

FIFTY TO TEE OFF IN AMATEUR TODAY

**Increased Field and Average
Practice Rounds Indicate
Wide Open Battle.**

The wide open State amateur golf championship which gets underway today at the Rhode Island Country Club, is even wider than it was yesterday. At that time 46 had filed entries in the hope of capturing the title left vacant by Ray Lenahan, but today some 50 are expected to tee off.

Three withdrawals were noted yesterday, but seven new entries more than made up for them. Thus the entry list now compares favorably with any since 1935.

The seven new hats in the ring are owned by Don Jones and Tony Pelsi of Triggs, David Wilder of Agawam Hunt, Earl Easton of R. I. C. C., Elwin Gammons of Warwick, and Ray Barney of Arrow Hill.

Also indicating that this tournament is to be a wide open affair is the fact that some 30 golfers shot practice rounds over the R. I. C. C. layout during the past two days and none did anything worth talking about. At least the railbirds were not circulating rumors to that effect.

The Nayatt course is in the best condition it has been in the last 10 years, a result of the nursing it has had since the hurricane. It will take its heaviest beating today when the field gives it the twice-over in the 36-hole qualifying round.

Match play starts tomorrow.

NEILD WINS TITLE AT AMATEUR GOLF

**Defeats Baer 7 and 5 in Final
Round; Loses Deferment in
Draft Appeal.**

BY EARL LOFQUIST

Sammy Neild of Pawtucket defeated Guy Baer of Metacomet, 7 and 5, in the final round of the Rhode Island amateur golf championship at Rhode Island Country Club yesterday, ending a seven-year quest.

The honor is one that Neild has sought with every tense fibre of his tense being since 1933, the year that he won the first of two consecutive State junior championships. Six times he has been on the starting tee as qualifying play began. Last year was the only year he failed to compete. When the 1940 championship was played, Neild was at summer school in South Bend, getting his marks in order for graduation this June from Notre Dame.

In three of his six bids Neild reached the final round. He was runner-up to Johnny Burke at Agawam Hunt in 1938 and to Charlie Round at Metacomet a year later. From this record it may be seen that his eventual success at Rhode Island Country Club was no fluke.

As a matter of fact Neild has been in the public eye ever since his high school days at St. Raphael Academy, where he was a member of the

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