

By TOM McSHANE

~~Ab Justice of Oklahoma State who couldn't make All~~
American, burned up the Taconic Golf Course yesterday with a 68 — three under par — to take the lead in the NCAA qualifying round of the 61st annual NCAA Golf Championship.

~~However, the talk of the tournament was the blistering 67 fired by Tommy Aaron of Florida to tie the course mark set last year by Dick Tworig, assistant ground keeper at Taconic.~~

Three Birdies

Aaron, son of a former pro and highly regarded as a quarterback at Gainesville, Ga., High School, posted birdies on 1, 10 and 13 holes.

His big play came on the 18th when he stroked a down hiller into the cup from 30 feet away for a healthy eagle.

Justice, son of a pro player has a 139 total for the 36 holes and it will take some mighty fine shooting today to beat him for medalist honors as the qualifying round comes to a close.

The end of the road for those who have not already been eliminated comes today for all but 64 of the field of 302 who started out with high hopes and hot irons on Monday.

Match Play Starts

Match play starts tomorrow and from then on it will be a grueling test for the youthful swingers.

All signs indicate that a 36-hole total of at least 150 will be necessary to stay in the charmed circle. So far, or up to the start of play today, 27 have been tagged.

As far as Western Mass. is concerned, the chief casualty would appear to be Ronnie Mattson of AIC at Springfield who turned in a 77 for a 154 total, running into all kinds of trouble on the last three holes.

Ward Wettlaufer of Hamilton, highly regarded in pre tourney forecasts fought a comeback battle with four birdies to pick up a 71 following a disastrous 79-opener and he just hit the 150 mark.

Gary Cross of UMass, who entered with hopes running high fell along the way, especially on the front nine yesterday and ended with 83 for an overall mark of 158.

Entering the third and final day of qualifying at Williams College only one third of the entries has completed the required 36 holes.

The other players will be battling over the 6,630-yard Taconic Club course today for one of the 64 low scores which will entitle them to move on to match play.

So far, Justice heads the list with a 139 after carding a 3-under-par 68 on his second round.

The recent winner of the Big Eight Conference title is followed by Al Geiberger of Southern California with a 141. Tied with 142s are Tommy Aaron of Florida, Jim

Hiskey of Houston and Art Fall of Oklahoma State.

Leaders

Donald (Ab) Justice, Oklahoma State, 71-68139.

Al Geiberger, Southern Cal., 72-69-141.

Tommy Aaron, Florida, 75-67-142.

Art Hall, Oklahoma State, 72-70-142.

Jim Hiskey, Houston, 73-69-142.

Bernie Magnussen, Stanford, 69-74-143.

Jim Curli, Rollins, 72-71-143.

Ron Royer, Indiana, 73-71-144.

Dick Hanscom, Florida State, 72-72-144.

Jerry Pittman, SMU, 75-69-144.

Hugh Royer, Georgia, 72-73-145.

Dan Morgan, Fresno State, 72-73-145.

Deane Beman, Maryland, 75-70-145.

Frank Wharton, Houston, 72-74-146.

John Konsek, Purdue, 73-73-146.

Jerry McFerren, Maryland, 74-73-147.

Bud Bradley, Southern Cal., 72-76-147.

Bob Brue, Miami, 77-70-147.

Western Mass.

Ronnie Mattson, AIC, 77-77-154.

Gary Cross, UMass, 75-83-158.

Howard Halligan, Williams, 78-80-158.

Bill Tuach, Williams, 78-82-160.

Bill Thompson, Springfield, 81-85-166.

Mike Becmer, Williams, 81-86-167.

Ed Myers, Springfield, 87-83-170.

John Boyd, Williams, 36-41-77.

Jon Hunt, AIC, 44-41-85.

Roland Pearson, Springfield, 41-49-90.

Ed Kozub, AIC, 47-46-93.

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With the field narrowed to the chosen 64, match play started today in the 61st annual NCCA Golf Championship at Taconic Golf Course in Williamstown with the weather conditions, although far from ideal, good enough for some stirring golf. The wind blowing across the Taconic greens and fairways was not expected to handicap the youthful swingers too much.

Al Justice, co-medalist, of Oklahoma State and Gene Teter of Southern Methodist started the gruelling test which will not end until Sunday, at 8 o'clock this morning.

Lauds Houston

Houston Cougars, holding their third straight team title after a record-shattering spree, today sent five players in quest of the individual National collegiate golf championship.

Co-medalist Phil Rodgers, Jim Hiskey, Jack Cupit, Frank Wharton and Bob Pratt ventured into the first round of match competition after establishing a low mark of 570 aggregate strokes, two better than the previous mark by Southern Methodist in 1954.

"This is the greatest college team I've ever known or heard about," coach Dave Williams said.

Williams' yardstick also includes the 563 strokes Houston used to win the Border Olympic crown—20 less than the storied North Texas State aggregation of 1952 when it captured the same honor.

"That North Texas club had a lineup of Joe Conrad, Billy Maxwell, Don January, Marion Hiskey and Stan Mosel," Williams added.

"Hiskey and Wharton have played on three national championship teams," he said. "Only others ever to do so were Conrad, Maxwell and January."

Houston, which lost only to Baylor in 11 dual matches, now has won seven consecutive tournaments.

Oklahoma State placed second 12 strokes behind, aided by Ab Justice who fired a 139 for co-medal with Rodgers.

While Houston basked in its glory, 64 players are matching club and wits on the 6,630-yard, par 71 Taconic Club Course at Williams for intercollegiate golf's top prize.

Rodgers, an arrogant blond with skill to match, plays Dave Lawrence of Arizona State as his first round opponent, while Justice meets Gene Teter of Southern Methodist.

A second round will follow in the afternoon when Rodgers is expected to go under heavy fire from the winner of the Ward Wettlaufer-Dean Beman duel.

Wettlaufer was an NCAA finalist a year ago and Beman, the Maryland ace, has been in three national open tournaments at the age of 20.

Another top first round match sends two conference champions against each other—Purdue's John Konsek of the Big 10 and Texas Christian's Don Massengale of the Southwest.

According to revised plans, two 18-hole rounds are set for today, two tomorrow with a 36-hole semifinal Saturday and a 36-hole final Sunday.

The Qualifiers

Donald (Ab) Justice, Oklahoma State 71-68—139.

Phil Rodgers, Houston 69-70—139.

Al Geiberger, Southern California 72-69—141.

Dick Whetzle, North Texas State 71-70—141.

Carl Lohren, Maryland 72-69—141.

Tommie Aaron, Florida 75-67—142.

Jimmy Hiskey, Houston 73-69—142.

Art Hall, Oklahoma State 72-70—142.

Jim Curti, Rollings 72-71—143.

Bernard Magnussen, Stanford 69-74—143.

Jackie Cupit, Houston 71-72—143.

Jerry P. Pittman, Southern Methodist 75-69—144.

Ronald Royer, Indiana 73-71—144.

Richard Hanscom, Florida State 73-71—144.

Bobby Strooper, North Texas 75-69—144.

Bob Howe, Southern California 73-71—144.

Dan Morgan, Fresno State 72-73—145.

Deane Beman, Maryland 75-70—145.

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 Dick Siderowf, Duke 71-76-147. s
 Larry Snyder, Ohio Univ. 72-73-147. c
 John Ellis, Oklahoma State 74-73-147. a
 Bud Bradley, Southern California 72-75-147. s
 Jerry McFerren, Maryland 74-73-147. c
 Bob Brue, Miami 77-70-147. c
 Arthur Rhodes, Texas 73-74-147. R
 Donald Norbury, Pennsylvania 72-76-148. b
 Robert Shave, Florida State 73-75-148. le
 David Lawrence, Arizona State 77-71-148. tr
 Gene Teter, Southern Methodist 73-75-148. ll
 Larry McClain, Fairleigh-Dickinson 70-79-149. p
 Steve Klein, Cornell 74-76-150. a

By TOM McSHANE

Phil Rodgers of Houston who looks like Mickey Mantle and who belts the ball from the tee like the Yankee slugger blasting one of his tape measure homers remained the big favorite to win the NCAA Golf Championship at Taconic Golf Course today as he began his third round match play at 9:20 against Oklahoma's Tom Black.

Rodgers' chief competitor was the boy who couldn't make the coaches All American team, Ab Justice of Oklahoma State.

Perfect weather and greens and fairways helped by the heavy rain of yesterday greeted the third round golfers today.

All Houston Final?

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass. (AP) —Three New England players and four with Midwest affiliations today challenged the dominant Southwest-Far West contingent in the third round of the National Collegiate Golf Championships.

Houston's three-time team titlists, runnerup Oklahoma State and third place Southern California bear witness to the fact their area with its advantageous weather holds the upper hand.

But some geographical transplants from distance places are far from out of the struggle.

Dick Diversi, Waterville, Maine competitor who attends Rollins College in Florida, tees off against Frank Wharton, of Houston.

Underdog Diversi drew attention Thursday when he turned back Maryland's Jerry McFerrer on the 19th hole in a driving rainstorm, then rallied to edge Dick Hanscom of Florida State 2-up after going 4 down on the first 5 holes.

Wharton whipped highly considered Dick Whetzel of North Texas State in the second round.

Duke's Dick Siderowf from New Britain, Conn., takes on another of the four Houston boys entering the round of 16—Bob Pratt.

Another player overlooked in the early going is Bill Thornton, Manchester, Conn., and the University of North Carolina, who opposes Steve Klein of Cornell via Highland Park, Ill.

Bernie Magnussen, who migrated from Winnetka, Ill., to Stanford defies Pacific Coast Conference champion Al Geiberger of USC.

Purdue's John Konsek (Buffalo, N. Y.) and Miami's Bob Brue (Milwaukee) clash for a shot at the "super area" entries.

Qualifying co-medalist Phil Rodgers of Houston and Ab Justice of Oklahoma State remain the men to beat.

Rodgers meets Oklahoma's Tom Black after eliminating Dave Lawrence, Arizona State, and Deane Beman of Maryland.

Justice draws Jackie Cupit of Houston.

In the remaining match it is Jerry Pittman of Southern Methodist against Bart Hall of Oklahoma State.

The quarter final will follow in the afternoon.

The "home town" favorite, Bob Julius of Williams, won his morning round 2-1 against Florida State's great Bob Shave, but in the afternoon Julius went down before Al Geiberger of Southern California, 2 up.

The summary:

FIRST ROUND

(Upper Half)

Donald (Ab) Justice, Oklahoma State, defeated Gene Teter, Southern Methodist, 4 and 3.

Hugh Royer, Georgia, defeated Gene Cardi, Ohio State, 3 and 2.

Jack Cupit, Houston, defeated Charles Volpone, Boston College, 3 and 2.

Larry Snyder, Ohio University, defeated Willie Turner, Florida, 1 up.

Carl Lohren, Maryland, defeated Joe Miller, Rollins, 2 up.

John Konsek, Purdue, defeated Don Massengale, Texas Christian, 3 and 2.

Ron Roger, Indiana, defeated Davis Adams, Georgia, 5 and 4.

Bob Brue, Miami, defeated Bob Bither, Stanford, 2 and 1.

Al Geiberger, Southern California, defeated Bob Shave, Florida State, 1 up.

Bob Julius, Williams, defeated Dan Morgan, Fresno State, 2 and 1.

Bernard Magnussen, Stanford, defeated Dirk Prather, Arizona State, 6 and 5.

Del Beman, Maryland, defeated John Ellis, Oklahoma State, 4 and 3.

Tommie Aaron, Florida, defeated Gene Francis, Purdue, 4 and 3.
Bob Pratt, Houston, defeated Pete Bush, Rochester, 2 up.

Joel Spinola, Fresno State, defeated Bob Stroope, North Texas State, 2 and 1.

Dick Siderowf, Duke, defeated Jim King, Western Illinois, 2 and 1.

(Lower Half)

Phil Rodgers, Houston, defeated David Lawrence, Arizona State, 3 and 2.

Deane Beman, Maryland, defeated Ward Wettlaufer, Hamilton, 1 up.

Al Burtelson, Stanford, defeated Jim Curti, Rollins, 4 and 3.

Tom Black, Oklahoma, defeated Jim Smith, Southern Methodist, 1 up (19 holes).

Jim Hiskey, Houston, defeated Cobby Ware, Georgia, 2 up.

Billy Thornton, North Carolina, defeated Bob Richardson, Oklahoma, 1 up.

Steve Klein, Cornell, defeated Bob Howe, Southern California, 3 and 2.

Arthur Rhodes, Texas, defeated Dick Parker, Florida State, 2 up.

Dick Whetzle, North Texas State, defeated Donald Norbury, Pennsylvania, 6 and 5.

Frank Wharton, Houston, defeated Charles Vandlik, Ohio University, 5 and 4.

Dick Hanscom, Florida State, defeated Bob Ross, Rollins, 1 up.

Dick Diversi, Rollins, defeated Jerry McFerren, Maryland, 1 up (19 holes).

Jim Hiskey, Houston, defeated Cobby Ware, Georgia, 2 up.

Billy Thornton, North Carolina, defeated Bob Richardson, Oklahoma, 1 up.

Steve Klein, Cornell, defeated Bob Howe, Southern California, 3 and 2.

Arthur Rhodes, Texas, defeated Dick Parker, Florida State, 2 up.

Dick Whetzle, North Texas State, defeated Donald Norbury, Pennsylvania, 6 and 5.

Frank Wharton, Houston, defeated Charles Vandlik, Ohio University, 5 and 4.

Dick Hanscom, Florida State, defeated Bob Ross, Rollins, 1 up.

Dick Diversi, Rollins, defeated Jerry McFerren, Maryland, 1 up (19 holes).

Art Hall, Oklahoma State, defeated Larry McClain, Fairleigh Dickinson, 4 and 2.

Lloyd Monroe, Colgate, defeated Jon Sommer, Indiana, 1 up.

Jerry Pittman, Southern Methodist, defeated Dick Manning, Boston College, 5 and 4.

Bud Bradley, Southern California, defeated Don Pohl, Texas, 5 and 4.

SECOND ROUND

(Upper Half)

Donald (Ab) Justice, Oklahoma State, defeated Hugh Royer, Georgia, 3 and 1.

Jack Cupit, Houston, defeated Larry Snyder, Ohio University, 8 and 7.

John Konsek, Purdue, defeated Carl Lohren, Maryland, 3 and 1.

Bob Brue, Miami, defeated Royer, Indiana, 6 and 5.

Al Geiberger, Southern California, defeated Bob Julius, Williams, 2 and 1.

Bernard Magnussen, Stanford, defeated Del Beman, Maryland, 8 and 6.

Bob Pratt, Houston, defeated Tommie Aaron, Florida, 5 and 3.

Dick Siderowf, Duke, defeated Joel Spinola, Fresno State, 2 and 1. (Lower Half)

Phil Rodgers, Houston, defeated Deane Beman, Maryland, 1 up.

Tom Black, Oklahoma, defeated Al Burtleson, Stanford, 3 and 1.

Bill Thornton, North Carolina, defeated Jim Hiskey, Houston, 2 up.

Steve Klein, Cornell, defeated Arthur Rhodes, Texas, 4 and 3.

Frank Wharton, Houston, defeated Dick Whetzle, North Texas State, 3 and 2.

Dick Diversi, Rollins, defeated Dick Hanscom, Florida State, 2 up.

Jerry Pittman, Southern Methodist, defeated Bud Bradley, Southern California, 5 and 4.

Art Hall, Oklahoma State, defeated Lloyd Monroe, Colgate, 1 up.