

KENTUCKY GOLF HALL OF FAME

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On The Green

Iuler, O'Hern Streamlining Meets

By JIMMY BROWN

Kentucky's two most important tournaments for men, the Amateur and the Open, have been streamlined considerably this year. And despite the expected scattered criticism of the new setups, both seem to be big steps toward sane and orderly golf play in the state.

The State Amateur, which will be held June 18-21 at the Louisville Country Club, inaugurated sectional qualifying this year. It will be held Tuesday and Wednesday at 10 sectional sites over the state and the low 64 scorers will go into match play the following Tuesday at the Louisville Country Club.

The Kentucky Open, set for July 30-August 2 at the Big Spring Country Club, will limit its field for the first time. The first 150 entrants with handicaps of six or less will be accepted for play.

These deviations from past practices, when all who showed could play in both meets, actually help ease a problem caused by the tremendous growth of golf and the great increase in number of players the last few years.

Finish Play in Dark

Last year at Asland, a record field of 214 showed up for play at the Bellefonte Country Club. It was dark by the time they finished. In 1960 at Audubon, where a then record field of 216 turned out for the Amateur, it too was a bulky undertaking that was completed each day under lengthening shadows.

The change to sectional qualifying most certainly hasn't hurt the Amateur. A record 226 players have signed up to try for the trip to Louisville. That's 10 over the old mark set at Audubon. And the Open is expected to have no trouble filling its 150 quota.

These new plans are being undertaken under the obviously able guidance of new men in their respective posts. Martin Iuler of Louisville is running the Amateur in his first year as executive secretary of the Kentucky State Golf Association. Jim O'Hern, pro at the Harmony Landing Country Club, is also a freshman as tournament chairman of the Kentucky P.G.A. Section, sponsor of the Open.

Iuler reports high enthusiasm among th



MARTIN IULER
Sees A Better Amateur



JIM O'HERN
Expects More Open Sites



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sectional chairmen and sees great improvement in the sectional qualifying plan next year.

"They've already spotted many things they should have done this year and which they certainly will change next year," he said. "Plans are for spreading qualifying over two days, instead of the one this year. Also in the projected plans are team and junior trophies during qualifying."

Open Deadline Is July 19

The deadline for entering the Kentucky Open is July 19. Entry blanks will be available in all pro shops after the middle of June, O'Hern announced.

The Open will actually be co-sponsored by the Kentucky P.G.A. and a Louisville automobile dealers group, which will award a trophy and contribute part of the prize fund. The host club formerly put up part of the prize fund. The contract between the P. G. A. and the dealers is for three years.

The Open, like the Amateur, will end on Friday instead of on Sunday as in the past. This will eliminate members' having to give up their course over the weekend.

"These two factors, not having to give up weekend play and not having to put up prize money, should make more clubs throughout the state willing to host the tournament," O'Hern said.

Only 47 Publinxers Enter

A disappointing turnout of only 47 will take part in qualifying for the National Public Links meet June 23 at Seneca, reports "Uncle Joe" Dickson, U. S. Golf Association committeeman.

In the field are such veterans of national play as Andy Monroe, Brown Cullen, Jr., Jim Ferriell, Jr., Paul Franke and Moe Demling and such other stalwarts as Falls Cities champion Joe Lenahan, former F. C. champ Cliff Leonhardt, collegians Dave Baron, Bill Hardy and John Merrifield and regional prep champ Terry Shinkle. Also entered is former state prep champ Eddie Schnurr, who has returned to Louisville after two years in California.

DEADLINE — The deadline for entering the Women's State Amateur is Friday, reports Mary Lou Baker, meet secretary. Entries should be sent to Miss Baker at 2607½ Drayton Drive, Louisville 5. About 50 already have entered and a large field is expected for the meet June 24-29 at Village Greens Golf Course at Rocky Dam Village.

MASTERS OF MASTERS

Nelson, Hogan, Snead Are Smith's Pets

By KELLY COCANOUGHER

If anyone has earned the right to be called an authority on the Masters Golf Tournament, Horton Smith has.

Smith is the only golfer to play in all of them. When he tees off Thursday over the Augusta National (Ga.) course it will make his 27th.

He is a former two-time

champion, as winner of the first in 1934, the same year he took the Louisville Open, and again in 1936.

"What players have stood out in the Masters?" he was asked upon his arrival here for a speaking engagement tonight at the Kentucky P.G.A. spring meeting.

"Ben Hogan," he said,

"Byron Nelson and Sam Snead. Then you would have to follow close with Jimmy Demaret."

The four have won 10 of the 26 tournaments. Snead and Demaret three each and Hogan and Nelson two each.

Three of the remaining 16 championships belong to which Hogan, Snead, Nelson and Demaret were outstanding.

didn't include the Latrobe, Pa., and even before that when Smith himself excelled.

He thinks Palmer will win the tournament this week, something away from the game instead of adding to it," he said.

IT WAS OBVIOUS that Smith leaned to an era in which Hogan, Snead, Nelson and Demaret were outstanding.

traveled the general line of thought on Casper's game.

"Billy is known for his putting, and he does have a wonderful stroke, but he told me just this week that he thinks the best part of his game is keeping the ball in play."

Smith will leave tomorrow for Augusta. As a former Masters champion, he is automatically qualified. Tall, broad-shouldered and a model of poise, Smith appears to be a picture of health. He says himself his looks are deceiving and that his health is not the best. It's an effort for him to play but when it's in the Masters, it's an effort you make.

Smith doesn't like the power trend in golf. "It's taking something away from the game instead of adding to it," he said.

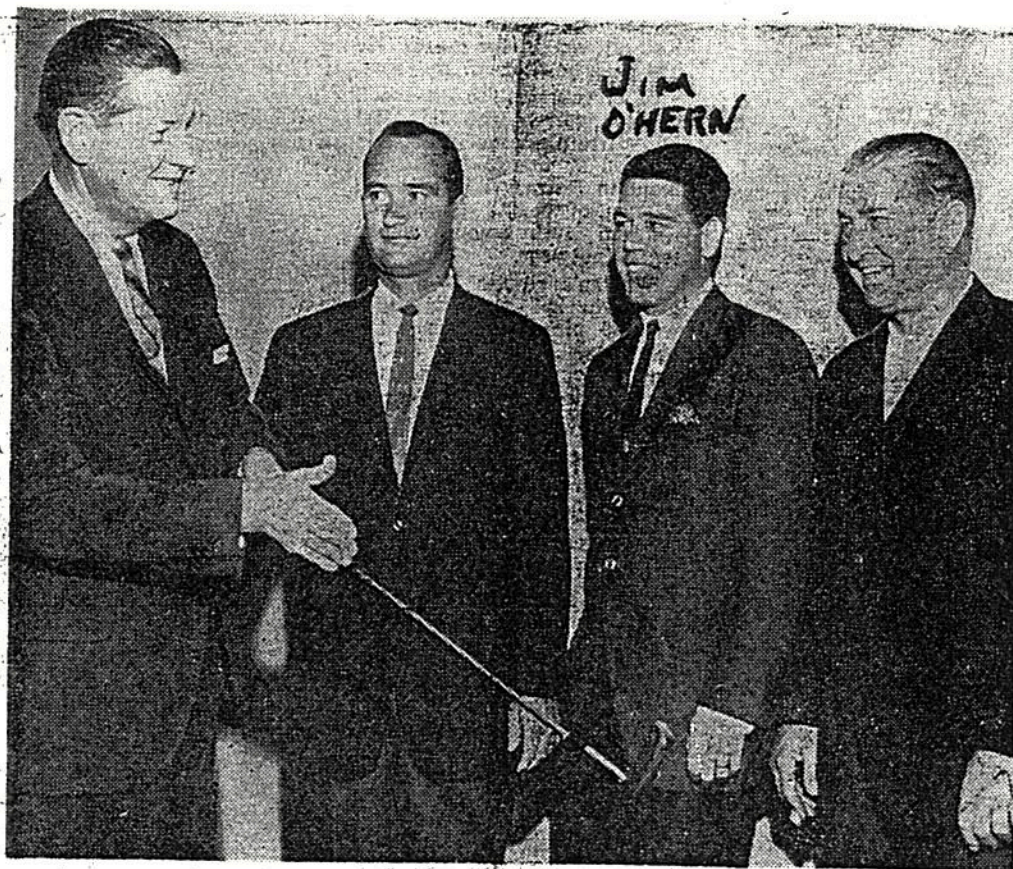
"I'm for putting strategy back in the game," said the 54-year-old Detroit pro, meaning courses should be designed in a manner to demand it. "In power golf too many are eliminated before they begin, through no fault of their own."

He thinks Augusta National is the best course he has played but he hastily points out it is strictly a power course. "If you can't carry a drive an absolute minimum of 240 yards you're on the defensive there. When you start carrying it 250 and more you're on the offensive."

SMITH AGREES with the past performance charts that Gary Player and Jack Nicklaus are Palmer's biggest threats. He also mentioned Tony Lama, Johnny Pott, Phil Rodgers and Billy Casper. He con-

THE PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION is conducting a business school in Louisville this week for prospective PGA members. Some 200 young men anxious to be club pros or to play on the four middle daily at Holiday Inn Brownsboro NE to study various facets of running a golf shop. Gary Wren, director of education for the PGA, is conducting the school. James W. O'Hern, president of the Kentucky section of the PGA, is school coordinator.

Specialists are flown in from everywhere in the country to conduct classes in self motivation, PGA history, golf shop operation, credit management, golf car maintenance, public relations, tournament management, contracts and job arrangements, golf shop financial structure, club repair, display and visual aids, club fitting and sale, teaching — the basics, golf course design, golf course maintenance and first aid. Is there any doubt that the PGA is thorough?



Staff Photo

Renowned Putter Gives Putting Tip

Former Masters champion Horton Smith explains his "secret" to good putting to Louisville pros meeting him at the airport last night: "Keep the right palm facing the hole at all times." Smith, noted for his putting, is to speak to the Kentucky P.G.A. spring banquet tonight at the Louisville Country Club. Facing him are, from left, Tommy Smith, Jim O'Hern and Bill Kaiser.

O'Hern Repeats

Father-Son—The only man ever to play on a Louisville Harding Cup golf team and live to see a son named to the same team is big Jim O'Hern. . . . Jim captained the Louisville public-links team of 1933. . . . Jimmy, Jr., won a spot last Sunday on the 1958 team, along with Vance Kennedy, Frankie Beard, Terry Lally and Cliff Leonardt. . . .

Golf Gives Way to Women

Gal's First Swing—an Awful Thing

By DAVE KINDRED

Courier-Journal Staff Writer

Until the moon is full and werewolves walk again, the most gruesome thing in the world is a woman's first swing at a golf ball.

Like an angry young lumberjack working on a redwood, she chops. Then, like a railroader driving the last spike to join the Union and Pacific, she pounds.

Finally, persistence overcomes awkwardness, and the woman, her name could be Judie Pollard, hits the ball.

If Judie Pollard, 25, isn't like other beginning women golfers, it's only because she has redder hair and nicer legs. She's never played more than nine holes in one day, her best score is more than twice her age and her worst score is on a list of things to be forgotten.

No Complaints From Judie

She is one of tens of thousands of women around the nation who have forsaken gardening for divot digging and, like most of them, she has taken up golf because her husband plays the game.

Carl Pollard, 27, is a Certified Public Accountant who works on Sam Snead's books every winter and spends his spare time auditing his scorecards at Harmony Landing Country Club's golf course.

"I never really complained about him playing golf, because he loves it so much," Judie said last week.

After the Pollards joined Harmony Landing, Judie attacked a golf ball for the first time.

"I never cared much for golf. I started playing last June, though, and was smitten by it. It's a very good competitive game, both against yourself and against others. And I like the fresh air."

Since too much chopping and pound-

lessons from Jim O'Hern, the club pro and one of Kentucky's finest golfers.

"Carl is tolerant of me whenever I play with him, which isn't often, but I know he really doesn't enjoy it," Judie said. "That's one reason I'm taking lessons. Carl gave me a set of clubs for Christmas and I'm trying to improve so I won't be embarrassed on the course."

"I have the most trouble with my tee shots, but everything else is pretty bad, too."

Because O'Hern hasn't kept up his dues in the Miracle Workers Union, he has brought about no remarkable changes in Judie's game. So he smiled and said she had correctly appraised her abilities.

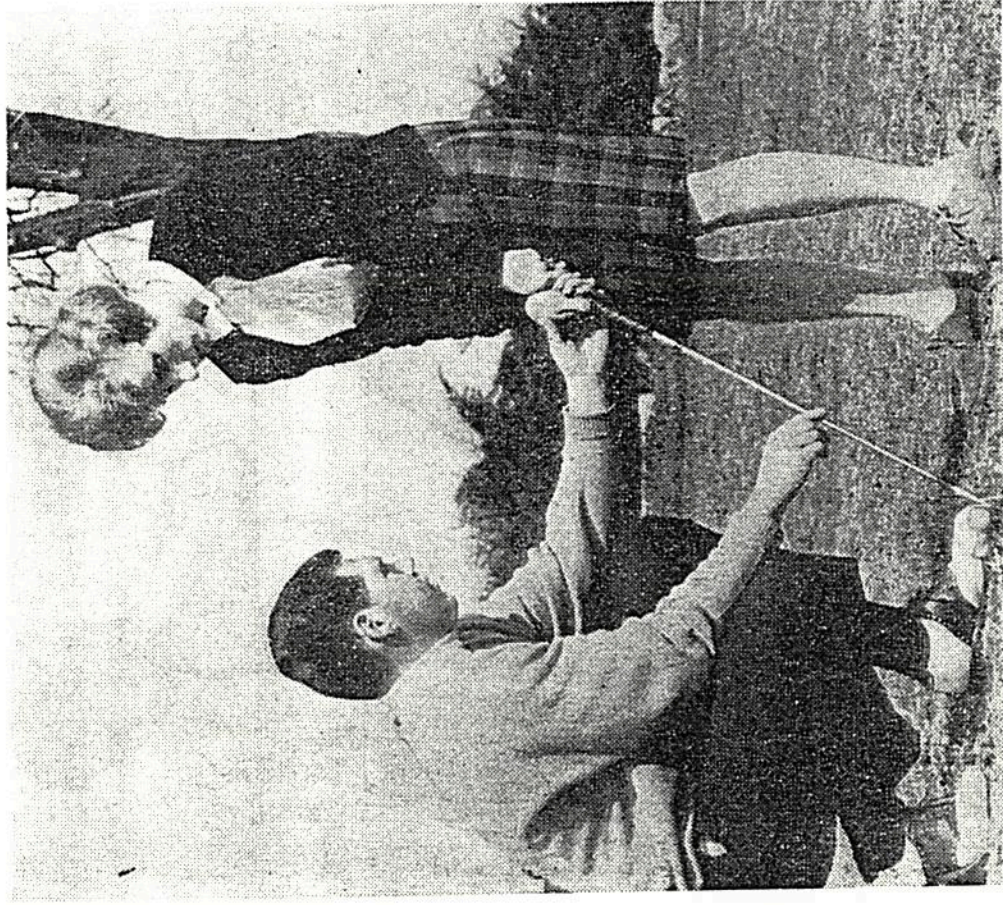
Judie has been a conscientious student, though. She has aching muscles, freckles and a cracked light fixture to prove it.

A woman playing golf for the first time will do most of the work with her right hand. Instead of bringing the club back, she'll lift it straight up, which is good for killing snakes, but bad for hitting golf balls. O'Hern has Judie using her left arm and left hand. "Oh boy, am I sore—I just never used those muscles before," she said.

A light-complected redhead, Judie has to wear a big, droopy hat, sun glasses and long-sleeved blouses because she sun burns easily. "The sun is bringing out my freckles," she said. "I have millions of them."

The other day, while practicing her backswing before a mirror in her bedroom, Judie remembered to keep her left arm stiff, but she forgot about the light overhead. "I really rattled it," she said.

Judie would like to reduce her score by about 10 strokes. But if she does that, Carl won't ever play golf with her—men



O'Hern, Boles Sizzle For 53

By JIMMY BROWN

If the beautiful Bermuda fairways at Big Spring Country Club look brown and scorched this morning there's a very good reason.

Harmony Landing professional Jim O'Hern and his amateur partner Dr. Glen Boles teamed for a near-fantastic best-ball score of 19-under-par 53 to win the annual Big Spring pro-member golf tournament.

Along the way, O'Hern shot an actual seven-under-par 33-32-65, which tied the competitive course record and took low pro honors by the proverbial country mile. Tournament officials couldn't recall a best-ball score of 53 even being closely approached here in past years.

Boles, a 22-handicapper, helped to the tune of 12 under par. On four of the 18 holes he received two strokes. He parred all four, thus recording an eagle on each to help the best-ball score. On two of those holes O'Hern got bogeys.

O'Hern blazed around the back side without a par. He had five birdies, an eagle and three bogeys. On the front side he had three birdies and six pars. He had only 27 putts, despite three three-putt greens. O'Hern sank a 30-footer for an eagle three on No. 12 as he piled up 12 one-putt greens for the round. Boles sank two giant putts, of 40 and 45 feet, for pars.

Meanwhile, at Springfield's Lincoln Homestead course, Pete Schmidt of Louisville's Woodhaven Country Club, shot a two-under-par 35-35-70 to win the Falls Cities Industrial and Commercial Golf Association's tournament for the third straight time.

BIG SPRING — O'Hern and Ray Parrott tied for second with three other teams at 62. They were pros Bill Heinlein, Paul Gross and Mickey Powell, all of Indianapolis, who teamed



with amateurs Jack Boyle, Ed Pfeiffer and W. H. Rodgers, respectively.

Six pros tied for second in the low-pro race with 69's. They were Heinlein and Dick Marshall of Indianapolis, Al Atkins of Ashland, Chuck Almony of Elwood, Ind., and Chick Yarbrough and Buddy Demling of Louisville. Len Wagner of Cincinnati and Tony Casabella of Louisville shot 70's.

FALLS CITIES — Ralph Beard, Jr., and Jim Shier, with 75's were second to Schmidt in the Open Flight at Springfield.

Bud Schweri captured A Flight with a 73 while Tommy Vance, Bill Lockhart, Dale Barnstable, Dale Wyatt and Shelby Morrison tied for second with 74's.

Jiggs, Nally and C. Goeing tied for first in B Flight with 79's while Pat Duffy and Paul Holman had 80's. Fritz Finger won the Executive Flight with 103-58. Tied for second were Carl Waterbury, 87-66; Jim McCabe, 84-66 and Ben Williams, 114-66. Handicaps were based on the Peoria System.

Team results: A Flight—H. & B. (Schweri 73, Vance 74; Joe Floden 75, Don Robinson 82) 304; Distillers (with Bill Van Meter low with 76) 316; Distillers (with Bill Forman low with 74) and Automen (with Wyatt and Morrison low with 74) 318 each; B Flight—Grocerymen (Pat Duffy 80, George Stewart 82, R. Oliver 85, P. Dutton 89) 333; Brewers (with Goeing low with 79) 337; Distillers (with Nally low with 79) 338.

O'Hern's 68 Adds \$275 to Earnings

Jim O'Hern, pro from Louisville's Harmony Landing Country Club, was \$275 richer today. He was the low pro in the pro-am competition of the Snowball Open Golf Tournament at Lexington's Spring Valley Country Club.

In taking the prize, O'Hern's 68 included seven birdies and three bogeys. Kyle Minor of Harlan was second, a shot back.

Meanwhile, Bob Goalby fired a 71 yesterday to go with his first-round 62 in the 36-hole Robinson (Ill.) Golf Classic. He has a shaky one-stroke lead over Richard Martinez.

Jim Ferriell, former Louisvillian, failed to make the cutoff mark by a stroke. He had a 144.

Bender, O'Hern win medalist honors

Donna Bender fired a two-under-par 72 yesterday for medalist honors in the Ladies Jefferson County tourney at Shawnee.

Bender's round was just one stroke better than that of Marilyn Niehoff, but other scores in the championship flight ranged from 78 to 87. The 42-player tourney includes four flights, with titles to be decided Friday morning.

Elsewhere, Louisvillian Jim O'Hern won medalist honors with a three-under-par 141 in PGA Club Pro qualifying at Wildwood. O'Hern had rounds of 71-70 for a four-stroke edge over Jack Barber of Lexington.

Denny Biller, also of Lexington, had a 148 to complete the trio advancing along with defending champion Larry Gilbert of Brandenburg to the national tournament in California. Gilbert was exempt from qualifying.

Also at Wildwood, Gordon Leishman of Lexington fired a 74 to qualify for the National PGA Seniors tourney. Alternate Gordon Waldspuhl of Florence shot a 77.

Stevens, O'Hern lead U.S. Open qualifiers

Special to The Courier-Journal

Pat Stevens of Richmond and Jim O'Hern of Louisville each shot a three-under-par 141 yesterday to lead U.S. Open district golf qualifiers at Audubon Country Club.

Butch Grattan of Jeffersonville, Ind., and host professional Dick Bra-

dow shot 144s in the 36-hole tournament to secure the final two qualifying spots.

Stevens, O'Hern and Grattan advanced to sectional qualifying June 8 at Clovernook Country Club in Cincinnati. Bradow will compete in the Atlanta sectional on the same day.

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O'Hern, Fabel master playoffs

By DANNY MCKENZIE
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For Jim O'Hern, Monday's victory in the PGA-Kentucky Golf Association's first 1982 tour event was business as usual. For Brad Fabel, it was a welcome return to a familiar environment.

O'Hern, the veteran professional from Louisville, fired a four-under-par 68 on the Owensboro Country Club course and then beat Madisonville Country Club pro Jeff McGill in a sudden-death playoff for the \$400 winning pro share of the \$2,000 purse.

Fabel, a former University of Houston golfer from Madisonville, also had to go the sudden-death playoff route to take top amateur honors after he and Nick Pearl of Ft. Knox finished deadlocked with a two-under-par 70.

"I just had a good, solid round," said O'Hern moments after posting his 34-34—68 on the 6,528-yard OCC course. "I birdied all the par-fives and that set me up for this type of score."

The 44-year-old O'Hern beat Owensboro native McGill, a former state high school champion from Senior High, by making a birdie on the 485-yard, par-5 first hole.

McGill, driving first, hit his tee shot in the right rough and then tried to hit a 3-wood from a bad lie and put his ball in a ditch 75 yards short of the green.

O'Hern, meanwhile, had nailed his drive down the middle and left his 2-iron second shot 15-feet short of the green and 30 yards short of the hole.

McGill's blast out of the ditch bounced over the green and, after getting relief from the cart path encircling the green, he pitched back five feet past the hole. O'Hern flipped a pitching wedge three feet from the hole and won by sinking his putt for a birdie after McGill missed his par putt.

O'Hern, who was the head pro at Harmony Landing Country Club for 19

years, is no stranger to the winner's circle of KGA-PGA events, having won five of them in the past.

For the last few years, however, he has been in the travel business and has probably had more time to play than when he was a club pro.

"I'm playing a lot now," he confirmed, "and there's no question that's why I was able to do so well here."

McGill also attributed his success on the familiar OCC course to his recent increase in play.

"I've had an opportunity to play more the last couple of weeks than I have in a long time," McGill said after posting his rounds of 35-33.

"I tried to qualify for the U.S. Open at Louisville and Cincinnati and then played in last week's Pepsi Challenge Cup. I've been playing well lately, too, so it felt good to come back here and shoot 68."

McGill, who won \$300 Monday, was third among 45 first-round qualifiers for this week's Open, which will be held at Pebble Beach, Calif., and then fired a 144 at Cincinnati in the regional qualifying which was good for a third-alternate spot.

He teamed with Larry Gilbert, the pro at Doe Valley Country Club who shot a 69 to finish third in Monday's event, in last week's Pepsi Challenge and the pros beat Kentucky's finest amateurs for the first time since the inception of the competition.

John Phillips fired a 70 to take fourth place Monday in the pro's competition and Owensboro Country Club's head pro Tom Harris finished fifth with an even-par 72 to win \$175.

Paul Bessler, the former OCC pro, shot a 73 and tied Gene Fawbush for sixth place and Bill Schooley, the new Windridge CC pro, fired a 74 and was tied for seventh place with Gary Feldman.

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O'Hern's 65 Wins Governor's Open; Barber Second

Special to The Courier-Journal

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Louisville professional Jim O'Hern shot a five-under-par 65 yesterday to capture the first Governor's Open Golf Tournament at the rain-soaked Juniper Hill course.

Forty-seven pros and 43 amateurs participated in the tourney, which was reduced to 18 holes when the scheduled first round was washed out.

O'Hern, of Louisville's Harmony Landing Club, had a two-stroke margin over Jim Barber, pro at the Jeffersonville, Ind., Elks Club course. Al Atkins of Ashland was third with a 68.

The victory gave O'Hern \$1,000 from the total \$2,150 prize money. Barber won \$500 and Atkins \$250.

Kruse Is Low Amateur

Gil Kruse of Louisville took the amateur title with a 68. Louisville's Paul Franke, reigning state amateur champion, and Lexington's Wally Rose tied for second with 70s.

Kruse received the A. B. Chandler Medalist Trophy.

Until this year, the tourney had been an invitational affair since its 1960 inception.

Top-money winners:

- 65—Jim O'Hern, Louisville, \$1,000.
- 67—Jim Barber, Jeffersonville, Ind., \$500.
- 68—Al Atkins, Ashland, \$250.
- 69—Frank Yarbrough, Vincennes, Ind., \$125.
- 70—Joe Greenwell, Robinson, Ill.; Best Croghan, Louisville; Ted Hale, Mayfield; Jim Armes, Louisville; Brown Cullen Jr., Louisville, \$40 each.
- 71—Joe Brewbaker, Mt. Vernon, Ill., \$25.
- 72—Mike Haywood, Madison, Ind.; Gary Feldman, Louisville; Ken Hall, Paintsville, \$25 each.

O'Hearn wins by one in St. Thomas Open

Jim O'Hearn, the club professional at Hurstbourne Country Club, shot a five-over-par 145 to win the St. Thomas Open, a two-day event that ended yesterday at St. Thomas, the U.S. Virgin Islands.

O'Hearn shot a 72 Saturday, followed by a 73 yesterday at the par-70 Mahogany Run Resort golf course to take a one-stroke victory over Bob Hunter of St. Thomas, who had rounds of 74 and 72. Juan Gonzales of Puerto Rico had a 72-77—149 to finish third.

"It is nice to win on a very difficult golf course," O'Hearn said.

"They had the best players from the Caribbean, and from that standpoint it felt great to win under those type of conditions."

Kentucky By DAVE KINDRED

JIM O'HERN, professional at Harmony Landing Country Club, Goshen, and his assistant, Sammy Hill, won the Kentucky Section professional-assistant best ball tournament at Wildwood Country Club, Fern Creek, with a seven under par 65.

O'Hern shot 66 with Hill contributing a birdie two on the 18th hole when he sank a 65 foot putt.

Tied for second at two under were Jouett Brown and Rich Metzger, Shawnee Golf Club, Louisville; Eddie Tyree and Bill Gatton, Iroquois Golf Club, Louisville; Brown Cullen and John Tripp, Hunting Creek, and

O'Hern's 4-Under 68 Wins Snowball Pro-Am

From AP and UPI Dispatches

Louisvillian Jim O'Hern fired a four-under-par 68 yesterday to capture low-pro scoring honors in the pro-am competition of the Snowball Open Golf Tournament at Lexington's Spring Valley Country Club.

O'Hern, pro at Harmony Landing Country Club, carded seven birdies and three bogeys en route to the first prize of \$275.

Kyle Minor of Harlan took second place, a shot behind O'Hern.

Winning the team event with a 12-under 60 was a foursome headed by Larry Perkins, a former Spring Valley member who now is a pro in Johnson City, Ill. His amateur partners were George Blevins, Ron Cole and Bill Byrne—all Spring Valley members.

The 36-hole Snowball Open begins today and winds up Sunday, with \$500 going to the low pro.

ROBINSON OPEN — Bob Goalby lumped a 71 with his opening-round 62, but his lead dwindled to one stroke after 36 holes in the Robinson (Ill.) Golf Classic.

Jim Ferriell, a former Louisvillian who now lives in Florence, Ky., soared to a 77, giving him a 144 total that was one stroke off the cutoff mark.

ROBINSON GOLF CLASSIC LEADERS

133—Bob Goalby, 134—Richard Martinez, 135—Bob Stanton, 136—Maxwell, Larry Ziegler, 137—Bill Garrett, Terry Wilcox, Mike Hill, 138—Jim Colbert, 139—Jerry Healy, Jim Hardy, Jim Welch, Howell Fraser, Denny Lyons, John Kennedy, J. C. Sneed, 140—Fred Marti, John Schlee, Wilf Homenick, Bobby Mitchell, Howie Johnson, Frank Boynton, Monty Kaser.

O'Hern and Hill Combine For 65 to Win Pro Meet

Harmony Landing pro Jim O'Hern contributed an actual score of 66 as he and his assistant, Sammy Hill, won a Kentucky PGA Pro-Assistant Pro best-ball tournament yesterday at Wildwood Country Club.

The Harmony Landing team combined for a best ball of seven under par 65 to come out best over 17 other teams.

Second place was a four-way tie at 70. The runner-up twosomes included Eddie Tyree and Bill Gatton of Iroquois, Jouett Brown and Rich Metzger of Shawnee, Brown Cullen and John Tripp of Hunting Creek and Gordon Leishman and Carl Owen of Lexington's Idle Hour Club.

SHELBYVILLE Golf Club has hired Jim Queenan as its golf pro. Queenan has been an assistant pro at Big Spring the past two years. The 28-year old graduate of Flaget will begin work Sunday, succeeding Evan Settle. Queenan attended Bellarmine and Xavier University.

SENECA GOLF CLUB this week will begin the reservation system for Satur-

day and Sunday play, pro Joe Lally said.

The club will begin accepting reservations at 7:30 a.m. tomorrow and continue until 9 p.m. Friday. Reservations must be made in person and will be accepted for foursomes only.

Jeff McGill fires record 65

Special to The Courier-Journal

BOWLING GREEN, Ky.—Twenty-two-year-old Owensboro amateur Jeff McGill fired a 7 under par 65—a course record—to win the second leg of the Kentucky Golf Tour at the Bowling Green Country Club yesterday.

Tied at 68 were pro winner Jim O'Hern and Bowling Green amateur Kevin Proctor, who previously held the Bowling Green Country Club course record at 67. For O'Hern, the pro at Harmony Landing Country Club in Goshen, it was the third

tournament victory over fellow Kentucky pros during July, extending his lead in the race for Kentucky PGA Player of the Year honors.

McGill shot a 34 on the front nine and a torrid 31, including an eagle, three birdies and five pars on the back nine. McGill is a senior at Mississippi State University and a member of the MSU golf team.

O'Hern collected a \$500 cash award for his performance. Merchandise valued at \$150 was awarded to McGill.

PROS

68—Jim O'Hern, Goshen.
70—George Bernardin, Maysville.
71—Dave Baron, Louisville; Carl Owen, Jefferson-town; Danny McQueen, Lexington; Del Palmer, Louisville.
72—Alan White, Owensboro; Gordon Leishman, Lexington.
73—Al Atkins, Ashland; Chick Yarbrough, Louisville; Brown Cullen Jr., Louisville.
74—Burt Croghan, Louisville.
75—Ron Hacker, Versailles; Bud Burkley, Louisville; Ed Tyree, Louisville; Spud Rawlings, Fort Knox; Jim Osborn, Louisville; Larry Gilbert, Brandenburg; Ed Bartley, Glasgow; Pete Von Allmen, Louisville.
76—Kent Cayce, Madisonville.
77—Bob Baldwin, Lexington; Humzey Yessin, Lexington; Moe Demling, Louisville; Gene Hillen, Mt. Sterling; Jimmy Orr, Louisville.
78—Jimmy Armes, Louisville; Genora Fawcett, Perry Park; Ton Ferguson, Jeffersontown; Jack Ridge, Danville; Paul Reuff, Somerset; Phil Schoolcraft, Goshen; Jack Freeman, Ashland; John Huffine, Owensboro; John Tripp, Louisville.
81—Ken Boggs, Louisville; Rich Metzger, Louisville; Ernie Sampson, Frankfort; Bob Nelson, London.
82—Richie Hobbs, Louisville.
83—Ed Bignon, Morehead.
84—George Sullivan, Louisville.
85—Tom Sauer, Owensboro.
86—John Lisman, Lexington.

AMATEURS

65—Jeff McGill, Owensboro.
66—Kevin Proctor, Bowling Green.
71—Phil Armbruster, Louisville; John Poole, Louisville.
72—Cole Mahan, Winchester.
73—Bobby Six, Bowling Green; Steve Johnson, Louisville.
74—Greg MacNeal, Carrollton; Bubba Clements, Louisville; Steven Rogers, Louisville; Jim Byington, Lexington.
75—Stewart Wheeler, Russellville; Greg Boyles, Louisville; Mike Lowen, Louisville; Wesley Martin, Winchester; Al Gatti, Louisville.
76—Bob Strader, Louisville; John Baas, Louisville; Greg Gary, Louisville.
77—Tom Crowley, Jefferson-town; Eddie Mudd, Louisville; Dr. Sam Potter, Bowling Green; John Riehm, Louisville; Tom Riley, Russellville; Woody Woolwine, Springfield; Mike Perich, Louisville; Carl MacCarter, Fort Knox.
78—Don Schadein, Louisville; Herb Smith, Bowling Green; Gary Triplett, Louisville; Greg Gibson, Bowling Green.
79—Jess Oakley III, Louisville.
80—Steve McMenamin, Louisville; Mike Manard, Louisville; Charles Hendrick, Louisville; Duke Dupre, Louisville.
81—Kent Blackwood, Jeffersontown; Vance Smith, Louisville; Larry House, Nicholasville; Sam Brinley, Louisville.
82—Doug Roseberry, Jefferson-town; Rich Schroer, Jeffersontown.
84—Joe Dumstorf, Jeffersontown.
86—Clyde Payne, Bowling Green.
88—Chris Brown, Louisville.

Nichols, Beard, O'Hern qualify; Rockets hire Brown and Scheer

Associated Press

Former Ohio State golfer Ross Bart-schy Jr. of Columbus, Ohio, fired a two-under-par 72-68-140 yesterday to lead four survivors of the U.S. Open sectional qualifying at Cloverbrook Country Club in Cincinnati.

Bob Mann, assistant pro at Indiana University's course in Bloomington, was second with a 69-74-143. Jim O'Hern of Goshen, Ky., and Geoff Hensley of Cincinnati tied at 144 to claim the other two berths. O'Hern had rounds of 73 and 71, and Hensley rounds of 76 and 68.

Former Kentucky State Amateur champions Bobby Nichols and Frank Beard were among a host of tour pros qualifying in Charlotte, N.C., Nichols with a 69-69-138 and Beard with a 70-73-143. Also qualifying in Charlotte for the June 13-16 Open in Mamaroneck, N.Y., was 62-year-old Sam Snead, who fired a 68-72-140 to earn another shot at a title he never has won.

Elsewhere, American Dick Siderowf battled through gale-force winds to defeat Ireland's Perry Malone 5 and 3 in the first round of the British Amateur. Siderowf won last year's title and is the top seed in Muirfield, Scotland.

BASKETBALL — The San Jose Mercury-News reported that American Basketball Association teams Kentucky, New York, Indiana and San Antonio will be absorbed into the National Basketball Association as expansion franchises.

An ABA spokesman denied the report, and the Denver Rockets, one of the ABA teams the story indicated would be folded, hired former Carolina Cougar coach Larry Brown and general manager Carl

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Scheer to replace Alex Hannum, who was fired as coach and general manager.

Scheer began work Sunday night by meeting with Boston lawyer Bob Woolf, agent for Providence College All-America center Marvin Barnes. The Rockets also have acquired the ABA rights to Notre Dame center John Shumate from the Virginia Squires.

Meanwhile in Norfolk, Va., the group seeking to purchase the financially-troubled Squires announced it had raised enough money — reportedly at least \$1.5 million — to begin negotiations for the franchise.

Elsewhere, agent Sonny Vaccaro has filed a \$32,000 suit against the NBA's Atlanta Hawks, seeking alleged unpaid commissions for the signing of former Louisville Shawnee High and University of Kentucky player Tom Payne, who has been in prison since 1972 on rape and sodomy charges.

BOWLING — Earl Anthony of Tacoma, Wash., downed 1,791 pins to grab a solid lead in a \$75,000 Pro Bowlers Association event in Downey, Calif.

Anthony, who closed out the winter tour with a victory in the Tournament of Champions, rolled games of 221, 195, 266, 268, 212, 202, 235 and 192 — an average of 223. Ed Bourdase of Mt. View, Calif., downed 1,718 pins, while Mark Roth of Brooklyn was at 1,717.

INDIANAPOLIS—Bill Schumaker fired a course-record six-under-par 66 to claim low pro honors and the pro-am team of Jeff Schroeder and Mark Mathews won the title in the ninth annual Pete Dye Cup National Pro-Am at Crooked Stick GC. Schumaker, who picked up \$500 as the second-day individual leader, added another \$600 for his finish tied for seventh place with partner Jerry Nelson. Schumaker, head pro at Crooked Lake GC, was the 1984 PGA Club Pro champion and Player of the Year. He's a two-time Indiana Open winner and four times has been selected Indiana Player of the Year. Schroeder and Mathews had a one-shot margin over Jim O'Hern, a three-time Kentucky PGA champion and Harcourt Kemp and the team of Pittsburgh's Frank Fuhrer and Chick Wagner. Schroeder and Mathews carded a five-under 283 in the two-day event which included an alternate-shot format the first day and a combination of each player's score and the team best ball on the second day.

—Bill Pickett

O'HERN TOPS LIST — Jim O'Hern, club pro at Harmony Landing Country Club, fired a 69-73 for a 142 at Standard Country Club to lead qualifications for the National Club Professional Championships to be held at Pinehurst, N.C., in October.

Others qualifying were Carl Owen, Kenoweth, with a 71-73-144; Brown Allen, Hunting Creek, 70-76-146; and Joe Demling, Shawnee, also at 146 with a 71-75.

Also eligible to compete is 1972 Kentucky PGA champion Gordon Leishman, out of Lexington's Idle Hour.

around the town

O'Hern paces qualifiers; seeded players breeze

Jim O'Hern, the veteran pro at Harmony Landing Country Club at Goshen, backed up an opening 76 with a five-under-par 67 at Standard Country Club yesterday to lead qualifiers for the National PGA Club Pro championships.

O'Hern, with his one-under-par 36-hole 143, was joined by three others who tied at 145 in making the field for the national tournament Oct. 4-8 at Calloway Gardens, Ga. The others were Alan White of Owensboro (72-73); Carl Owen of Chenoweth (76-69) and Jack Ridge-Bob-O-Link Golf Course in Lawburg.

Scores of non-qualifiers:

144—Moe Demling (74-72); 147—E. 146—Bert Croghan (73-75); 150—Brown 151—Gene Fawbush (74-77); 152—Jim 74); 153—Gordon Leishman (77-76), La. 74).

O'Hern Shoots A Record 62

Special to The Courier-Journal

FRANKFORT, Ky.—Jim O'Hern, pro at Harmony Landing Country Club near Louisville, shot a course-record 62 yesterday in a pro-am preliminary to the Governor's Open golf tournament at Juniper Hill Golf Course.

O'Hern, 27-year-old St. Xavier High School graduate and winner of the Governor's Open last year, played the back nine first yesterday in one-under-par 34.

Then he shot a 28 on the first nine, finishing with an eagle duce on the 435-yard ninth hole when he knocked in a 120-yard wedge shot. O'Hern had seven birdies, an eagle and one bogey in his lowest round ever. He holds the Harmony Landing record of 63.

O'Hern's team won the pro-am event. Amateurs with O'Hern were Vic ReFalo, Tom Arrington and C. R. Barton.

The Governor's Open, a 36-hole, medal play tournament, gets under way this morning.

O'Hern's 135 Captures Governor's Open Title

Special to The Courier-Journal

FRANKFORT, Ky.—First-round leader Jim O'Hern of Goshen held on yesterday to win the professional division of the sixth annual Governor's Open Golf Tournament at Juniper Hills Country Club.

O'Hern shot a two-under-par 72 to end up with 135, two strokes ahead of Jim Armes and Buddy Demling, both of Louisville, who tied for second.

Rick Whitfield of Bowling Green won the amateur division with 137.

Louisville's Jim O'Hern is Irvin Cobb golf champ

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) — Jim O'Hern, 35-year-old pro at Harmony Landing Country Club in Louisville, fired a 4-under-par 67 yesterday to win the 37th annual Irvin Cobb Golf Championships with a score of 7-under-par 135 for the two-day tourney.

O'Hern, who entered the final day's play one stroke off the first-day pace set by Larry Mullen of River Dale, N.J., led from the first hole. O'Hern's score was aided by an eagle two on the fifth hole.

Brown Cullen of Hunting Creek Club in Louisville, Carl Owen of Jeffersonstown, Ky., and Greg Powers of Nashville, Tenn., tied for second place at 140.

In the amateur division, Bill Mathews of St. Louis fired a two-under-par 140 to win the title, followed by Jimmy Jackson of Kirkwood, Mo., at 141.

O'Hern's rally falls short as James wins Glenwood Open

Special to The Courier-Journal

PERRY PARK, Ky. — Despite a brilliant charge by Louisvillian Jim O'Hern, Cincinnati's Dick James hung on here yesterday to capture the first Glenwood Hall Open Invitational golf championship.

O'Hern, the professional at Harmony

Landing Country Club, fired a four-under-par 68 to go along with a first-round 75 for a two-day total of 143. That fell one shot short of James' 142. James, who serves as club pro at Harmon Country Club in Lebanon, Ohio, won \$1,850 by firing rounds of 72 and 70 over the 7,500-yard Glenwood Hall course.

O'Hern won \$1,200 for his second place finish.

Stacey Russell, the assistant pro at Midland Trail Country Club, put together a pair of even par 72s for a 37-hole total of 144 and third place in the tournament. Russell pocketed \$900 for his effort.

Surprisingly, Glenwood Hall pro Gene Fawbush could do no better than 74-77-151, nine shots behind the winner.

The low amateur in the two-day tournament was Barry Cooper of Bedford, Ky., who carded an even par 144 with rounds of 73 and 71. Following Cooper in the amateur segment were Louisvillians Curt Scott and Bill Musselman, five strokes off the winning total. Both Scott and Musselman fired identical 77-72-149s. Ft. Mitchell's Dennis Hurley was another stroke back at 150.

James shared the lead among the pros after Thursday's opening round with Stacey Russell, Gordon Waldspuhl of Florence and Steve Lackey of Lexington. Tates Creek Country Club. Waldspuhl picked up \$475 with a 72-74-146 while Lackey wound up in a six-way tie at 147 with a 72-75, good for \$345.

O'Hern cards final 67, wins Irvin Cobb tourney

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) — Jim O'Hern of Harmony Landing Country Club, fired a final round of 67 at the E. J. Paxton Park Golf Course here yesterday to win the Irvin Cobb championship.

O'Hern, one of Kentucky's most-respected club professionals, had a two-day total of 135 to win the long-running tournament.

Brown Cullen of Hunting Creek Club in Louisville, Carl Owen of Jeffersonstown, Ky., and Greg Powers of Nashville, Tenn., tied for second place at 140.

Bray, O'Hern head winning team in Jeff Elks

From staff reports

Professional Bob Bray and Jim O'Hern, and amateurs Elliott Phillips, Don Grimmett, Mike Meeks and Steve Hash teamed up to win Friday's Jeffersonville Elks Pro-Am golf tournament.

The winning team had a score of 123 — a combined total of the two

pros' best-ball score and the four amateurs' best-ball score.

Bray and O'Hern also earned low pro team honors with a best-ball score of 63.

Turning in the lowest score of the pros taking part in the tourney was Rick Stallings. He fired a six-under-par 66 on the par 72, 6,730-yard Jeff Elks layout.

The top golfers in the pro-am tourney split a total of \$5,000 in cash (for the pros) and merchandise prizes (for the amateurs).

Other pro-am leaders are listed in today's scoreboard section on page 9.

The pro-am preceded the 36-hole Jeff Elks Open which is today and Sunday. The 23rd annual tournament has a purse of \$41,000 with \$33,500 to

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be divided by the leading pros out of the 105 entered.

Admission is free and spectators are welcome. First tee-off times both days are 8 a.m. with the first-round leaders scheduled to begin around 2 p.m. Sunday.

O'Hern, Musselman advance in Skins Game

Special to The Courier-Journal

MARIETTA, Ga. — Professional Jim O'Hern of Goshen, Ky., and amateur Tom Musselman of Lexington, Ky., advanced to semifinal competition in the new \$360,001 USF&G National Skins Game at Dunwoody Country Club yesterday.

O'Hern and Musselman were the low team of the day with five skins and a score of 64.

The top two teams at each semifinal will advance to the \$108,000 final of the three-round competition.

Kentucky duo advances in National Skins Game

Special to the Herald-Leader

The duo of Jim O'Hern of Goshen, Ky., and Tom Musselman of Lexington, Ky., was among teams that advanced to semifinal competition yesterday in the new \$360,000 USF&G National Skins Game at the Dunwoody Country Club in Marietta, Ga.

The event, organized by Ohlmeier Communications in conjunction with the PGA of America, pairs PGA Club professionals with amateur partners.

The finals will be televised live on ESPN Nov. 27 (with highlights on the live telecast of the traditional Skins Game on NBC Nov. 28-29).

1987 USF&G National Skins Team Championship Top 50 Money Earners

1. Hunt Gilliland (Roswell, GA)	\$81,470*	22. Rocky Thompson (Palo Alto, TX)	3,222
2. Chris Tucker (Midland, NC)	32,958**	23. Steve Hupe (Tempe, AZ)	3,200
3. Fred Schneller (Euclid, OH)	22,000**	24. Jay Spitalo (N. Canton, OH)	3,125
4. Jim O'Hern (Goshen, KY)	6,944	25. Jim McLean (Scarsdale, NY)	3,111
5. Bill Garrett (Phoenix, AZ)	6,917	26. Steve Keppler (Roswell, GA)	\$ 3,028
6. Mark Eaves (Dallas, TX)	6,621	27. Dennis Dolci (Sharon, OH)	2,812
7. Charlie Wood (S. Euclid, OH)	6,286	28. Kevin Morris (White Plains, NY)	2,759
8. Greg Dick (Genoa, IL)	6,187	29. Gary Trivisonno (Aurora, OH)	2,750
9. Mike Loustalot (Santa Cruz, CA)	6,055	30. Bob Ralston (Hot Springs, AR)	2,644
10. Tom Woxciechowski (Wellington, FL)	5,000	31. Nic Borojovich (Uhrichville, OH)	2,625
11. Bob Klein (Alameda, CA)	4,573	32. Jerry Tucker (St. Louis, MO)	2,479
12. Ray Cragun (Albuquerque, NM)	4,516	33. Billy Neal (La Quinta, CA)	2,460
13. Tray Tyner (Sour Lake, TX)	4,500	34. Dan St. Louis (Wellington, FL)	2,333
14. Bob Swezey (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL)	4,459	35. David Barnhart (Phoenix, AZ)	2,291
15. Jerry Day (West Chester, PA)	4,402	36. Bob Miller, Jr. (Elmsford, NY)	2,259
16. Michael Wilson (Fernandina Beach, FL)	4,334	37. Brad Schneider (Rockin, CA)	2,259
17. Dick McClean (Maui, HI)	4,084	38. Kyle Flinton (Broken Arrow, OK)	2,232
18. Scott Dietrich (Purchase, NY)	4,055	39. Jim Blair (Park City, Utah)	1,985
19. Jimmy Paschal (Stone Mountain, GA)	3,973	40. Charlie Gibson (Santa Rosa, CA)	1,985
20. Scott Bess (Columbia, MO)	3,730	41. Craig Immel (Westlake, OH)	1,904
21. Charlie Stock (Lyndhurst, OH)	3,250	42. Rick Vershure (Scarsdale, NY)	1,880
		43. Kenny Huff (West Palm Beach, FL)	1,750
		44. Jay Overton (Tarpon Springs, FL)	1,695
		45. Orrin Vincent (Incline Village, NV)	1,528
		46. Mike Blankenship (Andalusia, AL)	1,500
		47. Michael Marquis (Lancaster, NH)	1,500
		48. David Preisler (Kingwood, TX)	1,500
		49. Darrell Kestner (Mamaroneck, NY)	1,458
		50. Hank Woodrome (Anthem, CA)	1,451

*Champion **Finalist

Kentucky duo still stalks skins

NEW YORK — Jim O'Hern of Goshen, Ky., pro at the Hurstbourne Country Club, and amateur Tom Musselman Jr. of Lexington, Ky., are set to compete in semifinal competition in the new \$360,000 USF&G National Skins Game at the TPC at Sawgrass near Jacksonville, Fla. on Monday. The event pairs PGA Club pros with amateur partners.

Other semifinal action will be played at the TPC in Scottsdale, Arizona, also that day. Each semifinal offers a \$36,000 purse for club pros with skins worth \$1,000 and USGA approved prizes awarded to amateurs.

The finals of the USF&G National Skins Game will be televised live on ESPN Nov. 27 (2:30-5 pm ET) with highlights on the live telecast of the traditional Skins Game on NBC Nov. 28-29.

The top two teams at each semifinal will advance to the \$108,000 final of the three-round competition, to be held in conjunction with the fifth annual Skins Game at the TPC at PGA West in Palm Springs, CA. The traditional Skins Game features Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Lee Trevino and Fuzzy Zoeller.

Pros give Challenge Cup new twist: They're holding their own

By STAN SUTTON

Staff Writer

"It's something different," said Louisville professional golfer Jim O'Hern of the standings in the seventh annual Pepsi-Cola Challenge Cup at Hurstbourne Country Club.

With 10 singles matches on today's schedule, 10 of Kentucky's finest pros are not in their customary position of embarrassment. In fact, after yesterday's matches the pros are even with their amateur counterparts 5-5.

The amateurs won four of the previous six Challenge Cups, all played at Audubon Country Club, and buried the proud pros last year 13½ to 6½.

Even in their winning years, the amateurs seldom have had much luck beating Larry Gilbert, the two-time U.S. Club Pro champion from Brandenburg. Paired with O'Hern in the last match, the tandem posted a 3-and-2 victory over Jimmy Brown and Kevin Proctor in a best-ball match that evened the score.

O'Hern wrapped up their second match with a seven-foot birdie putt at the 16th hole, two holes after Gilbert had put them 2 up by chipping in from 20 feet at No. 14. But O'Hern believed a couple of hard-earned pars at 10 and 11 were the keys to their best-ball win.

"Those were key holes. Kevin was tight at 10, and I got it up and down

out of a bunker at 11 with about an eight-footer," he said.

Earlier, Gilbert and O'Hern crushed Brown and Proctor 5 and 4 in an alternate-shot pairing. Both Brown, from Paducah, and Proctor, from Bowling Green, are three-time Kentucky Amateur champs. O'Hern has won the Kentucky PGA Stroke Play Championship three times.

The alternate-shot match became a rout, partly because Proctor was suffering from back spasms that were gone by the second match.

"We lost the second and fourth holes, then lost seven, eight, nine and 10," Brown said. "Gilbert hit about a 15-footer for birdie at eight and another 15-footer for birdie at 10."

Another professional twosome, Gordon Leishman and Alex Romanoff, also tacked two points onto their team's score. The pair defeated Dale Barnstable and Steve Flesch in their alternate-shot match 3 and 2, then returned to beat the same team 2 and 1 in best ball.

Rob McNamara of Frankfort, a Louisiana State star, teamed with Shelbyville's Doug Logan to post a pair of amateur victories. They were a 2-and-1 winner over Jeff McGill and Jeff Kruempelman in morning alternate-shot play, then beat Kruempelman and Phil Krick 3 and 2 in the afternoon.

McNamara, who won the Kentucky Amateur last year, has opted not to defend that crown when the

State Am is played June 24-27 at the Country Club of Paducah. Instead, he will play in the Sunnehanna tournament at Johnstown, Pa., one of the top amateur events.

The McNamara-Logan team never trailed during either match. McNamara got the pair rolling in best-ball with a five-footer for birdie at the fourth hole. They went 2 up when both Kruempelman and Krick bogeyed the next hole and were 3 up at the turn following McNamara's seven-foot birdie at No. 9.

Krick, who nearly holed three chips and a 50-foot pitch shot during his round, pulled the pros within two with a 35-foot birdie at No. 10, but the lead never was cut to less than 2

up. McNamara and Logan nursed a 4-up lead in the morning before ending the match on 17.

A pair of Louisville amateurs, Rick Cain and Mike Campbell, also recorded victories. They whipped the Krick-Gene Fawbush team 3 and 2 in the morning and beat Fawbush and Carl Owen 3 and 2 in the best-ball match.

The other match saw amateurs Eric Reed and Jeff Quammen split their matches. They defeated Owen and Jack Freeman 2 and 1 in alternate shot, then fell 3 and 2 to Freeman and McGill.

The afternoon session was delayed two hours by rain.

Amateurs find it's tough beating the old pros in Challenge Cup

By STAN SUTTON
Staff Writer

The young phenoms come and go, but for the past decade Jimmy Brown has been the most successful amateur golfer in Kentucky.

Yesterday, in the Pepsi-Cola Challenge Cup, Brown was matched against Kentucky's best club professional, Larry Gilbert. And for 10 holes of intense head-to-head gamesmanship, neither flinched. Nor even blinked.

Of course, Gilbert has stared down many an opponent since his year on the Professional Golfers' Association Tour in 1972. And, with the help of two rain delays, the Brandenburg pro finally overcame Paducah's Brown in a match completed 7½ hours after it was supposed to begin.

Gilbert's 3-and-2 victory helped boost 10 of Kentucky's top professionals to a surprising 12-8 victory over a team of amateurs in the 20-match Challenge Cup. The pros won seven of yesterday's 10 singles matches for only their third win in the seven-year series.

That brought about the type of frailty usually reserved for the college types who always seem to administer an annual beating to the pros, most of them on the shady side of 40...if not 50.

A lesser man than Gilbert might have wavered while watching Brown display an uncanny scrambling ability that saw the pair go 10 holes before either could pull ahead. Both shot one-under-par 34s on the front nine of the Hurstbourne Country Club.

"They've got the two best short games in the state," said pro Jim O'Hern, who played in the same group en route to a 4-and-3 win over another three-time State Amateur winner, Kevin Proctor.

Brown displayed his short game first, making a 12-footer for a birdie that halved the first hole, then getting up and down from 25 yards away at the next hole. With each stacking up pars, Brown hit an uncannily long bunker shot within four feet at No. 7 and halved the hole.

A hole later, Brown was off the green 100 feet from the flagstick, but chipped to four feet and saved par. Then he chipped within a foot of the cup at No. 9 to halve the hole.

After nearly going out of bounds on the par-five 10th, Gilbert made a delicate pitch down a bank within a

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foot of the cup. Still, he couldn't forge ahead because Brown's third shot was a pitch within five feet, followed by a successful putt.

Gilbert, a three-time Kentucky Open champion and twice the U.S. Club Pro champion, finally broke ahead at No. 11, seconds before a thunderstorm forced a delay. He made a six-footer for birdie, and Brown's 15-footer skimmed past the hole.

When play resumed, puddles consumed much of the putting areas, and Brown's approach shot at No. 12 landed in the fringe behind the green with a large puddle between the ball and the stick.

No relief is offered when the ball is off the green, so Brown smashed his chip holeward and still had it come up eight feet short. Now allowed to move to a dry area, he couldn't get the putt down, and Gilbert went 2-up. The six-time state PGA Stroke Play champ finally

went 3-up at the par-three 15th when his opponent made a bogey.

The wildest match may have been Gene Fawbush's 3-and-1 victory over amateur Rick Cain.

"He made a 10-footer at nine, a 25-footer at 10, a 15-footer at 11 and a 20-footer at 12," Fawbush said, describing the "Cain-raising."

Fawbush finally wrapped up the match with a bogey at the par-five 16th, where Cain took a seven.

O'Hern defeated Proctor in what at times was an exercise in futility. Both shot a 40 on the front nine, during which Proctor completely buried his ball in wet sand at the eighth hole. O'Hern won the sixth hole despite having his drive hit a tree and drop 100 yards off the tee. He then hit over a group of trees, then made a timid pitch shot and sank a 35-foot putt for par.

"Routine four," shouted Gilbert. "It's a good thing we're playing each other," O'Hern said to Proctor.

Other pro victories went to Gordon Leishman, Phil Krick, Jack Freeman and Carl Owen. Amateur wins were by Steve Flesch, Rob McNamara and Doug Logan.

Late O'Hern birdies give pros 8-7 win

By STAN SUTTON
Staff Writer

Jim O'Hern birdied two of the final three holes to give a team of Kentucky golf professionals an 8-7 victory over a team of amateurs in the Pepsi Challenge Cup yesterday at Audubon Country Club.

O'Hern overcame three-time Kentucky Amateur champion Jimmy Brown with a 15-footer at the closing hole, then watched as the Paducah golfer failed with a 13-footer that would have tied the team score. No playoff would have been held.

O'Hern was tied with Brown when they arrived at the 16th hole. Clearing a 10-foot path through a layer of fallen foliage, he drained the birdie attempt to go one up.

A hole later, the 50-year-old O'Hern gave it back, three-putting at the par-three 17th, sending the deciding match to the 18th hole. Brown had put the pressure on by making a six-footer for par.

Host professional Dick Bradow had evened his match with Lexington's Tom Musselman Jr. when Musselman bogeyed No. 17 in the next-to-last match of the day, but both parred 18 to halve their duel.

Thus, the verdict came down to O'Hern vs. Brown, and O'Hern's approach shot at the 374-yard par-four 18th hole landed about two feet farther from the cup than Brown's.

"I knew it (his final birdie putt) meant at least a halve, because I didn't know what Dick (Bradow) had done," O'Hern said. "Can you believe we beat those guys?"

The pros generally were considered underdogs, partly because neither Larry Gilbert nor Ralph Landrum was in the professional lineup. Both had other commitments.

But after taking a 3-2 lead in five better-ball matches in the morning, the pros won four and halved two of the afternoon singles matches.

Besides O'Hern's clutch putting, the professionals were led by Ross Smith and John Phillips, who posted lopsided victories. Smith beat Greg Lehmann 5 and 4, and Phillips put down 1986 State Amateur champion Steve Flesch 4 and 3.

Other pro winners in the singles were Denny Thompson, a 2-and-1 victor over Jeff Quammen, and Gene Fawbush, who beat Tom Morrison by the same score.

Some of the best amateur play came from Doug Logan, who buried Jeff McGill 5 and 4 in the singles. Logan birdied the first, second and 10th holes to put the Madisonville pro at a disadvantage.

Louisville's Thompson teamed with Fawbush to beat Lehmann and Morrison in better-ball competition 3 and 2, plaving those 15 holes in eight

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Kentucky Open

At Lakeside Golf Club, par 72
(From Louisville unless noted)

- 136 — Dave Peege (68-68).
138 — Howard Logan Jr., Shelbyville (72-66).
139 — Eddie Mudd (69-70).
140 — Jim Vernon, Frankfort (70-70); Ted Schultz (69-71).
141 — Larry Gilbert, Brandenburg (70-71); Rob Hoenscheld, Lexington (69-72).
144 — Bill Damron, Harold (71-73); Jeff Kruempelma, Florence (72-72).
145 — Greg Lehmann (71-74); Jeff McGill, Madisonville (74-71); Jim O'Hern, Goshen (73-72); Mike Bibb, Danville (74-71); Steve Flesch, Edgewood (70-75).
146 — Carl Owen, Jeffersontown (72-74); David Gould, Lexington (75-71); Don Wood (71-75).
147 — Bob Jeffers, Lucas (70-77); Denny Thompson (71-76); Mike Thrasher, Valley Station (78-69); Selby Wiggins, Richmond (73-74); Tim Philpot, Lexington (76-71).
148 — Bill Sergeant, Williamsburg (74-74); Clay Atcheson, Lexington (75-73); Mike Crowe, Elizabethtown (74-74); Phillip Hatchett, Bowling Green (75-73); Ross Smith, Maysville (74-74).
149 — Bill Harding (75-74); Billy Og-

Pepsi Challenge

At Audubon Country Club

Amateurs 5 1/2, Pros 4 1/2

Alternate shot — Larry Gilbert-Phil Krick (P) d. Mike Campbell-Dave Peege 1-up; Jimmy Brown-Jim Vernon (A) d. Jim O'Hern-Carl Owen 3 and 2; Harcourt Kemp-Tommy Settle (A) d. Eddie Tyree-Jeff McGill 4 and 3; Jack Freeman-Jeff Kruempelma (P) d. Kevin Proctor-Bill Sergeant 4 and 3; Gene Fawbush-Mike Thrasher (P) d. John Owens-Steve Flesch 4 and 3.
Best-ball — Campbell-Peege d. Gilbert-Krick 2-up; O'Hern-Owen and Brown-Vernon even; Kemp-Settle d. Tyree-McGill 7 and 5; Proctor-Sergeant d. Freeman-Kruempelma 3 and 2; Fawbush-Thrasher d. Owens-Flesch 4 and 3.

Michelob Classic

Michelob Classic at Griffin Gate Golf Club

Pro Division

70 — Jim O'Hern (won in a playoff) \$600. 70 — Bob Demling \$500. 71 — Larry Gilbert \$317. Ross Smith \$317. John Phillips \$317. 73 — Carl Owen \$146. Moe Deming \$146. Paul Bessler \$146. Eddie Mudd \$146. Eddie Tyree \$146. Jack Barber \$146. 74 — Jeff McGill \$75. Brad Fabel \$75. Larry Smith \$75. Clay Atcheson \$75. Barry Fisher \$75. Trey Stiles \$75. Phil Krick \$75. 75 — Kenny Hickman \$50. 76 — Steve Johnson \$17.50. Gordon Leishman \$17.50. Darryl Hartig \$17.50.

Amateur Division

69 — Howard Logan (won in a playoff). 69 — Sammy Levinson. 70 — Ted Schultz. 71 — Jim Halfill. Denny Thompson. Pat Stephens. Mike Bibb. Jimmy Brown. 72 — Fred Allen. 73 — Jim Vincent. Steve Houchen. Bob Lacy. 74 — Bill Etscorn. Rick Cain. Bob Amato. Rickey Walters. Danny Miller.

PGA Club Pro Championship

At La Quinta, Calif.

Dana Quigley 73-70-66-209
Lonnie Nilson 71-69-72-212
Jay Overton 70-70-72-212
Bob Betley 71-71-70-212
Ray Freeman 69-70-73-212

Also

Ralph Landrum 74-66-75-215
Larry Gilbert 73-73-71-217

Failed to qualify

Jim O'Hern 75-77-74-226
Buddy Harston 80-72-80-232
John Phillips 76-81-86-243
Buddy Demling 81-78-84-243

Sunday match play

PGA Club Pro tourney

At Palm Springs, Calif.

138 — Larry Webb (Chandler, Ariz.).
142 — Bob Ford, Bob Wynn; 143 — Scott Bess, Roger Ginsberg. Others: 152 — Frank Beard (79-73); Jim O'Hern (76-76); 153 — Jack Barber (74-79); 154 — Larry Gilbert (74-80); 170 — Danny Biller (85-85).

Heileman Old Style Pro-Am tournament

At Midland Trail G.C., par-72
(From Louisville unless noted)

Professionals: 69 — Brown Cullen, \$750; 70 — Ralph Landrum (Burlington), Eddie Mudd, \$350 each; 72 — Jim O'Hern, \$150; 73 — Barry Basham, Carl Owen, Phil Krick, Alex Romanoff, Larry Smith (Lexington), all won \$72; 75 — Dick Bradow, \$40; 76 — Gene Fawbush (Perry Park), Eddie Tyree, \$40 each; 77 — John McGuire, Denny Thompson, \$40 each.

Four-man team: 54 — Todd Emerick (professional), Bill Krusen, Dennis Feldkamp, Chuck Kersey.

Two-man team: 63 — Emerick, Kersey; Barry Basham (pro), Ed Kiray.

National Club Pro

At Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

212 — Jim White (Council Bluffs, Iowa); 213 — Gary Ostrega (Colonia, N.J.); Ron Wells (Springfield, Ore.); 214 — Steve Denson (Wheaton, Ill.); Bill Schumaker (Columbia City, Ind.). Others: 215 — Larry Gilbert (Doe Valley Lake); 216 — Jim O'Hern (Louisville). Failed to qualify: 230 — Al Chrouser Jr. (Lexington); 237 — Phil Krick (Louisville); 235 — Jeff Kruempelma (Florence); 264 — Bobby Vaughan (Louisville).

U.S. Open qualifying

At Cedarhurst, N.Y.

Jim O'Hern, Louisville, 75-69-144; Brad Worthington, Mamaroneck, N.Y. 75-69-144.

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U.S. Open Qualifying

At Audubon CC, par 72

Top qualifiers: 142 — Jim O'Hern (Louisville); 144 — Scott Fraley (Elizabethtown); 145 — Harcourt Kemp (Louisville); 146 — x-Steve Rogers (Bowling Green). Alternates: 146 — Kenny Perry (Franklin); 148 — Bubba Clements (Louisville) and Phillip Blythe (Louisville).

Heileman Old Style Pro-Am

At Midland Trail G.C., par-72

Pro division: 67 — Denny Thompson (Louisville), \$500; 69 — Al Chrouser Jr. (Lexington), \$250; 71 — (tie) Larry Gilbert (Brandenburg), Eddie Mudd (Louisville), Jeff Kruempelma (Florence), Jim O'Hern (Louisville), \$162.50 each.

Two-man team: 58 — Jack Ridge (Lawrenceburg)-Jim Carpenter (Louisville); 59 — Kruempelma-Jim Nein (Louisville).

Four-man team: 55 — (Thompson, Alex Clark, Vic Koestel, George Feger); 55 — (Alex Romanoff, Bob Hepier, Mike Godwin, John Urton).

National Club Pro

At Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Bill Schumaker, \$25,000 73-69-72-70-284
Gary Ostrega, \$15,000 72-75-66-71-284
Rick Osberg, \$11,000 71-74-73-68-286
Larry Gilbert, \$11,000 69-73-73-71-286
David Glenz, \$9,000 74-74-68-71-287
Other
Jim O'Hern, \$5,750 74-72-70-73-289

PGA Club Pro tourney

At LaQuinta, Calif.

Larry Webb (Chandler, Ariz.) 70-68-74, 212; John Elliott (Delray Beach, Fla.) 71-73-70, 214; Bob Ford (Oakmont, Penn.) 71-71-73, 215; Scott Bess (Columbia, Mo.) 69-74-73, 216; Bob Wynn (Danville, Calif.) 68-74-75, 217; Don Padgett (Akron, Ohio) 71-78-68, 217. Others — Frank Beard 79-73-70, 222. Failed to qualify — Larry Gilbert 74-80-75, 229; Jack Barber 74-79-78 231; Jim O'Hern 76-83 235; Denny Biller 85-85-83 253.

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Kentucky PGA

At Owensboro Country Club

143 — Jim O'Hern (68-75), Larry Gilbert (74-69), 145 — Gene Fawbush (74-71); Jack Barber (75-70), 146 — Jeff McGill (72-74); 148 — Jack Freeman (74-74); 149 — Phil Krick (71-78).
150 — Moe Demling (78-72); Jim Suttie (74-76); 153 — Bill Schooley (76-77); Gordon Leishman (75-78); 154 — Luther Minor (75-79); 155 — Steve Johnson (80-75); Danny McQueen (78-77); 156 — Al Atkins (74-82); Bud Burkely (76-80); Bob Demling (73-83); Jeff Crumpleman (83-73); Jack Ridge (82-74); 157 — Bobby Baldwin (81-76); John McGuire (78-79); 158 — Clay Atcheson (81-77); Fred Settle Jr. (80-78); 160 — Denning Biller (81-79); Al Chrouser (81-79); Bobby Vaughan (81-79); 161 — Gene Swinney (81-80); 162 — Ken Hall (79-83); 163 — Gene Hilen (84-79); Carl Owen (80-83); 164 — Bob Strader (83-81).

O'Hern Wins State PGA Title

By ED ASHFORD

Courier-Journal Correspondent

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Jim O'Hern, pro at Louisville's Harmony Landing Country Club, shot a one-over-par 72 yesterday to capture the Kentucky Professional Golfers Association Tournament with a 54-hole total of 212.

O'Hern's round over the 6,238-yard Tates Creek Country Club Course was

the best of the day among the 26 professionals shooting for first-prize money of \$300.

The victory qualifies O'Hern for the National Club Pro Championship at Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 5-8, and also the National PGA classic at Dayton, Ohio, next summer.

Jim Ferriell, pro at Boone-Aire Country Club at Florence, was a one-stroke leader over O'Hern and Ashland's Al

JIM O'HERN

Victory Worth
\$300 to Him



Atkins going into the final round. He shot a 75 to wind up at 214 and second-place money of \$200.

Ferriell came to the 18th hole needing

a birdie to tie O'Hern, who had already finished, and force a playoff. He took a bogey on the hole.

Eddie Tyree and Brown Cullen Jr., both of Louisville, shared third with 219 totals.

Defending champion Gordon Leishman of Lexington shot a final-day 79 for a fifth-place total of 221.

Atkins faltered with an 82 and finished sixth. His score of 222, however, was good enough to earn the senior division title and a tourney payoff of \$80. Six players of age 50 or older made up the senior division.

Last year's senior division champ, Jack Ryan of Louisville Big Spring, did not compete.

KENTUCKY PGA FINISH

- 212—Jim O'Hern, Louisville (69-71-72) \$300.
- 214—Jim Ferriell, Florence (70-69-75) \$200.
- 219—Eddie Tyree, Louisville (72-72-75), Brown Cullen, Jr., Louisville (73-70-76), \$125 each.
- 221—Gordon Leishman, Lexington (70-72-79) \$90.
- 222—Al Atkins, Ashland (69-71-82), \$80.
- 226—Pete Doll, Frankfort (74-77-75), \$80.
- 227—Gary Feldman, Louisville (75-79-73), \$70.
- 228—Bert Croghan, Louisville (77-78-73), Gene Fawbush, Louisville (73-79-76), Ernie Sampson, Frankfort (75-74-79), Jim Osborne, Lexington (75-75-78), \$45 each.
- 229—Ron Hacker, Versailles (77-77-75), \$40.
- 230—Todd Houck, Ft. Knox (74-76-80), \$50.
- 231—Gene Swinney, Louisville (77-73-81) \$30.
- 232—George Engle, Middlesboro (74-78-80), Humzey Yessen, Lexington (76-78-78), \$30 each.
- 236—Bill Goldsmith, Maysville (80-75-81), \$30.
- 237—Spud Rawlings, Ft. Knox (80-77-80) \$25.
- 240—Gene Hillen, Mt. Sterling (78-79-81), \$25.
- 241—John Huffine, Owensboro (85-76-80), Joe Lally, Jr., Louisville (76-84-81) \$25 each.
- 246—Bill Meyer, Louisville (81-81-84) \$25.
- 250—Buck Blankenship, Harrodsburg (86-81-83), \$30.
- 253—Gene Sullivan, Louisville (83-84-86), \$25.
- 264—Dale Hamner, Henderson (92-89-83), \$30.

*Denotes Senior.

Governor's Open won by Tyree, but O'Hern Player of the Year

Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Eddie Tyree of Iroquois Golf Club in Louisville fired a two-under-par 68 yesterday to win the Governor's Open Golf Tournament with a two-day total of 135, while Jim O'Hern clinched Kentucky PGA Player of the Year award honors with a second-place finish.

O'Hern, pro at Harmony Landing Country Club at Goshen and last year's Player of the Year, entered the tournament at Juniper Hills Country Club with the 850 points toward the Player of the Year honor.

The second-place finish pushed his points to 925 to put the honor out of reach, with only one leg of the tour remaining.

O'Hern, who fired a 70 Saturday and then fired the best round of the day yesterday at 67, tied for second with Bob Hauer of Crescent Country Club in Cincinnati, who put together rounds of 69-68.

Tom Ewing of Catlettsburg won the amateur title when he fired a par on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff against Carmello Benassi of Frankfort. The two were tied at 142 at the end of two rounds.

GOLF

Challenge Cup matches

At Audubon C.C., par 72

Professionals 8, Amateurs 7

Best-ball results: Gene Fawbush-Denny Thompson (P) d. Tom Morrison-Greg Lehmann 3 and 2; Jimmy Riddle-Steve Flesch (A) d. Eddie Tyree-Glenn Dorton 1-up; Mike Campbell-Jeff Quammen (A) d. Jeff McGill-Mike Thrasher 3 and 2; John Phillips-Ross Smith (P) d. Greg Basham-Doug Logan 2 and 1; Jim O'Hern-Dick Bradow (P) d. Tom Musseman Jr.-Jimmy Brown 3 and 1.

Singles results: Fawbush d. Morrison 2 and 1; Campbell d. Tyree 2 and 1; Basham d. Thrasher 2 and 1; Riddle d. Dorton 1-up; Smith d. Lehmann 5 and 4; Logan d. McGill 5 and 4; Thompson d. Quammen 2 and 1; Phillips d. Flesch 4 and 3; Bradow and Musseman halve; O'Hern and Brown halve.

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U.S. Open district qualifying

At Audubon C.C., par 72

(All from Louisville unless noted)

Qualifiers: 141 — Pat Stevens (Richmond) and Jim O'Hern; 144 — Butch Grattan (Jeffersonville, Ind.) and Dick Bradow.

Non-qualifiers: First alternate: 147 — Philip Bytne; Second alternate: 147 — Harcourt Kemp; Third alternate: 148 — Jimmy Brown (Paducah); 148 — Jim Vincent (Owensboro); Dave Peege; 149 — Richard Schmitt, Scott Beard, Howard Logna (Shelbyville); 151 — Doug Feldman (Gilbertsville); Doug Logan (Shelbyville); 152 — Fred Mattingly (Richmond); Bruce Moellendick; 153 — Jon Stanley, Mike Thrasher (Bowling Green); 154 — Jamie Miller; 155 — Bubba Clements (Kissimmee, Fla.); Jeff Ayers, Randall Crowdis, Jim Vernon (Frankfort); Chip Montgomery; 156 — Bill Crabtree (Paducah); Stuart Beheler (Lexington); 157 — Michael Griggs (Bloomington, Ind.); Steve Smitha (Madison, Ind.); 158 — Bill Ridge (Lawrenceburg); John Kernohan (Bowling Green); 159 — Steven Stallings, Tim Logsdon, Glenn Dorton (Somerset); Al Chrouser (Lexington); 160 — Kerry Creason (Benton); 161 — Thomas Kienke (Richmond); Scott Bogdon (Clarksville, Ind.); Paul Ellington (Ashland); 162 — Moe Deming, Steve Halvachs (Lawrenceburg); 163 — Stuart Voyles (Floyds Knobs, Ind.); Drew Conliffe; 164 — Don Click (Bowling Green); 166 — Robert Braun (Kilmarnock, Vir.); 167 — Thomas Maled (New Albany, Ind.); Clyde Bailiff (Somerset); 169 — Buddy Miller WD — Richard Metzger.

TPS tournament

At Everett, Wash.

Joey Russell 63-69-132
Rick Fehr 65-68-133
David Canipe 66-67-133
Mike Gove 63-70-133
Tommy Armour III 65-69-134
Don Reese 66-68-134
Billy Pierot 69-65-134
Bob Lunn 67-67-134
Steve Hart 65-69-134

Others

Kenny Perry 71-65-136
Dave Stockton 70-66-136
Jim O'Hern 67-71-138
Ted Schulz 72-67-139
Fred Couples 70-70-140

GOLF

Kentucky Open

At Lakeside Golf Club, Par 72

205 — Dave Peege (68-66-69).
207 — Howard Logan Jr., Shelbyville (72-66-69).
208 — Jim Vernon, Frankfort (70-70-68).
209 — Ted Schulz (69-71-69).
210 — Eddie Mudd (69-70-71).
211 — Larry Gilbert, Brandenburg (70-71-71).
212 — Denny Thompson (71-76-68).
213 — Jim O'Hern, Goshen (73-72-72).
219 — Carl Owen, Jeffersonton (72-74-73).
220 — Bob Jeffers, Lucas (70-77-73); Greg Lehmann (71-74-75); Jeff Kruempel, Florence (72-72-76); Jeff McGill, Madisonville (74-71-75); Jimmy Bewley, Lucas (76-75-69); Rob Henschel, Lexington (69-72-79); Selby Wiggins, Richmond (73-74-73).
221 — Barry Pearce, Lexington (77-74-70); Doug Logan, Shelbyville (73-76-72).
222 — Claye Alcheson, Lexington (75-73-74); Phillip Hatchett, Bowling Green (75-73-74); Ross Smith, Maysville (74-74-74); Steve Hymer, Berea (74-75-73); Tommy Settle, Shelbyville (74-75-73).
223 — Bill Sergeant, Williamsburg (74-74-75); Daryl Hartig, Fort Thomas (74-77-72); Jim Halhill, Lexington (75-74-74); Mickey Ray, Somerset (74-76-73); Mike Crowe, Elizabethtown (74-74-75); Mike Thrasher, Valley Station (78-69-76); Ron Acree (76-76-71); Tim Philpot, Lexington (74-71-76).
224 — David Gould, Lexington (75-71-78); Don Wood (71-75-76); Greg Basham (77-73-74); John Hamilton, Richmond (75-74-75); Steve Houchen, Falmouth (74-76-74).
225 — Gene Fawbush, Perry Park (72-78-75); Vince Hamilton (78-73-74).
226 — Bill Harding (75-74-77); Jeff Quammen, Lexington (77-76-73).
227 — Dave Roberts (83-78-74); Gary Brown, Prestonsburg (77-74-76); Jack Barber, Lexington (76-78-73); Wesley Martin, Morehead (74-77-76).
228 — Mark Kemper (81-74-73); Sean Sutherland, Lexington (74-78-77); Tommy Shelton, Richmond (72-81-73).
229 — Al Chrouser Jr., Bowling Green (74-79-76); Bill Nash, Frankfort (73-77-79); Carmello Benassi, Frankfort (75-78-76); Glenn Dorton, Somerset (73-82-74); John Steinbrunner (78-77-74); Larry Smith, Lexington (77-77-78); Phillip Blythe (75-77-77); Scott Eilers, Lexington (73-78-78); Steve Johnson, Shelbyville (79-76-74).
230 — Bruce Walters, Pikeville (74-76-80); Bud Peterson, Lexington (75-74-81); David Wilson, Bronston (78-77-75); Don Click, Bowling Green (78-74-78); Jim Murphy, Lexington (78-75-77); Phil Krick (77-77-74); Tom Elliott, Covington (73-78-79).
231 — Billy Dentik, LaGrange (70-76-76); Don Caudill, Morehead (78-77-76); Jeff Guest, La Grange (76-74-81).
232 — Brown Cullen (77-76-80); Drew Augenstein, Owensboro (77-78-78); Eddie Tyree (75-80-78).
234 — Chris Chrisman, Lexington (76-79-79); Pat Conway, Bardonia (73-78-83).
235 — Jerry Gilbert, Vine Grove (78-77-80).

Golf

Ky. PGA

First-round scores in the 54-hole Kentucky PGA Championship at Lexington Country Club

72 — Larry Gilbert, Jeff Kruempel; 73 — Moe Deming, Jim O'Hern; 74 — Brown Cullen, Jeff McGill, Phil Krick; 75 — Gordon Waldespuhl, Eddie Tyree; 76 — Ken Hall, Gene Fawbush; 77 — Gordon Leshman, Glenn Dorton, Al Chrouser; Larry Smith, Jack Barber, Bobby Vaughn, Al Atkins, Jack Freeman.

78 — Gene Swinney, Steve Johnson, Bill Schooley; 79 — Carl Owen, Ken Hickman, Bobby Baldwin, Jack Merz; 80 — Jay Lumpkin, Luther Minor, Claye Alcheson, Don Click, Mark Kemper, Danny McQueen; 81 — Gene Hien; 83 — Pete Dolly.

84 — John McGuire, Jack Ridge; 85 — Greg Johnson, Bert Croghan; 87 — Gary Feldman; 88 — George Sullivan, Bud Burkley; 89 — Humzey Yesson; 90 — John Huttine, Jim Osborne, Bill Pulliam.

PGA pairings

Selected pairings for the first two rounds of the PGA national championship. Times are for today's round:

9:36 a.m. — Ralph Landrum, Bob Lohr, Clarence Rose; 9:54 a.m. — Russ Cochran, Tim Simpson, Larry Rinker; 10:48 a.m. — Tom Watson, Andy Bean, Greg Norman; 11:06 a.m. — Fuzzy Zoeller, Nick Price, Ray Floyd; 11:24 a.m. — Seve Ballesteros, Tom Kite, Mark O'Meara; 11:33 a.m. — Calvin Peete, Denis Watson, Gary Hallberg; 11:51 a.m. — Hal Sutton, Corey Pavin, Johnny Miller.

1:48 p.m. — Jim Albus, Ed Dougherty, Larry Gilbert; 2:24 p.m. — Arnold Palmer, Gary Player, Bobby Nichols; 2:42 p.m. — Curtis Strange, Jay Haas, Lanny Wadkins; 3 p.m. — Lee Trevino, Bernhard Langer, Andy North; 3:36 p.m. — Jack Nicklaus, Bill Kratzert, Jim Colbert; 3:45 p.m. — Craig Stadler, Dan Halldorson, Hubert Green; 4:03 p.m. — Fred Couples, Payne Stewart, Larry Mize; 4:57 p.m. — Mark Gurnow, Geoff Hensley, Jim O'Hern.

GOLF

Kentucky PGA match play championship

At Hunting Creek Country Club, par-72

FIRST ROUND

Ralph Landrum (Covington, Ky.) d. Bob Fraley (Elizabethtown, Ky.) 2-up.
Jimmy Bewley (Lucas, Ky.) d. Dick Bradow (Louisville) 1-up.
Tony Pancake (Louisville) d. Rocky Schooley (Utica, Ky.) 3 and 1.
Moe Deming (Louisville) d. Tom Harris (Owensboro, Ky.) 1-up.
Danny McQueen (Versailles, Ky.) d. Eddie Tyree (Louisville) 1-up.
Kenny Hall (Lexington) d. Larry Smith (Lexington) 1-up.
John Phillips (Frankfort) d. Chris Brown (Louisville) 3 and 1.
Glenn Dorton (Perry Park, Ky.) d. Carl Owen (Jeffersonton, Ky.) 3 and 2.
Jim O'Hern (Louisville) d. Gene Fawbush (Louisville) 5 and 4.
Buddy Harston (Lexington) d. John McGuire (Louisville) 5 and 4.
Ross Smith (Maysville, Ky.) d. Jack Merz (Fort Mitchell, Ky.) 1-up.
Bill Lee (Louisville) d. Gary Feldman (Gilbertsville, Ky.) 1-up.
Buddy Deming (Jeffersonton, Ky.) d. Mark Kemper (Louisville) 7 and 5.
Jack Freeman (Ashland, Ky.) d. Gene Hien (Frankfort, Ky.) 2-up.
Phil Krick (Louisville) d. Jerry Gilbert (Franklin, Ky.) 1-up.
Al Chrouser (Lexington) d. Lynn Sullivan (Murray, Ky.) 1-up.

SECOND ROUND

Landrum d. Bewley 6 and 5.
Pancake d. M. Deming 4 and 3.
Hall d. McQueen 1-up.
Dorten d. Phillips 1-up.
O'Hern d. Harston 3 and 2.
Smith d. Lee 4 and 3.
B. Deming d. Freeman 1-up.
Krick d. Chrouser 1-up.

TODAY'S PAIRINGS

Ralph Landrum vs. Tony Pancake, 8 a.m.; Kenny Hall vs. Glenn Dorton, 8:05 a.m.; Jim O'Hern vs. Ross Smith, 8:10 a.m.; Buddy Deming vs. Phil Krick, 8:15 a.m.

O'Hern's odds may be 'million to one,' but just teeing up in Open 'is big thing'



JIM O'HERN

'I'm capable of four good rounds.'

By **PAUL BORDEN**
Courier-Journal & Times Staff Writer

It is next Sunday afternoon, the final round of the U.S. Open golf championship. The voice of Henry Longhurst describes the closing holes for television viewers:

"Now coming up the fairway, two shots ahead of his playing partner Jack Nicklaus, is Jim O'Hern, pro at Harmony Landing Country Club in Louisville, Ky. With one hole to go, O'Hern is one under for. . ."

Wait a minute. Who was that he said? Jim O'Hern? Of Harmony Landing? Leading the U.S. Open? Why, the odds against that are. . .

"A million to one. That's about right," O'Hern said one day last week after qualifying for the 73rd National Open which gets underway Thursday at Winged Foot Country Club in Mamaroneck, N. Y.

"But I'm happy to be going. There are about 5,000 entries and only 120 spots open for the club pros, top amateurs and touring pros who don't automatically qualify. Just to tee it up in the Open is a big thing."

Such is the appeal of an Open that a man with a scant chance of winning spends the time to sharpen his game in the spring, goes through local and sectional qualifying and then takes a week

off to joust with windmills, a Don Quixote against a Jack Nicklaus.

Some, no doubt, hope for the instant fame that made Lee Trevino a superstar when he won the 1968 Open at Rochester, N. Y. Trevino is the exception. The rule is to fade back into obscurity, like Jack Fleck, Sam Parks or Orville Moody.

Others, while recognizing the odds against a victory, hope to gain the experience to help them make it on the PGA tour. Bob Mann is in that category. Mann is the 22-year-old assistant pro at Indiana University who will try to get an approved player's card this fall.

"I want to see how I stack up," said Mann, who qualified with O'Hern at Cincinnati. "But it's not a true test."

Depends on personal goals

O'Hern is in neither category. In his fifth year at Harmony Landing, it is doubtful even a victory would vault him onto the gypsy tour. "It all depends on your personal goals," he said. "What was Trevino when he won it—28? I'm 36 years old."

O'Hern likes to play in the tournament because it's like being in uniform for the Super Bowl or getting your name in a World Series box score. It's the place for a golfer to be on a June afternoon.

From a practical standpoint, the experience of teeing it up before a gallery of thousands against a Nicklaus can't do anything but help his game. And he has found just sitting and mixing with other pros has helped him become a better teacher.

O'Hern, who has tried to qualify for the tourney each summer since 1959, has played in two other Opens—in 1971 at Merion in Haverford, Pa., and last year at Oakmont, Pa. He failed to make the 36-hole cut either time. He also has played in seven National PGA championships and made the final two rounds twice.

"Just knowing I have made the cut in a national championship should help me this time," he said. "I feel I can do it and I feel I'm capable of four good rounds. One thing, the guys who play the tour are no more used to the rough than I am."

Ah, but to talk of winning is to become a small boy again, pounding a fist in a ragged baseball glove and dreaming of playing in the big leagues. The odds are even higher than that.

State pros name O'Hern Player of Year

Jim O'Hern, the 34-year-old pro at Louisville's Harmony Landing Country Club, was named Player of the Year by the Kentucky section of the Professional Golfers' Association yesterday.

The \$1,000 award is based on player finishes in eight tournaments around the state each year.

O'Hern won three of the tournaments — the Covington Championship, the Irvin Cobb Tournament in Paducah and the Governor's Open at Frankfort. He also placed third in both the Kentucky Open and the Kentucky PGA.

Placing second was Gordon Leishman, pro at Lexington's Idle Hour Country Club. Last year's Player of the Year, Moe Demling, of Louisville's Shawnee Golf Course, was sixth.

O'Hern, a graduate of St. Xavier High School, has been a pro at Harmony Landing for 12 years.

In addition to his Kentucky tournament appearances, he participated in the U.S. Open, the National PGA and the Westchester Classic.

However, O'Hern says he is not too anxious about joining the pro tour, adding: "I enjoy playing in these tournaments when I qualify, but I have three

young daughters at home and a move like that would pretty well wreck my family life for a while." The standings:

Jim O'Hern, Harmony Landing, 930 points; Gordon Leishman, Idle Hour, 781.6; Alan White, Owensboro Country Club, 622.3; Brown Cullen, Hurstbourne Country Club, 547.2; Carl Owen, Chenoweth Golf course, 515.8; Moe Demling, Shawnee Golf Course, 451; Al Atkins, Ashland Driving Range, 393.3; Gene Fawbush, Standard Country Club, 315.6; Jim Osborne, Hurstbourne, 244.2; Eddie Tyree, Iroquois Golf Course, 241.8.

Dave Baron, Crescent Hill, 241.5; Joe Lally Jr., Seneca, 235.5; Gordon Waldespuhl, Florence, 218.2; Ken Bogg, Iroquois, 149; Ed Bignon, Morehead Golf Club, 100; Gene Hilen, Mt. Sterling Country Club, 99.8; Bud Burkley, Shively Dixieland Driving Range, 90; Jack Ridge, Danville Country Club, 67; Lufhe Minor, Harlan Country Club, 54.8; Ron Hacker, Woodford Hills Country Club, 52.8.

Pete Doll, Frankfort Country Club, 39; Bert Croghan, Standard Country Club, 38.3; Ernie Sampson, Juniper Hill Golf Course, 34; George Engle, Middlesboro Country Club, 23; Terry Lally, Audubon, 15.2; George Sullivan, Cave City Park Mammoth Resort, 12; Steve Rawlings, Anderson Golf Club, 10.5; Bo Nelson, London Country Club, 10; Bill Carr, Lexington Lakeside Country Club, 10; John Huffine, Owensboro Windridge Country Club, 9; Paul Reuff, Somerset Country Club, 8; Humzey Yessin, Greenbrier Golf and Country Club, 7.5; Ron Peterson, Summit Hill Country Club, 6.5; Jack Freeman, Ashland Belfor Country Club, 4.5; Gene Swinney, River Road, 3; Ed D'Alessandro, Morehead, 3.

O'Hern, Cullen tie for lead in Kentucky PGA tourney

OWENSBORO, Ky. (AP) — Louisville golfers Jim O'Hern and Brown Cullen led the way into today's second round of the Kentucky Professional Golfers Association tourney at Owensboro Country Club.

O'Hern, pro at Harmony Landing Country Club, and Cullen, pro at Hunting Creek Country Club, shot four-under-par 67s yesterday to tie for the lead.

Tied in second place with 68s were Alan White of the host Owensboro Country Club, and Madisonville Country Club's Kent Cayce.

Defending champion Gordon Leishman of Lexington's Idle Hour Country Club shot a 69. The 72-hole tournament continues through Friday.

Jeff Kruempelman, Larry Gilbert tied for lead in PGA

From Special Dispatches

Larry Gilbert birdied the 18th hole to tie Jeff Kruempelman for the first-round lead in the Kentucky PGA Championship yesterday at the Lexington Country Club.

Gilbert and Kruempelman fired even-par 72s for a one-stroke lead over Moe Demling and Jim O'Hern. Two strokes back are Brown Cullen, defending champion Jeff McGill and Phil Krick.

Cullen qualified for the National PGA Seniors tournament by edging Gordon Waldespuhl by a stroke.

Three in front of Nicklaus

O'Hern's 76 looking good, considering Oakmont terrors

By JOHNNY CARRICO
Courier-Journal & Times Staff Writer

OAKMONT, Pa. — On a day when the Oakmont County Club had its terrors for a lot of people — including the great Jack Nicklaus — Jim O'Hern's 76 didn't look too bad.

The Louisville pro from Harmony Landing, playing in his eighth PGA Championship, had a chance to par in for a nice 74 coming to the 17th hole.

But he took bogeys on the final two holes for a five-over-par 76. A three-putt brought a bogey on the 17th and he missed a downhill eight-footer on the closing hole that gave him a pair of 38s.

Putting O'Hern's round in perspective, it tied him with Gary Player and beat Nicklaus by three — and that's a pretty good neighborhood to occupy.

The main topic of conversation yesterday was the sensitivity of the greens. They were ultra-fast until a prodigious rainstorm slammed into the Allegheny River Valley around 1:30 p.m., and put everything on hold.

"The best putts I made all day were the ones I thought were going to be eight feet short," O'Hern said.

That gives you an idea of how fast the greens were. "I played here in the Open in 1973," O'Hern recalled, "and the greens were nothing like that then."

O'Hern, the current Kentucky PGA champion, has made the cut in the national PGA twice before — at Tulsa in 1970 and at Oakland Hills in Birmingham, Mich., in 1972.

Fuzzy Zoeller is the best-known tour performer from the Kentucky-Indiana area, but Bill Kratzert of Ft. Wayne, Ind., may be a fast-rising star.

Kratzert was in a threesome with Ben Crenshaw and after seven holes trailed Crenshaw by seven strokes. He played the last 11 holes in four under par for a 70 that left him one stroke behind Crenshaw for the early lead. It was a stout performance in light of the speed of the greens.

Kratzert must have speculated what could have happened if he hadn't had such a bad beginning. He three-putted No. 1, was in a bunker on No. 2 and missed a six-footer for a par and was in the rough and a bunker on No. 4 for bogeys on all three.

The 26-year-old Kratzert and his wife Cheryl Ann are expecting their first child any day.

"I expect a phone call anytime," he said. "Imagine if I'm coming to the last two holes Sunday needing a couple of pars to win and I get that phone call."

Zoeller and Bobby Nichols both shot 75s. Fuzzy was even par at nine but lost

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two strokes on the first three holes of the back nine. He three-putted three times in the round.

Said Zoeller: "On No. 2 I'm 10 feet from the hole and the closest I got on the putt was 10 feet past. That's no fun. If that's what they want (fast greens), they can have them. The hell with them."

O'Hern recalled in a Wednesday practice round with Zoeller that Fuzzy was four feet from the hole and lagged to keep from three-putting.

"Charlie Coody was telling me in the locker room yesterday that a computer figured the field will average three three-putt greens per round," said O'Hern. "That's 450 three-putt greens the first day."



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Tom Watson obviously likes what he sees as his birdie putt finds the hole at the 10th green during yesterday's play in the PGA. Watson finished the round with a 67 to become the first-day leader.

O'Hern played at 7:09 in the second threesome to tee off. He had to get up at 4:30 to make his starting assignment.

Nichols, who won the PGA at Columbus in 1964, said he had only played two rounds of golf in warming up for the tourney.

"I kind of got tired of golf and I was pretty busy at the club (Firestone in Akron, Ohio). But then you tend to get tired sooner when you're not playing well. There are a lot of severe greens here — 18, as a matter of fact. I probably wouldn't have played except I feel I ought to (as a past champion) and it's close to home."

Some quotes:

✓ Club pro Bill Galloway, who led early with a 70: "I wasn't too worried about missing putts since I knew other people were missing too."

✓ Crenshaw: "Three-footers are no fun at Oakmont. It's hard to make birdies, so I'm just trying for pars."

✓ Nicklaus: "A 79 is better than 80 and I've had 80s in major tournaments before. I'm hoping the cut is low; I'm playing so badly I wouldn't want to continue. But I could have a 66 tomorrow and be back in it. I was on the 16th green when the rain hit and I was glad because I thought I'd have to play better when it stopped. I came back and three-putted."

✓ Lanny Wadkins, the defending champion: "The way Jack was playing I thought I was looking in the mirror and seeing myself a couple of years ago."

✓ Before the rain, Zoeller felt a score of 160 might make the cut (the low 70 and ties will play tomorrow and Sunday), and he added, "155 for sure."

Rex Caldwell, who had a surprising 70, said he was playing so badly his second year on the tour in 1976 that he came within a four-foot putt of losing his tour card.

"It was the last putt of the year for me and the last tournament," he recalled. "If I hadn't made that four-footer I'd have had to go back to qualifying school."

The Santa Barbara, Calif., pro had already missed the cut five times this year and this is his first major tournament.

"I played practice rounds Tuesday and Wednesday and didn't play well at all," said Caldwell. "I hate practice rounds. If I can find something better to do I'll do it."

O'Hern, Gilbert share KPGA lead

Excuse me if you've read this before, but today's final round of the Kentucky PGA Championship at Owensboro Country Club features Jim O'Hern and Larry Gilbert tied for the lead.

Not exactly your basic newcomer-makes-good story. Between the two of them — O'Hern from Louisville and Gilbert from Brandenburg — they've won seven of these KPGA affairs, the tournament that's held annually to decide just who among the Kentucky teaching pros best practices what he preaches.

O'Hern, the first-round leader who is back in the tournament for the first time in three years, spread his three victories throughout the course of a 19-year career as the pro at Harmony Landing Country Club.

Gilbert's trophies, however, are of more recent vintage. The Doe Valley Country Club pro has won the last four KPGA championships and his 3-under-par 69 Wednesday offered a hint that he's ready for another.

Gilbert and O'Hern — sounds like a Broadway production team — are deadlocked at 143 for the tournament, or one under par for their two days efforts and will be paired together when play starts at 9 a.m..

And just to keep things interesting, another couple of fair-to-middlin' club pros — Jack Barber and Gene Fawbush — are two shots behind and just licking their chops as is Jeff McGill, yet another shot behind.

Barber, out of Lexington C.C., had a 2-under-par 70 while

Fawbush, from Glenwood Hall C.C., had a 71. McGill, the former Owensboro High School standout who is now the pro at Madisonville C.C., slipped to a 74 after an opening-round 72.

It's not likely, however, that they'll get anything but sloppy seconds; Gilbert and O'Hern are not known to exactly gag at the thought of pressure.

Take, for example, O'Hern's rather unspectacular round of 75 yesterday. Great is the number of first-round leaders, especially those who shot a 68 under the conditions O'Hern shot his, would be slamming clubs and muttering in earthy tones, sometimes under their breath, most times not.

O'Hern, however, just smiled as he turned in his scorecard and went about the business of packing up his PowerBilts.

"Never really got anything going," was the rather blasé way O'Hern described his rather blasé day.

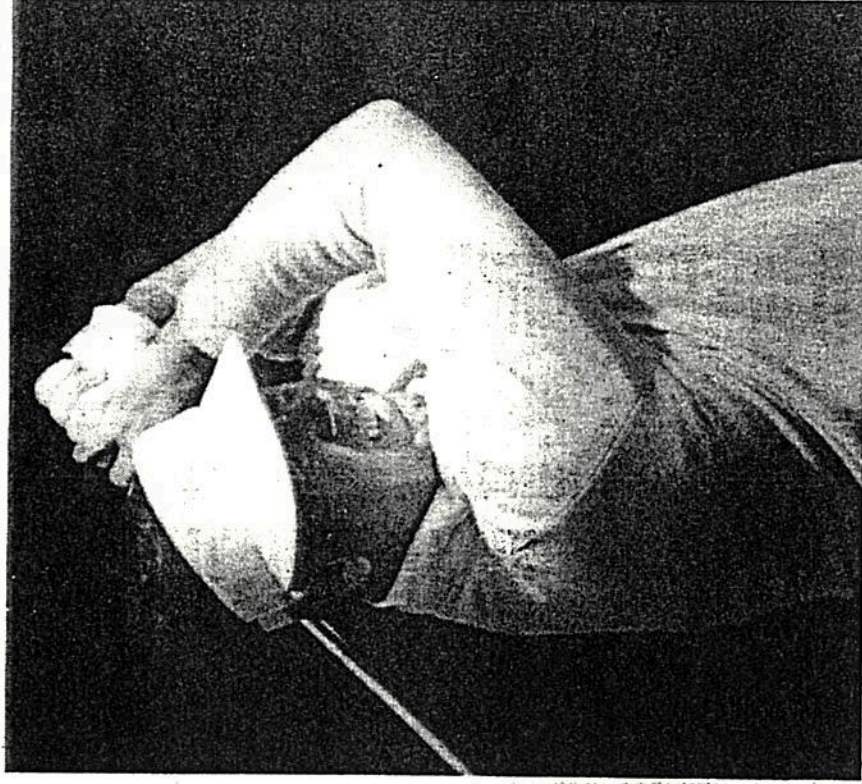
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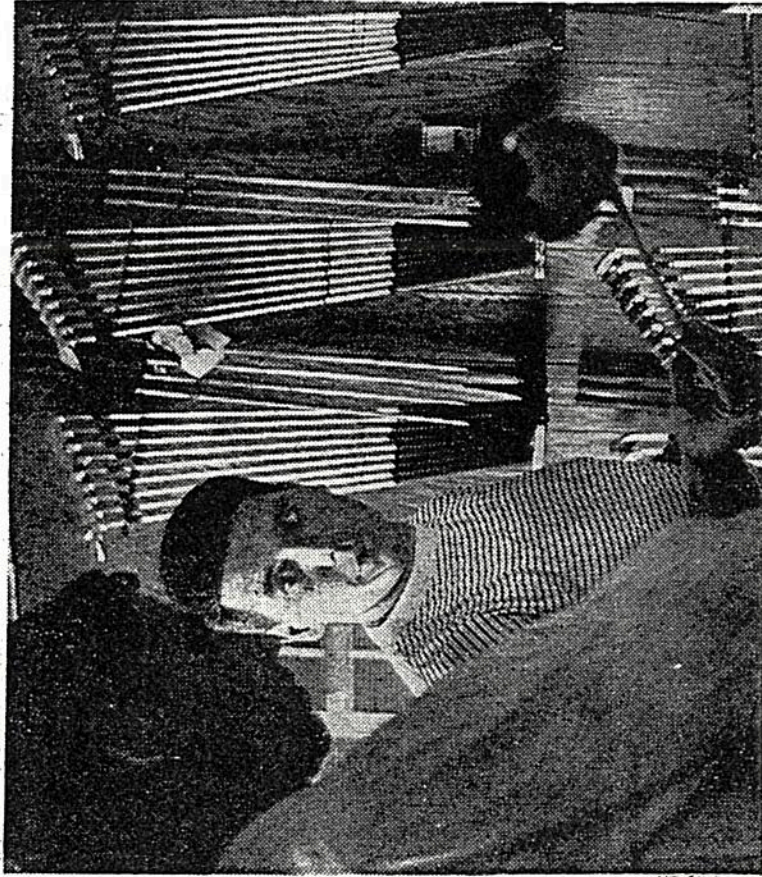
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Don Reimer, Messenger-Inquirer
Jim O'Hern struggled to a 75 Tuesday but still holds a share of the Kentucky PGA Championship lead.

STARS IN SPORTS

Jim O'Hern: Pro Gave Up Base Hits for



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Although Harmony Landing pro Jim O'Hern won Kentucky's qualifying spot in the National PGA Championship, he says playing is less than 10 per cent of a club pro's job. Merchandising and teaching take up most of his time.

By JOHNNY CARRICO

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Jim O'Hern got to play a lot of baseball at shortstop during his high school days at St. Xavier. It wasn't by choice, however.

The son of one of the leading amateur golfers in the area three decades ago, Jim O'Hern Sr., young Jim got started in golf when he was 8 years old. He expected to play a lot by the time he got to high school. However, at St. X., his rivals for the positions on the golf team were Jouett Brown, Bobby Nichols and Frank Beard.

Beard and Nichols now are established professional stars while Brown, a club pro, played some on the tour.

"With that kind of competition I didn't play much golf and I concentrated on baseball," O'Hern, now a professional himself at Harmony Landing Country Club, said.

Round-the-Clock Work

The gap in his high school golf apparently didn't have any lasting effect on O'Hern's game. Last week he won Kentucky's qualifying spot in the National Professional Golfers' Association Championship for the third time and is eligible to play in the PGA at San Antonio, Tex., later this month.

O'Hern's near round-the-clock job at Harmony Landing during the golf season leaves him little time for playing or outside activity. What spare time he has goes into the overseeing of a four-

bedroom house he is having built near the Harmony Landing course.

"I never get far from the golf course," O'Hern said. "Right now we're living over the pro shop and the new house will be near the No. 11 green and overlooks three other holes."

O'Hern has two daughters and his wife, Sue Ann, is expecting a third child. Sue Ann is the daughter of a former playing partner of O'Hern, Ed Schoenbaechler.

O'Hern says the playing part of his pro job takes up less than 10 per cent of his time. "A club pro is basically a retail operator with a business to run. It helps, of course, to be a good player since members enjoy playing with a good player and pupils have more confidence in you as a teacher."

That O'Hern is very good is attested to by an eight-under-par 62 he had at Juniper Hills in Frankfort two years ago. However, the round he remembers best

was a 65 at the same course. It won him the Governor's Open in 1965. "It wasn't so much the score but the \$1,000 I won that sticks in my mind," he said.

O'Hern, who is 30, still retains the good looks of his youth and uses his winter vacation for playing. "Several members and I usually go to Jamaica to play in a pro-amateur tournament and sometimes I go on to Florida to play in the Doral Open or the Pensacola Open," he said.

The six-foot, 185-pound O'Hern first got into competitive golf on a fulltime basis at Bellarmine College, where he finished second and third in two Old Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournaments. He subsequently qualified for the National Public Links championship two years.

In 1957, O'Hern said he had a golfing thrill he still remembers well. He caddied for Billy Casper when Casper won the Old Kentucky Derby Open at Seneca Golf Course.

Birdies



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A one-stroke difference

Larry Gilbert watched his ball during the Jeff Elks golf tournament, which he won yesterday. Gilbert had a score of 69-71 — 140. Jim O'Hern (above) tied for second at 141. (Story, Page C 6.)