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Greene, Brown capture NAACP golf titles

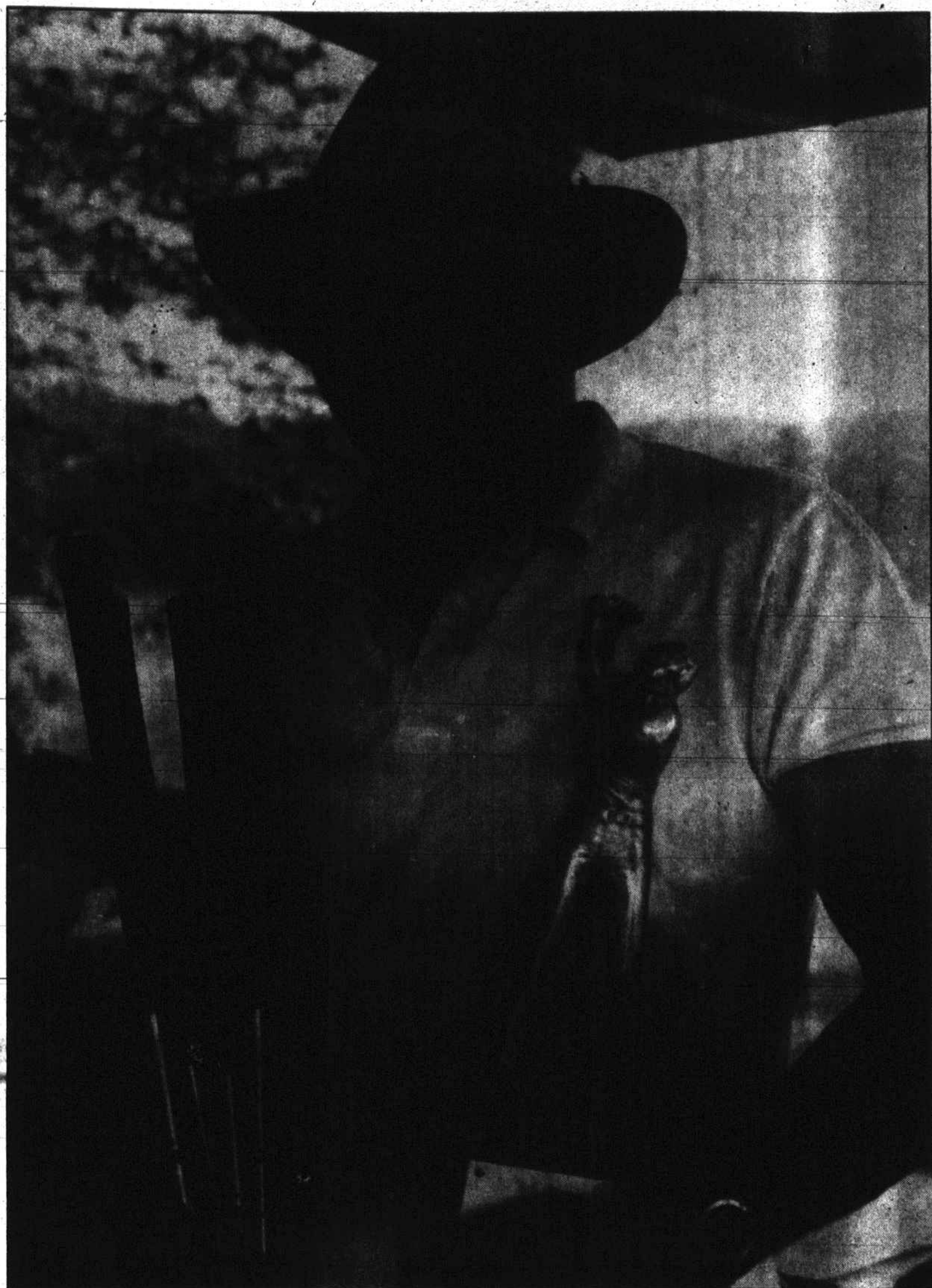


Photo by T-Lee

Floyd Greene lived up to his nickname as "Mean Greene" by shooting a sizzling 71 during the final round in the men's championship flight.

By Chronicle Staff

The Greene brothers, Floyd and Ed, staged another one of their trademark, back and forth duels last weekend during the sixth annual Sarah Marsh/NAACP Golf Tournament at the Winston Lake Golf Course.

When all was said and done, Floyd emerged victorious, carding a 145 to capture the men's championship flight trophy on Sunday.

In that flight, the Greenes quickly distanced themselves from the rest of the field. After the first round, Ed held a narrow one-stroke lead after firing a one-over par 73. Floyd, in the

meantime, was right in the middle of the hunt, with a 74.

Steady Floyd

But during the final round, the two brothers took different paths which dictated the final outcome. Floyd continued to play steady, aided by a couple of birdies on the back nine. At the end, he shot 71 to win the title going away.

Ed, on the other hand, encountered problems finding the right touch. Except for a couple of early birdies on the front nine, he produced his share of bogies and could shoot no better than par on any hole during the final nine. He faded to 81 to finish second -- nine strokes off the

Golfer succumbs to heart attack at tournament

The NAACP Golf Tournament was hit by tragedy last Saturday when Claudius Downs suffered a heart attack and died while playing in the first round.

Downs, 83, was playing in the men's seniors championship flight. Tournament participants and officials acknowledged Downs' passing with a moment of silent prayer during the awards ceremonies on Sunday.

pace at 154.

The struggle for third and fourth place was set during the first round. Ernest Pitt and Lemuel McMorris never had much room separating them. Pitt forged in front with a 78 while McMorris turned in a 79.



Photo by T-Lee

Geneva Brown coasted to victory after dominating the field during the first round of play in the ladies championship flight.

third place trophy (157) and Pitt finished fourth at 163.

In the senior's championship flight, Charlie Colter's rounds of 80-81 for a 161 total, was more than enough to win decisively. Herman Springs finished second with a 179 total.

Geneva Brown cruised to victory in the ladies championship flight, besting her nearest competitor by 17 strokes.

Brown had the title wrapped up after the first round. She shot 88 and was up by 14 strokes at that point. Brown finished the two-day event with a 179 total. Jennifer Davis was second at 196, Carolyn Greene placed third (236) and Kim Hutchinson

was fourth (301).

Strange prevails

The men's first flight proved to be most competitive of the tournament. Calvin Strange prevailed at the end by firing a second round 79.

Strange needed every bit of his second round burst. Because of his surge, he carded a 162 to beat out Bill Fogg by two strokes. At the end of round one, this flight was stacked at the top, with six of the eight golfers being within one stroke of the lead at that juncture.

Fogg, Harry Transou and Jay Farabee all shot 82 to tie for the first round lead. Strange and

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Photo by Chronicle Staff

Richardson feels that the Rams will have a highly productive year if they avoid early season injuries.

Coach Pete concerned about fitness, but likes what he's seen up to now

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The month of August has been relatively kind to the Rams and that bothers Winston-Salem State gridmaster Pete Richardson. Unseasonably cool temperatures, the coach explains, makes it more difficult for his people to get in the kind of physical shape he wants them to be in.

"Conditioning is a major concern for me," Richardson explained. "The weather just hasn't been conducive for that. Because it's not as hot as it usually is, it makes it tough for our big guys to shed that weight and be in good playing condition."

Aside from conditioning, another concern for Richardson is avoiding

an avalanche of injuries, particularly during training camp and the early part of the season. Keeping people healthy, he added, will be a prime factor in how well WSSU does this fall.

"Staying away from a lot of injuries is a big key for us," he said. "If we can do that and get through the first couple of games, we should have to pretty good year."

Around the CIAA, the prevailing opinion is that Winston is likely to have an excellent year. The Rams are pre-season picks to win their fourth league title in five years. With a major portion of last year's championship crew returning, it's difficult to take issue with that prediction.

Coach Pete, however, doesn't

feel that the Rams are a sure-fire bet to repeat. Virginia Union, he pointed out, will be strong again and so will Norfolk State, a team whose only CIAA loss in '90, was to Union.

As for the '91 Rams, Richardson is especially pleased with the situation at quarterback, running back and linebacker. "Those three areas are vital for us this year," the coach said. "They'll have to be the mainstay of our team."

At quarterback, Mitch Nicholson, last year's CIAA championship MVP is the undisputed leader. But in case he goes down, Richardson is confident that Rovelle McMillian can step forward and get the job done. "Rovelle has made great strides

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