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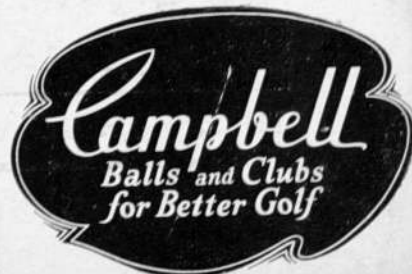
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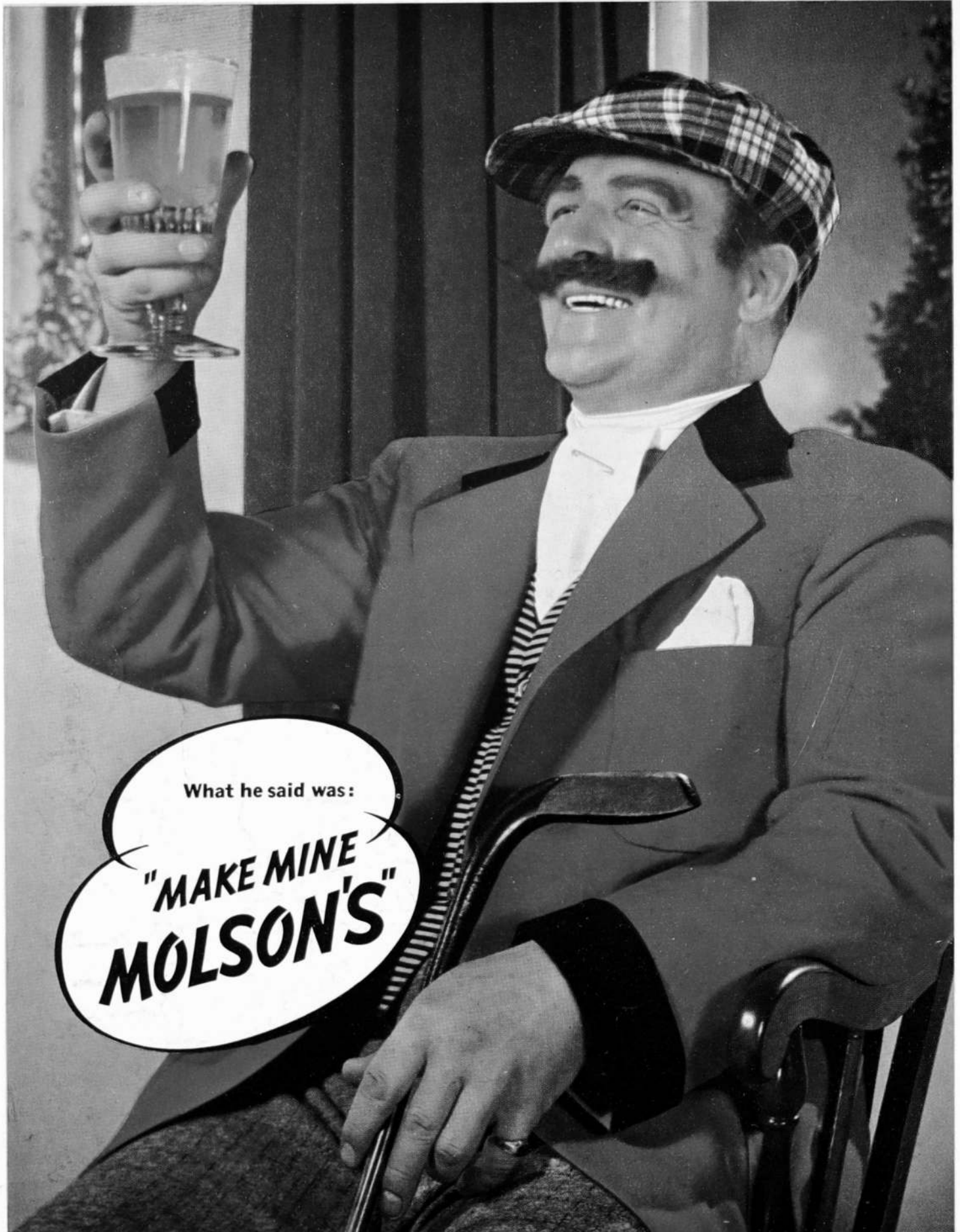
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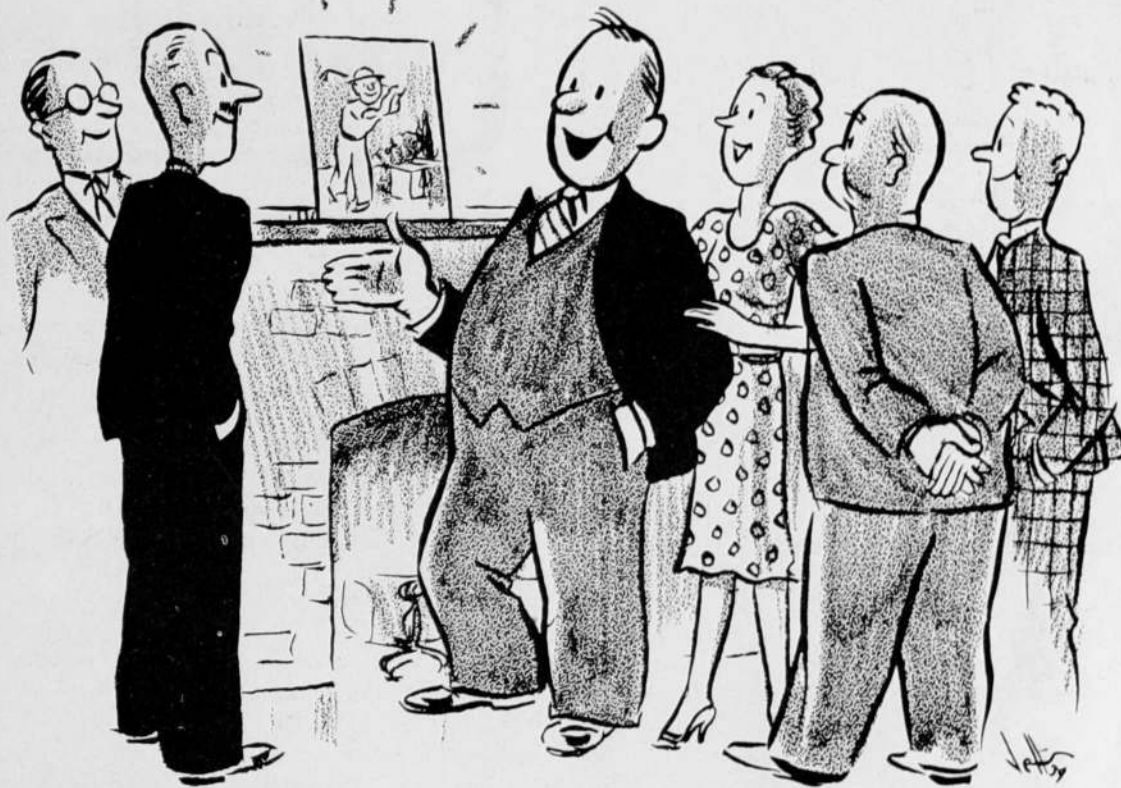
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BEAUTY BROWSES BRUNO'S BUNKERS



Among the attractive female gallerites who lent charm to the proceedings at the Canadian amateur championship in Montreal were Miss Cecily Taylor, Toronto, Mrs. J. A. Cameron, wife of well-known player, Jack Cameron, and Miss Joan Cameron, enthusiastic Ilsemere club member. *Free Foto No 1*

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GOLF THOUGHTS

Ken Findlay, Becomes a Champion

Ken Findlay, former McGill student and one-time member of the Marlborough Golf Club in Montreal recently climbed from the ranks of mere "good golf" to the status of full-fledged champion. Ken, brother of "Jock" Findlay, former Canadian Intercollegiate champ and conqueror of Gordon Baxter Taylor of Montreal, back in 1934 at Laval, now lives in Carleton Place, Ont.

In the recent Ottawa City and District championship he all but had the title in his grasp in the regulation rounds, but faltered at the finish to allow the defending champion, Frank Corrigan, to tie up the 36-hole medal event. Scores were 155. The play-off thus caused saw Findlay take the crown away from the capital city with a steady 76 to Corrigan's 77. Congratulations Ken!

Duane Barr has Good Record

Out in Calgary several of the sportswriters were very much impressed when they realized that Duane Barr, tall shotmaker of that city has been compiling an excellent record for himself during the last few years. Duane who replaced the previously-appointed Johnny Richardson on the Alberta Willingdon Cup team in the Dominion title-play in Montreal, won the Calgary City amateur title in 1936. He took the city Open championship in 1937 and again this year. In winning the Open this year Barr, a tall gangling westerner, was six shots behind Kemp Richardson at the end of 36 holes. Finishing up, however, he made up eight shots chiefly by merit of his 33 on the first nine of the last 18. Richardson got back the two shots by which he trailed again on the 10th and 11th holes; but Duane birdied the 14th and 15th to win out

Southern Alberta Tournament Winners

Chief winners in this year's Southern *(Continued page 22)*

The Current Thought

By Hilles R. Pickens Jr.

While Canada's Davis Cup tennis team was dropping a decision to lowly Cuba with only one point to show for an extensive and intensive search for talent, and while other Canadian endeavors are not carving too great an impression in the international sport picture, the recent exhibition put on by Canada's amateur golfers at Mount Bruno Golf Club just outside of Montreal, where the Canadian amateur championship was played, stands out in bold relief.

If there is a single branch of sport at which Canada may now compete with the best of the other great countries it is now certainly men's golf. This thought has been gradually working into the minds of most of our players for some years—ever since Ross Somerville won the U. S. Amateur championship at Baltimore back in 1932. That year Sandy was unable to win his own Canadian title. It will be remembered that (at Lambton in Toronto where the event was held that year) Montreal's Jack Cameron ousted the great Londoner when the latter was at the peak of his form.

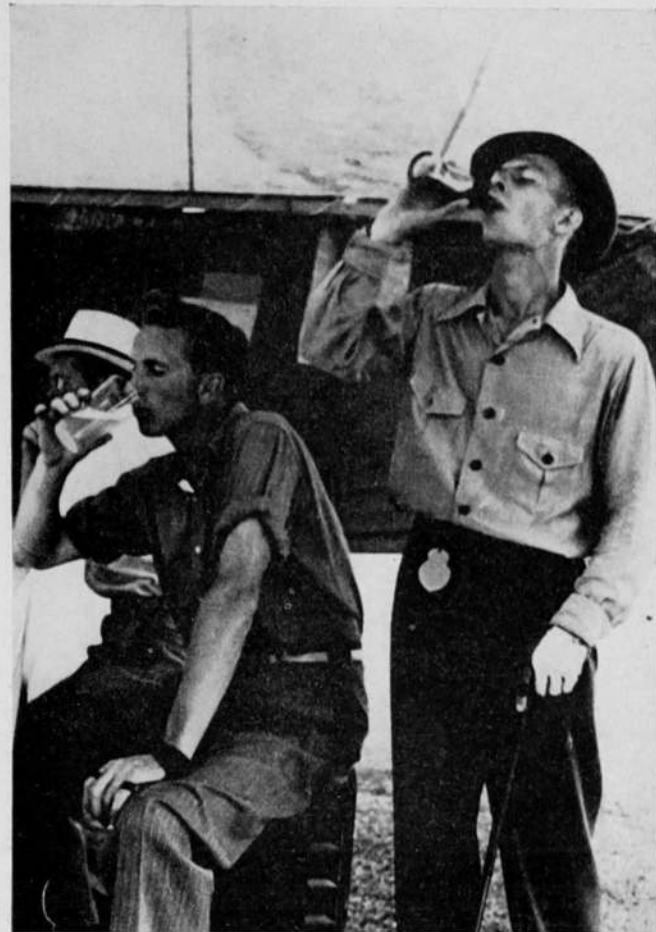
Right after that Gordon B. Taylor of Montreal "measured" Cameron in the finals to take the title. That should have proved it, then and there, that Canada had considerable talent to match the foremost in the world.

However, seven years later—or actually eight playings of the Canadian championship—we may sit back and be assured of this impression concerning the true calibre of Canadian amateur golf and its place on the international horizon.

During the past month we have seen the strongest American invasion in the history of Canadian golf. This writer, during the past winter, had occasion to interest a number of leading amateurs of the United States in visiting our national tournament. True to their words several of the best of them showed up at Mount Bruno. Knowing their real ability this writer at first felt a little as though he might be responsible for causing another migration of the Canadian crown across the border, but such qualms proved to be only foundationless miscalculations!

Why! Well, with fourteen "first-water" American birdie-chasers in the field and one British Walker Cupper, the Canadians assiduously began the business of sending the "name invaders" home with little or no regard for their international reputations.

Frank Starfaci, Metropolitan champion from New York, holder of the North and South amateur title, and altogether the greatest American amateur ever to come to our championship in modern times; Bobby Dunkelberger, Southern champion from High Point N. C., winner of four major tournaments in a row



Henry Martell (sitting) and U. S. Southern Champion, Bobby Dunkelberger, High Point N.C. pause in the canteen as they make the turn of their match "all square". Martell hardly appears nervous at this point of his encounter with this "name American".

in the U. S., Ed. Meister, Cleveland Yale Student, captain and No. 1 man of that university's team, conqueror of the great George Dunlap in Pinehurst this winter—these were but three of the players who came seeking our laurels only to return home with a new and healthy respect for the game as played here.

The best the Americans could do was to place one semi-finalist in this year's event. Tel Adams, Columbia Mo., making a gallant effort to retain his 1938 crown, got to the second-to-last round before Henry Martell of Edmonton dethroned him!

To be sure Meister trounced Sandy Somerville by sinking a 25-footer at the 19th hole of their third round encounter, but Ed paid the price right afterwards at the hands of the same Henry Martell. Starfaci lasted only two rounds

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COMMENTS ON EDITORIAL (of REASONABLE LENGTH) WILL BE WELCOMED BY THE EDITOR

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MOUNT BRUNO'S TALE RE-TOLD

By H. R. Pickens Jr.



Canadian amateur champion, Vancouver's Kenny Black shakes the hand which failed to stop his victory march to the throne in the finals at Mount Bruno. (Henry Martell on left) *Free Foto No 3*

(Editor's Note) To cover the 140-odd matches of the Canadian amateur championship requires 600 miles walking in six days or 100 miles each eight-hour day. That means a pace of 12½ mph "sans pausing" for meals and the odd coca cola! Pity the would-be historian of such an event even if he only does his job half-way!

Yet seriously, the present method of contesting the championship (straight match play with no qualifying rounds) does make it essential to report in the following account only the matches which the writer feels had bearing on the final outcome. Many other interesting side-issues which were noted and were of importance to those playing cannot be included in any reasonably brief story of proceedings—so the writer advises the readers that the best way to know what went on at Canada's "blue ribbon" golfing event would have been to take a little time off and visit the tournament personally. Really it was a great week!

This year the championship was played at Mount Bruno, 21 miles from Montreal. There were 145 entries at the most select club in Canada. The course played about 6500 yards, but the lack of rain made it a good deal more "scorable"! Other courses in the Montreal district were pretty well parched, but the "tundra" turf of Mount Bruno retained enough moisture to provide fine playing conditions throughout the week.

The American invasion was the best in the history of the Canadian championship. John Langley, Slough, England, a British Walker Cup player was in the lists. H. Sarab Malik, golf-loving Kashmir India native, an Oxford Blue whom your editor met this past winter at the North and South championships, was also on hand. Malik, in his immaculate turbans, was the personification of color at the tourna-

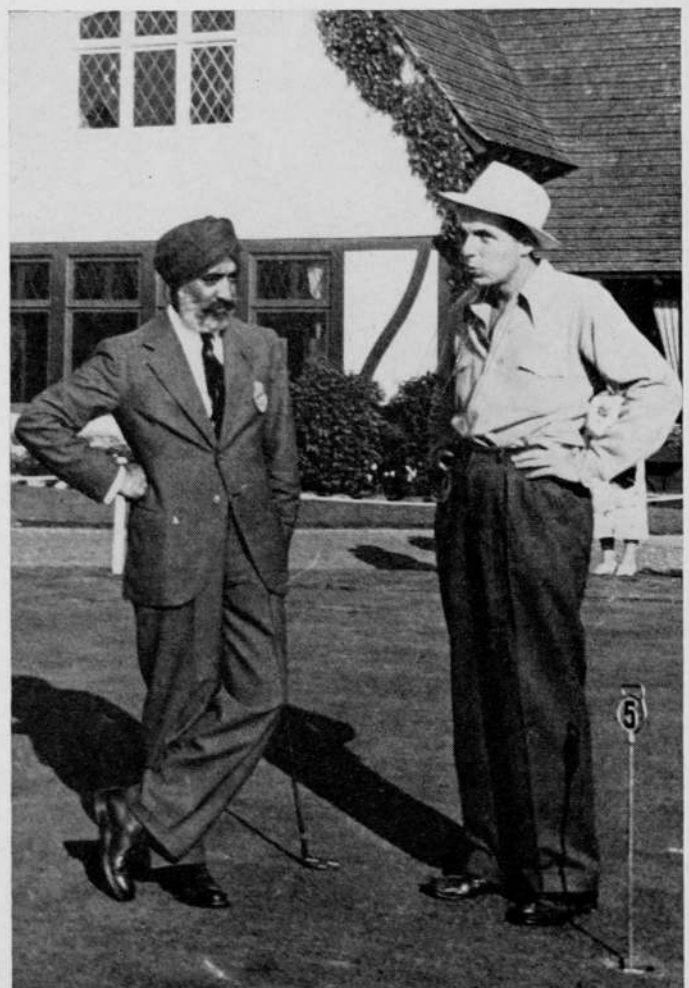
ment. He is India's trade commissioner to Canada and United States . . . and a fine golfer, too.

The best American golfer ever to come to contest our amateur title in modern times was on hand in the person of dark-skinned little Frank Strafaci of Brooklyn N. Y. He and his brother Ralph appeared the night before the first round having left N. Y. that morning. The previous evening they had met in a 43 hole final in a New York tournament. Both were exhausted when they hit Mount Bruno.

Other American invaders such as former New England amateur champion, Johnny Levinson of Chicago, Bobby Dunkelberger, former French champion, present United States Southern titlist and winner of many important events, defending champion Ted Adams of Columbia, Mo., Ted Adams of Boston, powerful young golfer who seems to be rising fast on the Beantown tournament horizon, Ed Meister, Yale's No. 1 man and captain from Cleveland, Dan Carmichael, Columbus Ohio, and Fred Haas Jr. New Orleans, 1936 champion (who didn't show up)—these constituted the strong challenge from across the border.

There were fourteen "preliminary" matches on Monday including several real feature affairs. When Yale's big Ed Meister of Cleveland was forced to meet Montreal's Jack Cameron in the first round, a finalist in the Canadian championship of 1932 and a former U. S. amateur semi-finalist had to cross niblicks. Meister, a crashing young player got the jump and stayed in front to win, 2 and 1. Then there was the unceremonious demise of the "name" British entry, tall, lank, Johnny Langley.

This player had to meet stocky Ray Getliffe, London, Ont. and though he struggled valiantly with great slashing drives and accurate irons, Ontario's surprise package of the 1938 Willingdon Cup matches, "scrambled" on until he dropped a 20-footer at the 19th hole to push the lone Britisher out of the running. Moving into the "first



Colour and talent were abundant at the championship. H. Sarab Malik, Kashmir India, and John Levinson, Chicago, two star players who gave the tournament varied but undeniable atmosphere. Malik is Indian trade commissioner to Canada and United States; a former Oxford Blue. Levinson, former New England amateur champion.

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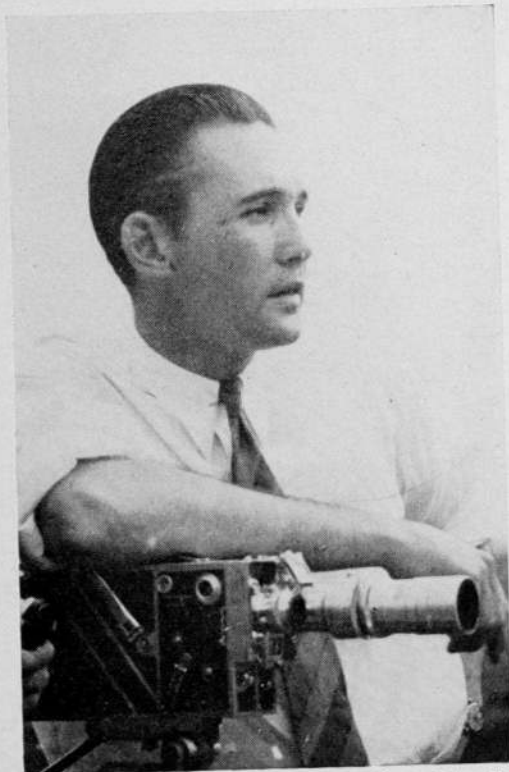


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round proper," form came through and practically every top-performer won. Allen Boes, Winnipeg met a tough assignment in the person of Ted Colgate, Vancouver. The latter was four under par to win handily meanwhile impressing observers with his fine set of shots.

Ted Fenwick, Montreal, overcame a three hole margin which that great putter, Gordon Taylor Jr. of Toronto, piled up on the first nine. Both were Willingdon Cup players and their's was a stirring game indeed as Fenwick, former Bermuda champion, finally beat the 1935 Canadian amateur finalist, 1 up!

Marcel Pinsonnault, Montreal, took Ray Getliffe's measure, 1 up, which came as a surprise in view of Getliffe's showing against



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W. H. Harling, secretary of the Mount Bruno Club, golf architect, Herbert Strong, Rene Mongeau, and Jim Seoney. The latter are two promising Montreal golfers.

Among the spectators, Marlborough Golf Club veterans, D. Crombie, Capt. Allen and Jack Osbourne, view the proceedings at the championship.

Langley, but the little French-Canadian was resolute throughout and Getliffe never got the touch as he had it against the former Walker Cupper.

Features of the next day (the second round for most players) were . . . Doug Saunders' victory over swarthy Ralph Strafaci . . . the Maritime Junior never gave his three handicap New York opponent much chance as he rung up a 4 and 3 count . . . Jim Hogan, Jasper, won a battle of "big" men in thwarting F. G. Taylor of Montreal, 2 and 1. The collapse of Montreal's Guy Rolland against Ken Black, Vancouver came as a surprise to this observer who figured the game would go much farther than 5 and 4 . . . John Levinson had much trouble with Montreal's E. A. Weir before taking that odd hole at the 18th . . . Ken Lawson threw the biggest "wrench" of the tournament by defeating Frank Strafaci, an almost certain U. S. Walker Cup team member . . . The Victoria boy got a four hole lead . . . saw it dwindle as Strafaci turned on the power, but holes ran out and a stymie at the 17th was the "coup de grace" for the American, 2 and 1.

Bob Dunkelberger, Southern champion, took Frank Mailley, current Quebec finalist, 6 and 5 . . . Ed Meister, had little trouble with Quebec champion Gus Brault of Cowansville, winning 3 and 2 . . . Sandy Somerville putted miraculously to crush Ed Innis of Montreal 7 and 5 . . . these two were a better match in 1932 . . . Adjutor Dussault of Quebec took a rough decision before the sub-par efforts of Ted Colgate, bowing 6 and 5 . . . Bobby Proctor of Edmonton blew a five-up and eight-to-go lead over Bill Turnbull of Saskatoon, losing a match which he had no right to drop . . . Turnbull was courageous and fortunate to find an amazingly weak Proctor on those finishing holes . . . game ended at the 20th . . . Bill Taylor certainly "did Montreal's forces proud" in trimming a tough veteran of the golfing wars, Vancouver's Jack Fraser, one up . . . Jack Harris, former Nova Scotia champion beat a dogged performer in Colin Rankin; Harris, a well-set-up blond came down in front by a single hole . . .

Thursday rolled around fine and warm as had been the whole week and with it the field fell away to only 16 players . . . Best match of the day was the Donald Robertson, Montreal, vs. Levinson encounter . . . Robertson blasted the ball with all his usual tremendous power, but Levinson (also a power-hitter) outlasted and beat the stocky Princeton athlete winning at the 19th hole . . . Duane Barr, Calgary champion, who came back this year from a season of sickness, nosed Ken Lawson out of the picture 2 and 1 . . . Jack Archer of Montreal beat his old chum Carroll Stuart, once-finalist in this event, 3 and 2 . . . Phil Farley had to show exceptionally fine golf to beat Morton McCarthy of Virginia Beach, 3 and 2 . . . McCarthy had previously accounted for

Jim Telfer, photographer-golfer of Los Angeles and Montreal, takes a few shots with his cine-kodak after bowing to Ed Meister in an early round.

Miss Lucette Lafaire, Laval Golf Club and J. Bélanger who were interested spectators during the final round of the Canadian amateur championship at Mount Bruno.



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Montreal's promising Dick Ellis . . . The greatest upset of the tournament (every year) is the defeat of Ross Somerville . . . this time Ed Meister turned the trick with a 20 footer for a birdie three at the 19th hole . . . Defending champion Ted Adams met little opposition as Bill Kirby of Sherbrooke bowed out 4 and 3 before his deadly putting . . . A second Ted Adams, this one from Boston and bearing a splendid reputation showed up dangerously in this round to give Ted Colgate his "walking papers", 4 and 2 . . . quite an achievement . . . Bill and Gordon Taylor, Montreal's golfing brothers put on a show with the favoured Gordon, 1932 champion, bowing 2 and 1 in this round . . .

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Personality in *Achievement*

SIXTEENTH OF A TRIBUTE
SERIES TO NOTED SENIORS
BY DEAN OF CANADIAN
GOLF WRITERS, RALPH
H. REVILLE

For the first time in its history, members of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association, will be guests of a French-Canadian Club on the occasion of the 1939 Annual Tournament and Dinner. The 22nd yearly competitions of this outstanding golfing organization are scheduled for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, September 4th, 5th and 6th at Laval-sur-le Lac one of the most beautiful and sporting courses in the Montreal District whose officers and members have a Dominion-wide reputation for gracious hospitality.

It is very interesting to note that the polished and popular Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec the Honourable E. L. Patenaude, P.C.K.C.LL.D. is one of the Founders of Laval-sur-le Lac and for seven years its able President. It is largely owing to his personal efforts that Laval has been rounded-out into such an attractive course. He was not only active in improving the golf course proper, but the whole of the property by the planting of trees, mostly evergreens, and creating little arbors so as to render the whole lay-out more attractive and more agreeable for the golfers, who in increasing numbers every year, play over this really magnificent 18-hole course. Then too, His Honour has assiduously applied himself to making the Club House as well as the Links a social centre for the families of the members thus giving them the advantages of meeting each other more freely and thereby knowing one another better. There is a great esprit de corps amongst "Lavalers" creating that indescribable something, known as "atmosphere" which is the envy of visitors from many other club.

The Hon. Mr. Patenaude, is one of the leading lawyers and statesmen, (statesman advisably) of the Ancient Province. He was born February 12th 1875 at St. Isidore, his parents on both sides being prominent French-Canadians. He was educated at the Montreal College and Laval securing his B.A. degree from that University at graduation. He is an Hon. LL.D. of Montreal and Laval. In 1899 he was admitted to the Bar of the Province of Quebec and early attained prominence in his chosen profession. Entering the political field he soon made his mark, and quickly became a recognized party leader. He was elected to the Legislation of the Province of Quebec in the election of 1908 and 1912. Resigned in 1915. Sworn of the King's Privy Council for Canada, October 6th 1915 and appointed Minister of Inland Revenue having been



HON. E. L. PATENAUDE P. C. K. C. LL. D.

elected by acclamation for Hochelaga. Resigned his port-folio Jan. 8th 1917 and appointed Secretary of State on the same date. Resigned from the Cabinet June 1917. In the General Election of 1923 was elected to the Quebec Legislature for Jacques-Cartier County Resigned his seat in 1925 and was appointed Minister of Justice July 1926 with Meighen Cabinet.

In May 1934 the Hon. Mr. Patenaude (who is a director of the Crown Life Insurance and other companies) was appointed Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec and for over five years now, has performed his Gubernatorial duties alike with tact and the charm and chivalry, so evident in all leading French-Canadians. Of course His Honour, was the central figure in the ceremonies attendant upon the arrival in the Ancient Capital last May of Their Majesties the King and Queen on the commencement of their epoch-making tour of Canada and the United States. Needless to say perhaps, that he proved himself a worthy Vice Representative of His Majesty, on that history-making occasion.

It will be welcome news for the Senior golfers to hear that at the Annual Dinner of the Association, to be held at the Laval-sur-le Lac Club on Tuesday evening September the 5th the principal speaker will be His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec. With a beautiful course to play over, and with the Hon. Mr. Patenaude and such a gracious Board of officials and members playing the part of hosts, the Seniors the first week of September at Laval-sur-le Lac, are indubitably destined to participate in one of the most enjoyable and successful Tournaments in the nearly quarter-of-a-century history of the Association.

What's Become of the Long Iron Shot?

By Gilbert Redd

Three years ago the Mount Bruno Golf Course was considered a "big" layout! During the recent Canadian amateur championship there was only one hole on the entire course which required a long iron shot—possibly two counting the 235 yard par three 13th which in years gone by was always a wood!

The point is that those observers who stood aghast at the scoring of the players in the last few rounds of this tournament had every right to experience that reaction! The truth of the matter is that today every player in such an event as the Canadian amateur championship is quite capable of hitting the ball 260 yards off the tees and that makes it just a pitch to all holes not over 420 yards.

Getting back to Mount Bruno itself it must be admitted that at no time during the week was there a hard rain. The course was much dryer than when this writer played with Dick Borthwick, Toronto professional, when he won the Quebec Open title a year ago in this same layout. Yet since Mount Bruno is built amid foothills it is blessed with a sort of "tundra turf"—thick, matted, moisture-retaining to a degree! Hence while other "water-systemless" courses around Montreal were providing great run on all shots, one never got more than ten yards roll unless he hit on a slope.

Despite this fact the sprawling Mount Bruno course dwindled to nothing more than a drive and pitch course. This didn't bother anyone much, because no golfer ever finds any course "too easy". However this general "lengthening" of golfing equipment and gradual resultant shrinkage of great golf courses was never more felt in this country than during the 1939 Amateur title-chase.

But what effect will this have—what difference can it make? These are a few of the natural questions. The answer must be that unless a course plays longer than did Mount Bruno in this event the fullest test is not given to competitors.

Mount Bruno was made to be a "big" course. As such Willie Park, the architect, undoubtedly built with the aim of having the player hit "full out" most of the time to reach the greens. Hence Park gave Mount Bruno huge open greens! There is not a single example of "tight trapping" on the whole layout. The great danger is three-putting on the immense putting surfaces when you fail to stop close to the holes. Today with these "once-full-out" shots having shrunken from No. 2 and No. 3 iron shots into No. 7's and No. 8's, the difficulty encountered in getting close to the holes is vastly cut down.

Whereas professional Borthwick won the Quebec Open title last year with two rounds of 70-71—141, the new Canadian amateur champion Ken Black had rounds of 70-68-67 to finish the tournament. Phil Farley last year scored 77-81 in the Quebec Open but he had 72-69 in the Willingdon Cup Matches over the same course this year. In the semi-finals against Ken Black he had 70-69.

The point of course, is that Bruno was playing much harder in the rain and strong wind during the 1938 Quebec tournament. This year under normal scoring condition the boys made it look very simple.

On the surface this shouldn't make any difference, but it does! Playing as Mount Bruno did in the amateur championship,

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Two of the best long iron players in the Canadian Amateur championship C. Ross Somerville, six-time champion, London Ontario and Yale's golf captain, Ed Meister, Cleveland At the 10th hole Somerville was three feet from the cup; Meister hit last and was inside. He won the hole. Both were 10 feet from the cup at the 450 yard 18th. Meister won at the 19th with a birdie. Free Photo No 17

the "long iron department" of a player's game was only called upon once. That was at the par fifth which measured 460 yards. Here the great iron players showed to advantage. Somerville and Farley were "home" with long drives and powerful straight irons.

The lesser shotmakers needed two woods; even favored a second wood shot when they were far enough off tee to use an iron. With only one such hole they could afford to gamble on the accuracy of a No. 4 wood instead of "forcing" a long iron with which they were less skillful! But what if there had been five holes like the fifth on this course. Then it would have been hard to keep players like Somerville (who have this long iron shot in their bags) from winning "at walk."

The upshot is that something is happening to golf and golf course. Either everyone is getting longer off the tees or improved equipment is bringing copious extra distance. With this evolution taking place the most difficult shot in the game—the stroke requiring the finest "feel" and accuracy of hitting,—the long iron to the green, is becoming archaic, out-moded, well-nigh forgotten!

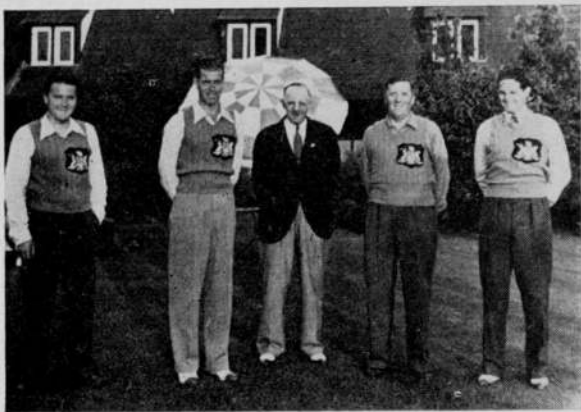
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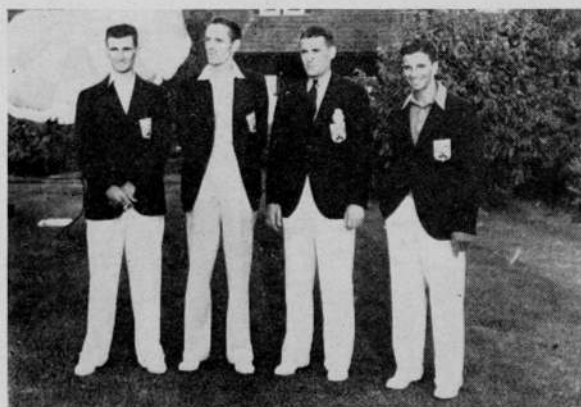
ONTARIO BREAKS A FIVE



Victorious Ontario team receives cup. H. B. MacLean, Quebec Assoc. President, Phil Farley, Toronto, Jack Nash, London, Gordon Taylor Jr., Toronto, and Ross Somerville, London. Cup presented by Ernest Savard, Montreal. *Free Foto No 9*



Second Place B. C. team. Captain Kenny Black, Ted Colgate, R. C. G. A. member W. S. Charlton and Jack Fraser, all Vancouver, and Ken Lawson, Victoria. *Free Foto No 10*



Quebec placed third. Roland Brault, Cowansville, Ted Fenwick, G. B. Taylor and Jack Archer, all of Montreal. *Free Foto No 11*



Alberta's stalwarts came fourth. Henry Martell, Edmonton, Duane Barr, Calgary, Glen Gray, junior, Edmonton, Jim Hogan, Jasper, Bob Proctor, Edmonton. *Free Foto No 12*

Those who remember back to 1934 at the Laval-sur-le-Lac Golf Club in Montreal will recall that the Interprovincial team matches were played over this course followed by the Canadian Amateur championship — as has been the fashion for a number of years now!

Moreover should the same raconteur give his memory a little more taxation he will bring to light the fact that this was the year that a brave British Columbia golf team set an all-time record for the Willingdon Cup play by posting a total of 396. This was made up of four players' 36-hole totals.

Now 396 is a pretty fair score as will be evidenced by the little mathematical problem which reduces the total to an average of 74.5 for eight rounds by four players. This was accomplished in 1934, as mentioned, and, at the time, most of the boys shock their heads and said "Nobody will ever beat that one!"

And so it has seemed for several years now! Great teams from Quebec, Alberta, B.C. and Ontario have strained themselves for the coveted Cup-winning honour, but to no avail! The matter of the record was gradually forgotten until this last month when a great team — a "dream team" was nominated by the province of Ontario.

C. Ross Somerville, London, Jack Nash, his town-fellow, Phil Farley, Toronto and Gordon Taylor Jr. of the same city! There they were — undoubtedly the hottest combination in the country! When Ontario sent this squad (everyone of whom has been Ontario champion at least) the other provinces realized 1939's event would be just a matter of playing for second place.

Yet the old 596 record still wasn't considered in danger, for the Willingdon Cup matches were being played this year over the long and testing Mount Bruno course just outside of Montreal. No, the Ontario boys would win, but the record was still safe! At least that's what most observers thought.

However like many prognostications of "experts" this one was fated for a jolt. The truth of the matter was that three of the Ontario players really got "hot" and the course dried out much more than anyone had ever seen Mount Bruno do in the past. Mind you, there was still a minimum of roll, but for Mount Bruno's usual spongy soil this was a great deal! Suddenly the formerly difficult par of 70 became just an ordinary figure. Why? Your explanation is as good as this writer's! It has never been the case before, but golf courses sometimes "ease off" inexplicably! Mount Bruno did on this occasion, at any rate!

The result was that at the halfway-mark Ontario with Somerville leading them in par figures showed Farley with 72, Nash with 77 and Taylor Jr. in with 76. This added to a mere 295 — three shots in the van of a fighting Quebec team whose 298 was made up of Jack Archer's 72; Ted Fenwick's 73; G. B. Taylor's 75 and Roland Brault's 78.

Alberta, as predicted, was right in the thick of the battle even without their former star of the past two years, Johnny Richardson, Calgary. Their foursome showed a 299 total with Jimmy Hogan of Jasper leading them by returning a 72. Henry Martell, Edmonton, had 75, Bob Proctor, Edmonton, 78 and Duane Barr, Calgary, 74. British Columbia was back at 303, but still very much in the picture at this point for Black with 73 showed signs of an afternoon improvement while Fraser, Colgate and Lawson had to be considered as potentially very low shooters.

RIDES TO FINE WIN

YEAR RECORD BY 13 SHOTS

Other teams lined up behind in the following order at lunch. Saskatchewan, 313; Manitoba 314; Nova Scotia, 327; New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island, 346.

Then in the afternoon Ontario really "turned on the pressure." The conditions were perfect and the veteran squad of Ontario never faltered once. Sandy Somerville was in with another brilliant 70 to lead with 140 — one shot better than Dick Borthwick Toronto pro shot who won the Quebec Open last year with 141 over this course. Phil Farley accomplished the almost impossible by breaking the 70-mark in Willingdon Cup play with his magnificent 69. Right behind these came Gordon Taylor Jr. with an afternoon 70 and then Jack Nash (the only player on the team who couldn't get "tepid") with 79. Had Nash been at his best the total might have been below 580! As it was 583 was the Ontario final score and that cracked the 1934 Laval mark by a mere 13 shots!

British Columbia came to life in the afternoon as expected and came within two shots of the old record with a grand 598 total. Black had a 70: Jack Fraser, Vancouver, turned in a fine 71; Ted Colgate, 73 and Ken Lawson an unfortunate 81. This gave B. C. second place three ahead of Quebec who had a creditable 601 although several of the scores posted by mainstays of other years were a little higher than usual. However the showing of Ted Fenwick in his first Willingdon Cup trial (with a score of 146 which tied him with Jack Archer for the team lead) was very satisfactory, indeed.

Other teams evidenced only occasional bursts of talent with Alan Boes and Herb Pickard of Manitoba returning neat 151 totals. Jim Hogan, Alberta, who had a morning 72 was victimized at the 35th hole which cost him a sickening 9! Even then his 154 total was quite respectable.

Complete scores for the event follow:

WILLINGDON CUP

ONTARIO (583)

Ross Somerville, London	70	70	140
Jack Nash, London	77	79	156
Gordon Taylor Jr., Toronto	76	70	146
Phil Farley, Toronto	72	69	141

BRITISH COLUMBIA (598)

Ken Black, Vancouver	73	70	143
Jack Fraser, Victoria	76	71	147
Ken Lawson, Vancouver	77	81	158
Ted Colgate, Victoria	77	73	150

QUEBEC (601)

Gordon B. Taylor, Montreal	75	78	153
Jack Archer, Montreal	72	74	146
Ted Fenwick, Montreal	73	73	146
Roland Brault, Cowansville	78	78	156

ALBERTA (605)

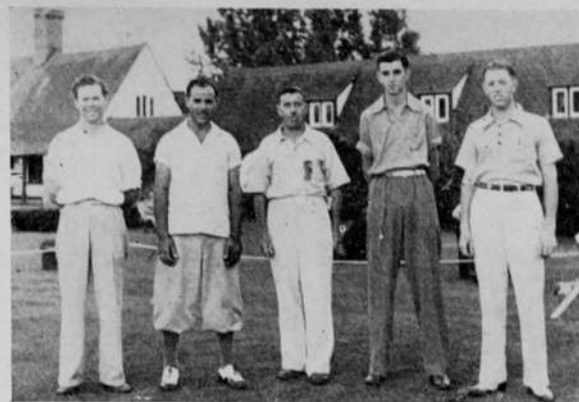
Duane Barr, Calgary	74	75	149
Jimmy Hogan, Jasper	72	82	154
Bobby Proctor, Edmonton	78	78	156
Henry Martell, Edmonton	75	71	146

MANITOBA (613)

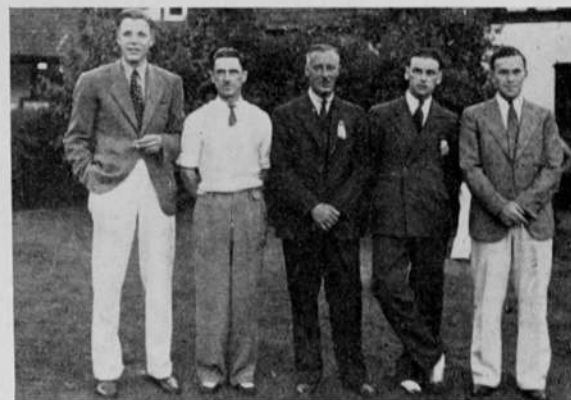
Herb Pickard, Winnipeg	79	72	151
Howie Bennett, Winnipeg	79	75	154
Allan Boes, Winnipeg	78	73	151
Ernie Palmer, Winnipeg	78	79	157

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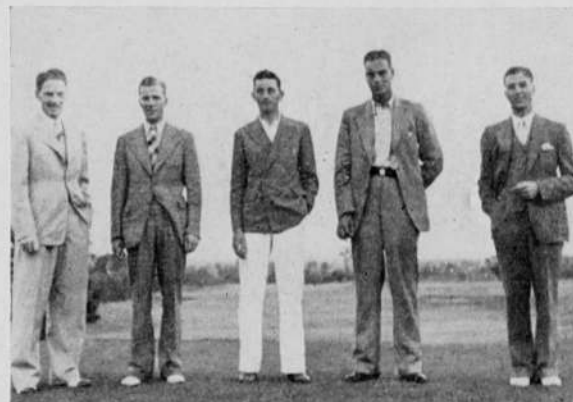
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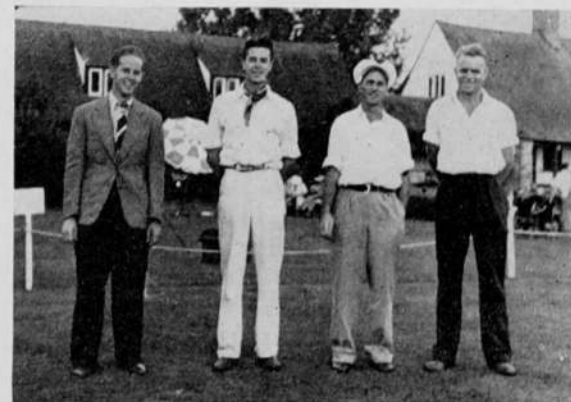
Manitoba's team faltered in the last round. Ernie Palmer, Allan Boes, non-playing captain, Alan Anderson, Howard Bennett, Herb Pickard—all of Winnipeg. Free Foto No 13



Nova Scotia's team competed for the first time in some years. Jack Harris, Frank Meilke, D. H. Williams, Nova Scotia Assoc. president, B. Babcock, all of Halifax and A. Foshay, Digby. Free Foto No 14



N. B.—Prince Edward Island representatives were popular entries in the Willingdon Cup matches and the amateur championship. Pete Kelly, Charlottetown, Douglas Saunders, Saint John, Maurice Dowling, Saint John, Bill Crawford, Westfield, David Caughey, Saint John. Free Foto No 15



Game entries, the young Saskatchewan team gained much experience; made many friends. Mickey Pyke, North Battleford, Doug Lemery, Saskatoon, Bill Turnbull, Saskatoon, Don Ross, Regina. Free Foto No 16



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AN IMPROVED SWINGER BECOMES C

CHAMPION'S WOOD PLAY ANALYZED

No. 1—Kenny Black, Vancouver's gift to Canadian golf whose recent victory in the Canadian Amateur championship at Mount Bruno came as a climax to seven years of campaigning for the coveted crown. Black is 27, married, lives right beside the beautiful Capilano Club just outside of Vancouver and is the son of the professional of the Shaughnessey Heights Club in that City, Davie Black. In his address position here Black shows an orthodox form which characterizes his wooden club play throughout. Note the ball played off the left heel. The left arm is straight but not rigid. The new champion takes a normal easy position at the ball and employs the popular overlapping grip.

No. 2—Champion Black starts the swing by inclining the left knee toward the ball setting the hips in motion and sweeping the club back with extended arms. Note the wrists have not yet broken.

No. 3—Nearing the top of the swing Black's hips have now turned almost completely at right angles to the line of flight which the ball will follow. The left arm is still straight. Note the weight is evenly divided inasmuch as the hips have not shifted but merely turned.

No. 4—The 1933 finalist and present title holder is a notable exponent of the theory that an overly long back swing is unnecessary. Here at the top of his swing the club has not yet reached a horizontal position. The hips are completely turned, the hands are under the club in classic manner, denoting excellent hand control. Note again that the hips are not shifted except by a turning action.

No. 5—The downswing begun Kenny's hands lead the way, but first the business of getting back onto the left foot takes precedent. With the club having travelled only this short distance, the hips are now square to the ball, while the champion is now firmly on both heels.

No. 6—Black here brings out strikingly the importance of clearing the hips for the shot. Note how he has cleared the left side so as not to interfere with his delivery of a smashing blow. Like all first class golfers Black stays down to the ball, that is, he goes through the impact point firmly set on both feet.

No. 7—Here after the ball left the club, Black illustrates the importance of full extension of the arms to complete the follow through. Mr. Average Duffer is generally notably remiss in this matter of arm extension on both front and back swing.

No. 8—The completion of the stroke seen in the last two pictures illustrates how the new title holder braces the finish of his stroke with a firm left leg. Notice that the hips are now turned directly toward the hole while the weight is entirely on the left foot.

No. 9—Most first flight golfers finish with their hands high as does this young stylist who holds both the Dominion and British Columbia titles. In his recent march to the Canadian title it is true, possibly, that Black's inherited putting genius and his brilliant pitching were the responsible factors which struck the eye of most observers, yet in compiling his last three rounds of 70-68-67 certainly his wooden play was well nigh faultless.

To those who saw Black's great recoveries on the 29th, 30th, 33rd, and 36th holes, against Phil Farley, it becomes most evident that he is a studious, careful player who, when in trouble, resorts to playing with the "clubface". On these occasions he was required to play four odd shots from strange positions but in each case he had the golfing sense to use the club when everything else about the swing was different. His 240 yard spoon to within eight feet of the hole at the 29th was the masterpiece but his chip on the winning 36th hole was the "pressure shot" of the tournament for he laid it "dead" when everything hung in the balance.

FORM STUDY SHOWS KEN
BLACK CAPITALIZED ON A
LONGER TEE SHOT TO WIN



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S CHAMPION

By H. R. Pickens, Jr.

BLACK'S GOLF STORY

Kenny Black has been a member of the British Columbia golf team on every occasion which the west coast province has been represented in the Dominion title event since 1932.

The true steadiness of the new champion's golf is reflected by the fact that Ken is the low average holder for this event — and among the tournament players of Canada the Willingdon Cup test rates the most trying of all golf contests in this country.

Black's worst round in Willingdon Cup play to date is one lone 79. His worst total for the 36-hole event was scored in 1937 at Ottawa when he tacked a 73 onto that 79 for a 152 aggregate. (152 is considered a very sound total for this nerve-tearing medal play championship.)

Black has played 16 rounds in eight Willingdon Cup matches since 1932. His record has been as follows: 1932, 151; 1933, 143; 1934, 146; 1935, 146; 1936, 149; 1937, 152; 1938, 144; 1939, 143. That gives the Vancouver star an all-time record of 73.37 — scored over all kinds of courses

amid every type of weather. Because the "chips are down" from the outset in this Interprovincial play, Black stands almost in a class by himself as a steady performer in the face of medal pressure.

Ken won the amateur championship in British Columbia again this year. He went to the final of the important Pacific Northwest amateur event where he bowed at the 37th hole to former American Walker Cupper, Jack Westland. He also won one other semi-major tournament which gives him a three out of four total for this year. The 150 pounder who lives "next-door" to one of the finest courses in Canada.

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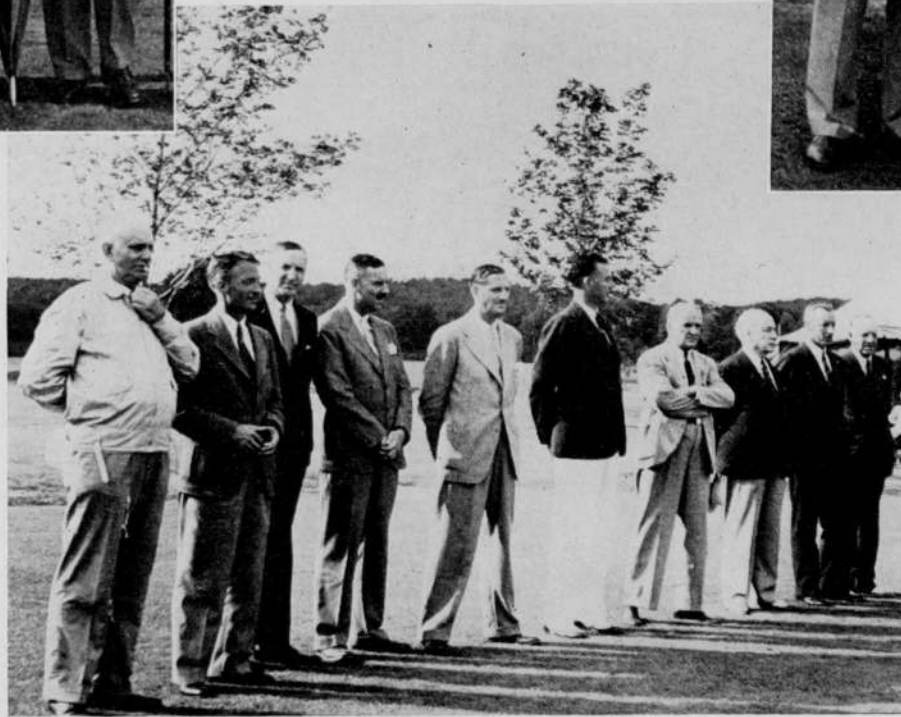


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Left. Mount Bruno Club captain, Bill Sutherland, Quebec team captain and P.Q.G.A. member, Watson Yuile and Ernest Savard, president of the Royal Canadian Golf Association Right: Two ex-officio presidents of the Royal Canadian Golf Association (1937) Montreal's J. I. Rankin; (1935) Branford's E. C. "Eddie" Gould. Below: James Buchanan, Rule Committee R.C.G.A. Clarence Jackson, Toronto, R.C.G.A. ex-president; H. B. MacLean, P.Q.G.A. president, Montreal; Henry Birks, Montreal; R. J. Dawes, R.C.G.A. Amateur tournament chairman; H. E. Schlater, R.C.G.A. donor of the Buckingham Junior championship Trophy; B. L. Anderson, Secretary R.C.G.A.; Col. Claude Brown ex-president R.C.G.A.; D. S. Williams, Nova Scotia Assoc. president; W. S. Charlton, Vancouver, R.C.G.A. member.



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Officialdom TURNS OUT FOR THE AMATEUR

Space does not permit the adequate praise of those in charge of arrangements by which the 1939 Canadian amateur championship was conducted this year at the Mount Bruno Golf Club in Montreal. Under the most able leadership of R. J. "Dick" Dawes, Royal Montreal, the tournament set-up included the following "brain trust"—H. B. McLean, Province of Quebec Association president, who conducted the Willingdon Cup matches and Interprovincial dinner; J. W. Yuile, Montreal and C. H. Schlater, Hamilton in charge of the Dominion Junior championship; Entries, Draws, Publicity, were under W. D. Taylor of Montreal; Club Finance A. O. MacKay, Montreal; Marshalls, Lockers, Caddies, Police, Galleries fell to the watchful eye of Mount Bruno's captain Bill Sutherland; James Buchanan and Watson Yuile handled the refereeing; Entertainment, M. R. Ferguson; Transportation, president Ernest Savard of the R.C.G.A.; Secretarial management B. L. Anderson and C. W. MacQueen, Toronto.

These men and their committees functioned most smoothly as all participants and members of the galleries will attest. In fact in this writer's opinion the 1939 championship in Montreal was a model from the judicial point of view. The matter of

getting players to and from the city as well as caddies was a major problem which was overcome by Mount Bruno's excellent caddy camp and importing outsiders by bus each morning. Players were in no difficulty commuting as the local entries assisted the visitors in almost all cases.

At Mount Bruno it was a pleasing sight to note officials from over 3000 miles of Canada. D. S. Williams, Halifax and W. S. Charlton of Vancouver were the "extremists." Both are R.C.G.A. members. Former Royal Canadian Golf Association presidents lent moral support to the picture in the persons of E. C. Gould, Branford, Clarence Jackson, Toronto, A. C. Collyer, and J. I. Rankin of Montreal and Col. Claude Brown, London. All cut welcome figures at one of the best events in the long history of Canada's number one championship.

In turning over the beautiful Mount Bruno course in such perfect condition Henry Birks, president of the Mount Bruno Golf Club and members of this "institution" certainly merit the thanks of golfers from coast to coast. The layout was a treat to play — one which those who competed will never forget.

CAPTURES "COMERS" CROWN..



Howard Bennett, Winnipeg's promising Canadian Junior champion
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WINNIPEG TAKES A CROWN

The second playing of the Canadian Junior championship for the "most beautiful prize in Canada", the Buckingham trophy, found eight young players representing each provincial association across the Dominion in the field. Played simultaneously with the Willingdon Cup matches on Monday proceeding the start of the Canadian amateur championship, the best players in land (under 20 years of age) battled it out over a great testing course.

In the morning round stocky, dark-haired Billy McColl, Vancouver, shot out in front with a splendid 76. This turned out to be the second lowest round of the day, but Saskatchewan's "second-year-man" Mickey Pyke of North Battleford, was right in the leader's heels with a neat 77.

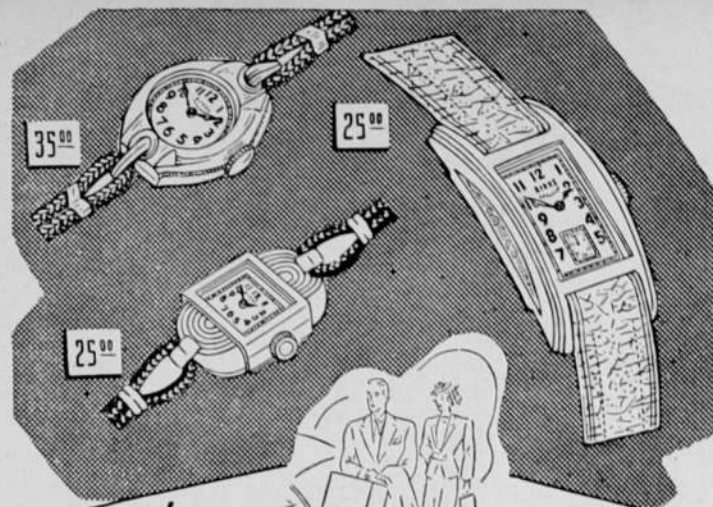
Two other golfers broke the 80-mark as tall lanky Howard Bennett of Winnipeg and quiet Donald Doe of Granby, P. Q. got in with 79's. The favoured player, methodical Billy Fisher of Toronto, never hit his stride as he required a total of 80. The smiling little shotmaker, Davie Doig Jr. from Halifax, proved himself as belonging in this company with a steady 81.

The weather was hot and humid and the young golfers were obviously tense at lunch time. Trying to pick a winner then would have been an impossibility, but as one observer said, "The youngsters are so bunched that the winner will be the boy with the most nerve and most confidence."

The writer feels that observer was right for as it turned out Howard Bennett, six foot two, possessing a languid easy, but well-founded swing, proved that he could take the strain. He won his title on the last nine holes where he finished up with a mere one-over-par 36. That added to 39 out brought Winnipeg its first national golf title since Mrs. John E. Rogers took the ladies Open in 1936.

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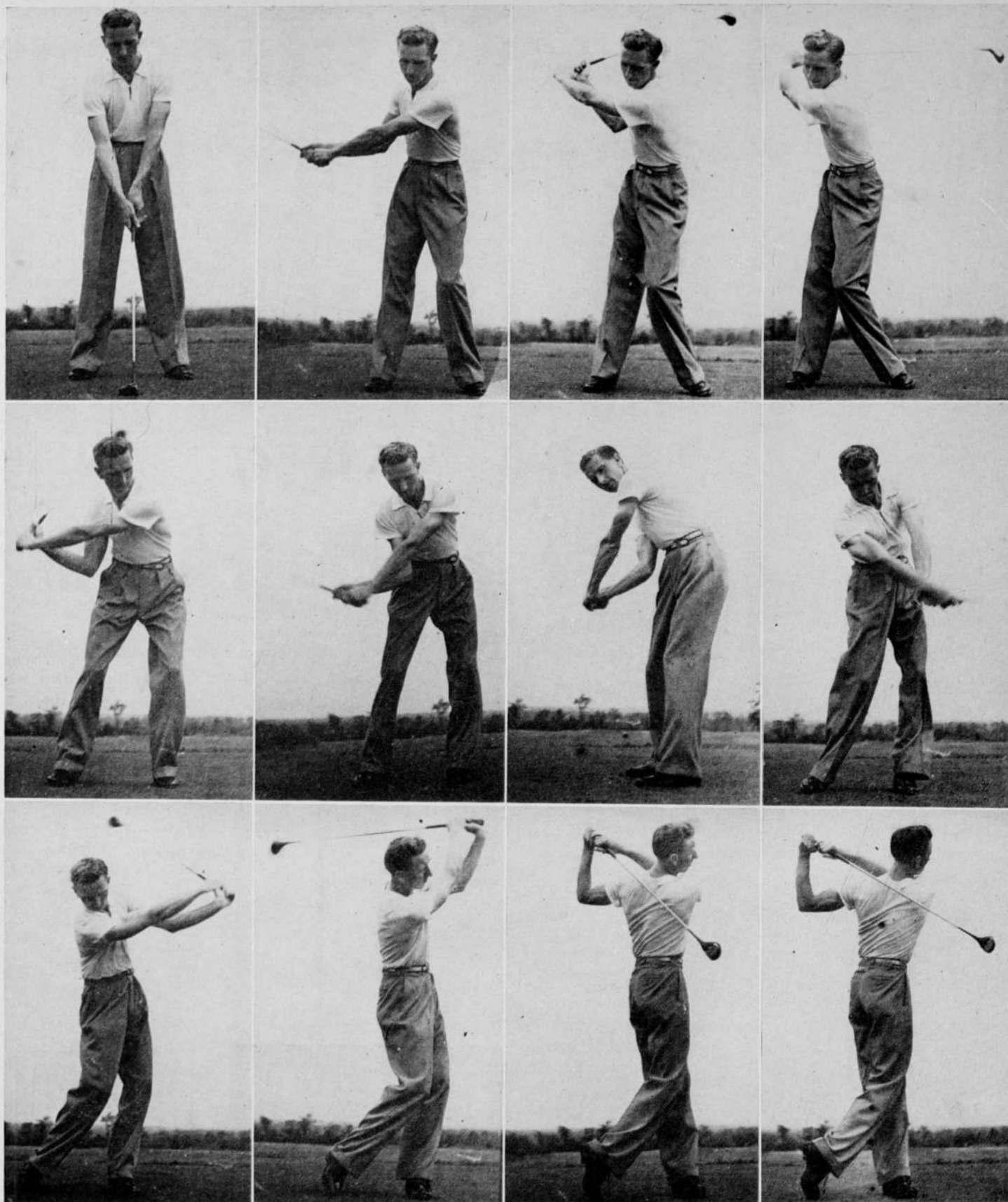
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(Henry Martell photos especially posed for Canadian Golfer)

"If "Hammerin' Hank" Martell hadn't done anything more than reach the finals of the Canadian amateur championship at Mount Bruno this year he would still have been suitable subject matter for the pages of Canadian Golfer's style-study series. However, Edmonton's pride decided to play in the Canadian Open golf championship which was to be held in the Maritimes—at Saint John, N. B. That meant staying in the east for several weeks.

In the interim Henry wandered into the Burlington Golf Club just outside of Hamilton and shot a 72 in the morning

round of the "red-hot Ontario open. In the afternoon he went to work and, though he slipped a couple of shots on the finishing holes, he posted a 69. His 141 total began to loom larger and larger as the day wore on and at length it was apparent that the former Alberta Open and present Alberta amateur champion, had become the first amateur in history to win the Ontario title.

We present a study of his style here. There is plenty to be learned from this series as Martell is the soul of soundness with these booming woods of his.

MARTELL AND ROBSON PACE ONTARIO

So much has happened in Ontario golf during the past month that it becomes a task to follow and recount the goings-on in Canada's "greatest golfing province". Undoubtedly the surprise of Henry Martell's well-merited victory in the Ontario Open championship at Burlington, Hamilton, with a 72-69-141 total, stands out as the most noteworthy achievement. Next to the Canadian Open itself this tournament ranks first in the realm of medal play in this country. Henry, flushed from his great showing in the Canadian amateur championship in which he reached the finals, brought much honour to his native Edmonton and Middle West golf generally, by becoming the first amateur in the history of the tournament to take this crown.

Samways and Sansom Tie

Herb Samways, young London professional from Sunningdale took second place in the event after a play-off with Reg Sansom of Woodbine club, Sansom was 72-71 while Samways fell off from a field-leading 69 in the morning round to post a 74. Back in this trio a list of "hot-shooting" amateurs including Jim Boeckh, Sandy Somerville, Gordon Taylor Jr. and Jack Nash were bunched crowding some of the star professionals out of the front rank picture. Martell won his championship by going out in 33 in the afternoon!

Robson's Sixth Millar Win

Turning the pages a few more days to the tense battle which is always the Millar Cup tournament, Lex Robson, widely-regarded as the "coolest Canadian professional" went through the motions essential to winning his sixth Ontario professional match play championship. Scores of 153 had to play off for the last of 32 qualifying places. Bob Gray Jr one of the most powerful golfers in Canada found the Oakdale course to his liking, in the qualifying round as he shot an opening 67 and then tied a 72 onto that for a 139 aggregate. Bob Burns and Billy Lamb of Weston and Lambton were tied for second with 142's.

Lex Wins While Lakeview Burns

There was irony in the fact that while Robson was marching with determined steps through the championship once more, his mind must have been really far from Oakdale, for the smooth match play ace was suffering the loss of his club, Lakeview, as that course's clubhouse was raised by a de-



Mrs. and Mr. Bill Kerr, Toronto Hunt Club, Bobby Reith, Essex Club Windsor, fourth in Ontario Open. Reg Sansom, Glen Mawr, who played off for the top-professional berth in the recent Ontario Open.

molishing fire while the tournament was in progress. The real surprise of the tournament, however, was the play supplied by Kitchener's, Lloyd Tucker, a newcomer to the top-flight Ontario picture. Tucker beat some excellent golfers en route to the final where he met Robson. Best win of his fine showing was a 2 and 1 victory over Bill Lamb, the dour Scot of Lambton, Toronto Tucker, a long hitter was one below fours in this battle. Meanwhile in the other bracket Robson was trimming stylish stubborn, Gordon Brydson,

Champion Below Par

one up. Both out in 36 this game went to the 18th where the Mississauga professional needed a costly five. Robson had no mercy in the final as Tucker, who outhit him consistently, "blew" himself to an outgoing 40. Meanwhile Robson was quietly getting better and better, scoring a 34. That the contest was over at the ninth was obvious for Lex was five ahead at the turn. The hole which really saw the young Kitchener player's undoing was the fourth where Tucker allowed Robson to win with a six. Thereafter the game was never close and Lex ran it out, 7 and 6.

Two Aces Out in First Round

Bob Gray and Bobby Burns, two of the first three low qualifiers, showed little aptitude for match play as they went out in the opening rounds. The medalist bowed to Robson, two down; Burns was stopped by Robert Reith of Windsor in a 20 hole battle. Bobby Alston, Ottawa, dropped out before Willie Lamb, 4 and 3; Robson trimmed Vic Corbett of Port Hope who had eliminated Lou Cumming in the first round. Corbett won the latter match, one up. Robson beat Vic, 4 and 2.

Most unfortunate news which hit the tournament while it was in progress was the death of the well-liked and widely known Albert Horne, father of Canadian professional champion, Stanley Horne of Ilsemere, Montreal. Mr. Horne was a veteran greenskeeper and this writer knew him to be one of those people with whom one could work in easy harmony, expecting and receiving the utmost in co-operation. Mr. Horne was just 60 years of age and was well-known for the magnificent condition in which he placed his club, Lookout Point, at Fonthill, Ont. for those great General Brock Open championships.



Serious little Herb Samways, London the player who placed the field for 18 holes in the Ontario Open at Burlington; later beat Sansom in play-off for professional top money. Martell, an amateur, won the title.



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Frank Strafaci, New York, Metropolitan champion, best American player to enter the Canadian championships in recent years—found the "locals" too tough. Ken Lawson, Victoria B. C. beat Frank, 2 and 1

(BLACK'S STORY *continued from page 18*)
(Capilano) was finalist to Albert "Scotty" Campbell, Seattle's former Walker Cupper and "big-wig" of the early 30's in the U. S. A. Campbell beat the youthful Black in the Shaughnessey Heights in Vancouver in 1933 by a 3 and 2 margin.

Playing over that same Shaughnessey Heights course of which his dad, Davie Black, is the professional, Ken scored the greatest win of his career (the Canadian Amateur title of this year notwithstanding). This was in the Vancouver Jubilee \$5000. championship of 1936 in which were entered the foremost professionals of the time from all parts of the United States. Ken's victory (in which he scored a final round of 63) catapulted the round-faced "birdie-getter" into CANADIAN GOLFER'S number one position in Dominion ranking for 1937.

That 63 "nosed out" such name golfers as Jimmie Thomson, Harry Cooper, Horton Smith and the rest of the traveling brigade. It was the first Canadian victory in Open title play in over a decade.

Ken Black has won the Vancouver City crown and the provincial title on several occasions in the past and along with Stan Leonard (since turned professional) was considered the finest shot-maker ever developed west of the Rockies in Canada.



Miss Joan Cameron, CANADIAN GOLFER'S selection as "Most Beautiful Gallerite" at the Canadian Amateur championship at Mount Bruno. Miss Cameron is a member of Ilsemere in Montreal. *Free Foto No 24*

Ken's path has not always been fraught with the proverbial rose-petals. Back in 1937 Black came to the Ottawa Hunt Club looking like a real threat for the title. Moreover he was until a wiry little fellow by the name of Phil Farley of Montreal plastered the ball around the par 73 Hunt Club six better than par and ousted him despite the fact that he was three under par himself!

That was bad enough, but Black had yet another river to cross before he was to realize the ambition of his life — a victory in the Canadian amateur championship! The next year Ken came storming down to the Dominion championship — this time in London. The championship was being played over Sandy Somerville's own "backyard". The London Hunt Club! Knowing this, the six-time champion was installed as the odds-on favorite, however, Black was rated right behind the home club star.

There was no question about Black's touch in this event for he was around the London course with a 144 total for the Willingdon Cup test just before the first round of the Canadian amateur championship. Then came the blow! The night before the first round Black was to start out in quest of the crown his club,

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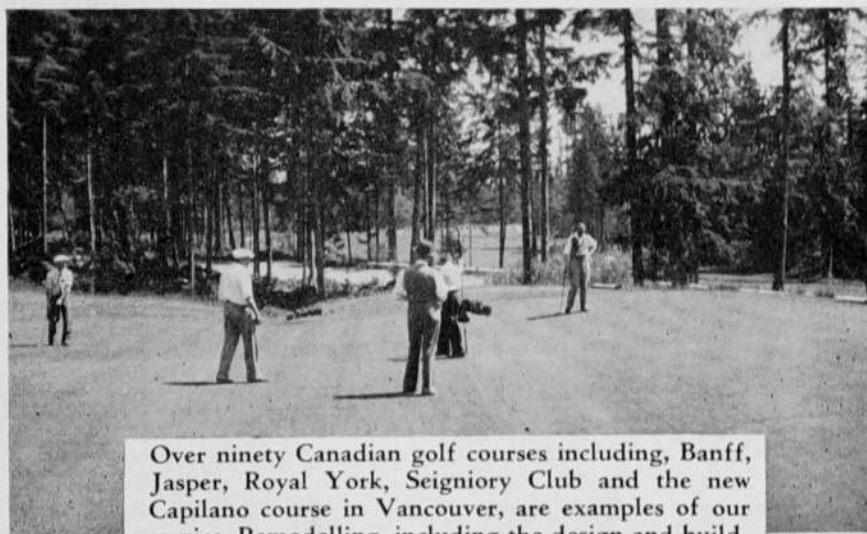
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(BLACK'S STORY continued from page 19) were stolen from the club property. As luck would have it the thief happened upon the B. C. star's bag when he might just as well have taken any one of a hundred others.

The result was that Black had to borrow a set of clubs for his first round engagement with sharp-shooting Cy Wentworth, hockey-playing golfer from Hamilton! Wentworth would have given anyone trouble, but playing with borrowed clubs Black was certainly not up to his usual degree of perfection. Wentworth won by a wide margin.

But aside from these minor setbacks one would imagine that a player with such a record as Ken's might feasibly expect to win the amateur title sooner or later! That is essentially true, but most students of the game assert that it takes more than a background of victories and shots to win the National crown. Perhaps this essential X quality in Black's make-up may be illustrated by his instinctive reaction to a trying circumstance in this same 1937 tourney at the London Hunt Club.

It was during the Interprovincial team match; B. C. had sent a powerful team; Kenny was the captain. When the scores were posted British Columbia was the apparent winner by several strokes. However, one of the Westerner had mistaken a boundary. He had holed out on two holes playing from spots "out-of-bounds". Black was in swimming when the committee called him after this incident was reported.

Mind you Ken and his team were 3000 miles from home and the victory would have been a sweet one to take back. But rules are rules so captain Black was instructed by the committee of what had taken place, then asked what the penalty should be. In a sense the committee were appealing to Black's own judgement. Their method of approach was not in vain.

"It looks like we're out", Captain Black was reported to have murmured immediately upon hearing the facts! An unquestioning respect for the game is the quality which stood out then; it has always been Black's. Today it marks him as entirely a worthy champion. Kenny is the scion of a great golfing family. Undoubtedly he has inherited much of his feeling for the game from his dad — for years one of the best playing professionals, club-makers and teachers in Canada. The new champion has so many uncles who are successful professionals that it is hard even for him to list them.

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Jack Pelletier and Andrew Fyfe, Montreal (left) Bud Domovak, Winnipeg's ex-rank amateur who is now stationed in Toronto having not participated in championship play for several seasons. Trio seen during Black-Farley battle at Mount Bruno.

SEEN "SITTING OUT" SEMIS —



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Winnipeg Takes a Crown

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Those who expected to see Billy Fisher come back strong in the afternoon were disappointed as he seemed to be fighting his own game all the way and ended with a bad 86. In the meantime the cool Quebeccer, Donald Doe, was ringing up a steady 77. Doe was the only one of the leaders, except Bennett, who improved in the final going. This gave him temporary hold on the runner-up berth, but Mickey Puke was not to be shaken from the front rank. He battled valiantly to again break 80—this time with a 79. Thus the Prairie youngster tied with Does two shots behind Bennett's 154 total.

Howie Bennett, Vancouver 79 75 154
Donald Doe, Granby, Que. 79 77 156
Mickey Pyke, North

Battleford 77 79 156
Bill McColl, Vancouver 76 84 160
David Doig, jr., Halifax 81 85 166
Bill Fisher, Toronto 80 86 166
Doug Saunders, Saint John 86 81 167
Glen Gray, Edmonton ... 86 90 176

GALLERITES GRIND ON GAMELY



Mrs. and Mr. John Rankin, beaconsfield Club members, who were two of the most faithful gallerites during the championship week at Mount Bruno. Seen here walking the long 16th hole during the Farley-Black battle.

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GIL GATHERS HUNT CLUB GLORY



Gil Walker, London Ont. youngster, won the Annual London Hunt Club tournament this year after a play-off with three members of the Ontario Willingdon Cup team Ross Somerville, Phil Farley and Jack Nash. This event played over Walker's home course saw Gil victorious for a second time.

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GOLF THOUGHTS — AB LIB

(from page 8) Alberta championship events were Earl Fox who downed Stan Howard on the Henderson Lake Links at Lethbridge Golf Club, Lethbridge, Alta. and Miss Helen MacKenzie who triumphed in a nip-and-tuck final against Mrs. Harold Fox at the 20th hole. Despite the fact that this event draws players from all over the district to the extent of 12 flights of eight players in the men's event alone—all winners this year were from the city of Lethbridge. Medalist in the men's tournament was finalist Stan Howard who posted a fine 69. Miss MacKenzie took the similar honours in the ladies division.

Ernie Palmer Retains Manitoba Title

A player who shows flashes of the most determined sort of match golf and has been doing this ever since he reached the semi-finals of the Canadian amateur championship at Laval in 1934, recently took his second straight Manitoba amateur title. This is quiet Ernie Palmer of Winnipeg. Two years ago Ernie was in line to fall right out of the national picture. It seemed likely that he would not make his province's Willingdon Cup team! However he came

through with a last-minute victory (before the team was selected) in his Manitoba amateur event and gained the fourth berth on the squad which competed at London, Ont. This year with more confidence, apparently, Ernie was the man to beat from the outset of the Manitoba title chase. This was played at St. Charles in Winnipeg and despite such players as Alan Boes of Niakwa, and others who gave the Southwood Club star severe tests, he came through at length to lick Pine Ridge's Art Johnston, 6 and 5 in the final. Johnston was really the star of the tournament with spectacular comebacks against veterans Alex Weir, Dave Arnott and 24-year-old star, Herb Pickard. Against Johnston, Ernie was only one up after the morning round, but gave par a thrashing in the P.M. to break the determined young magazine editor's grip!

Paddy Arnold Retains Manitoba Hold

Miss Paddy Arnold who found her real game only last year just before the Canadian ladies championships at the Royal Ottawa Golf Club recently took another decisive victory in the final of the Alberta ladies title event. This was played at the beautiful Mayfair club in Calgary—the course over which the 1940 Canadian amateur championship will be held. Miss Arnold trounced Mrs. George Manning, 10 and 9, as a result of being five below fives for the 27 holes. Miss Arnold seems to play no better than was necessary. Earlier this year she defeated Mrs. Roy S. Horne 1 up at the 36th for the Calgary title.

New Brunswick—P.E.I. Run Off Seven in One.

Playing seven tournaments in one week is the way that the New Brunswick—Prince Edward Island Golf Association completes its major golfing schedule. This year the events were played at the beautiful Algonquin course at St. Andrews-by-the-Sea. Doug Saunders, Charlottetown, won the right to represent the Association at the Buckingham Trophy matches for the Canadian Junior championship with 84-85-169. Percy Thompson, Saint John, won the businessmen's title with a 183 total; Pete Kelly of Charlottetown again won the amateur title with a 72 hole total of 309 which was eight better than Bill Crawford, Saint John. Meanwhile Archie Skinner, Algonquin, took the professional crown with a neat 300 total and the Charlottetown team of four walked off with the club championship. Mixed Foursome winners were Watson Stinson and Miss Cairine Wilson who posted a fine 88 to win. Kelly, Crawford, Val Streeter, Saint John and David Caughey, Westfield were nominated to the Interprovincial team. Miss Wilson, a native of Ottawa, won the ladies championship.

Quick Glances

Jim Boeckh, Toronto, 1938 Ontario amateur champion won the Eastern Ontario title with a 148 total at Catarauqui. Bill Mooers of the home club and Frank Corrigan of Ottawa with 154 were second . . . Katie Duff Stuart, Vancouver, is again city champion as she was in 1936. She beat Mrs. H. R. Wade two up in 36 holes at Shaughnessey Heights . . . Stan Leonard won the Washington Golden Jubilee Open Golf championship with 133 for the 36 holes. That was seven under par — four better than Emery Zimmerman who made the bid for the U. S. Open championship in 1938 at Denver . . . tournament at Taccoma. In Windsor the Canadian intermediate golf championship recently took place and Shin Neal, Roseland Club star wound up with a 150 total and the crown. He beat George Silitch of his home town in a three hole play-off. Ray Grieve, Toronto's defending champion had a fine 73 in the morning and a disappointing 84 in the afternoon.

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MOUNT BRUNO'S TALE RE-TOLD

(from page 7)

Came Thursday P.M. and the quarter-finals; more sunshine; only one upset! The latter took place when Henry Martell beat the "Boston Ted" Adams, 3 and 2 . . . Martell for the first time showed that he had improved his play much more than Eastern observers realized . . . He was 68 in this round and never allowed the American a chance . . . Coming on the heels of successive wins over Dunkelberger (2 up) and Meister (4 and 3) this victory placed the Alberta amateur champion in the front rank as a favourite despite the fact that he had to face the defending champion, Ted Adams of Columbia Mo. in the semi-finals . . . This latter player was hard pressed, but none too impressive in his battle with Bill Taylor, winning 2 and 1 . . . Meanwhile Jack Nash of London, making one of the best showings he has recorded in the Canadian championship in some years, was confronted by Kenny Black for the honour of reaching the pen-ultimate round . . . This game was the "tip-off" to the real class of Black's game for he beat the stubborn match golfer from London, 5 and 4 . . . The other battle which brought Jack Archer and Phil Farley together was merely the re-play of the 1938 Quebec championship with Farley even more crushing this time . . . this time there can be no doubt but that Archer aided Farley by frequent and flagrant miscues as the latter was compiling the 7 and 5 margin . . .

This brought the games to the semi-finals with one American, one Eastern and two Western Canadians still in the ranks . . . It is almost a certainty that the championship really was settled in the Black-Farley encounter Farley shot a morning round of 69 to lead, 1 up. Black had not been able to do better than par; both were virtually faultless . . . In the afternoon when Black three-putted the 19th hole to go two down and then, after trading the third and fourth in birdies, lost the fifth to trail by three holes, there were few who thought the Westerner could survive. However Black won the 6th and the 9th with birdies to trail by only one hole at the turn. Then at the short 28th Farley took three shots from the edge of the green and the game was evened. At the 29th Black recovered by hitting a "blind" 240 yard four wood to within eight feet of the cup after a topped drive. This gained him the first of two great halves after Farley almost drove the green 320 yards away.

At the 30th Black hooked his tee shot down a steep bank, but again recovered after long study of the shot. His second reached the green despite a most precarious stance. The hole was halved in fours as a result. At the 31st which is 235 yards, Black put his ball 3 feet from the cup; Farley then gave the crowd a supreme thrill by actually hitting the pin and stopping six inches from the hole thus halving this one in birdie two's. The match was still all even! The next hole, a two shotter, saw Farley only eight feet from the cup with his second but Black sunk his 18-foot birdie putt first, then Farley missed his shorter putt to go one down for the first time.

The next hole (33rd) Black again hooked into a spot from which he could not reach the green in two. Farley was only 12 feet from the cup in two. Black had to chip his third to the green and thus finished 11 feet from the hole. Farley apparently had two putts for it but barely missed his birdie putt; however, Black putted his fourth to the lip and, as they prepared to walk off the green assuming that Black had scored a five, it rolled over into the hole to allow Black to stay one up. That was the death blow to Farley who was apparently thrown into momentary confusion. He proved it by pitching an easy third shot over the back of the 34th taking six. He thus became dormie two.

The 35th saw Black go over the back of the green and Farley kept the game alive by winning with a par four. At the 36th Black went over the back again and Farley was only 10 feet from the cup with his second. However the Westerner chipped "dead" and Farley missed the putt for a birdie and a chance to prolong the game. It was a hard game to lose; Farley was inside Black most of the way, but Black's putting touch was never better nor was his fighting spirit ever stronger.

The second battle found Martell and champion Adams all square at the end of 18 holes. Each had score 71's. In the afternoon Adams putter began to waiver; Martell's "misery stick" remained true and that was the 4 and 2 margin in a nutshell.

In the final the match was never really close. Black was on top of Martell all the way and had five holes advantage as the result of the morning 68! After that it was just a matter of time. Martell began to slice and try as he would he dropped three more holes to bow out, 8 and 6, before a golfer who thoroughly deserved this victory. Black ended the match with a flourish as he neatly birdied the 30th! Experience and superior putting were the keynotes of this game as they are in so many others. Black, 1933 finalist in this championship reached the semi-finals again in 1936, but has not since been too great a threat—generally meeting someone who was exceptionally "hot." The Vancouver boy is a worthy champion; he was never over 71 in his last five rounds!

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"BIRD" ON CARD WORTH TWO IN HAND



Marcel Pinsonnault, diminutive Montreal player (Laval), holds up the remains of a "birdie" which he "shot" in the recent Montreal Metropolitan championship at Kanawaki. The unfortunate robin "intercepted" a smashing tee shot at the 250 yard 9th hole. Pinsonnault's birdie cost him a bogey on the hole. *Free Foto No. 28*



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LONG IRON PLAY (continued from page 9)

Golf is becoming a drive, an accurate pitch and a keen putting touch to top it off. Something is making the long iron as vestigial as modern man's appendix. Golf is breeding a race of No. 4 wood players under these circumstances—and what is to be done about it? Remember the accurate No. 2 iron is the toughest shot in the game and the man who has it is really the champion!

WILLINGDON CUP (continued from page 11)

SASKATCHEWAN (628)

Don Ross, Regina	79	83	162
Doug Lemery, Saskatoon	75	75	150
Bill Turnbull, Saskatoon	82	78	160
Mickey Pyke, North Battleford	77	79	156

NOVA SCOTIA (647)

Jack Harris, Halifax	82	78	160
B. Babcock, Halifax	86	81	167
A. Foshay, Digby	79	84	163
Frank Meikle, Halifax	80	77	157

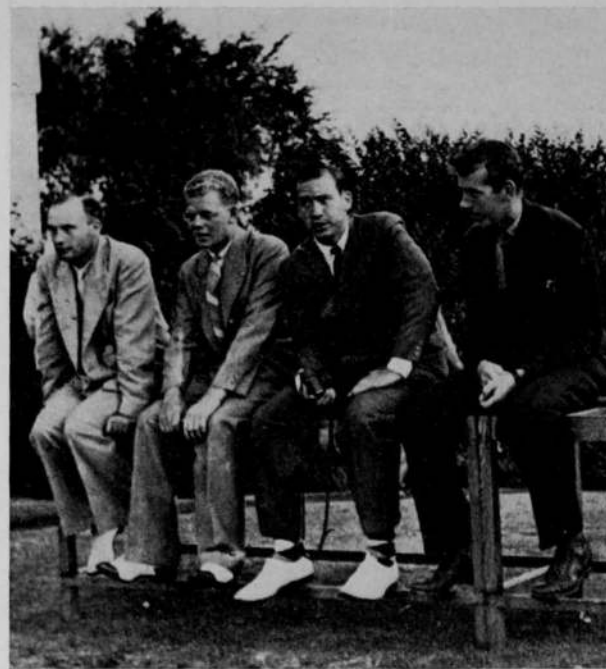
P. E. I.-NEW BRUNSWICK (674)

Pete Kelley, Charlottetown	80	77	157
Maurice Dowling, Saint John	88	78	166
Bill Crawford, Westfield	88	91	179
David Caughey, Saint John	90	82	172

CURRENT THOUGHT (continued from page 5)

before a former British Columbia champion, Kenny Lawson, Vancouver, took his measure. It is true that both Dunkelberger and Strafaci and U. S. Walker Cup hopefuls, Maybe their places on that team may be jeopardized by their showings in the Canadian amateur championship this year. If so, it will be merely because the U. S. committee in charge doesn't know what sort of golf was played at Mount Bruno this year.

PAR-SHOOTERS PAUSE FOR PHOTO



Bill Mooers, Kingston, Ray Getliffe, London, Ed. Meister, Cleveland and Jim Hogan, Jasper, perch on a club-rack after first round matches. All were competitors in the Canadian Amateur Championship in Montreal. *Free Foto No 29*

The long and short of it was that this handful of star Americans experienced just what our handful of Canadian aces face when they enter the U. S. amateur championship. That is, they had to battle the weight of numbers in the form of one "hot shooter" after the other.

But the real significance of the Canadian showing this year seems to be this! The year of Our Lord 1939 marks the beginning of a new era characterized by Canadian indifference for "name" players from other countries. As I overheard one Canadian competitor say to another in a Mount Bruno locker-room, "Sure, this American you're playing is good, but so is everybody in this tournament. That makes your opponent just another guy with a bag of clubs."

Perhaps this, in a nutshell, is the epic "about face" which swept into Canadian psychology at the 1939 championship in Montreal!

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