

MACHINE-LIKE GOLF

Carter Exhibits His Same Unbeatable Game in the Midwinter Tourney

Manson Makes a Game Fight in Finals. Tom Kelley to the Front

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THE thirteenth annual midwinter golf tournament at Pinehurst played from January 4 to 8 inclusive, had entries of a wide variety of ability, who brought in scores in the medal round of a wide variety as to size; contained matches of a wide variety as to the closeness of the play, and was favored with a wide variety of weather. The tournament, as usual, was conducted under the Pinehurst system, meaning that the entries were classified according to their average ability, and giving to each contestant as nearly an equal chance as is possible to do.

The winner of first prize in the first division was Philip V. G. Carter, Nassau, and junior Metropolitan champion. This youthful expert was the class of the field with a good deal to spare, but it may be mentioned in passing that he is dangerous in any field he might enter, and that on his present visit to Pinehurst he has played the best and most consistent golf for a prolonged stretch of anybody who ever visited here; and those who have played at Pinehurst take in some of the ablest golfers extant.

The winner of the second division was T. A. Kelley, Southern Pines; of the third, C. B. Hudson, North Fork; the fourth, W. F. Smith, Brae Burn. The winners of the consolation prizes were: First division—J. L. Weller, St. Catherine's; second—C. R. Gillett, Wykagyl; third, C. W. Watts, Hillandale; fourth, W. A. Sandford, Montreal. The special consolation, in which played those who didn't qualify, was won by R. C. Blancke, Montclair.

Such experienced and capable golfers as T. B. Boyd of St. Louis, W. E. Truesdell of Fox Hills, E. T. Manson of Framingham—it was he who met Carter in the final—C. L. Becker, Woodland; J. A. Clapp, Chevy Chase; S. Y. Ramage, Wannago; F. S. Danforth, North Fork, and S. A. Hennessee, Cooperstown, fell by the wayside in the hunt for first prize, a handsome bronze.

Carter's first round, the medal play qualifying round, was his best. He went over the course—No. 2 on which the tournament was played—in 73, only two above par. His other rounds were done in 79, 74, 84 and 78. Either weather conditions or the fact that he was not extended were responsible for the larger totals. His 74, made on the third day, was splendid under the circumstances—rain and greens made heavy by the wet. at Pinehurst over 80, was done in a cold. His 84 of the semi-final, his only round

driving rain, and in the final, when he went over the eighteen holes in 78, there was cold weather following the rain of the morning. All in all, he played excellent golf, being nearly always steady, sometimes brilliant, unruffled under any conditions or whatever the stage of the match and showing the ideal golf temperament.

Young Mr. Carter's card in the qualifying round was remarkable for the profusion of 4's. No less than fifteen holes were done in that number of strokes. Two of these were required on short holes of par 3, but one of the 4's was on the 527 yard hole, which is a par 5. Twelve holes in succession, from the third to the fourteenth inclusive, were in 4's. This was machine-like work, steady to an exceptional degree. The round in detail was as follows:

Out— 4 5 4 4 4 4 4 4 4—37
In — 4 4 4 4 4 3 5 4 4—36—73

Seventy-two teed up for the qualifying round of eighteen holes on Tuesday, January 4. The weather was fine, warm and with little wind stirring. The playing in the main was not up to the opportunities. Only nineteen cards were returned which were below 100. After that it was match play and the competition was keener, with extra holes and matches so close as to be decided by only one or two up. W. E. Truesdell of Fox Hills and F. S. Danforth of North Fork were the others, besides Carter, who did better than 90, the former with an 86 and the latter with an 89.

On Wednesday, the first day of match play, Carter won handily from Mr. Hennessee of Cooperstown, whom he vanquished, 5 up and 3 to play. On the third day, Thursday, there was rain off and on, but this didn't keep Mr. Carter from making a 74. He disposed of J. H. Clapp of Chevy Chase, who, however, had him two down at the fifth hole. Then the metropolitan wizard struck his gait, and he finished 5 up and 4 to play.

Friday's weather was of a nature to keep the golfers indoors. Several pairs started in the rain, but all but two came in after going three holes and postponed their semi-finals until the next morning. The semi-finals were played on Saturday morning and the finals in the afternoon. It was cold when the semi-finalists started, but the sun came out and did considerable warming up around noon-time.

S. Y. Ramage met Carter in the semi-final and was beaten, 5 down and 3 to go. Mr. Manson of Framingham, winner of the advertising men's tournament in 1915, came through his match rounds in fine style after an indifferent qualifying round and met Mr. Carter in the final. Manson's score was 85 to Carter's 78. The young star was not as accurate as usual. Both players felt the cold, but the match was hard fought, close and stirring every foot of the way. Carter eventually won, 3 and 1, but the Framingham player made a sharp, plucky fight of it. First Carter was on up and then Manson would make it all square.

They were square at the ninth. Carter won the first hole after the turn and soon was two up, but Manson held on tenaciously, cut down the lead and with a fine 3 on the fifteenth was only one down. He nearly drove the green, to which he had

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