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## Parson Defeats Blue

**T**HE winner of the second annual Mid-January tournament played last week, proved to be Donald Parson, of Youngstown, Ohio, who met and defeated H. J. Blue, of Southern Pines, in the 18 holes final, the margin of victory being 2 up and 1 to go. The strong wind which swept across the course was not conducive to low scoring, but as a match the contest carried plenty of gallery thrills. Blue carried the attack to his more seasoned opponent and looked all over the winner as the pair drove down the 416-yard twelfth hole, where Blue led by the comforting margin of two holes. Blue, however, put his second shot here into a deep bunker, played five shots to the green, conceded the hole and from that point on worked on the defensive, as Parson had been doing more or less before. Blue half missed his second into the crosswind on thirteen and left an opening, but Parson, from a corking fine drive on this 340-yard hole, failed to get hold of the ball, and they halved it in indifferent 5's. Both had fine drives at the 452-yard fourteenth, but Blue was short with his iron second, and Parson with a fine iron, past the pin, got down in two putts for a win in 4 to square the match.

### A FINE TEE SHOT

With spoon, Parson played a masterly shot into the strong crosswind at the 212-yard fifteenth, and he had a five-yard putt awaiting his coming for a 2. He neither got the 2 nor a 3, but took three putts, and let Blue in on a half in 4. Still square with the difficult dog-leg 457-yard sixteenth, and the tantalizing little 171-yard seventeenth just ahead, they braced for the decision. Blue made it easy for Parson when his safety iron second on sixteen stopped on the very brink of a bunker where he could get no comfortable stance, taking seven for the hole and a loss. Blue had the edge on

seventeen when Parson pulled his iron tee shot to the bunker hole high, with Blue straight past the cup marker, but a bit too strong. When Parson played a really fine niblic shot from a hanging lie in the sand, and then followed with a nervy putt of four yards, the match was over, for Blue missed his putt for a 3.

The score card for the finalists tells the story:

Parson—

Out—7 5 5 6 4 4 4 5 4—44  
In—5 4 5 5 4 4 5 3 x

Blue—

Out—6 5 5 5 5 4 3 5 4—42  
In—5 4 6 5 5 4 7 4 x

Next in order of merit after the chief winner and runner-up came the consolation winner and runner-up in the first flight. T. Russell Brown, Mallets Bay, Vt., defeated Allison R. Maxwell, Oakmont, 3 and 2, for this honor. The second flight winner and runner-up, respectively, were Fred Howe, Hamilton, Ontario, who defeated Charles S. Strout, Biddeford, Me., 5 up and 4 to play. The consolation prize in this division went to R. W. Smith of the Hannastown Country Club, Greensburg, Pa., with a final margin of 8 and 6 over J. L. Weller, of Hamilton, Canada. A. S. Higgins, St. Andrews Country Club, Yonkers, New York, won the third division trophy by defeating H. Suydam, of Lakewood Country Club, N. J., 4 and 2.

The third flight consolation prize was won by L. F. Herrick, Worcester, from E. P. Merwin, Stockbridge, 2 up and 1 to go.

