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Youth Overwhelms Field of Veterans

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THE silent but irresistible on-rush of youth manifested itself afresh in the medal testing round of the twenty-sixth annual North and South tournament for amateurs played over the No. 2 and No. 3 courses of the Pinehurst layout April 5 and 6, and then showed its staying qualities by placing two youngsters in the final.

Not only did George T. Dunlap, Jr., take the low medal qualifying prize from a field of more than two hundred entrants, but Page Hufty, of the Congressional Club, Washington, D. C., whose eighteenth birthday was July 6 last, won the championship trophy, toppling over some excellent and well-seasoned golfers who challenged his right to enter the final where he met and defeated L. E. Sherrill of Tampa by the margin of 2 up and 1 to play.

In the first match round Hufty defeated the veteran linksman and captain of the Massachusetts Lesley Cup team, F. C. Newton, by the decisive margin of 5 up and 4 to go. Next he met and disposed of Robert McDougal, a member of last year's Princeton varsity team, 2 up and 1 to play. Following this he trimmed the Metropolitan Junior champion, Eugene Homans of Englewood, N. J., a student at Choate school. Then in the final he met Sherrill, a well-built muscular athlete, who the day before had completely upset the old dope bucket by downing the odds on favorite, "Ducky" Yates, the defending champion, by the score of 2 up.

Although Sherrill went to the first tee confident, and conscious that he was the popular choice to win, Hufty took him over, and in impressive style, even though Sherrill came like a house afire toward the end in a belated effort to overcome a lead of 7 up and 10 to play. It was a most inspiring finish, and one that aroused the gallery to a pitch of genuine excitement, but it fell short of success because he had already tucked away an ample lead and refused to crack under the threat. Sherrill's play, however, on nine of the last ten holes of the match was brilliant in the extreme, when he had a medal score of 33 strokes, being three strokes under par.

Here are the cards of the finalists which tell the full tale of the mechanical side of the match.

Morning round:

Hufty	Out	5	5	4	3	3	5	2	5	5-37
	In	3	4	5	5	6	4	4	4	5-40-77
Sherrill	Out	6	5	5	5	4	5	3	6	4-42
	In	4	4	4	6	4	4	4	4	5-39-81

Afternoon round:

Hufty	Out	4	5	6	3	4	4	3	5	4-38
	In	7	4	5	5	5	3	6	3	4-42-80
Sherrill	Out	4	5	5	3	5	5	4	6	3-40
	In	7	3	4	5	4	3	4	3	4-37-77

The cards show that Hufty had all of his winning success on the outgoing nine, both morning and afternoon, thereby getting the jump on the trailing Sherrill, and putting the burden of proof up to the broad-shouldered Tampa man. Considering that both men had gone through a full week of gruelling tournament play they stood up well in the final test. Hufty, much frailer of the two physically, showed signs of fatigue, but he also gave unmistakable evidence of a stout heart when courage was needed.

Hufty played six successive holes on the outgoing nine in the afternoon, starting at the fourth in one under 4's and one under par taking four of them and at a time when winning meant entrance to easy street. The lead which he amassed here through his own brilliant and courageous play, and the sins of commission of his opponent had its actual and psychological effect upon both contestants.

There were many brilliant individual shots played by both finalists, but as often happens in like circumstances the boys occasionally failed to step into openings. As an example of this one might cite the play on holes 10 and 13. Hufty's strategy in playing over the intervening bunkers, and into the fourteenth fairway going to No. 13 both morning and afternoon and scoring a pair of 5's which well might have been 6's, and Sherrill's failure to take advantage of Hufty's misplays here was outstanding. Both players overlooked errors and openings on 10 in the afternoon and particularly Hufty who had the door open to cinch the match by getting his third shot out of the bunker and on to the grass a matter of a few feet above the sand.

Arthur Yates, the defending champion, was the top heavy favorite to repeat his 1925 success before the tournament started and very decidedly so when he had reached the semi-final round, but Sherrill, with a very excellent medal score of 74 dropped the heavy-shouldered Rochester star at the seventeenth green.

The story of the tournament was a serial story of upsets which culminated in the win of Hufty whose cause could find no monetary backers even on the final day.

It was a most refreshing tournament and demonstrates anew and afresh not only that youth must be served, but that we have in this country hundreds of brilliant young golfers who have started their golf almost in infancy, and who have jumped quickly to stardom with the opportunity, after they have reached the physical stature of man. The fact that they are not known to the country at large is to be expected for they are in the prep schools and colleges, but they are arriving, and in increasing numbers, which means

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