

# Smith Scores 69; DeVoe Sets Course Mark in Southern Oregon Qualifying

A 69 for the men and a 75 for the women — those were the scores out-of-town linksmen were attempting to better today as they fired through qualifying rounds of a Southern Oregon Golf tournament which could be the best — as well as the biggest — in the 28-year history of the Labor day holiday week end classic at Rogue Valley Country club.

The three under par 69 was carded by Justin Smith Jr. and the women's course record shattering 75 was stroked by Sue DeVoe yesterday as home links members, trying for the championship flights engaged in their qualifying play.

Visiting ladies began their 18-hole stints with the first groups teeing off at 6:30 a.m. today and the out-of-town men's qualifying opened at 8:30 a.m. By the time all were off the greens and fairways this evening 224 men and 72 women were expected to be grouped in flights for match play starting Thursday at 8:30 a.m. when the women go out. The 296 total will make the field the largest since the popular tournament was originated in 1929 under the leadership of Don Clark.

**Standout Field**  
And the club officers and management and tourney committee members hold every hope that the standout women's field and one of the top men's competitive groups in the history of the event, new tourney procedure, prospective smooth operation of the affair and condition of the course would make the 1956 Southern Oregon the "best ever."

Smith encountered trouble only with his putting yesterday as he teared on his fine subpar round. He "hit 17 greens" on the allotted shot and the only one he missed was the only one he bogied. The ex-University of Oregon player had birdies on the No. 1, 7, 15 and 18 holes.

Miss DeVoe with her one under ladies' par 75 eclipsed the former competitive record of 76 established in the Willamette Valley-Southern Oregon Women's Golf association tourney by Mrs. W. W. Davies, Redding, Calif., and Rogue Valley, last May. Both women have shot non-competitive scores over the Medford golfing layout. Mrs. Davies had a 78 yesterday, second low for RVCC members. Sue had birds on No. 2, 4, 12 and 16 but three straight bogies on 7, 8 and 9 damaged her chances for a lower score.

**Neither Certain**  
But neither of yesterday's leaders could feel certain that their scores would stand up against today's assault in the quest for medalist.

Among those challenging Smith for the R. B. Hammond Jr. memorial cup for medalist were three divoters who were university teammates, Art Abrahamson, Everett, Wash., Bob Prall, Salem, and Bob Norquist, Portland. Among other bidders were Rod Funsteth, Seattle, Lynn Creason, Harrisburg, Pa., national amateur qualifier in 1952, Dom Provost Jr., 1954 champ and Rogue Valley member who has been working at Vancouver, Wash., and Harry Millette, Yreka, another RVCC member.

Top ladies candidates for No. 1 seeded spot included Mrs. Edean Ihanfeldt, Seattle; Mrs. Marg Phillis, Salt Lake City, the Utah state titlist, and Shirley Sigmund, Southern Oregon medalist of 1955.

Dr. Bruce Stanley had the second low card among home course men qualifying yesterday, a 71. He had six birds and was three under par at one time but had five bogies for the 18. Ed Hall had a 75 and Ron Mitchell, Simmons, Sheldon and Holmes 74s. Charles Brown and Warren Deakins Jr. had 75s and Bob Phillips, Clayton Lewis, Bob Rasmussen and Gary Harrington 76s.

**Clark Has 79**  
Touring in 77 were Harvey Woods Jr., George Stacey, Del Berg and Tom Hamlin. Marv Clark, the Southwestern Oregon and RVCC senior champ stroked a 79 along with Al Althaus, Earle Voorhies and Dean Lambert. John Jensen and Wendell Wissler carded 80s and Brad Broyles, Norm Hillyer, Everett McGraw, Bob Rector and Dick Knight 81s.

Among the ladies yesterday Mrs. Rose Bunch had an 87 and Mrs. Belle Schenck and Mrs. Maxine Hammond 90s.

Sixty-four men and 16 women will qualify for championship flights and lower brackets will be of 16 players each with consolation play in all flights. Bob Atkinson, Portland, and Carole Jo Kabler, Sutherlin, are defending champions and were not required to qualify today.

Matches are scheduled Thursday for all flights except men's brackets seven through 11. Men's flights two through six will be idle Friday but all other men and women play. Saturday will be a day of rest for all women participants. The action will be in the men's championship and

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**NEW LADIES' RECORD** — Sue DeVoe, Medford, above, established a new women's competitive record at Rogue Valley Country club yesterday with a one under par 75 score in qualifying for the Southern Oregon Golf tournament.

first flight third rounds and the second round of all other men's brackets.

**Finals on Monday**  
Finals will be on Monday, Labor day with 36 holes to be played in the championship matches and 18 slated for the other flights.

Taylor (Red) Maulding, greens superintendent, and his staff have the Medford links in prime condition for the event as evidenced by the remarks of Creason, participant whose home course is most distant, and Clark, the SWO champ. Creason, in Oregon to visit his mother at Brookings, termed the RV layout the most beautiful he has seen in a couple of years. He played over the old RVCC route in 1952. Clark, Grants Pass resident, said

## Bend's Dan Luby Leading Batter of SOL With .435

Young Dan Luby of Bend, who went on a hitting rampage at the end of the season, took the circuit's trophy as the leading batter of the Southern Oregon Baseball league for the 1956 season.

Bend, helped it is felt, by the high altitude of its home park, had the strongest hitting club of the loop and the biggest share of the SOL's top hitters. Luby led this Logger aggregation with 27 hits in 62 times at bat for an average of .435.

He was followed by Ron Bowen of Bend with .360 while Medford's top sticker, Terry Maddox, was third in the loop with .359.

Medford's Derald Wooton, as pitching leader with a 6-0 mark, was trailed by Noel Aronson of Drain and Jerry Bartow of Coos Bay-North Bend with 6-1 apiece. Don Selsor was fourth among the twirlers who saw most duty with a 5-2 record.

**Bowen Tops in RBIs**  
Bowen headed the field in the runs batted in department with 29 while Bill Beard of Drain had

SOL TOP BATTERS:									
	AB	R	H	PO	A	E	RBI	Pct.	
Dan Luby, Bend	62	15	27	38	34	8	29	.435	
Ron Bowen, Bend	91	15	33	57	38	12	29	.360	
Terry Maddox, Medford	64	16	23	24	1	1	18	.359	
Maury Rasmussen, Bend	88	24	31	52	4	1	17	.358	
Bill Beard, Drain	94	20	34	141	13	1	19	.351	
Jim Pifer, CB-NB	86	25	30	44	48	21	17	.349	
Jay Dittel, Bend	49	16	17	40	1	6	6	.347	
Chris Christianson, Bend	93	21	33	208	10	0	29	.344	
Ad Rutschman, Drain	93	27	32	80	24	5	19	.344	
Frank Rowland, Medford	83	15	27	45	12	3	13	.325	
Pete Goodbrod, Coquille	85	14	27	57	0	4	5	.318	
Jack Cooney, Medford	95	25	30	242	12	6	12	.316	
John Kovens, Medford	98	24	31	44	2	1	19	.316	
Pat Wolters, Drain	74	9	23	27	3	2	12	.311	
Norm Welch, Drain	92	19	28	105	10	7	21	.304	
Harvey Jones, CB-NB	89	20	27	67	63	9	7	.303	

PITCHERS:									
	W	L	Pct	IP	H	R	BB	SO	WP
Wooton, Medford	6	0	1.000	55	45	23	22	45	3
Lunds, Bend	1	0	1.000	25	28	11	7	8	0
Bartow, CBES	6	1	.857	66 1/2	51	27	29	42	4
Aronson, Drain	6	1	.857	62 1/2	54	29	37	36	7
Selsor, Medford	3	2	.714	59 1/2	47	39	36	45	0
Stephens, Coquille	4	2	.667	77 1/2	81	69	51	51	5
White, Medford	3	3	.500	75	78	33	25	42	3
Croco, Drain	4	3	.571	55 1/2	38	28	37	30	0
Lehl, CBNE Coq.	3	3	.500	52	44	26	28	36	7
Riley, Coq. Drain	2	2	.500	22 1/2	23	18	15	1	0
Smith, CBNE	1	1	.500	15	25	11	8	7	1
Droscher, Medford	1	1	.500	8 1/2	8	2	13	4	1
Dmochowsky, Bend	3	1	.750	66	69	49	41	34	4
Paine, Bend	3	4	.429	39 1/2	49	28	13	14	0
Pearse, Bend	2	6	.250	48	60	49	28	19	2
Lane, CBNE	4	5	.444	71	68	48	39	30	2
Bonneau, CBNE	2	5	.286	44 1/2	48	40	30	20	6
Stafford, Coquille	1	4	.200	37	38	27	17	20	1
Duerr, Drain	1	3	.250	34	48	28	37	26	4
Morano, Coquille	0	2	.000	12	12	10	11	9	0
Hargen, CBNE	0	1	.000	8	14	7	3	2	0
Kelly, Medford	0	1	.000	18	22	16	9	10	1
Billante, Coquille	0	1	.000	6	12	16	9	3	0
Sandgren, Bend	0	1	.000	16	17	25	22	9	4
Lucas, CBNE	0	0	.000	8 1/2	14	19	11	5	0
Worthen, Coquille	0	0	.000	8 1/2	8	4	2	2	0
Stratton, Drain	0	0	.000	3 1/2	7	3	1	0	0
Heiser, Drain	0	0	.000	2 1/2	4	0	3	1	0
Christianson, Bend	0	0	.000	1 1/2	14	14	2	2	0
Lewis, CBNE	0	0	.000	2	6	6	2	0	0
Luby, Bend	0	0	.000	1	1	1	1	1	0

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that the soft, lush greens hold the ball good and that the course is in the top of condition.

Club officers and the management both have praised the tourney committees headed by Ray Mencke, general chairman, and Bill Thorndike, co-chairman, for their organization, cooperation and coordination to insure the success of the 28th annual playing of the tourney.

Clayton Lewis, RVCC president, pointed out how committee planning has come up with an effective means whereby the Southern Oregon tourney may be recognized as the one in the northwest producing the combination of the "best golf and the most fun."

**Getchell Not Playing**  
This has been achieved in part by fact that some men players will rest on Thursday, others on Friday and the women on Saturday, enabling participants to play good golf and not tire and at the same time relieving traffic on the links. Also, no effort has been made to toughen the course. The course is "wide open," Lewis remarked. The staff has not let the rough grow. It is felt that the 6,688-foot length of the course and the tricky greens still will make a good test of golf.

The management feels that the 1956 event may prove the best in overall operation and mechanics. It was reported this morning that Phil Getchell, Medford, 1954 runner-up and 1955 medalist, would not be an entry. He will retain his job with the county road department until leaving Sept. 1 for Fuller Theological seminary, Los Angeles. He was graduated from Stanford university last spring.

## Joliet Captures Pony Series Toga

Washington, Pa.—(U.P.)—Joliet, Ill., took home the 1956 Pony League World Series championship today after defeating Hamtramck, Mich., 9-1, in the final game Tuesday night.

Right-hander Ed Stonich limited Hamtramck to six hits, gave up four bases on balls and struck out nine. His teammates erupted for nine runs in the second inning to give Stonich a cushion the rest of the way.

## Aragon-Andrade Fight Ducats Eagerly Sought

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Improved weather conditions and a last-minute rush of ticket-buyers indicated a gate of around \$100,000 and a crowd of more than 15,000 for tonight's local "grudge" battle between Art Aragon and Cisco Andrade at Wrigley field. The outdoor bout is at catchweights between welterweight Aragon and lightweight Andrade but the outcome may have an effect on rankings in their respective divisions.

## Junior High Plans Told For Football

Plans for football turnout at McLoughlin and Hedrick Junior High schools have been announced by Lee V. Ragsdale, supervisor of physical education in Medford schools.

Ragsdale said that it is recommended that each boy have his physical given by his family doctor. If this is not possible, grid aspirants may have exams on Thursday, Aug. 30, at the Medford Clinic in the Medical Center building. Hedrick players are to report at 7 p.m. and McLoughlin boys at 7:30 p.m. A fee of \$1 will be charged for each boy and each should have the money with him. Equipment will be issued to ninth graders of both schools on Friday, Aug. 31, from 1 to 3 p.m. First practice will be on Tuesday, Sept. 4. Eighth graders will draw gear on Friday, Sept. 7, from 10 a.m. until noon and practice will start after school on Monday, Sept. 10.

## Spider Webb Discounts Rating as Underdog

Chicago—(U.P.)—Middleweight Spider Webb discounted his underdog rating today for tonight's TV fight against unbeaten Rory Calhoun, winner of 23 straight bouts. "I'm in the best shape I've ever been in," Webb said, "and now I know I can go 10 rounds, so that's not a mental worry any more. I think I can win the fight, so the odds don't mean anything."

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