

FRED GRONAUER TAKES EARLY LEAD IN DISTRICT PLAY

Dick M'Creary 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, 42-41-83; Wayne Montfort, 43-41-84; Ed Dorsett, 41-44-85; Raleigh Bennett, 42-43-85; Hugh Chestnut, 45-44-89; 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 M'Creary, 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 9:15 and 10:15 intervals.

M'Creary, 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 conceded a good chance to win. The winner of three titles a year ago, the state and national amateur and district champion, M'Creary, is attempting to annex his fourth within a year handicapped by lack of practice this spring.

Bill Reed Jr. Entered

Freshman examinations at Indiana University kept M'Creary 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 M'Creary and McGraw in 1937; Bill Reed Jr., Coffey, 12:35, fourth place winner last year; Wayne Montfort, South Grove, 8:20, 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, 8:30.

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 Kell, Coffey, 11:40; Ray Jones, Speedway, 12:25; John David, 12:35; Dick Taylor, West Lafayette, Bob Hobbs, Speedway, 1:10; and Dale Morey, Martinsville, 1:30.

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

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, 225, 228, 224, 218, 228, 229, 227, 228, 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 Women's 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) Didrikson of Beaumont, Tex.; Sophie Hall of Kansas City, and Pattee 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 Ladd of Birmingham, Mrs. Mabel, Mrs. Lillian French, Chicago, and Beatrice Barrett of Minneapolis.

The 36 low scores will be paired for match play starting tomorrow.

The 16th and 18th holes are scheduled for Saturday.

M'CORMACKS 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 "F" 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 12-to-12-year-old division.

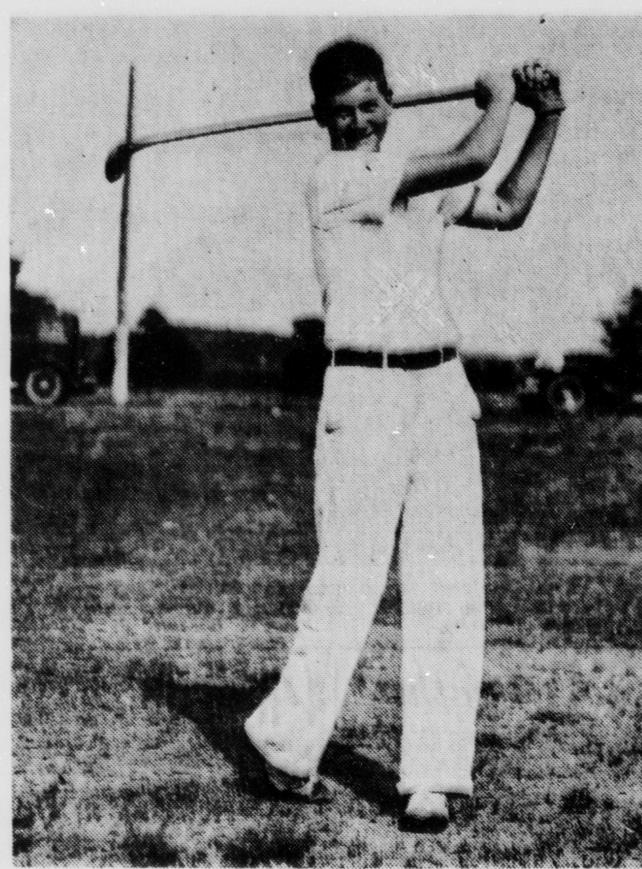
Marion Sturm, national junior archery champion, gave an exhibition and other events included games and races.

GARFIELDS RETAIN CAPITOL LOOP LEAD

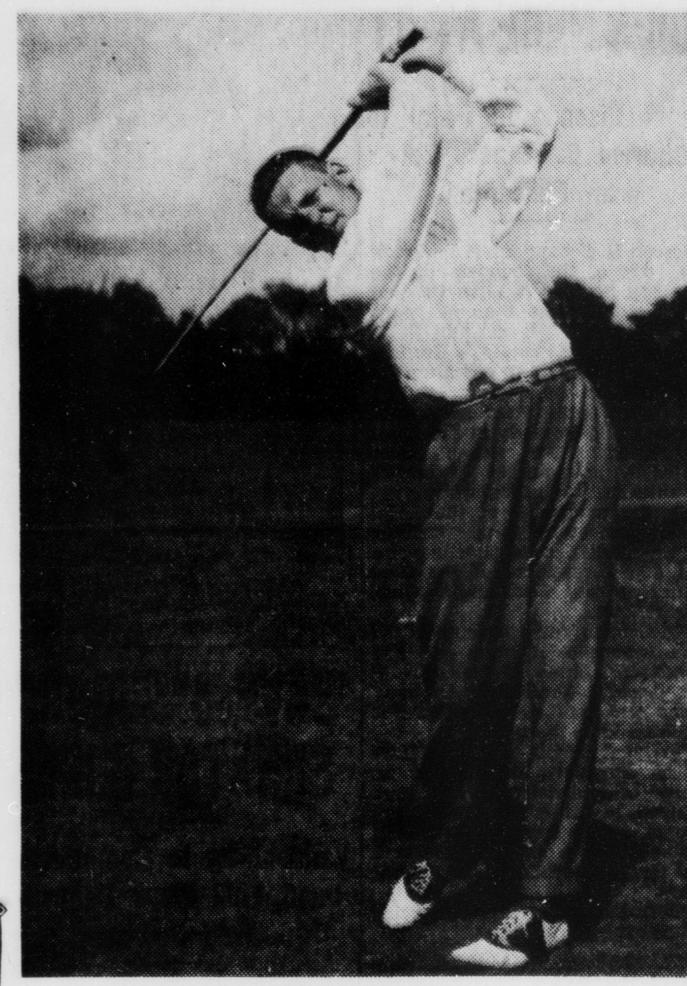
The Garfield, A. C.'s, leaders in the Capitol City League, remain undefeated in season play after yesterday's 10 to 10 triumph over Wade's Tigers at Garfield Park. The game was called at the end of the eighth inning because of a 6 o'clock Sunday law score.

Eggert, Moore and Jenkins; Collier, Bradford and Butch and Bradford.

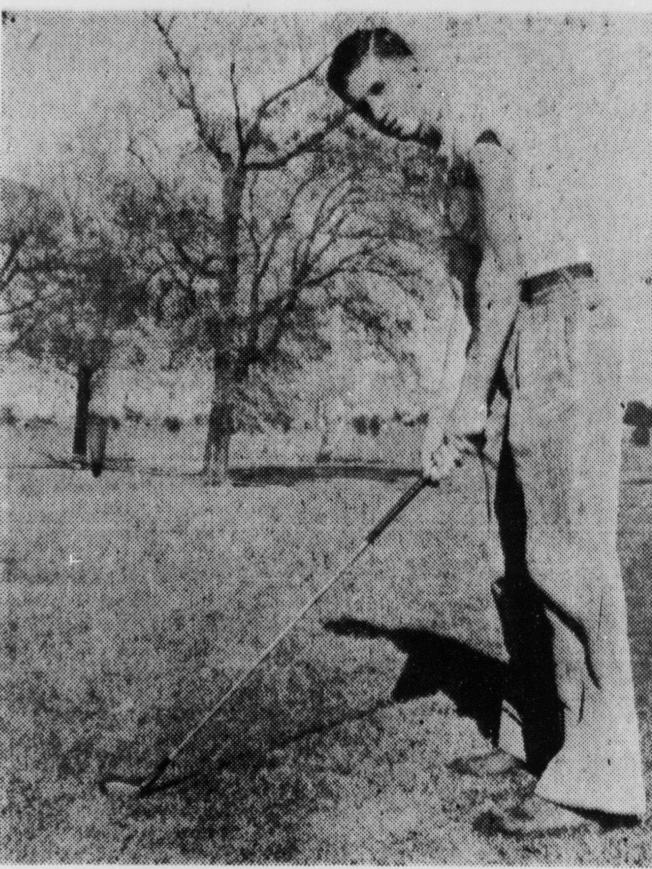
BETTER SHOES for Less AT KINNEY'S 138 E. Washington St.



John David



Dick McCreary



Dale Morey

Trained for Open as for Prize Fight, Guldahl Says

By JOE WILLIAMS
Times Staff 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

cut a sub 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.

"You made it tough on them. They could have played their own game and you still would have won easily."

Guldahl didn't offer any comment on this beyond the fact that he was well satisfied with his closing rounds of 71, 69. The new champion is establishing himself as a stretch runner of the Man O' War type. In winning at Detroit a year ago he had closing rounds of 72, 69 and he had to come from behind there too.

Comparative golf scores have little value since the test of golf as presented by different courses varies sharply. Taking the records at their face value probably the finest finisher of our time were presented by George Schmid of Fresh Meadow when he won with 70-66.

This is four shots under Guldahl's total for corresponding rounds and was made on a stiff scoring course.

The champion continued to talk in fight terms. "What I had to find out about my opponent was whether it would be easier to box him or fight him and I soon reached the conclusion the best thing to do was go in for dunes in the Tunny 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 that I could go to a short 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."

R. L. Willsey 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.

It was apparent that the majority of almost 5000 fans who saw the long drill held a contrary opinion. They cheered the German throughout the workout.

In the entire session Max showed only one flash of viciousness. Against heavyweight Joe Mack, he let go a dozen stiff right hands to the head and jaw, visibly rocking his man.

After the workout Dr. William H. Walker, of the State Athletic Commission, pronounced the challenger in top physical condition.

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