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## THE UNITED CHAMPIONSHIP

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Topping's first round was a two and one victory from Chisholm Beach of Fox Hills. All even at the turn, he won the tenth, lost the eleventh and twelfth, halved the thirteenth, won the next three holes and halved the seventeenth in 3 for the match. ¶ Likewise in the second round he defeated Dr. C. H. Gardner of Agawam by the same score. Two up at the turn, Topping lost the tenth and eleventh, won the twelfth and thirteenth, lost the fourteenth and fifteenth, won the sixteenth in 4 and the seventeenth in 3. ¶ In the semi-final, Erman J. Ridgway of Montclair was disposed of by three and two. Two up on the fourth, Ridgway won the fifth, halved the next three holes and took the ninth to tie, gaining a lead on the tenth and halving the eleventh. Topping squared matters on the twelfth and halved the thirteenth, Ridgway losing the next three holes in a 4, 3 and 4.

Kerr's first round was by 5 and 3 from M. F. O'Connell of Alpine, his second the defeat of Walter J. Travis, the sensation of the tournament and the match which claimed the gallery. ¶ Two down at the turn, Travis halved the tenth in 4, won the eleventh, 4-5, the 398-yard twelfth in 3 and two under bogey, to a fast 4 for Kerr to tie the score, and gained the lead on the thirteenth, 5-6. The fourteenth was halved in 4, and Kerr evened the match again with a 3 on the 212-yard fifteenth where he made the edge of the green and tried for a long 2, gaining the lead with a perfect 4 to a 5 for Travis on the sixteenth. On the short seventeenth, Kerr had the advantage on the drive for Travis was in the pit, but the Garden City player got well out and when Kerr approached he hit Travis' ball and knocked it nearer the hole. His third was a beauty to edge of cup, Travis retaliated on his fourth by hitting Kerr's ball; the hole halved in 5. ¶ A sliced drive on the eighteenth followed by a second to the trap guarding the green, a fine recovery and two putts, were the best Travis could do on the eighteenth, while Kerr was bordering the green on his second and dead on his third; halving the hole in 5 as a delicate compliment to his distinguished opponent, winning the match by 1 up. ¶ The cards:

KERR	-out-	5 5 4 5 4 4 6 2 4-39
TRAVIS	-out-	5 5 5 4 5 4 6 3 4-41
KERR	-in -	4 5 4 6 4 3 4 4 5-39-78
TRAVIS	-in -	4 4 3 5 4 4 5 4 5-38-79

Kerr's semi-final was a win from Walter Fairbanks of the Denver Country Club. Four up at the turn, Kerr maintained his lead, winning on the fourteenth green, five up and four. ¶ In the Championship consolation, Weber was eight and six in his final round with Beach. In the semi-final, Weber defeated M. F. O'Connell of Alpine, six and five, and Beach advanced on a four and three win over Foot.

Walter Fairbanks, the Denver Country Club veteran, who won a qualification play-off from C. V. Meserole of Ontario, was the star in the first round of match play, defeating Harold Weber of Inverness on the home green by winning the fifteenth hole and halving the last three.

The cards of 77 and 78 were among the best of the week. ¶ Going out Weber won the second, 4-5, and the fourth, 3-4, but he lost the fifth, 5-6, the seventh, 6-7, and the ninth, 3-4; the first halved in 5 and the third, sixth and eighth in 4's. Coming home, Fairbanks maintained his lead of 1 up by halving the tenth in 4, the eleventh in 5 and the twelfth and thirteenth in 4's. Weber, however, evened matters with a 4 on the 432-yard fourteenth, but he lost the 212-yard fifteenth to a par 3, where Weber sliced his drive to the woods. On the sixteenth, Weber was in the rough again, but a brilliant recovery saved the hole for a half in 5. The two remaining holes were halved in perfect play, 3's and 4's. ¶ The cards:

FAIRBANKS	-out-	5 5 4 4 5 4 6 4 3-40
WEBER	-out-	5 4 4 3 6 4 7 4 4-41
FAIRBANKS	-in -	4 5 4 4 5 3 4 3 5-37-77
WEBER	-in -	4 5 4 4 4 4 4 3 5-37-78

In the second round Fairbanks found C. L. Becker of Woodland a tenacious opponent, who but for a negotiated stymie, would have tied the match on the home green after brilliant recovery from a pulled tee shot. The pair made the turn all even, a stymie on the second costing Fairbanks a win. Becker took the lead on the tenth with a fast 3 but Fairbanks won the next two holes in 4's, lost the thirteenth and halved the next three holes, both players making stabs for 2 on the short seventeenth. On the eighteenth, Fairbanks sliced and Becker pulled, so that the balls lay fully 400 yards apart. The seconds were good, Fairbanks luckily escaping the trap guarding the green. Becker lost a stroke with an over-approach, but his next came within an ace of going down in 4 for a tie. Fairbanks went down in two putts, negotiating a stymie by caroming from Becker's ball into the cup.

Erman J. Ridgway of Montclair advanced from a keen two up win over J. D. Foot of Apawamis to a still keener victory from Robert Hunter of Wee Burn. ¶ All even at the turn, Hunter won the tenth, twelfth, halved the eleventh, thirteenth, fourteenth and sixteenth. Ridgway won the fifteenth and seventeenth in 3's to tie, and captured the eighteenth in 5, where the Wee Burn player experienced all kinds of difficulties. ¶ In his match with Foot, Ridgway was two down at the turn, but he evened matters on the twelfth, halved the thirteenth, lost the fourteenth and won the fifteenth and sixteenth for the match, two up. ¶ Other trophy winners included J. P. Gardner of Midlothian in the second, J. P. Williamson of Wyoming, runner-up, and E. M. Taft of Woodland, the consolation; G. E. Wincher of Wheeling, G. S. Jenks of Oakmont, and W. M. Ramsay of Montclair, in the third; Rev. T. A. Cheatham of Salisbury, W. L. Baldwin of Wee Burn, and C. E. Van Vleck, in the fourth; Judge M. W. Pinckney of Homewood, G. W. Watts of Durham, and Thomas Kelley of Southern Pines, in the fifth; Col. R. A. Swigert of Bethlehem, J. D. Standish of Detroit, and James Barber of Englewood in the sixth. ¶ In qualification, Walter J. Travis was the gold medalist with a total of one hundred fifty-one, thirteen strokes ahead of Topping and Kerr who recorded one hundred sixty-five each. ¶ In this connection it is interesting to note that