

# R. I. GOLF TITLE BATTLE ON TODAY

**Favored Burke, Contender  
Neild to Tee Off Together  
at Agawam.**

A number of contenders for the State amateur golf championship, which begins at Agawam Hunt today, played practice rounds yesterday.

Among those testing their shots was Johnny Burke of Wampanoag, heavy favorite to win the title a fourth time.

Others were Dave Burke, Jim Cawley and Jim Lineberry of Wampanoag, Sam Neild, Jr., Harry Roscow and Len Schora of Pawtucket, Ev Ruppert and Bill Carroll of Wampanoag, Buddy Peterson of Annaquatucket and Emerson Lintlop of Potowomut.

The first threesome in the field of 43, comprising Billy Martin of Massachusetts, Joe Sherry and Frank Cinco of Pawtucket, will tee off at 9 o'clock. Threesomes then will follow at six-minute intervals.

Johnny Burke is paired with Sam Neild, Jr., of Pawtucket, one of his leading rivals, and Jack Hennessey of Metacomet, who is playing in the championship for the first time in more than five years. They start at 9:36.

Ray Lenahan, another leading contender, will start at 9:24. His partners will be Ralph Rooks of Metacomet, president of the Rhode Island Golf Association and a former champion, and Carroll.

One threesome that undoubtedly will attract a large gallery comprises Don Gill of Wampanoag,

# SEMI-PRO PLAY OPENS TONIGHT

**Guernseys Meet All-Stars in  
Southern R. I. Game on  
Westerly Diamond.**

The preliminary play-off for the semi-pro champions of southern Rhode Island, as sanctioned by the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress, will get under way at Hilltop Park, Westerly, tonight with Shannock Guernseys meeting South County All-Stars.

Six teams will take part in the tourney, which will last through this week and part of next. Besides Shannock and the All-Stars, other teams entered are the Hilltops, the Democrats, the G. C. Moore nine, defending State champions, and Narragansett Pier.

The Hilltops oppose the Democrats on Wednesday and the Moores meet the Gansetts on Friday. All games will be played at Hilltop Park and will start at 5:45 p. m. The sectional finals will be next week, with the State championships scheduled for the week of July 25. The winner in the northern sector will meet the southern finalist for the State title. The State champions will be rewarded with a trip to New Haven to meet the regional champions and a possible chance of reaching the national finals at Wichita, Ka.

Harry Roscow of Pawtucket and Richard B. Knight of Agawam Hunt. Gill and Roscow are regarded as the two longest hitters in the State and their duel will be watched with interest.







# NEEDS BURKE IN FINAL SHOT OUT OF P. G. A. RACE

## Collegians Battle Today For State Championship

Newport, Pawtucket Players  
Two of Youngest Ever to  
Play for Title.

BY MICHAEL J. THOMAS

Two collegians, who carry Rhode Island's hopes for national golf prestige, will battle for the State amateur golf championship over the 36-hole start at Agawam Hunt today and the second round tomorrow.

Johnnie Burke of Georgetown and Wauwatamoon and Sam Neill, Jr., of Notre Dame and Pawtucket won the right to battle for the crown by scoring impressive victories yesterday in quarter-finals and semi-finals that saw the title ambitions of Ray Lenahan of Metacomb and Don Gill of Wauwatamoon crushed.

Burke, rated the best Rhode Island golfer of all time, continued his nearly unbeatable machine-like golf while first eliminating Buddy Patterson of Annapawtucket, 3 and 2, and then Ray Lenahan, 1 and 1, in the quarter-finals.

Neill, who was 1 and 1 in the quarter-finals, and Burke, who was 1 and 1 in the quarter-finals, will meet in the semi-finals tomorrow.

Ooping Lenahan, who has the misfortune of drawing golfers when at the top of their games, Neill, who previously had subdued Guy Baer of Metacomb, 3 and 2, in the quarter-

## PROTESTS MAR BRISTOL RACES

Herreshoff Trophy Standings  
Vague as Four Red Flags  
Are Raised.

BY JEFF DAVIS

Three more races in the series for the Nathaniel Herreshoff trophy were sailed at Bristol today. All went as merrily as the proverbial marriage bell until the start of the 15th, when the red flag began to flutter in the rigging of three of the boats. When they finished the race the breeze, evidence that four skippers had grievances and tales of woe to tell the committee.

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## Semi-Finalists' Cards In R. I. Amateur Golf

Player	Score
Burke, Johnnie	10-0
Neill, Sam	10-0
Lenahan, Ray	1-1
Gill, Don	1-1
Patterson, Buddy	3-2
Baer, Guy	3-2

Only Don Patterson's 29 on Wauwatamoon's first nine in the '1938 championship surpasses Neill's 31 in the second hole. Fairchild, whose 29 included an ace at the eighth hole, finally scored a 66 and when Neill's machine-like golf ended he needed three pars for a 66.

Neill played inspired golf against Lenahan in the quarter-finals. He birdied on four of the first seven holes, and Lenahan had little chance against this firing. Neill's card included seven threes and one of them was a fifth birdie at the 15th, clinching the victory for him.

Burke, playing with precision and confidence, uncorked his best golf against his quarter-final foe, State Junior Champion Patterson. Out in 34, and leading by two holes at that point Burke needed par on the final two holes for a par-equalling 66.

The Newporter, who hasn't missed a drive all year, the red flag began to flutter in the rigging of three of the boats. When they finished the race the breeze, evidence that four skippers had grievances and tales of woe to tell the committee.

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## Gentleman Gene in Helpful Role

Three R. I. Women Gain Shenecossett Semi-Finals

Jeon Bauer Plays Mrs. Davis, Mrs. McNaughton Faces Helen Waterhouse Today.

Eastern Point, Conn., July 13.—(AP)—The city of Providence, R. I., took almost complete command of the Griswold cup situation today as three of its women golf stars—Jeon Bauer, Helen Waterhouse, and Mrs. Fred G. Davis—moved into the semi-finals of the 20th annual Shenecossett women's invitation tournament.

An all-Rhode Island sweep of the quarter-finals was prevented by Mrs. Davis, who defeated Mrs. McNaughton, 3 and 2, in the quarter-finals. Mrs. Davis, a 1937 champion of the Rhode Island Golf Association, defeated Mrs. McNaughton, 3 and 2, in the quarter-finals.

She had a three-up lead on the first five, but it was not enough. She lost it on the next four, and made a fresh start on the back nine.

Miss Waterhouse and Miss Bauer never trailed their opponents, but Mrs. McNaughton had to come up from behind to play the early stages of the match.

Results of matches below the championship division:

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## Post Entries Accepted In Municipal Tourney

The deadline for the sixth annual Municipal golf course championship tournament has been extended and post entries will be accepted, according to Ray Haines, course manager.

The tourney will open on Saturday and continue through Sunday. Guy Baer, Neal and Brewster of Metacomb and Dave Kelly, Frank Silva and Joe Marlette of Municipal have already entered for the tourney. Amateurs as recognized by the U. S. G. A



# Burke Defeats Neild, 4 and 2, For R.I. Amateur Golf Crown

## *Loser Matches Shot for Shot With National Collegiate Champion Until Late in Game; Winner Almost Flawless Throughout Fast Tournament*

By Michael J. Thomas

Johnny Burke of Wampanoag not only is king of the nation's college golfers, but king of Rhode Island's amateur golfers as well.

The 21-year-old Newporter captured the State amateur championship for the fourth time at Agawam Hunt yesterday by defeating Sam Neild, Jr., of Pawtucket, 4 and 2, in the 36-hole final with the fastest burst of golf ever exhibited in the title round of the 36-year-old tournament.

Burke, who sky-rocketed to the first of his four titles at this same course five years ago, amazed the gallery of approximately 3000 with his play.

Firing a 68 on the first round, Burke, whose golf throughout the championship was almost flawless, was one under par for the 34 holes of the bitterly fought duel, in which was packed some of the best shots ever executed in Rhode Island competitive golf.

Burke was 12 under even fours for the 128 holes he played in his march to the title, fastest pace the championship has known.

The Newporter, who now is recog-

nized as one of the country's most promising younger golfers, monopolized honors, for he also won the medal with a 36-hole aggregate of 144, eight strokes under the next best score.

In his path to the title he defeated Jim Holburn of Pawtucket, Bill Carroll of Wampanoag, Buddy Patterson of Annaquatucket, Ev Rupert of Wampanoag and Neild in the order named.

Twenty-year-old Neild, who turned in the superlative effort of his career in this championship, gave him his hardest battle. Until his game weakened a little in the late stages, Neild matched shot for shot with the sharpshooting Burke for he was only one down at the 31st.

With Burke banging approaches dead to the pin, Neild was under pressure hole after hole, but he kept pulling brilliant shots out of his bag until the climactic 32nd hole.

It was at this 231-yard hole that the match turned definitely into

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