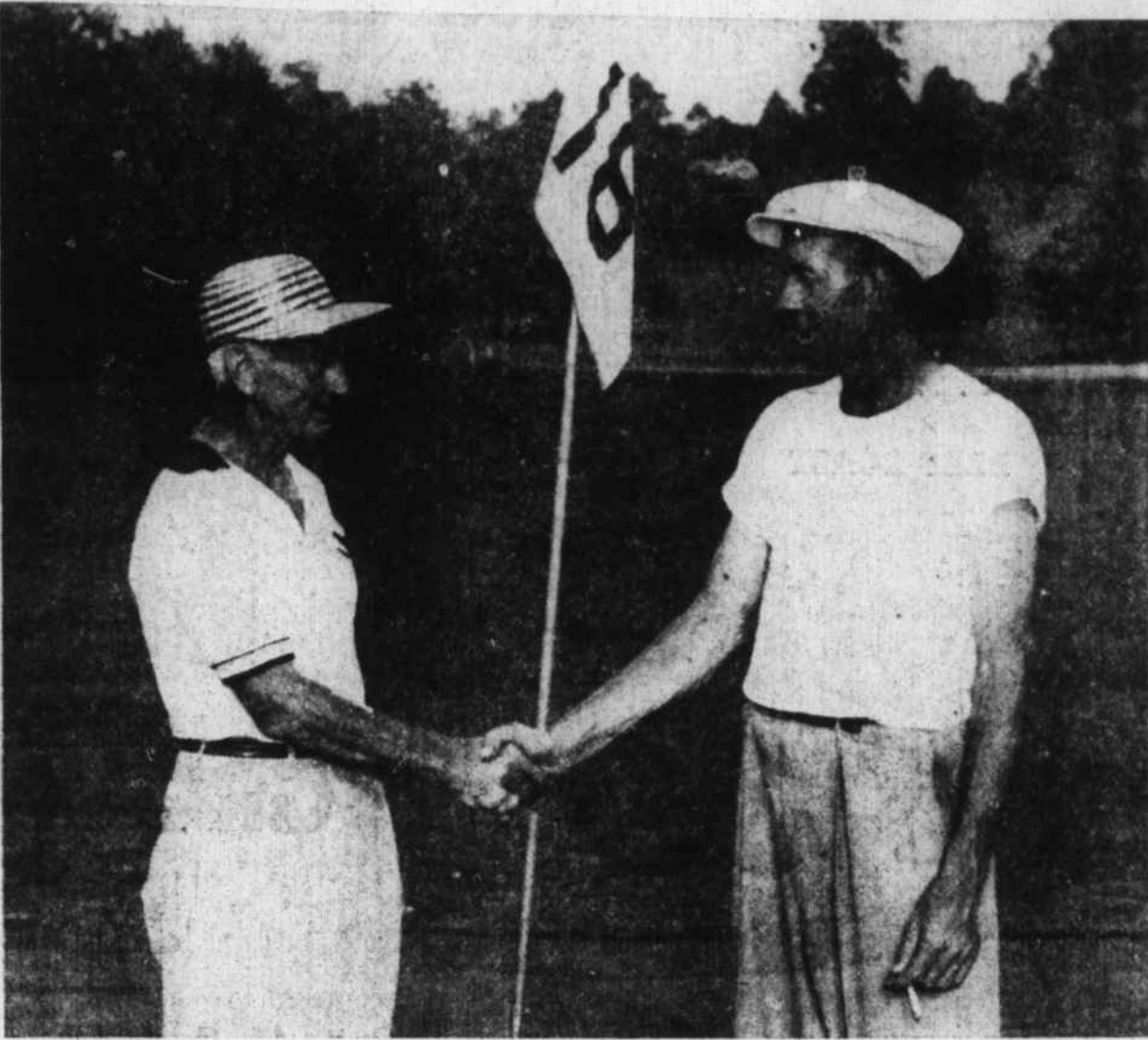


Allen, Ellis, Doe, Rotan Playing In Tourney Semi-Finals

Southern Softball Tournament Will Open At Canton Monday

Finals of the ninth annual Waynesville Men's Invitational Tournament at the Club. Bob Allen of Montgomery, Ala., while Ellis of Orlando, Fla., will play against Jay Rotan of Jacksonville, Fla., in two 18-hole duels. The final play Wednesday, when fellow townsman Charley Rotan will be two up with an eagle on a hole, a five-par, 473-yard drive land-out three feet from the hole. The same fast pace will be in sideling Jimmy Rotan of the favorites Tuesday, when A. D. Mull of Jacksonville will be two up by equalling the lead. Rotan was the winner of the Waynesville in 1950, 1951, and 1952, and on the front side to win and went on for a triumph over Bill Calley of Jacksonville. Rotan was par in eliminating Gene Jackson, Jacksonville, Fla., 5 and 4. J. C. Hyatt of Asheville in the finals 10 and 8. Rotan are favored to win the finals tomorrow.



CONGRATULATIONS were exchanged Wednesday evening by two of the four finalists in today's championship playoffs at the ninth annual Waynesville Men's Invitational Golf Tournament on the Country Club links—Bob Ellis of Orlando, Fla., and Bob Allen of Waynesville. Other finalists will be Weldon Doe, Jr., of Montgomery, Ala., and Jay Rotan of Cramerton. Allen will meet Doe, while Ellis will oppose Rotan. (Mountaineer Photo).

Champions Of 6 States To Participate

Twelve of Dixie's top softball teams will compete in Canton in the annual Southern Regional Men's Softball Tournament which opens August 30 for five days. The Southern meet is rated second in national importance only to the World Tournament. Six Southern states will be represented—the state champions of North and South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, and Alabama. In addition there will be metropolitan titleholders from Miami, Atlanta, Birmingham, and Mobile. In the past four years the Southern Region has produced one champion and two runners-up in the World tournament. North Carolina's official representative in this tournament will be Western Auto of Greensboro. Playing behind the stellar pitching of young Wade Garrett, they won the Tar Heel crown Monday night in the finals of the state meet at Winston-Salem.



THE FAMOUS CLEARWATER (FLA.) BOMBERS will be defending their 1953 championship when the Southern Regional Men's Softball Tournament opens Monday, August 30, at the Canton High School ball park under the sponsorship of the Champion YMCA. The Bombers see their first action Monday night at 9:00 as they meet the Tennessee state champions. Members of the squad, front row, Joe Lewis, Jerry Curtis, Herb Dudley, John Hunter, Ed Ridell, Charlie Scruggs, and Palmer Gilpin; back row, Bob Sprentall, Joe Everett, Manager Eddie Moore, Joe Scott, Nolan Whitlock, Gene Usmiller, Jim Ellis, Bob Forbes and Trainer William Williams. The batboys are Tommy Moore and Warren McMullen.

Champion Y Season Day Night

Champion YMCA softball complete its 1954 exhibition Saturday night at High Park with a game against Thomas Goods of Birmingham. The game will be run by a committee of Birmingham. The game is at 7:45 p.m.

League Slated Day Night

For the opening of the 1954-55 season will be meeting at 8 p.m. Monday at Waynesville Bowling. The season will open on September 13. Bowlers in the eight-team league are urged to attend the meeting Monday night.

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Hazelwood, Martel, Enka, Ecusta To Meet 28th In WNC Baseball Playoffs

Second-place Hazelwood will meet Martel Mills in the second game of the Western North Carolina Industrial League playoffs at 3:30 p.m. on the Enka diamond after the league-leading Enka Rayonites meet Ecusta at 1 p.m. Winners of the Saturday tilt will meet at Enka at 2 p.m. Sunday. Hazelwood clinched second place for the regular season last Saturday by outlasting Martel 3-2 in a grueling 13-inning battle — with Charlie Carpenter going the route for the locals on the mound and

giving up only six hits. Carpenter will start for Hazelwood Saturday unless Jim Kuykendall of Hazelwood arrives from Nova Scotia, where he has been playing semi-pro ball. Kuykendall, Waynesville Mountaineer and Western Carolina College pitching ace, won several important games for Hazelwood in mid-season. Others in the lineup Saturday will include: Floyd Teas, first base; Lonnie Bishop, second base; Bud Blalock, third base; Dee Stephenson, shortstop; Babe Yount, left field; Manager Bill Milner, center field; Elmer Dudley or Bob Pitts, right field, and Bobby Joe Mease or Kenneth Troutman, catcher. Hazelwood's record for the season, after a two-year layoff, was 12 won and 8 lost. Had Kuykendall remained here, the local squad probably would have won the league crown. The final meeting of the WNC Industrial loop will be held Tuesday at Asheville where trophies

Furman Needs Another Selvy

GREENVILLE, S. C. (AP)—Furman University won't lower its basketball sights because of the graduation of All-America Frank Selvy who topped many records. The 1954-55 schedule calls for games with such teams as LaSalle, NCAA champion; North Carolina State, Atlantic Coast Conference champion; and George Washington, Southern Conference title holders.

WOLVERINE WOE
ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)—The University of Michigan broke a 36-year record this year — one of dubious merit. It was the first time since 1918 that Michigan hasn't won at least one Big Ten conference title. for the regular season and for the playoffs will be presented.

Fox Hunters' Bench Show Set Saturday

The annual Haywood - Jackson Fox Hunters Association Bench Show will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday on the grounds of East Waynesville School, it has been announced by Devoe McElroy, president. Entries at the show are expected to come from North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Virginia, and West Virginia. Breeds to be exhibited probably will include Walkers, Triggs, Goodmans, and Julys. Prizes, ribbons, and rosettes will be awarded to winners in the various age groups. The judge will be G. I. Patterson of Tennessee. Sandwiches and drinks will be sold on the grounds by Woodmen of the World.

Snead Putt-Putted To 11th Place

SPRINGFIELD, N. J. (AP)—Sam Snead, who now has failed to win the U. S. Open golf title 14 times, sounded like an outboard motor after his third round 72 put him five strokes off the pace. "If I could only take advantage of the greens," said the White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., pro. "It's the same old story—putt, putt, putt, putt." "Off the tees I play like a machine. I missed the edge of the fairways only twice and when I get on the greens, I can't see them. I just lost another Open." Snead, finishing with a 290, tied for 11th place with Dr. Cary Middlecoff. As a result, Slammin' Sam must play in the sectional qualifying rounds if he hopes to shoot for the 1955 Open in San Francisco.

Revenge Is Sweet

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP)—It was some time in coming, but a band of vengeful veterans finally settled a grudge of long standing at a recent city softball game. The Veterans of Foreign Wars team blanked the opposition, 18-0, as pitcher Hugh Stout twirled a no-hitter. The losers? The Military Police team from nearby Camp Carson.

Tuna Tournament Optimism

PT. JUDITH, R. I. (AP)—Officials of the 12th U. S. Atlantic Tuna Tournament, to be held from this port from Aug. 31 to Sept. 2, are expressing "cautious optimism" over prospective catches. Heavy tuna catches were made in this year's Bahamas tournaments, and 350 and 500-pound bluefins have been taken off Newport, R. I.

Out To Halt Aussie Surge

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son, a 17-year-old who upset Hoad at Newport, R. I. The Americans above, defending champion Tony Trabert, Vic Seixas and Art Larsen appear to be America's best bets to keep the title here. While Trabert was beaten by Rosewall in five sets at Wimbledon and by Bernard Bartzen in the National Clay Court tests at Chicago he has been resting for the Nationals; Seixas and Larsen are ranked No. 2 and 3, respectively, in the United States and will be our main hope if Trabert falters.

Easy Angling

DANIELSVILLE, Pa. (AP)—Everett Marsh won the presidency of the Danielsville Izaak Walton club the easy way. Marsh was the only man to catch a legal fish in the Lappawinzo fishing contest here. He hooked a 12-inch rainbow trout by the tail. He was named president of the club shortly thereafter on the basis of his catch.

GOES FOR DUCKS

REGINA (AP)—George Genereux of Saskatoon, Canada's only gold medal winner in the 1952 Olympics, says duck hunting is better than any other outdoor sport. He won his Olympic medal in trapshooting.

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