

Ashman, Robinson, Hill Capture Southern Oregon Links Mantles

Bellevue Youth Second 18-Year-Old To Capture Title In Men's Division

Rob Ashman, Bellevue, Wash., yesterday became the second 18-year-old player ever to win the men's titular trophy in the Southern Oregon Amateur Golf championships at Medford's Rogue Valley Country club.

Ashman, the 1962 Pacific Northwest Junior champ, was conceded an inches-long birdie putt on the 36th hole to nip past SO champion Lynn Creason.



SENIOR CHAMPION — Dave Hill, above, Grants Pass, won the senior championship Monday in the Southern Oregon Golf tournament. He beat Carl Schmidt, Medford, in the holiday finale. (UPI)

Medford, 1 up in the finals of the 35th annual tourney.

Two other championship matches also went the full distance. Miss June Robinson, Albany, the 1961 winner, edged Miss Pam Stacey, Medford, the defending titlist, 1 up over 36 holes for the women's division crown.

Dave Hill returned the senior men's championship to Grants Pass for the first time since 1959. He defeated past champion and 1963 medalist Carl Schmidt, Medford, 2 up over 18 holes.

First Since 1934

Ashman's game was shaky on the early backstretch yesterday afternoon. Creason appeared on his way to his second title. But the young Washingtonian pulled his game together. Down two holes with three to play, he won all three to subdue the 1959 winner. Youthful talent triumphed over experience in this case.

Not since Medford's Eddie Simmons won his first of six titles 29 years ago in 1934 has an 18-year-old won the men's Southern Oregon laurels. No one younger has won it.

Miss Robinson, the women's medalist, rolled out and up to as much as a four-hole lead as the afternoon play in her match got underway. On the final nine, however, Miss Stacey stole the show and thunder. With two holes to play Miss Robinson's lead was just 1 up. The adversaries halved the 35th hole with pars. June hit a poor drive on 36 but fought back to tie the hole with a bird and take the match.

Hill Never Down

Hill, who chipped and putted well, was never down in his match. He took the lead for keeps on No. 13 green but was just one hole down going into the 18th. He took the final hole with a conceded par.

Creason saw leads come and go in the before lunch 18 with Ashman. In the afternoon Ashman took early command, chipping in a 27-footer and sinking a 12-foot putt. Creason appeared to tire and his putting faltered. Then the veteran steadied to erase a 2 hole deficit and gain a 2 up lead as Ashman encountered tree problems with his drives and ditch and trap troubles.

Door Opened

The 34th hole of the match then opened the door for the Washingtonian. Creason was over the green into some thick grass on his second shot, while Ashman got on the lower green on his approach. "I felt an urge to win, then," said the Bellevue player. He putted up to within 15 inches of the hole and sank the second putt for a par. A 12-foot putt by Creason rolled by the cup for a bogey.

On par three 35 (17th green actually on the fairway), Ashman just missed a 35-foot putt and was given a conceded par. Creason was six feet short on a 37-footer and missed his second putt.

Ashman was just short of the green on his second shot on the 36th. Creason landed further back. The Washington youth putted some 50 feet up to within inches of the cup. Creason chipped about eight feet from the pin. He overshot on his putt for a par five.

Even for Morning

The two men went into afternoon action all even although Creason stroked a match play card of 76 to Ashman's 77. Both had 76s for the afternoon. Par is 72.

Ashman drew a roar from the onlookers on the first hole of the afternoon and the 19th of the match when his 27-footer dropped in for a bird. A 25-foot putt by Creason rolled over the hole.

Both men were steady with pars on the next two holes and with hits or near hits on the greens. They clouted drives short of the green on 22. Ashman chipped 12 feet from the cup and sank his putt for a par. Creason chipped nine feet by the hole and missed coming back. That put the younger player 2 up.

The next two holes were parred. Creason hit over the green on 22 but saved a half with a 12-foot putt. Ashman's 11-footer stopped on the rim. Par five 25th hole was birdied by each player with Creason putting a chip eight inches from the pin. On 26 Ashman hit into a clump of trees to the right of the fairway then into grass on the side of a trap and took a double bogey six on the hole. Creason won with a bogey.

Tree Trouble

On 27 Ashman again had to hit onto the fairway from behind a tree. Creason with less tree trouble bounced his ball over a trap to the edge of the green. Both were on the green in three. Ashman circled the cup with a 20-foot putt and was able to get a half when Creason's five-foot try rimmed the cup.

Creason evened the match on 29 with a three-foot putt for a par. Ashman was in a trap on his approach. His first try popped up and fell back in. His next almost went into the hole. Both men were steady on 30. On 31 Ashman hit a great shot



CHAMP CONGRATULATED—Rob Ashman, left, receives congratulations of his caddy, Doug Olson, and Mike Miller, both of Medford, after winning the men's division Southern Oregon Golf championship yesterday at Rogue Valley Country club. Eighteen-year-old Ashman, of Bellevue, Wash., defeated Lynn Creason, Medford, 1 up for the title.

Hole-In-One Again in Tournament

Second hole in one of the Rogue Valley Country club's Southern Oregon Golf championships occurred during the final yesterday.

E. C. Mattson, Columbia-Edgewater, Portland carded the ace on the 203 yard No. 15 hole. Mattson was playing in the eighth flight final and went on to defeat Gail Hartley 2 and 1.

The feat duplicated a hole in one on the same green last Friday by Fred Stevens, a CE clubmate. When Stevens got his ace, the hole was being used as No. 6 of the No. 2 course. The old original course was being followed yesterday.

out of the trees to just above the green and putted up to the hole. Creason was short of the green on approaching but made up for it with 10-foot putt for a par and a halve.

Ashman ran into double bogey troubles on 32. He was into the right rough off the tee. His drive was scuffed and bounced along the ditch bank. The ball fell into the water, costing a one-stroke penalty. Creason sank a nine-foot putt for a par four to go one up.

Takes Lead Away

Creason took 33 with a par when he chipped to within six inches of the pin and an 11-foot putt by Ashman went around the hole. That established the 2 up gap.

Ashman was never up in the morning but took away a Creason lead three times. Creason won on No. 1 with a par when an Ashman chip ran across the green. The Washingtonian won No. 5 with a par when he hit the green in regulation and put in a four-foot knock. Creason was 15 feet short of the hole on his chip.

Creason won No. 6 with a par by almost putting a 49-foot shot down. Both birdied par five No. 7 with 2½-foot putts. On No. 8 Ashman made good on a chance to even the count. Creason overshot the green then missed a 13-foot putt and Ashman hit up for a g'ime par. Creason parred No. 9 with a four-foot par putt and Ashman missed an eight-footer for 1 up difference at the turn.

Good Roll Back

No. 11 saw an Ashman approach drop on the green and roll back to a spot 20 inches from the hole. He missed the try for a bird, however and halved the hole. No. 12 saw Creason go 2 up when he chipped over a trap to 2½ feet from the cup and took a g'ime par. Ash-

man chipped across the green, hit back by the cup then missed a seven-foot putt for a bogey six.

After well played halves on 13 and 14, Ashman came up well from back of trees on No. 15 and was able to take the hole with a bogey four on two putts. Creason double bogied. He went from the rough into a trap, hit his third shot onto the green and rimmed an eight-foot putt.

Ashman won No. 16 with a par, hitting the green on his approach, while Creason, who was cramped by a tree, was below the green on his second shot. Creason chipped up well but was short on a six-foot putt while Ashman was left a one-foot putt after clubbing a long one by the hole. That squared it for lunch.

Lovely Ladies

The crowd-pleaser tussle for the women's prize was described as a "battle of lovely ladies" whose "booming drives and crisp shots are for most of us (men) to envy." June's steady long game and the accurate close game by Pam were features of the morning round.

Miss Robinson, 1961 Oregon State university graduate and now a secretary of that school had a 79 card and a 2 up lead after morning contention. Miss Stacey, who finished University of Oregon this spring, shot an 81. Each had a 79 in the afternoon. Ladies' par is 76.

June made her margin 3 up on the 20th hole. She and her adversary were equal on their tee and second shots but June chipped up to 3½ feet from the pin and made her putt for a birdie. The Albany miss followed with a birdie three putt of six feet to go 4 up on 21. A nine-foot par try by Pam faded.

Both parred on the next two holes. On 22 June chipped five feet from the pin after booming a shot over the green.

Deficit Cut

On 24 Pam reduced her deficit with an easy par. Miss Robinson hit a bad lie behind a tree and took a bogey when her 30 foot putt did not quite go in. The gap was hacked to two holes on No. 26. Both were on the green in two shots and about 15 feet from the pin. June three putted and Miss Stacey got a par.

Miss Robinson won 28 for 3 up by two-putting for a par. She made it 4 up on 29 when Pam ran into tree troubles, then just missed a 17-foot putt. Pam dropped it to 3 up again when she one-putted for a par on 30.

June halved tree and trap woes. The girls bogied on 31 but came back on 32 with sure-played pars.

On par three 33 both missed the putting surface off the tee. June chipped long. Miss Stacey set up a three-foot downhill putt and nailed it for par. Score was



GAINS LADIES' TITLE—Miss June Robinson, Albany, above, won the women's division crown in the Southern Oregon Golf tournament here with a 1 up nod yesterday over Miss Pam Stacey, Medford. Miss Robinson was medalist in qualifying. She also won the championship in 1961.

just 2 up. Pam boomed a drive on 34 and Miss Robinson skied hers. Miss Stacey scrambled then to a par five to win the hole. The Albany player was just one up.

10-Foot Putt

On the women's 35th Pam kept in the running by downing a 10-foot putt while June tapped in a 10-inch try. Both young ladies were on the green in three strokes on 36. June rapped an eight-foot putt dead center for a birdie and a half that gave her the crown again.

June jumped to a 3 up lead by winning three of the first four morning holes. She took advantage of her Medford foe's fairway trouble to win No. 1 with a par. A chip 20 inches from the pin enabled Miss Robinson to win No. 3 with a par. She took No. 4 with another par with a three-foot putt.

The two halved the next four holes with fours, each getting birds on No. 7. No. 9 and 10 were split with fives. Pam won 11 by chipping up within inches of the pin from 30 feet out and getting a par while June three putted. Three-up was restored on 12 with Miss Robinson's four-foot birdie putt. But Pam won 13 by chipping up close to the pin and nabbing a par.

Even After 11

Then the margin was narrowed to one hole when Pam sank a 16 foot putt on No. 17. June made it 2 up again for the

midway break with her three-foot bird putt on 18.

Hill and Schmidt were all even after Schmidt won N. 11 hole with a par. Hill went 1 up with a par on 13 and two up on 15 when Schmidt three putted. The Medford player three-putted again on 16 but Hill was unable to take advantage of it. On 18 with Hill needing just a half, Schmidt had a bogey six and conceded a par putt to Hill.

The Grants Pass player had a 2 up lead at the turn. Schmidt grabbed No. 10 with a par.

Hill won No. 2 hole with a bogey and lost No. 4 to Schmidt's par. Hill then won Nos. 5 and 9 with pars. Match play medal cards were 40-39-79 for Hill and 42-39-81 for Schmidt.

"I can't believe it," said Ashman following his victory. The youthful irons expert appears destined to greater heights. He agreed that the 16th hole was the turning point for him. He indicated that he felt he played good and had no urge to look back on the bad holes of the last nine.

"I'm happy. It was a close one," said Miss Robinson of her match.

On his way to the tourney finals Ashman defeated Harold Bailey, Klamath Falls; Cliff Goldman, Tualatin; George Mack, Portland, and Harvey Woods, Ashland. Miss Robinson beat Mrs. Miles Munson, Eugene; Mrs. Helen Root, Redmond, and Mrs. Helen Davies, Medford.

Hill scored decisions over John Dasher, Portland; Vern Hallin, Eureka, and Marvin Clark, Grants Pass.

Bob Atkinson, Portland, three times Southern Oregon victor, beat Dick House, Medford, 6 and 5 for the first flight laurels. Mrs. Robert Templeton, Medford, won from Mrs. Munson for the women's first flight trophy. Score was 2 up. Karl Bennett, Grants Pass, a past champ, won the senior first flight. He defeated Iver Isackson, Arcata, Calif., in the final.

MATCH CARDS:

Men's championship (Morning round)

Hill out 54 54 54 54-37
Creason out 54 54 54 54-38
Ashman out 54 54 54 54-39
Par in 54 54 54 54-37-72
Creason in 44 44 53 53-38-76
Ashman in 44 44 43 43-39-77

(Afternoon round)

Hill out 54 44 45-39
Creason out 54 44 45-38
Ashland out 44 44 45-38
Ashman in 44 44 43-37-76
Ashman in 45 44 43-38-76

senior championship (Morning round)

Hill out 64 44 54-40
Schmidt out 64 54 54-42
Hill in 54 44 54-39-40-79
Schmidt in 44 54 53-39-42-81

Women's Championship (Morning round)

Par out 54 54 54 54-38
Robinson out 54 54 45-38
Stacey out 63 44 45-41

Par in 44 53 53-38-76
Robinson in 54 54 54-41-38-79
Stacey in 54 54 53-40-41-81

(Afternoon round)

Robinson out 54 54 54-38
Stacey out 55 54 54-39
Hill in 44 54 53-41-38-79
Stacey in 55 55 54-40-39-79

MEN'S DIVISION FINALS:

Championship Flight—Rob Ashman def. Lynn Creason, 1 up.

First Flight—Bob Atkinson Jr. def. Dick House, 6-5.
Second Flight—Dennis Soran def. Jim Woods, 19th hole.
Third Flight—Warren Deakin Jr. def. Jack Beckwith, 3-2.
Fourth Flight—Craig Miller def. Norm Hlyer, 4-3.
Fifth Flight—Lester Morrison, 19th hole.
Sixth Flight—Larry Austad def. George Swendiman, 2-1.
Seventh Flight—Wayne Chitwood def. Jim Vranizan, 1 up.
Eighth Flight—Tom Hamlin def. Lute Clement, 6-5.
Ninth Flight—Consolation—Bill Thornicke def. Phil Settecase, 2-1.
Tenth Flight—Dwayne Roisen def. Bruce Cullison, 7-5.
Eleventh Flight—Consolation—Dr. Don Michelson def. Bob Dickey, 4-3.
Twelfth Flight—Steve Lovgren def. Robert Walberg, 2-1.
Thirteenth Flight—Consolation—Bob Van Duser def. Jack Dumas, 1 up.
Fourteenth Flight—Robert Frink def. Gene Cosette, 4-3.
Fifteenth Flight—Consolation—Albert Rees def. Jack Roehel, 4-3.
Sixteenth Flight—Chuck Swenson def. Robert Norris, 1 up.

10th Flight—Consolation—Walter Kresse def. Kevin Van Hoomissen, 1 up.
11th Flight—Robert Kade def. John Humphrey, 20th hole.
12th Flight—Consolation—Glenn Kelenberg def. Gary Miksche, 2-1.
13th Flight—Virg Parker def. Bill Berger, 3-2.
14th Flight—Consolation—J. Hamlin def. Bill Jennings, 19th hole.
15th Flight—Richard Scott def. Tom Clark, 6-5.
16th Flight—Consolation—David Johnson def. Ben Gray, 2-1.

WOMEN'S FINALS:

Championship Flight—June Robinson def. Pam Stacey, 1 up.
First Flight—Mrs. B. Templeton def. Mrs. Miles Munson, 2 up.
Second Flight—Mrs. J. T. Pickett def. Mrs. Stair Reymers, 3-2.
Third Flight—Mrs. Pat Edswick def. Mrs. Murray Yates, 4-3.
Fourth Flight—Mrs. John Bishop def. Marge Nave, 6-5.
Fifth Flight—Mrs. Jane Bates def. Mrs. W. T. Wright, 5-4.
Sixth Flight—Mary Schei def. Mrs. Jeff Ehlen, 6-5.
Seventh Flight—Marge Lambert def. Mrs. Jeff Ehlen, 6-5.
Eighth Flight—J. Morris def. Mrs. Mark Calder, 2 up.
Ninth Flight—Mrs. Harry Pappas def. Mrs. Jack Six, 4-2.

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