

FRED GRONAUER TAKES EARLY LEAD IN DISTRICT PLAY

Dick McCreary Defends Title In Classy Field

Lack of Practice May Prove Big Handicap to 1937 Champion.

BULLETIN

Fred Gronauer, Pleasant Run, shot an even par 35-37-72 to lead the early finishers in the Indianapolis District meet at Broadmoor today. Other early scores: Bill Weber, 41-40-81; Robert Crouch, 42-41-82; Wayne Montfort, 43-41-84; Ed Dorsett, 41-44-85; Raleigh Bennett, 42-43-85; Hugh Chestnut, 43-44-89; Richard Tyner, 44-47-91.

The 54-hole medal play championship tournament under the sponsorship of the Indianapolis District Golf Association opened this morning at Broadmoor with more than 200 linksmen seeking the title held by Dick McCreary, last year's champion.

First to face the Broadmoor Country Club course at 8:20 was the foursome of Robert Crouch, Wayne Montfort, Richard Tyner and Bill Weber. Other foursomes followed at five and 10-minute intervals.

McCreary of the Country Club defending his title was to leave the first tee at 12:30 p. m. with three other crack golfers, Ike Cummings, Frank Shields and Sam Simpson any of whom are considered a good chance to win. The winner of three titles a year ago, the state amateur, junior and Indianapolis district, McCreary is attempting to avenge his fourth year in a year handicapped by lack of practice this spring.

Bill Reed Jr. Entered

Freshman examinations at Indiana University kept McCreary from his customary early rounds.

Other outstanding contenders and their starting times are Clayton Nichols, South Grove, 8:30; last year's runnerup, Fred Gronauer, Pleasant Run, 8:25; who came in one shot back of Nichols and McCreary in 1937; Bill Reed Jr., Coffin, 12:35, fourth place winner last year; Wayne Montfort, 8:25; who came in among the first 10 in 1937; Phil Talbot, Bloomington, 12:45; Mike Pollak, Coffin, 12:35; John McGuire, Speedway, 1:05; and O. E. Cummings, Fortville, 8:50.

G. A. Young of West Lafayette, Indiana Golf Association President, Athletic Coaches Frank Baird, Ed Diederich, Bob Nipper and Tony Hinkle also are entered.

Others Bear Watching

Other stars who will bear watching are Leonard Oliver, Sarah Shank, 8:40; Phil Renforth, Fortville, 8:50; Dick Keil, Coffin, 11:40; Ray Jones, Speedway, 12:25; John Davis, Hillcrest, 12:55; Dick Taylor, West Lafayette, Bob Hobbs, Speedway, 1:10; and Dale Morey, Martinsville, 1:50.

Tomorrow the play moves to Speedway and will conclude at Meridian Hills Wednesday barring a first place tie which has occurred five times in the last seven championship meets.

Considering that both the field and the courses are fast this year and that over a nine-year period the winning scores have been 221, 228, 224, 218, 229, 227, and 223, close observers are predicting a better than a 225 score to win.

Women Begin Play In Western Open

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., June 13 (U. P.).—More than 70 of the nation's leading women golfers begin play today in the Western Open tournament at the Broadmoor course.

Mrs. Helen Hicks Harb of Little Rock, Ark., former women's National Open champion, was an early favorite. The field also includes Mildred (Babe) Dickinson of Beaumont, Tex.; Mrs. Opal Hill of Kansas City; and Faye Berg, the 20-year-old Minneapolis golfer who Saturday won the Trans-Mississippi tournament at Tulsa, Okla.

Others participating in today's 18-hole qualifying rounds were Shirley Ann Johnson of Chicago, Mrs. Hayes Damsburg of Rochester, Minn., Mrs. Lillian Zech, Chicago, and Beatrice Barrett of Minneapolis.

The 32 low scorers will be paired for match play starting tomorrow. The 36-hole finals are scheduled for Saturday.

McCORMACKS SWEEP CLUB CASTING EVENTS

Charles McCormack, Indianapolis Hunting and Fishing Club president, and members of his family walked off with most of the prizes at the club's annual outing and casting meet at Riverside Hatchery yesterday.

The "B" division casting title was won by Mr. McCormack, his wife took first in the women's event and Charles McCormack Jr. was the winner in the 7-to-12-year-old division.

Marion Sturm, national junior archery champion, gave an exhibition and other events included games and races.

GARFIELDS RETAIN CAPITOL LOOP LEAD

The Garfield A. C.'s, leaders in the Capitol City League, remain undefeated in season play after yesterday's 16 to 10 triumph over Wade's Tigers at Garfield Park. The games was called at the end of the eighth inning because of the 6 o'clock Sunday law. Score:

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Tigers 609 202 60-10 7 4
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Trained for Open as for Prize Fight, Guldahl Says

By JOE WILLIAMS
Times Special Writer

DENVER, June 13.—The prize ring and the golf course have little in common, yet whistling Ralph Guldahl, the transplanted Texas heavyweight, who looks something like Carl Morris of the old white hope days, argues eloquently to the contrary.

The big fellow who has just won the National Open Golf Championship twice in a row, coming from behind at the end of 54 holes to spread-eagle a brilliant field with a sub par 69, told me today he won mainly because he had trained and prepared himself for the test as if he were going into a prize fight.

"From the start I naturally trained hard to be in physical condition," he said. "All golfers do that. Next I decided to come out here in advance and work out against my opponent—in this instance, the treacherous Cherry Hills course."

"This is a break the golfer has that the fighter doesn't," Guldahl said. "A Louis can't work out against his actual opponent. The best he can do is work out against some one who affects the general style and tactics of the opponent. But, to repeat, the golfer has his opponent in front of him for as many workouts as he cares to make."

The champion continued to talk in fight terms. "What I had to find out about my opponent was whether it would be wise to box him or fight him and when reached the conclusion the best thing to do was to go in for finesse in the Tunnay manner."

This was beginning to get a little vague until Guldahl explained that the course placed a premium on the controlled tee shot. "After I had three workouts I was satisfied this was no place to use a driver off the tee. In this third workout I had scored an even par 71, too. The score was satisfactory enough but the performance wasn't. I had missed eight fairways from the tee. What helped the score was the fact I had 14 one-putt greens. I knew that couldn't keep up so I put my driver back in the bag for the duration of the championship."

An Effective Formula

On second thought, the champion admitted this wasn't altogether so. "I did use the driver off the tee at the 10th and 11th holes because there was less chance of danger at those two points. But off all the other tees, except the extremely short ones, of course, I used either a spoon or a brassie."

As every golfer knows, it is easier to control a shot with the lighter woods than the Dempsey-like driver. Guldahl's practice rounds had taught him where to place his tee shots to get the best and safest shot at the green. His formula was to soften the hole up with his tee shot and then stiffen it with his iron.

The formula proved to be very effective, and while the champion didn't get the decision over him in any way. Par for 72 holes here is 284. Guldahl didn't break par but he played it exactly even. Which is proof enough he had made an excellent and profitable study of his opponent.

Couldn't Believe It

At these big championships they have attendants who follow the contestants carrying individual score cards held high in the air to inform the gallery as to the current status of the player. Thus the cards will read, "So-and-So 2 under par," "Whosit 4 under par," etc.

The only time I was really disturbed during the last round," revealed Guldahl, "was when I looked up and saw a card which showed Dick Metz to be 7 over par. I just couldn't believe that. And some minutes later when I happened to see another card which had Jimmy Hines 5 over par I was sure somebody was playing a trick on me."

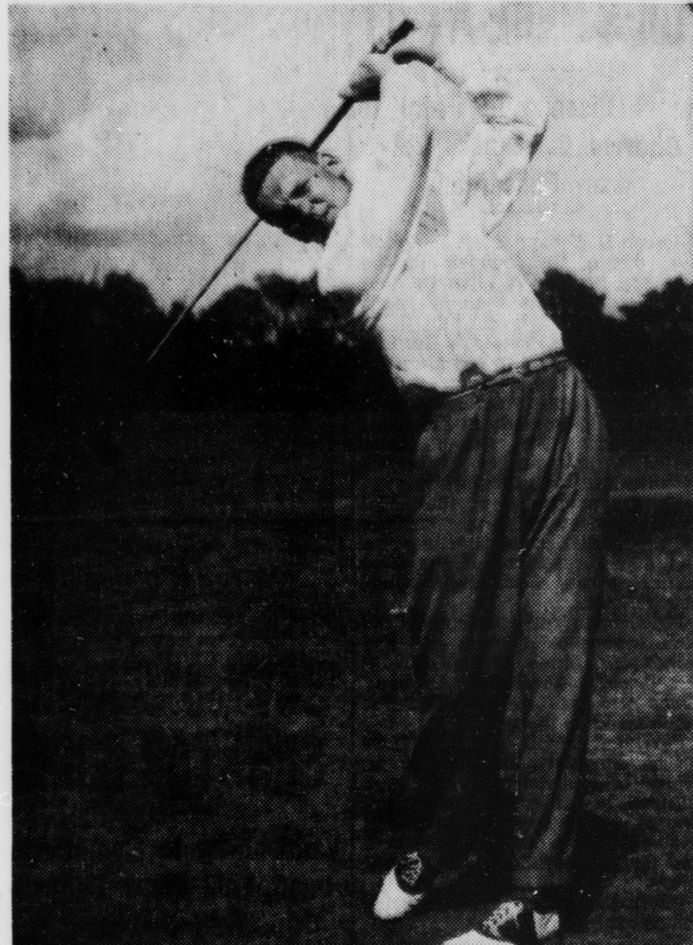
By implication Guldahl said he was as surprised as anybody else when he learned definitely that players like Metz and Hines (the two he had beat at this stage) had exploded all over the billowy landscape. "They certainly made it easy for me," he smiled.

"They did nothing of the sort."

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Dick McCreary

GOLFING

THOMAS W. KERCHEVAL has announced the second tournament of the season for members of the Indianapolis Real Estate Board and their guests to be held Thursday, June 23 at the Indianapolis Country Club. Prizes are to be awarded the winners following a dinner at 6:30 p. m.

On the golf committee of which Mr. Kercheval is chairman are Joseph H. Argus, vice chairman; William C. Albershard, Jack C. Carr, Edward A. Hyde, William V. Kingdon, Joseph J. Klee, Forest M. Knight, Henry L. Simons and Fred C. Tucker.

George Stark, Woodstock, and Roy Smith of Hillcrest, defeated Dick and Wally Nelson at Lake Shore 1 up in 12 holes as darkness halted play.

Mrs. Claire Morris and Cecil Weathers won a two-ball mixed foursome at the Country Club yesterday, posting an 86. Second place went to Mrs. Dudley Gallahue and Ike Cummings with 88. Low net was won by Mrs. C. E. Rogers and William Morris with their 91-24-67 and second place by Mrs. Dave Stone and Vern Ray who shot a 92-21-71.

SPEEDWAY downed the Bloomington team at the Country Club in a 13-man intercity match 24½ to 14½. The summary:

Speedway	Bloomington
Gardner..... 21	Harrison..... 12
Polak..... 21	Hudlin..... 0
McCreary..... 18	McCreary..... 12
Owens..... 18	McCreary..... 12
Jones..... 0	McCreary..... 12
Boone..... 0	McCreary..... 12
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Nash..... 0	McCreary..... 12
Webster..... 3	McCreary..... 12
24½	14½

Mike Pollak fired a 70 for low medalist honors on the Speedway squad. A return match will be played at Bloomington Aug. 8.

R. L. Willey scored a hole-in-one at Lake Shore Saturday when his tee shot on the ninth dropped into a waste basket set near the tee.

In the two ball foursome tournament at Woodstock, Betty Brown and Walter Walsh took first with a 89-34-55, followed by Mrs. F. Wolff and George Kuhn with 87-27-60, and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Moore with 101-34-67.

THE Hillcrest caddy tournament was won by a team of Bill Okey, George Trippoli, Steve Davis and Albert Bidwell with a best ball 72. Mervin Milton, Elmer Morse, Beanie Hulls and Bill Lee were second with a 75. Low medalist was Steve Davis with a 79.

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4 New Lakes Ready for Start of Fishing Season

By United Press

Hoosier fishermen will return to the state's lakes and streams Thursday morning for re-opening of the season on bass, perch, pike, pickerel, bluegills, sunfish, and crappies following a month and a half closed period.

Virgil M. Simmons, Conservation Commissioner, predicted that some of the best fishing in recent years was in store for Indiana's anglers.

"Streams and lakes are in fine condition. A record hatch of game fish has been reported during the spawning season and the millions of fish planted last year have grown exceptionally fast," Simmons said.

Four lakes will be opened for the first time for Hoosier anglers, two in Brown County State Park and two in the Morgan-Monroe State Forest. These lakes have been stocked heavily with bass and other game fish over a period of several years, Simmons said. No boats will be permitted on these lakes.

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Hint Job for McCracken

Ex-Hoosier Star May Succeed Dean.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., June 13 (U. P.).—Branch McCracken, coach at Ball State Teachers College, today was believed to be in line for the vacancy at Indiana University caused by the appointment of Everett S. Dean to the coaching staff of Stanford University at Palo Alto, Cal.

Athletic director Z. G. Clevenger neither affirmed nor denied the report, but Dean is said to have approved the selection of McCracken, a former All-America center on Indiana's basketball team.

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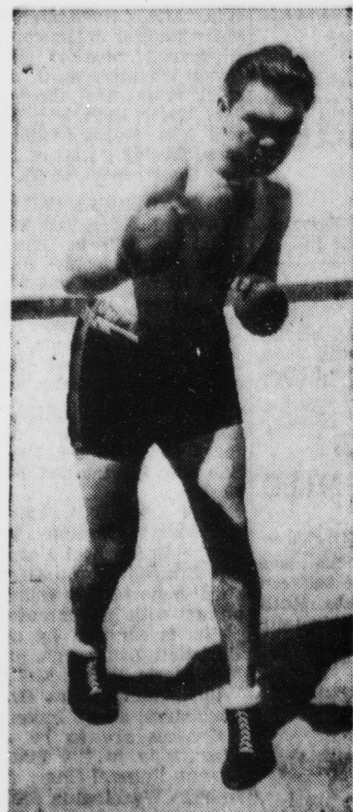
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