

HANCOCK CAPTURES R. I. MEDAL ROUND

Leads Defending Champion and
Fellow Metacomet Golfer,
Gartner, 154 to 156.

NEWCOMERS BREAK INTO 16

Dennis, Hegeman, Graves and Bud-
long Qualify for Select Company
with Dozen Old-Timers

F. M. Hancock won the medal round of the Rhode Island State golf championship at Wannamoisett yesterday with a card of 72-82-154, shading Heine Gartner, his nearest rival, by two strokes. The duel between the two Metacomet stars was keenly fought throughout both the morning and afternoon rounds, and Hancock emerged victorious only after the defending State champion cracked wide open on the last two holes of the day, finishing with a seven and a six.

Sharing the day's prizes with Hancock was A. B. Bradshaw of Wannamoisett, who won the President's Trophy with his low net of 142 and gained a position in the championship flight with his gross of 166.

The 16 players who survived severe qualifying test yesterday and who are matched in the titular play today, tomorrow and Friday finished in the following order: F. M. Hancock, Metacomet, 154; Heine Gartner, Metacomet, 156; Andy Doleman, Wannamoisett, 159; E. B. Graves, Wannamoisett, 161; Brad Oxnard, Metacomet, 161; R. D. Rocks, Metacomet, 161; H. B. Rust, Jr., Wannamoisett, 162; Henry R. Dennis, Wannamoisett, 163; Ira Mackenzie, Metacomet, 163; J. C. Hegeman, Rhode Island, 165; H. E. Kenworthy, Metacomet, 165; Phil Wray, Wannamoisett, 166; A. B. Bradshaw, Wannamoisett, 166; Dr. R. F. McCoart, Metacomet, 167; Q. H. Peckham, Wannamoisett, 167; A. M. Budlong, Wannamoisett, 167.

There is no startling surprise in seeing the names of Hancock, Kenworthy, Rocks, Rust, Wray, Gartner, McCoart and Oxnard in the select circle, but those who can be classed as new threats rising on the State championship horizon are young Henry Dennis, J. C. Hegeman, Graves and Budlong.

Mackenzie broke into the "Big League" by taking third place in the morning with a 77 and holding up well enough in the afternoon to keep ahead of the pack.

Consistent throughout was Andy Doleman with his 80 and his 79 for third place in the qualifying ranks. Doleman has qualified in the State tournament before, but never as convincingly as yesterday. E. B. Graves, who has not qualified until this year since four years ago at Agawam Hunt when he was a lad of 19, finished in fourth position in a tie with Brad Oxnard at 161.

One tragedy of the day was the downfall of A. J. Field, a youngster bearing the hopes of Massasoit. Field fought his way into a four-cornered tie with Dr. R. F. McCoart, Quinn Peckham and A. M. Budlong at 167, and a large gallery followed the quartet in the play-off to determine which three were to gain the championship.

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Hancock Captures R. I. Golf Qualifying Medal with 156

Gartner, Defending Champion, is Second at Wannamoisett with 156.

Features Matches at Agawam Today

SINGLES, FOURTH ROUND
2 p. m.—Tamio Abe, Japan, vs. Edward McKnight, Springfield.
3 p. m.—W. B. Wood, Jr., Boston, vs. Carol Harrington, Providence. Henry L. Johnson, Jr., Boston, vs. George Abbott, Boston.

THIRD ROUND
2 p. m.—Arnold Jones, Providence, vs. David Niles, Boston.
DOUBLES, THIRD ROUND
4 p. m.—Dana and Blake vs. Winner of match between Doe and Wheatley and Bragg and McKnight.
5 p. m.—K. Prattman and J. Jones, Jr., vs. A. W. Jones and W. W. Ingraham.

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night and which unfortunate was to slide back to Division two.
The veteran McCourt was in with ease, being just short of the green in two, on in three and down in five. Likewise Peckham dropped his fifth, leaving Budlong and Fied to settle the drive. Budlong had a long drive, flubbed his brassie just short of a trap, missed his third over the bunker, was over in four and ultimately down in six. Fied put his second 20 yards from the green and then proceeded to blow up sky-high in the face of the trailing gallery and waste shots right, left and centre. He finally had an 18-inch putt for a hole with Budlong and he rimmed the cup, took a seven and dropped back into Division 3, a sorry outcome of an otherwise commendable day's work.

Two veterans of the Rhode Island golf turf who had the door of the titular 16 snatched in their faces by a single stroke were John A. Gammons and R. E. Sloan. Tying at the head of the second group with 158. An eight on the 10th wrecked Gammons' chances, while Sloan piled up two great disadvantages for himself in the morning with a 90. His 78 in the afternoon was not quite good enough to qualify.
Jack Hennessy of Ledgemont and certain first flighter submarined to depths of the second division. Hennessy's 85 in the morning was bad, but his 90 later ruined him.
The chief interest of the day settled around Ted Hancock and Heine Gartner in their exclusive duel for the medal. They were both hovering close to par in the morning with respective 72 and 73, and both cracked wide in the afternoon, yet not so wide that their substantial lead of the morning slump; the defending champion, proved that he has the shot of a titleholder when he went out in a brilliant 33 in the morning clipping one stroke from par. Later Henry Dennis was to equal the out-par of 34, but the champion's 33 stands as the outstanding performance of the day.

Heine started with a five, dropped his perfect four on the second and ran down a deuce on the short third to stand even with par for three holes. The hard par four fifth didn't bother him when he was almost home in two and chopped so close that a single putt dropped him from sight. On the fifth he holed his second to the carpet and three, giving him one under par for six holes. He was five on the next and 4-2 to the turn, the second deuce giving him a stroke under par for the nine.

Meanwhile Hancock was trailing the champion and putting together a commendable 36, three strokes more than handicap on the in-route, taking in other 36 for a 72, while Gartner was hoping to use a 40 for a 73. It was now Gartner's turn to forge ahead and he gained a stroke advantage at the 27-hole mark with an outgoing 39 against Hancock's 41. The strain was telling on both players by this time and the calibre of their golf was mediocre against the brilliance of the morning.

Hancock finished the afternoon with a 40 for an 82 and a day's card of 164. Gartner, standing on the 17th tee knew exactly what he needed to pass the Metacommet southwamp, a six on the long 547 yard 17th and a four on the home hole. Instead he pressed his tee shot.

HOLLYWOOD COLIN SCORES AT TOLEDO

Toledo, O., July 10.—(AP)—Hollywood Colin, owned by the Arden Homestead Stable, Coehen, N. Y., and driven by Ed Dickerson, romped to a straight heat victory in the \$7500 Commodore Perry Hotel class 16 trot, the feature of the opening program of the Grand Circuit at Fort Miami Park today.

The summaries:
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Engage in Nip and Tuck Tussle for R. I. G. A. Medal



Ted Hancock of Metacomet (left) was medalist in the qualifying round for the 1928 State golf championship at Wannamoisett yesterday edging out H. G. Gartner, (right), defending champion and a club-mate, by two strokes. Hancock shot a 72 in the morning and slipped to take an 82 in the afternoon, while Gartner scored 73 in the morning and likewise was off color in the post-luncheon round with an 83. Gartner's 33 on the first nine was the outstanding feature of the qualifying round.

CHAMPION FALLS IN R. I. GOLF PLAY

h, Gartner Defeated, 2 and 1, by
s Oxnard's Clever Iron Play in
Wannamoisett Match.

Y HANCOCK, WRAY, RUST WIN

k, Ted Avenges Defeat by Rooks in
s First Round Last Year.—Rust
Puts Out Veteran Kenworthy

Four combatants remained in the running for the Rhode Island golf championship last night when the clash of arms ceased to resound over the wind-swept and sun-beaten Wannamoisett battle-ground. These four survivors will tilt in two semi-final matches today. Ted Hancock, the medalist, going against H. B. Rust, Jr., and Brad Oxnard engaging Phil Wray.

The downfall of Henle Gartner, 1927 champion, and Harry Kenworthy, last year's runner-up, marked the second day's play in the State's fairway classic. Gartner fell in the second round before the skillful iron play of Oxnard, 2 and 1, while Kenworthy was eliminated by a rush of sterling sub-par golf by an old rival, Rust, 3 and 1. A large gallery watched Kenworthy valiantly strive to overtake his younger opponent when he was dormie five, but after winning three straight holes, Kenworthy wavered on the long 17th, stumbled from a bad rough to a worse sand trap and make his exit from the titular play.

Hancock gained revenge for the defeat that Ralph Rooks handed him in the first round of the 1927 campaign, winning easily, 4 and 3. A putter that positively refused to behave wrecked Rooks' chances of longer life in the tournament. While Hancock was making the best of all his opportunities, his rival three-putted green after green leaving the tees cleanly and hoisting shot after shot accurately to the green. Rooks went down when his putter wouldn't.

Wray, the fourth semi-finalist and an experienced tournament player, was one up on Henry Dennis, one of the tournament's unheralded stars, at the 17th tee, and here Dennis cracked much in the manner of Kenworthy a few minutes before, encountering most of the obstacles that strewn the 547-yard stretch to the green and taking a crushing eight. Wray was down in seven, poor in itself, but good enough to pass him on to the semi-finals.

Elimination casualties were great as play in five flights in the first and second rounds of match play tore gaping holes in the ranks of hopefuls in the second eventful day of the State classic. Semi-finals in the four classes and in the beaten eight will be contested today, with 36 holes in the championship flight and 18 in all other classes. The finals will be played tomorrow.

Brad Oxnard qualified impressively enough Tuesday, but yesterday he found the range with his golfing weapons and charged forward into the semi-final round. If Brad is a temperamental golfer, as they say, he left his temperamental eccentricities out of the golf bag and moved resolutely through two rounds without wavering seriously once on the long journey. In pinches when temperaments usually do their damage, Oxnard was particularly strong and his approach shots clipped crisply into the carpets close to the flag shafts.

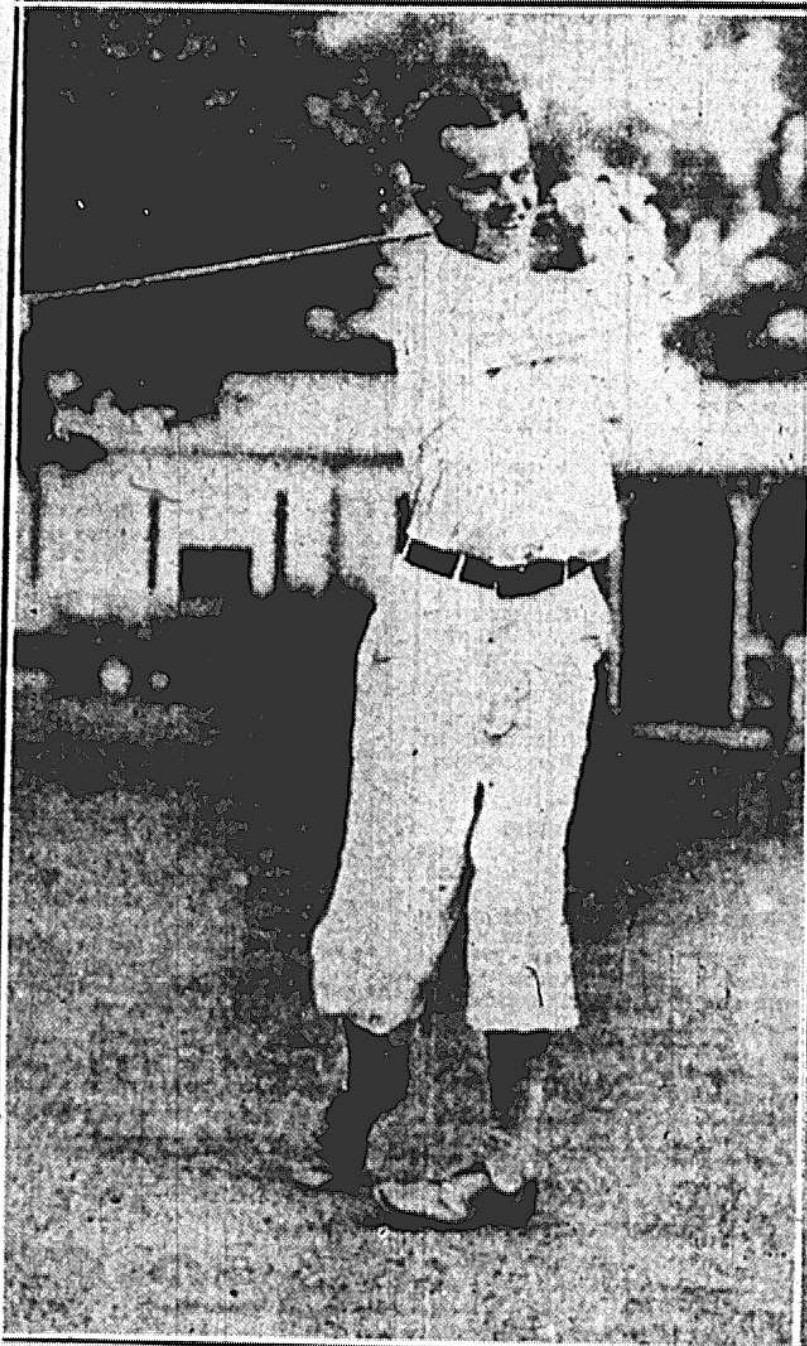
In the morning, A. M. Budlong, another tenacious contender under match play fire, gave Oxnard a 20-hole battle for the passport credentials to the second round. Budlong escaped the sting of defeat by holding out from 25 feet for a four on the 18th.

Moving to the first tee, they sent tee shots far and straight, as much alike as Ike and Mike. Allowing for a heavy cross wind, Oxnard banged his brassie straight over all trouble to the pin, the ball stopping 12 feet past the cup. Budlong was short on his second with a midiron, but he recovered gamely by chipping up to within eight feet with his third.

Oxnard's putt stopped five inches be-

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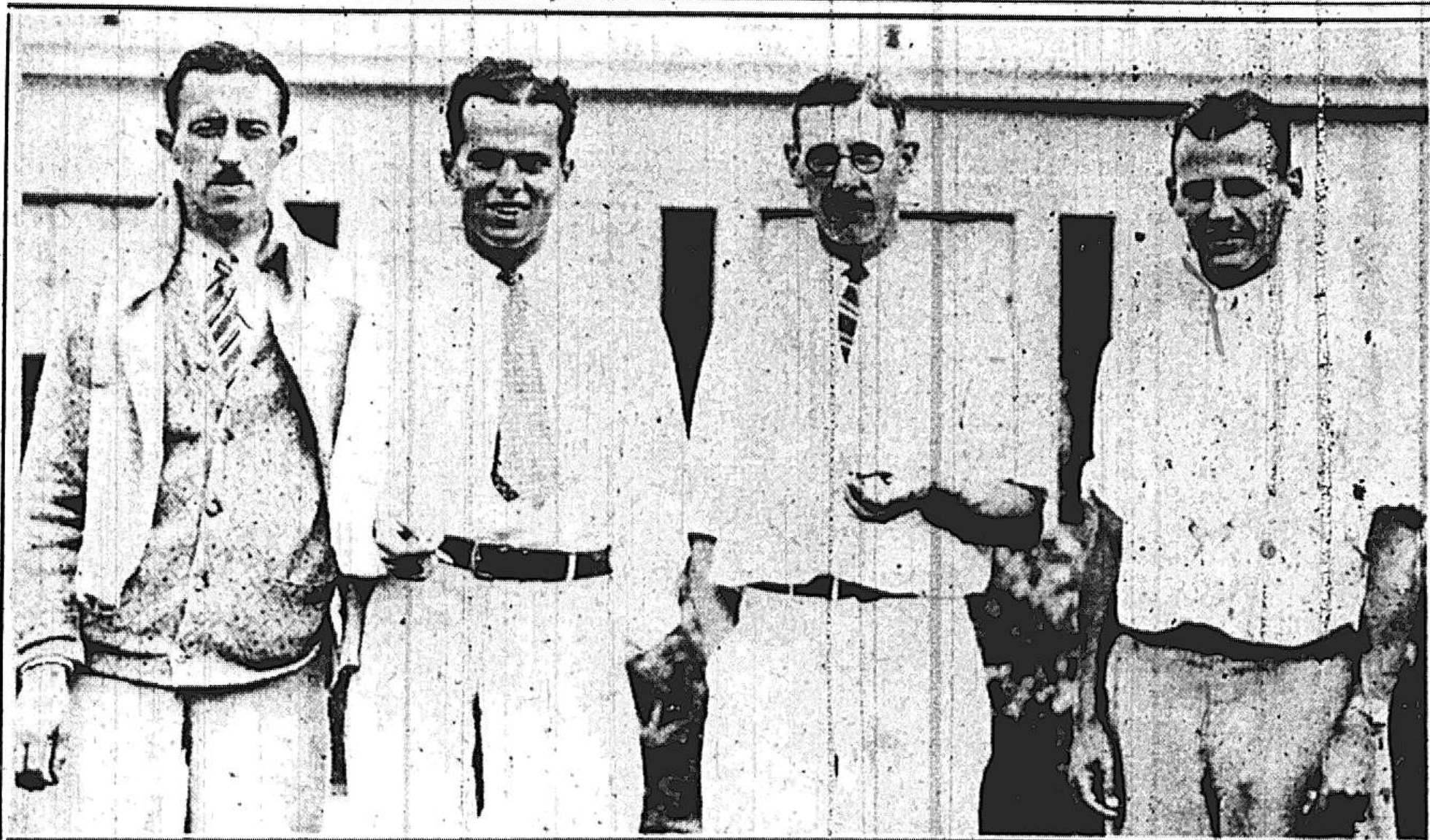
Upset 1927 Finalists in State Golf Championships



The two veteran linksmen who did battle for last year's golf crown were eliminated at Wannamoisett yesterday in the second round. Herb Rust, (on left) gave the exit signal to Harry Kenworthy, last year's runner-up, 3 and 1, while Brad Oxnard (on right) toppled Helms Gartner, defending champion, in a hard fought tussle, 2 and 1. Rust engages Ted Hancock in the semi-finals today, while Oxnard opposes Phil Wray.

GOLFERS WHO ENTER THE SEMI-FINAL ROUND OF THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY AT WANNAMOISSETT TODAY

In the Group Are Ted Hancock and Herb Rust Who Will Be Opponents Today, Phil Wray and Brad Oxnard Who Will Be the Second Pair to Fight It Out



OXNARD TO MEET RUST IN GOLF FINAL

Former Downs Wray as Latter
Puts Out Hancock, Medal-
ist, at Wannamoisett.

PLAY THRILLS BIG GALLERY

Oxnard, with Only Four Years of
Golf Behind Him, Demonstrates
Championship Calibre

The mighty guns of Ted Hancock were spiked by Herb Rust in a stirring semi-final encounter at Wannamoisett yesterday, and the medalist and favorite went the way of Heine Gartner and Harry Kenworthy—out of the Rhode Island championship tournament. While Rust was smothering an errant Hancock with a withering fire of birdies and pars, Brad Oxnard was forcing Phil Wray to capitulate in the other semi-final match. Both struggles terminated on the short 15th hole with the victors running down long putts to win, 4 and 3.

By their decisive victories yesterday, Rust and Oxnard march on to the final round, the sole survivors of the 90 linksmen who fired away in the qualifying round on Tuesday. They will clash today in the 36-hole battle which will determine on whose shoulders the State championship mantle will fall this year.

Rust and Oxnard tee off for the morning round at 10 o'clock and for the afternoon jaunt at 2 o'clock. If the weather continues fair, the largest gallery that ever dogged the heels of a pair of Rhode Island finalists is expected to surge over the Rumford fairways.

Four years ago Brad Oxnard hit his first golf ball; today he is directing his long wood shots and his sterling accurate irons at the highest golfing honors in the State. Four years of assiduous practice have thrust Oxnard up among the top-notchers, and he is set for the acid test against Rust.

In subduing Phil Wray, he didn't hit a poor tee shot all day. They sailed straight and down the lanes, generally close to the 250-yard markers. His iron play was consistent and his putting safe always and at times brilliant. He improved steadily yesterday, scoring 40 on his first nine, 38 on the second and 37 on the first afternoon nine. He was even fours to the 15th, where the match ended. Only one six found its way onto his card, that on the sixth in

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Metacomet Golfer Wears State Crown
by Virtue of Victory, 3 and 2, Over
"Herb" Rust of Wannamoisett.

OXNARD CAPTURES STATE GOLF TITLE

Bests Rust, 3 and 2, in Tense
Duel After Latter Overcomes
Early Three-Hole Lead.

BIRDIE - TWO TURNS TIDE

Bee-Line Drive and 14-Foot Putt on
15th Hole Give Metacometer
Lead He Quickly Clinches

The Rhode Island golf crown rests
on the brow of Brad Oxnard of the
Metacomet Golf Club.

In a dramatic battle through a relentless, beating rain over the Wannamoisett Country club links yesterday, Oxnard finally subdued Herb Rust on the 34th green, 3 up and 2 to play, when his four-foot putt for a par dropped from the sight of a soaked gallery of several hundred spectators. Thus ended a long, tense duel between the finalists—a struggle in which Oxnard gained a three-hole lead in the morning—saw it chopped away by Rust's unwavering determination and arose to heights of putting brilliance to win it back again.

As they stepped to the 14th tee all square, it seemed that Rust had wrested the sterling silver championship pitcher from the grasp of the Metacometer. He had staged a courageous comeback, fighting hole for hole, and gradually razed Oxnard's morning advantage. Their faces were grimly set as they teed up for those vital last holes, which were to determine the wearer of 1928's golf garland.

Then came the turning point. Rust topped his drive, and it skidded a scant 100 yards into the rough that faces the tee. It was a heart-rending break for the Wannamoisett player, and it probably fanned a new flame of hope in Oxnard, who won the hole and forged into the lead again with four holes to play.

From the 15th tee, Oxnard drilled his ball straight up the slope to the green.

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