

# STATE AMATEUR GOLF OPENS TODAY

55 to Compete for Crown Held  
by Johnny Burke.—Oxnard  
Case Unsettled.

While a discussion of Brad Oxnard's amateur status was locker room gossip at clubs throughout the State, the majority of the 50-odd entrants in the State amateur golf championship yesterday completed preparations for the title test which opens this morning at Metacomet.

There were no further developments in Oxnard's case. The matter has been left entirely to the United States Golf Association. Charley Hartney, R. I. G. A. secretary, late last night sent a complete report of the case to Jack Dey of Philadelphia, head of the U. S. G. A. amateur status and conduct committee. This committee will meet early this morning and wire Hartley its decision.

Oxnard, a golf range operator, filed his entry for the championship a few days ago. He was among the group who played practice rounds at Metacomet yesterday. Oxnard played far better than his score of 78 would indicate. He had 13 pars and one birdie, an excellent match play card.

Around 35 played at Metacomet yesterday. Mike Bobel of Annaquatucket, who will make his 1935 competitive debut in this championship, carded a 36, one under par for the first nine. His score yesterday proved conclusively that he is ready to make a serious bid for the title he won two years ago.

Sam Neild, Jr., also of Annaquatucket, who won the State junior title last week, carded a 42 for the first nine, but then played the next five in one under par. Everett Rupert of Metacomet was 42-37-79.

While most of his challengers were playing at Metacomet, Johnny Burke, of Wanumetonomy, defending champion, remained at his home course and played two rounds. He was 75 for each 18. Yesterday marked the first time within a week that Burke has played a full round.

Hartley received four more entries yesterday, bringing the total to 55. The new entrants are R. B. Knight of Agawam Hunt, C. A. Trottier, B. D. Rooks and E. E. Cheetham, all of Metacomet.

The first threesome, comprising R. T. MacDowell, of Annaquatucket, Ralph Gregory and H. A. Schlinker, both of Wannamoisett, will tee off at 9 o'clock. Last year's two finalists, Burke and Ray Lenahan of Metacomet, will play in the same threesome. L. A. McGowan, Jr., of the home club is the other member.

The New England Professional Golfers' Association championship tournament will be played at Sandy Burr, Wayland, Mass., on Sept. 23. It was announced last night by Lewis Myers of Louisiquisset. This tournament also will serve as a New England qualifying round for the National P. G. A. championship, which will be held Oct. 14-20 at the Twin Hills Golf Club, Oklahoma City.

Myers also announced that Edmund Burke, Wanumetonomy pro, has been accepted into the N. E. P. G. A. Burke recently completed the three-year professional requirement.

THOMAS

# **Mike Bobel Leads Qualifiers in State Amateur Golf Test**

## **Annaquatucket Representative Wins Medal Honors With 147 for 36 Holes at Metacomet; Ray Lenahan Runner-up With 148**

By Michael J. Thomas

Mike Bobel of Annaquatucket returned to the Rhode Island golf battlefield yesterday and exploded the theory that constant playing is the keynote to success by posting a 36-hole total of 147 to win medalist honors in the State amateur golf championship tournament at Metacomet.

Bobel carded 73-74, one over par, for his first two competitive rounds of the season to lead Ray Lenahan of the home club by one stroke. Lenahan was 74 on each round.

Bobel's feat far overshadowed all other qualifying round developments. His remarkably steady golf over the double round dispelled all doubts as to his ability to match par again after his long absence from competition.

Mike had played only five rounds this season prior to yesterday. He announced early in the spring that he would forsake golf this year to concentrate upon work. Because of his fondness for the game, many believed that Bobel would be lured back to the fairway before many tournaments had been played.

But Mike continued to concentrate upon his work. With July approaching and the "Duke of Phillipsdale" still tending solely to business, it was generally believed that this time his

decision would be steadfast. He also stated at the outset of the 1934 campaign that he was going to retire from competition for a year, but only a few weeks elapsed before he was back.

During the past few weeks, however, Mike began to weaken. The golf urge had returned. He played a friendly match or two and then he began to waver. A few days later he decided to play in the State amateur. That's his story until yesterday.

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The tale of his accomplishments yesterday take on an entirely different aspect. It is a story of a youth who led the best golf talent in this State in an exacting medal test. It is a story of a youth, who, one might say with slight exaggeration, took his clubs from his locker for the first time in months and played championship golf. It is a story of a golfer who played machine-like golf where a rusty performance would have been pardonable.

Bobel certainly was a machine-like golfer yesterday. In other words he was playing in the same manner he has for years. His drives were long

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# State Golf Favorites Survive Hard Battles in First Rounds

**Ray Lenahan Stages Comeback to Win On Home  
Green from Tom C. Stockhausen; Metacomet  
Star Plays Last 14 Holes Under Even Fours**

BY MICHAEL J. THOMAS

Success marked the efforts of all the favorites during the first two rounds of match play in the State amateur golf championship tournament at Metacomet yesterday, but more than one of the leading lights had to call upon every shot in his possession to escape defeat.

Save for one or two exceptions, the eight names in the quarter-final bracket have been synonymous with championship golf in Rhode Island for many years. Thus far the seeded draw has worked to perfection.

Four of the eight survivors are from Metacomet. They are Ray Lenahan, runner-up last year; L. A. "Tony" McGowan, Jr., Charley Round and Jim Coker. Wamumetony's two remaining representatives are Johnny Burke, defending champion, and C. H. "Skinny" Edward. The two other survivors are Mike Bobel of Annaquatucket, medalist, and Ken Bosquet of Pawtucket.

This morning's quarter-final pairings will find Bobel opposing McGowan, Edward playing Lenahan, Burke meeting Bosquet and Coker playing Round.

Of the successful eight, Lenahan had the hardest fight. He staged one of the most courageous comebacks in the history of this championship to defeat Tom C. Stockhausen of Jamestown and New York one up at the home hole. Lenahan's victory probably was the most spectacular of his career.

The match between Lenahan and

Stockhausen was by far the best of the day. It packed all the requisites of the ideal golf match—sensational play, nerve-wracking episodes and a garrison finish. The issue was not decided until the final putts were made.

Lenahan was a top-heavy favorite to win this second round battle. Stockhausen, a 22-year-old Yale Senior, had played well enough in the medal test and in his first round match with I. W. Patterson, Jr., of Annaquatucket. But Lenahan, one of the best shot-makers in this State, was expected to defeat him easily. Lenahan eliminated E. B. Graves of Rhode Island 5 and 3 in the first round, while Stockhausen defeated Patterson 3 and 2.

Lenahan and Stockhausen started without a gallery. Everyone expected a one-sided match but when they finished every spectator on the course was trampling on their heels. They saw a match which they will not readily forget.

Stockhausen provided the first surprise at the 455-yard second where he dropped a 20-footer for an eagle three. Both players reached the green in two. Lenahan's par beater was of no avail against his foe's superb three. After the third was halved in par fours, the Yale student snared a birdie four at the fourth to become two up. Another

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# **Burke and Lenahan to Clash**

## **In State Golf Final Today**

**1934 Champion and Runner-Up Meet Over 36-Hole Route at Metacomet.—Titleholder, in Fine Form, Scores Two 5 and 4 Victories**

By Michael J. Thomas

It's a Burke and Lenahan Final again!

Those words spread with telegraphic swiftness at Metacomet yesterday.

Last year's finalists again had won their way to the title bracket of the State amateur golf championship. Here was an unusual occurrence in tournament golf where upsets are more frequent than in any other sport.

Johnny Burke, the 18-year-old Wanumetonomy sorrel-top, will meet Ray Lenahan of Metacomet for the title today over the 36-hole route. They met in last year's final and Burke won.

Both scored spectacular victories yesterday to gain the final. With his game improving on each round, Burke won 5 and 4 victories over both Ken Bosquet of Pawtucket and Charley Round. He was one over even fours against Bosquet and one under even fours against Round.

Lenahan had a harder path to travel. He again was carried to the 18th before defeating C. H. "Skinny" Edward of Wanumetonomy one-up in the quarter-finals. Both played erratic golf. Lenahan carded an 81, his worst round this season, and Edward in 82.

But Lenahan proved himself a true competitor in his semi-final match

with L. A. "Tony" McGowan, Jr., of Metacomet, whom he subdued 2 and 1. McGowan had played sensational golf in the quarter-finals to defeat Mike Bobel, the medalist, at the 20th. This was the first genuine upset. Bobel was one of the strongest contenders for the title.

McGowan, a Harvard Sophomore, was two down and two to go in his match with Bobel. Defeat seemed certain for him. Bobel seldom gives an opponent an opening with such a lead. But McGowan staged a remarkable comeback to win the last two and halve the match. He won the 17th with a par four, but he needed a birdie three at the 18th to win. He placed his approach to within two feet of the pin. Bobel easily got a par four, but McGowan dropped his putt for a birdie. The Metacomet youngster snared another birdie four at the 20th and victory was his.

McGowan posted a 70, two under par, to defeat Bobel. He made the lowest score of the tournament, and used only 79 strokes for 20 holes. His excellent play against Bobel increased his chances of winning the title. Many picked him as the ultimate winner.

Lenahan well realized the capabilities of his foe. He was somewhat

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# BURKE AND LENAHA GOLF FINALISTS—JEA

## Defending Champion Beats Round in Semi-Final Match

Bosquet Quarter-Final Victim of 1935 Titleholder; Lenahan Beats Edward, McGowan.

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By MICHAEL J. THOMAS

Over his entire play against Edward when he started out in his match with McGowan. He had been hitting the ball well all season but somehow lost his touch yesterday morning. He had to regain his stride soon as McGowan was in the midst of a brilliant streak.

Lenahan, however, quickly adjusted his game to the standards required. His approach at the first was wild but he dropped a 10-footer for half in four.

It was at the long second where he regained his stride again.

Undoubtedly, Lenahan possesses the best brains shot in Rhode Island—probably in New England. Usually it is a low, screeching shot which travels the proverbial "mile without a waver." He produced one of these at the long second to reach the green in two. He barely missed.

## U. S. YACHTSMEN KEEP GEORGE CUP

Skipper Barrows Comes Out of Retirement to Clinch Series with Canadians.

Rochester, N. Y., July 17.—(AP)—Lake Ontario's historic Sir George Cup was retained in possession of the United States today when the Rochester Yacht Club's skipper, John Barrows, crossed the finish line of a triangular course ahead of two rival craft in its second straight victory in a three-day series.

Bill Barrows, former commodore of the Rochester Yacht Club, who emerged from retirement from international competition for the event, skippered the Meteor to victory. Today's final race was sailed in a stiff breeze varying from 12 to 18 miles an hour.

Barrows proved that Rochester is the Nemesis of Canada's bid for Lake Ontario yacht racing supremacy by beating the Royal Canadian Yacht Club's Mink and the Watertown Crescent Yacht Club's Jack, the cup defender.

The Crescent's Jack finished second in today's race, 25 seconds behind the Meteor, with the Mink 10 minutes, 10 seconds later than Meteor crossing the finish line.

Rochester took two first and one second in the series for eight points. Toronto was first Monday and Tuesday for five points, U.S. Y. C. won twice for five points, and Watertown, which had two second and one last.

Meteor never was seriously threatened in today's race. It gained the advantage after the start and continued to lead the other boats through each leg.

On the last leg, to the home mark down a broad reach with squalls flying, Jack closed in on Meteor, but her effort was futile. Meteor was hopelessly out of the race.

## AMERICAN BOATS FAIL TO FINISH

Gothenburg, Sweden, July 17.—(AP)—The American six-meter yachts, Bob Kai II, and Anita failed to finish today as a high wind caused many of the boats to capsize in the race outside Marstrand. The event was won by the Swedish boat, Norma 4th, sailed by Charles Hoyer, of Boston, broke her mast and lost all rigging with the result she did not complete tomorrow. Bob Kai II, was sailed by Robert B. Meyer.

## VON BERNUTH WINS; GAINS SEMI-FINAL

Crawford Notah, N. H., July 17.—(AP)—Anton von Bernuth of Whitehouse, N. H., seeking his third White Mountain junior championship, today gained the semi-final round by defeating Earl Goldthorp of Paerson, N. J., 6-5, 6-4.

David S. Burt of Old Lyme, Conn., youthful sensation of the current journey, kept pace with the favorite by defeating the veteran Alvin Sulloway of Concord, N. H., 6-3, 6-2.

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## Finalists In State Amateur Golf Championship



Ray Lenahan of Metacomb left, and Johnny Burke of Wamsom, who will meet for the Rhode Island amateur golf championship at Metacomb today. They were the finalists in last year's tournament also.

## BLISS MEDALIST IN WESTERN GOLF

Omaha Player Scores Par 70 at Colorado Springs.

Chick Evans Fails.

Colorado Springs, July 17.—(AP)—Rodney Bliss of Omaha won the medal honors in the Western amateur golf tournament here today by posting a par 70 for a 36-hole total of 142 during a mountain thunderstorm that delayed play and sent scores soaring.

Bliss abandoned his ball on the muddled green, 10 feet from the pin, during the heavy downpour. An hour later, when the water had drained, he missed the putt that would have given him a 68 and a total of 141 for the qualifying test.

At medalist he succeeds Zell Eaton of Oklahoma City, the defending champion, who shot the low qualifying score the last two years. Excluded from qualifying, Eaton posted a 74 for a total of 146.

One stroke behind the medalist with 145 were Jack Gaines of Los Angeles, Cal., and Paul Deane of Jefferson, Mo., Southern Interstate champion for Louisiana State University.

A stroke behind were Walter Erickson of Shawnee, Okla., and Paul Jackson of Oklahoma City, who brought in a par 70 shortly before the storm broke for a final score of 144.

Next came Bob Coniff, Jr., Oklahoma City, 145; Neil Smith of Dallas, who shot 17 straight pars and three putts the 18th to go over for the first time, 146; John Goodman of Omaha, former U. S. Open champion, 147; Chasley Reaser of Dunsmuir, Okla., 147; Larry Trickett, Jr., of Kansas City and Tom Dwyer, Stanford University, 148 each; J. Elmer of Denver, Ed. Anderson of Houston, Tex., and Jack Malloy and Logan Tard, both of Tulsa, 149.

Among those who failed to qualify was Chick Evans of Chicago, who was seeking the title for the 26th time. Playing what he called a "heart-breaking game" marred only by misjudgment in the selection of clubs, the veteran bent himself out in a total of 157. It was the first time the 45-year-old former "boy wonder" failed to make the grade in the Western.

Today's final should be a great match between two capable golfers. The summary of yesterday's match on 18 for 36 holes was:

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION  
Starlin, 1st; 2. A. McGowan, Jr., Metacomb, defeated Ray Bobel, Amherst, 1 to 10 holes; Ray Lenahan, Metacomb, defeated C. H. Burt, Wamsom, 1 to 10 holes; W. M. Burt, Hartford, Conn., defeated Earl Goldthorp, Paerson, N. J., 6-3, 6-2.

SECOND DIVISION  
R. H. Knight, Abraham Hunt, defeated W. C. Knight, Pawtucket, defeated B. W. Knight, Pawtucket, 6-3, 6-2.

Cards In State Golf

McGowan vs. Bobel  
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## Babe Didrikson, Sarazen Win in Attleboro Golf

Touring Stars Squeeze by on 3-Point Margin; Miss Richardson Almost Steals Show.

By EARL LOFQUIST

A 15-year-old home town girl very nearly, but not quite, stole the show at the Highland Country Club yesterday afternoon. Some 350 men and women gathered at the Attleboro course to see the day to see Babe Didrikson and Gene Sarazen play golf. For the better part of nine holes Sarazen and Miss Richardson, who had just won the Connecticut Amateur, were the stars of the day.

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## KRAUS DEFEATED BY ELMER NELSON

Sixth Seeded Player Eliminated Third Ranking Competitor in Thayer Street Tennis.

Elmer Nelson of Woonsocket provided the upset in the Thayer courts tennis tournament yesterday, defeating Kraus, a former winner of the tournament, 1-6, 6-1, 8-6. Kraus was seeded sixth.

Herbert Stead, also of Woonsocket, defeated Bill Carney, an upset winner on Tuesday, by scores of 7-5, 6-1. Stead is the second seeded entrant in the tournament.

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## LEAHY OUTSAILS PAUL ROCKWELL

Ed Leahy, home from the Varsity of Wales junior cup races at Yarmouth, sailed his own boat yesterday in the second race of the Wednesday series for the Bristol Yacht Club's 125-wattline class and won from Paul Rockwell, his companion in the Nova Scotia races, by 38 seconds in the grapple from the clubhouse around Hog Island.

Nine boats started, the first four finishing in less than three minutes. Fair sailing breeze, a beat for the outward leg and a spinnaker run home after they were sent to the southern end of the island.

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## Joe Jacobs Playing and Middle

New York, July 17.—(AP)—"I have," pipe Jimmy Johnston and Mike Jacobs, rival New York promoters, in one voice.

"O. K. boys," blithely cabled Joe (Heli) Jacobs from far away Berlin. "Either you win or you lose. The already tangled and heavy-weight situation was no nearer untangling tonight."

As if to make certain it would stay complicated until he returns sometime next week, Joe Jacobs' quest to fall with the Yankees met the White Sox in four successive doubleheaders in August.



# **Burke Downs Lenahan 9 and 8; Keeps R. I. Amateur Golf Title**

## **18-Year-Old Newporter Fourth to Win Championship Two Years in Row; Wanumetonomy Member is Dominant Throughout Tournament**

BY MICHAEL J. THOMAS

Johnny Burke, 18-year-old Wanumetonomy wizard, again sits on the throne of Rhode Island golfdom. He repelled the last of his challengers in the State amateur golf championship at Metacomet yesterday, overwhelming Ray Lenahan of the home club, 9 and 8, in the 36-hole title round.

Thus Burke becomes the fourth player to annex the State amateur title two years in a row. He is the youngest in the 33-year history of this tournament to accomplish this remarkable feat.

He takes a place by the side of G. A. Pope, Jr., Daniel Fairchild and Tommy Tailer as players whose double victories in this championship live in Rhode Island golf annals.

Pope was the first to win the crown two years running. He scored in 1905-06. Thirteen years passed before another double was registered by Fairchild in 1918-19. Twelve years later Tailer completed another double. He triumphed in 1930-31. And yesterday Burke repeated his victory of last year to join the golf immortals of this State.

Burke, who probably is the best golf prospect ever uncovered in Rhode Island, clearly showed his superiority over his 49 challengers. His victory this year was even more decisive than in 1934. Only one player, Arthur Winslow of Newport, was able to extend him to the 17th.

He started his victory drive by eliminating E. T. Gross, Jr., of the

R. I. Country Club, 8 and 6. Winslow held him to a 3 and 2 decision in the second round. He then subdued Ken Bosquet and Charley Round by 5 and 4 in the quarter-finals and semi-finals, respectively. Yesterday he made a run-away of his final match with Lenahan.

It is an imposing list of triumphs in the State amateur gold classic. The foregoing statistics clearly show his superiority. Probably no other golfer in the history of this championship has so dominated his field.

It appeared after the qualifying round that Burke would have a fight on his hands to repeat. He missed a number of strokes in his medal test. His brother, Edmund, Wanumetonomy professional, was skeptical of Johnny's chances.

"He's not hitting his shots well," Edmund told this writer in a worried tone a few days prior to the championship. "He'll have to improve his game to win."

Edmund, who naturally takes considerable pride in his brother's achievements and watches nearly all of his matches, still was worried after Johnny's erratic play in the medal test.

He shook his head and said: "I told you he'll have to improve."

Johnny's game did improve; it grew better with each round. He was close to par while defeating Gross. He scored a par-equalizing

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