

Gettchell Paces Men's Field into 1st Round of Southern Oregon Golf Scrap

Three torrid-shooting record-cracking home course linksmen, whose sizzling qualifying scores withstood yesterday's assault by a multitude of visiting stars, were in the limelight along with defending champion Dom Provost Jr., Portland, today as men's match play opened in the 28th annual Southern Oregon Golf Championships on the fairways and greens of popular Rogue Valley Country club.

Matches in the holiday weekend classic continue through Monday, Labor day. Women had a day off today after Thursday qualifying and have their first round tussles Saturday.

A total of 219 men and 63 women qualifiers made the 1955 show the biggest in history of the classic.

Course Record
Phil Gettchell, 21-year-old Medfordite and Stanford university star, was medalist, establishing a competitive course record with steady, sure, consistent play which netted him a six-under-par 66.

And, after the links was cleared in Thursday qualifying, Clayton Lewis, Medford, and Harry Millette, Yreka, Calif., also an RVCC member, were still right behind Gettchell in the Contest for championship flight seeded positions. Lewis also bettered the old course mark with a 67 and Millette with a 68 knotted the standard established in 1955 by Tal Smith, San Lorenzo, Calif.

Bob McKevitt, Devils Lake, who toured the course in one-under-par 71, with an eagle three on 18, came closest to the leaders. Bob Atkinson, Portland, 1951 and 1952 champ, and Wendell Wissler, Medford, were even par with 72. Provost, seeded No. 2, automatically, scored 72 in practice.

Art Abrahamson, Everett, Wash., and Jack Brande, Lebanon, two top-rated divoters in the tourney, turned in 73 cards along with three Rogue Valley men, Eddie Simmons, six times SO winner, Larry Butler and Bob Reiter.

Siegmund Medalist
Miss Sue DeVore, Medford, defending women's champ, was top performer in the feminine field yesterday with one-under-par 73 practice round. However, Miss Shirley Siegmund, youthful entry from Eugene, swiped the honors from the more experienced qualifiers. She scored a 79 for medalist honors. Mrs. W. W. Davies, Medford, seven times SO victor, was next with 80 and Miss Carole Jo Kabler, Sutherlin, national junior and state senior and junior champ, followed with an 81.

Sue will take on Mrs. A. G. Nowels Jr., Eugene, in her first match tomorrow morning. Miss Siegmund is matched against Mrs. Maxine Hammond of Rogue Valley and Mrs. Davies meets Mrs. Donna Sproat, Klamath Falls.

Entries from the home course in the title flight of 16 include Mrs. Mahr Reymers and Mrs. William Miller. Mrs. Reymers first engages Mrs. Jack Laing, Portland, and Mrs. Richard Grubbs, another Portlander is opponent of Mrs. Miller.

Gettchell, heading the bracket of 64 title seekers, encountered Medford Ingram, Salem, in his first match today while Provost went against young Wayne Sabine, Redding, Calif. Lewis faced Lute Clement, Portland, and Millette took on Ben Dolp, Portland. McKevitt's foe was George Parsons, Seattle; Atkinson met Dr. Bruce Stanley, a Rogue Valley hopeful, and Wissler went against Verne Hallin, Eureka, Calif.

Simmons' rival was Jim Vinum, Arcata, Calif., while Rector met Eddie Hall, Medford, and Butler teed off against Ward Bebb, Medford. Abrahamson opposed Carl Wood, Klamath Falls and Brande tackled Tom Bournes, Coos Bay.

Bob Prall, Oregon Golf association medal play titlist, was among those with 76s and played Walter Stanley, Eureka, today.

Golfers who scored 80 or better made the men's championship flight while 94 was high card in the women's title grouping. Other men's entries are playing in 11 flights of 16s and women start out tomorrow in six lower flights of eights.

27 RV Men
Of the entries in the men's top flight 27 are members of the Rogue Valley club which, of course, has the largest entry.

All men's flights played one round today and the beaten 32 of the championship flight had their first round in the first flight. All men's flights play second rounds Saturday and the championship group has its third round. On Sunday the championship flight has its fourth and fifth rounds, the first flight has its third and fourth and other flights their third.

Women play one round on Saturday. The championship flight has its second and third rounds on Sunday and the first flight its first and second rounds. Second rounds in other flights are set.

Thirty-six hole finals are set in both men's and women's championship battles on Monday with 18 holes in other flights.

Golfing fans of the valley are invited to join the galleries for the matches.

Club officials reported that players moved over the links Thursday with a minimum of congestion.

WOMEN'S SATURDAY PARINGS:
Championship Flight: 8:00—Shirley Siegmund, Eugene (79) vs. Mrs. Maxine Hammond, Medford (87); Mrs. Raymond Scott, Eastmoreland (82) vs. Alice Hammer, Coos Bay (91).

8:10—Mrs. Helen Davies, Medford (80) vs. Mrs. Donna Sproat, Klamath Falls (90); Mrs. Mahr Reymers, Medford (83) vs. Mrs. Jack Laing, Eastmoreland (86).

8:20—Sue DeVore, Medford (dc) vs. Mrs. A. G. Nowels Jr., Eugene (89); Mrs. Richard Grubbs, Rose City (85) vs. Mrs. William Miller, Medford (1); 8:30—Carole Jo Kabler, Roseburg (81) vs. Elaine Porritt, Eugene (80); Mrs. Ben Dolp, Eastmoreland (87) vs. Mrs. S. A. Peters, Bayside (94).

Twelfth Flight: 8:00—Mildred Hall, Klamath Falls

(112) vs. Mrs. Jack Brande, Salem (121); Mrs. Stewart DeVore, Eugene (114) vs. Mrs. Phillip Blandine, McMinnville (130).

8:10—Mrs. Betty Bratton, Klamath Falls (112) vs. Mrs. L. W. Porritt, Eugene (123); Pat Hersh, Medford (117), bye.

Tenth Flight: 6:20—Mrs. Stoy Elliott, Medford (109) vs. Mrs. Jack Lovett, Columbia (111); Mrs. Paul Brunk, Del Norte (110) vs. Mrs. Leland Speer, Del Norte (111).

6:30—Mrs. W. L. Kirk, The Dalles (110) vs. Mrs. Nira Frohnmeyer, Medford (111); Mrs. R. J. Mattheck, McMinnville (111) vs. Mrs. R. Clark, Medford (112).

Eighth Flight: 6:40—Mrs. James Wells, Redding (105) vs. Mrs. E. J. Lanning, Del Norte (105) vs. Mrs. Harry Price, Eastmoreland (108).

6:50—Mrs. Robert Gardner, Bayside (105) vs. Mrs. Don Closson, Laurelwood (107); Mrs. Don Dyer, Bend (107) vs. Mrs. Bob Voris, Ashland (109).

Sixth Flight: 7:00—Mrs. Martha Lewis, Medford (100) vs. Mrs. Jack Ivey, Bayside (102); Mrs. Pat Eldswick, Ashland (101) vs. Mrs. Robert McKevitt, Devils Lake (104).

7:10—Mrs. Jack Wood, Medford (100) vs. Mrs. William Cavell, King City, Calif. (103); Mrs. F. J. Heitkemper, Portland (101) vs. J. S. Graham, Bend (104).

Fourth Flight: 7:20—Mrs. Raimon Barclay, Del Norte (97) vs. Mrs. Edward Siegmund, Eugene (99); Mrs. Leslie Schneider, Medford (97) vs. Mrs. Leland Plank, Woodburn (99).

7:30—Mrs. Justin Woods, Riverwood (97) vs. Mrs. Ruth Balcom, Coos Bay (99); Mrs. Henry Welch, Del Norte (98) vs. Mrs. Glenis Kovacovich, Bayside (100).

Second Flight: 7:40—Mrs. L. E. Tripp, Oswego (94) vs. Mrs. William McIntosh, Agate Beach (96); Susan Small, Corvallis (95) vs. Mrs. Ike Hables, King City, Calif. (96); 7:50—Mrs. Robert Templeton, Medford (91) vs. Mrs. Pat Daugherty, Cottage Grove (96); Mrs. Ed Wheelock, Columbia (96) vs. Mary Moty, Bend (96).

FRIDAY PAIRINGS:
Championship Flight: Phil Gettchell, Medford (66) vs. Med Ingram, Salem (78); Jerry Plank, Woodburn (75) vs. Al Erickson, Laurelwood (79); Eddie Simmons, Medford (73) vs. Jim Vinum, Arcata, Cal. (79); Jim Snider, Medford (77) vs. Jack Wood, Medford (80).

Bob McKevitt, Devils Lake (71) vs. George Parsons, Seattle (78); Earle Voorhies, Grants Pass (76) vs. Simcoe Chapman, Grants Pass (80); Verne Perry, Jr., Columbia (74) vs. George Clutch, Eastmoreland (79); Fred Langley, Medford (77) vs. Carl Schmidt, Medford (80).

Clayton Lewis, Medford (67) vs. Lute Clement, Portland (78); Bob Prall, Salem (76) vs. Walter Stanley, Eureka (80); Art Abrahamson, Everett (73) vs. Carl Wood, Klamath Falls (79); George Stacey, Medford (77) vs. Dr. Wm. Miller, Medford (80).

Lt. Robert Atkinson, Reno (72) vs. Bruce Stanley, Medford (78); Herbert Peterson, Eureka (79) vs. Bob Voegtli, Medford (80); Rick Cooney, Eastmoreland (75) vs. Paul Brattain, Paisley (79); Don Avey, Eureka (77) vs. Ed Kovacovich, Eureka (80).

Dom Provost, Mt. Columbia (dc) vs. Wayne Sabine, Redding (78); Bill Hartman (75) vs. Neal McLean, Coos Bay (79); Bob Reiter, Medford (73) vs. Eddie Hall, Medford (79); Ralph Merklin, Klamath Falls (77) vs. Dick Mann, Medford (80).

Wendy Wissler, Medford (72) vs. Vern Hallin, Eureka (78); Dick House, Medford (76) vs. Jim Vranizan, Portland (80).

Medford (76) vs. Jim Vranizan, Portland (80).

SPORTS

Coast Loop Directors Expected To Take Look at Vancouver, B. C.

By HAL WOOD
United Press Sports Writer
San Francisco — (U.P.) — The word is that the Pacific coast League directors switched their League Sept. 12 meeting from Los Angeles to Seattle so that the owners could skip across the border and take a look at the Vancouver, B.C., set-up.

This just about clinches the announcement that the Oakland A's, a member of the PCL for 53 years, will make a move for the 1956 campaign.

"It is probable that the directors will go over to look at the Vancouver ball park while the meeting is on in Seattle," a spokesman for the PCL admitted today.

While C. L. (Brick) Laws, owner of the Oaks, says nothing has been signed anent the moving, it is reported that the move will be announced after the final day of play.

The odd thing about the move away from Oakland is the fact that no single person and no

organization has made any effort to keep the ball club in that city.

Every time someone tries to move the Sacramento franchise, or one of the cities from the other smaller leagues, there always is a big civic movement to keep professional baseball in the city.

"But there has been no organized move in this city," says Alan Ward, sports editor of the Oakland Tribune. "Brick knows that and he has known for some time that baseball is dead here."

While the franchise shift will be the first one in the league since the San Francisco Missions moved south to become the Hollywood Stars in 1938, it will come as no great shock.

5 Players Join Cleveland Club

Cleveland, Ohio — (U.P.) — Five players called up from Indianapolis of the American Association were scheduled to join the Cleveland Indians today to help the Tribe in their drive to retain the American League pennant.

Called up were first basemen Joe Altobelli, outfielder Rocco Colavito, infielders Bobby Young and Stan Pawlowski, and pitcher Hank Aguirre. The Indians also called up pitchers Dick Tomaneck and Marian Murszewski, but they will not report until spring training next year.

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