-Journal Photo by Harry Bobser.



# Just Like a Movie

In eight years, Buddy Moorhead whipped tuberculosis and went out to annex the state amateur golf crown

By JOHNNY CARRICO

ONE of the most inspiring comebacks in the history of Kentucky golf is the background of Buddy Moorhead's acquisition of the State Amateur Championship. When the blond 26-year-old University of Louisville medical student sank a 30-foot putt at Paducah to win the state title, it added the final touch to a script that might have been written in Hollywood.

Slightly more than eight years ago the reserved, almost bashful Moorhead was playing the toughest match of all—a duel with death. In February, 1941, Buddy was stricken with tuberculosis.

"For six months, it was touch-and-go," he recalled. From that day in February until November, 1942, Buddy was pinned to a bed with special nursing attention constantly at hand. His victory in the State Amateur this year was accomplished despite the handicap of having one lung collapsed. Even now he is still under the regular attention of a physician.

His friends were thunderstruck when Buddy suffered a hemorrhage at a U. of L. basketball practice in '41. Tuberculosis was the last disease they could imagine striking down one of the best athletes Anchorage High School ever turned out. Moorhead was an outstanding football player at the school and gained All-State recognition in basketball. He had competed in four state high-school golf tournaments, winning one, finishing second in two and third in the other.

Lying in a sick bed during those slow years of '41 and '42, however, brought a change in Buddy's philosophy toward golf. "Before that, I had thought golf the most important thing in my world. I began to realize then that I had been too intense in my attitude toward the game. I believe that I acquired a better temperament for golf by thinking the thing out then."

Early in 1945 Moorhead started back to school. It was too soon and he was forced back to his sick bed for several months. Finally in April of '45 he entered medical school; in the

fall of that same year he made his first attempt at picking up his abandoned golf clubs. Buddy entered the Kentucky Open at the Louisville Country Club but was forced to retire after 18 holes; the strain was too great.

Moorhead first served notice he was back to the golf wars for good in 1947 at the State Amateur at Seneca. He upset Walter Cisco, Jr., a former state titlist, and went to the quarter-finals before his weakened physical condition claimed its toll. It was during this tournament that Buddy and the newspapermen covering the event formed a conspiracy.

Buddy had entered the tournament under the name of Harry, his given name but one he seldom uses. He employed the subterfuge because he was afraid his U. of L. professors would take a dim view of his golf activities at this stage of convalescence. The sports writers kept his secret and Harry replaced the much better known "Buddy" in the sports pages during the meet.

THE turning point in his career came when he was only 14 years old. He had been playing golf for about a year after a period of caddying at Owl Creek. He showed considerable promise then and he became a steady partner of John Marshall, Jr. Marshall is one of Kentucky's golf greats. He won four State Amateur Championships and was runner-up in five more. Some veteran golfers declare unequivocally that Marshall is one of the greatest stylists the state has ever seen.

Marshall, or "The Judge" as he is known familiarly, has been Buddy's one teacher. "He's a wonderful fundamentalist," explains Buddy. "He not only knows the technique of a sound game but can explain the physical laws and so forth involved in developing the proper swing." Marshall, who has virtually adopted Buddy, was as happy as his protegee over the recent success: he probably was seeing a reflection of himself as he was some 20-odd years ago.

Buddy's golf game is considered superb in all