

**HAPPY MOMENT FOR GOLF CHAMPION AND HIS DAUGHTER**  
*Pierce Miller Greet Little Connie After Winning Open*

## Miller Defies Big Odds, Sweeps City Open Title

### Amateur's 75 Wins by Three

By JACK WILLIAMS

Pierce Miller, whom doctors once called a hopeless cripple, reached the pinnacle of Atlanta golf Monday with a three-stroke victory in the City Open Championship.

The 41-year-old East Lake amateur drove to the title with a final round 75 at Peachtree, the "killer course" which proved far too long and tricky for most of the players in the field.

Miller's 36-hole score of 147 beat out a couple other ama-

teurs, Jimmy Cleveland and Charlie Harrison, who had 150s to tie for second.

The victory proved to be a dream-come-true for Miller who, in 1936 at the age of 17, was stricken with a bone disease which crippled him in both legs. He saw many doctors and two of them said he'd never walk again.

But Miller licked that disease with the same gritty determination he showed in this golf tournament. In 1951, he won the city amateur, and now he adds the Open to his list of honors.

It was a great day Monday for the amateurs who gave the pros a bad licking. Behind Miller, Cleveland and Harrison in the final standings came amateur Lester Kelly at 151.

Another amateur, Bob Allen, sank a hole-in-one on the 14th hole, posted a 75 and tied pros Jack MacDowall and Jim Yates for fifth place at 152.

Biggest surprise of the day was the complete collapse of Gene Dahlbender Jr., the defending champion and 1959 Golfer of the Year. The Marching Man shot eight bogeys, two double bogeys and wound up with a staggering 83, his worst competitive round in many years.

Veteran observers say they don't remember Dahlbender having shot

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### Wife Testifies —Capt. Little Scores an Ace

Det. Capt. R. E. Little—who admits his golf is far from championship form yet—still had something to crow about Monday.

Little scored a hole-in-one on the fifth hole at Candler Park golf course. His wife, playing along with him, was a witness.

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that poorly in the past 15 years. Dahlbender preferred not to try to recall.

They say Peachtree, a 7,000-yard layout with a par of 36-38-72, is the toughest course in the city. And they've got proof of this now.

Only 11 players in the big field manager to break 80. The 75, shot by Miller and matched by four other players, was the best score of the day.

**Cleveland and Kelly shot 75 in the championship flight along with Allen, while Ralph James Jr. used a 75 to win the first-flight competition with a total of 154.**

Miller, who had a 72 in the first round at East Lake last week, played par golf on the front nine Monday. He took a bogey on the third hole when his approach bounced over the green and he two-putted.

But he got that stroke back with a four-foot birdie putt at No. 5.

Two straight bogeys on 12 and 13, both coming on poor chip shots, and a double bogey at No. 15 got him in bad trouble. At the 18th, he hit his tee shot into the woods, had to play out safely and then three putted for a six.

But he came home strongly, birding the 17th on a brilliant 40-foot putt from the fringe of the

## CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

Pierce Miller, 72-75-147;  
Jimmy Cleveland, 75-75-150; Charles Harrison, 74-76-150;  
Lester Kelly, 74-75-151;  
Jack MacDowall, 72-80-152; Jim Yates, 72-80-152; Bob Allen, 77-75-152;  
Wesley Tucker, 77-79-154; Don Scartz, 76-80-154;  
Gene Dahlbender Jr., 74-83-157; Lefty Ewing, 77-80-157;  
John Gerrins, 77-81-158; W. S. Analey, 78-84-158;  
Hort McCurrp, 78-82-160;  
Wally Cochran, 75-86-161;  
Eddie Moore, 78-84-162; C. L. Strachan, 74-86-162;  
Wayne Yates, 78-85-163;  
Jim Parr, no card; E. T. Mize, no card.

## B DIVISION

154-Ralph James Jr., 157-Dave Morris; 159-Roy Ford; 161-Chuck Burns, Richard Waters, Tom Cousins, J. W. Bankston, Charles Wallace; 162-Pete Cole; 163-A. J. Clark, Irby Henderson, Frank Lancaster, Walker Bloodworth; 164-Ralph Sherman; 165-Earl Thomas; T. L. Smith, Leon Hardeman, Ray Fair; 166-James Buck, Don Scartz, W. C. Ethridge, Jim Davey; 168-Cliff Analey, Jack Keen.

## C DIVISION

163-Jake Croxton; 164-Lee Rosenberg, Frank Ziegler; 166-Bill Wright; 167-Bruce Schaeffer; 169-H. A. Beavers, H. H. Brantley; 170-Bill Jennings, Tracy Clute, Sam Marks, Charles Taylor; 171-Ass. Candler, Scum Silverman, J. B. Johnston; 174-Bill Goss, Lon McTyre, Billy Bridges; 175-Charles Adams, Billy Sosby, J. D. Smith; 176-David Hamilton; 177-Bob Holladay, E. D. Shelton; 181-P. E. Pierce, G. D. Wilks.

## D DIVISION

174-Bob Webster; 175-Tom Lee, Mark Smith; 176-Bill Tasker, Huland Sampson, Jack Butler; 178-Ralph Masley; 180-T. F. A. S. Stephenson; 182-Eldridge Viney, Norman Smith, Fred Barnett; 183-K. C. Clevin, J. J. Crosby; 187-Bill Clover; 188-Bill Hannon, Henry Cacciolo; 195-Harry Nettles.

green and parring the 18th.

The victory was worth \$125 in prizes. Cleveland and Harrison won \$62 worth of prizes each and

Kelley prizes totaling \$40.

Jake Croxton won the second prizes. Cleveland and Harrison flight with a score of 163 and Bob Webster the third flight at 174.

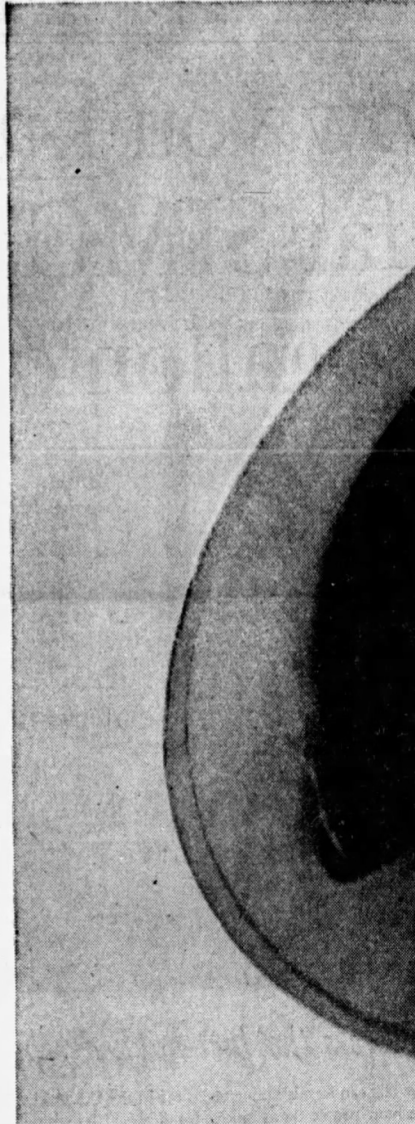


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