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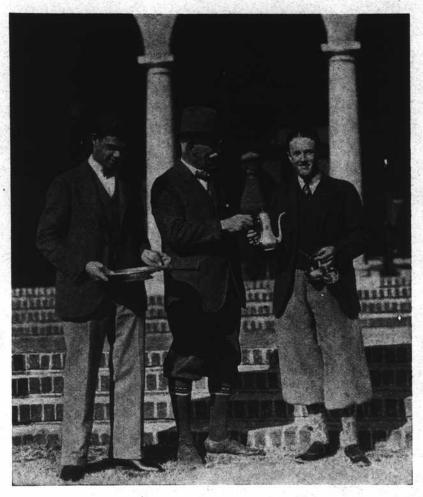
Annual Mid-winter Tournament

OUTH had its inning in the annual Midwinter tournament, played here last week, when two seventeen-year-old lads, George T. Dunlap, Jr., and Walter Swoope, mowed their way through a field of more than 100 seasoned golfers and came through victoriously with the winner and runner-up trophies, respectively.

Both of these youthful golfers qualified close to the top, Swoope being in second place with a 79, while T. Russell Brown, of the Lake Champlain Club, headed the field and won the medal with a card of 35-40-75. Brown continued on his winning way through the first match-round but went down to defeat at the hands of Donald Parson, Youngstown, Ohio, in the second round, which was thought to be the deciding succumbed to Dunlap in the semifinals who advanced to meet Swoope, who, in the meantime,

had been sailing along in great style and disposed of John D. Chapman, Greenwich, Conn., 3 and 1. The match between Chapman and Swoope was an unusual one. The Greenwich veteran was 3 up at the tenth, but Swoope clung to him tenaciously and by taking the next two holes and halving the thirteenth he squared the match on the next hole and then proceeded to take three in a row for victory and his right to meet Dunlap in the finals.

Dunlap's semi-final victory over Parson might have been a surprise but it was certainly well earned. The Youngstown golfer played one of his best games and had a medal round of 41-35-76, but his younger opponent also was at the top of his form and managed to cut a stroke from the score and turned in a round of 38-37-75. Dunlap was off to a good start and made the turn 3 up, but here Parson staged a good rally and after halving the next five holes he won the next two and barely missed having to play extra holes when another halve



factor for the finals, but Parson Colonel W. E. Truesdell, himself a veteran of many links battles at succumbed to Dunlap in the semi-finals who advanced to meet

Pinehurst and elsewhere, finds a great deal of pleasure in presenting the trophies to Dunlap and Swoope and in commending them for their splendid achievement.

(Photo by John G. Hemmer)

on the home green ended the match, 1 up, in favor of Dunlap.

The playing of these youths completely upset all predictions of the more experienced golfing colony. They played close to par golf all week, and in the finals, pitted against each other, they fought a steady battle throughout. Dunlap took the tenth by pitching his second shot close to the green and sinking his fourth for an easy putt. His steadiness accounted for five fours in a row, one of them being a birdie on the fourteenth after Swoope missed an easy chance to halve the hole. He played his approach shots with accuracy and always gave himself comfortable margins in which to hole his putts.

Swoope, however, was not to be shaken off easily. Three down on the fifteenth he knocked the ball over a slight ridge to the left of the green and sank the only two that was made in the match on a 5-foot putt. Fur-

their hope of cutting down Dunlap's lead disappeared when his second shot on the sixteenth dropped into a trap a hundred yards short of the green and Swoope got out only on the fourth shot. Dunlap then won the match by taking the hole on his.

Swoope started off with the lead by winning the first and second holes but then got into one of the traps which eventually brought about his defeat. He lost two shots recovering and by this time Dunlap had settled down, winning the hole and also taking the next. The New Yorker, losing the eighth, won the ninth after Swoope's beautiful drive headed for the green out of the woods, struck a tree and glanced off into a trap, and started on the home stretch all even.

Austin Sands, of New York, downed Francis Keating, of Pinehurst, for second division honors by winning 4 and 2. In

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