

Tinney Takes Florida College Golf Tourney

DELAND, March 27 (AP)—Robert L. (Sonny) Tinney, 19-year-old freshman from Florida State University, out-putted Pete Dye, 19, of Rollins to annex the first annual state inter-collegiate golf championship here today.

Tinney, a veteran of 11 years on the links despite his age, and 1947 winner of the Florida amateur junior title, outstroked Dye, 3 and 2, in the finals match of the meet which began Thursday with a field of 29 from five colleges.

Young, Blond Champ

The young, blond champion said "It was luck that won for me" but the gallery which followed the match through 34 holes attributed his victory to flawless putting over the methodical Dye.

Tinney was three up over Dye at the end of the morning 18 and the score was all even as the finalists reached the afternoon ninth. Dye missed a four-foot putt to send Tinney into the lead and he wouldn't be overtaken.

They halved the next two and Tinney won the next three, requiring Dye to take all of the last four holes to pull even. The match ended on the 16th.

Tinney, who received a set of irons for his victory, said he probably would enter the Florida amateur in Clearwater, April 6, if he could get away from his studies that long.

Lone FSU Entry

He was the lone entry from FSU while Miami, Rollins, Stetson and Florida Southern sent from one to three teams. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Livingston of Tallahassee.

Clyde Kelly of Rollins defeated Bill Herndon of Stetson in the consolation flight, 2 and 1, and got a suitcase as prize. Dye, tournament runnerup, received a set of woods.

Al Besselink, medalist in both the qualifying and second-day losers rounds, won a medal and a dozen golf balls.

Top prize of the tournament was the handsome Goodwin M. Nilsson trophy awarded to the University of Miami as the winner in team competition Wednesday.



SONNY TINNEY

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