

# ATLANTA OPEN TURNS INTO 'STORY OF LOVE'

## Defending Champion Yates Push Atlanta CC Pro to Title

By BOB HERTZEL

It was unintentional, to be sure, but Wayne Yates helped David Love Jr. to a two-stroke victory in the Atlanta Open, which ended its 36-hole run Tuesday at Canongate Country Club near Palmetto.

There can be no doubt that Yates didn't want to help the 31-year-old Atlanta Country Club professional and it's doubtful that he knew he was almost as important to Love as his driver — a club Love used with perfection.

After all, Yates finished second to Love's 70-72 — 142 with a score of 72-72—144, which is even with par. But, if it weren't for Yates' presence in the field, Love may never have been a winner.

When Love teed off in the late afternoon sunshine, he knew that he held a two-stroke lead on the field. Charles Harrison, the sharpshooting amateur who had paced the first day's play with a 68, suffered a total collapse and shot an unbelievable 81. Harrison still finished as low amateur in the field with 149,



David Love



but he was no longer a threat to Love.

LOVE, therefore, had two choices. He could play it cozy and try to protect his two-stroke lead, or he could take his chances with his normal golf game. He decided to go for broke.

"Wayne's such a good player," said Love, who showed nothing but respect for the defending champion's game, "that he's capable of shooting the lights of the course. He could go out there any day and shoot a 66. He could have beat my brains out if I went out and tried to protect a two-shot lead.

"So," Love continued, "I went and tried to shoot as low a score as I could. If someone else had been behind me, I might have tried to cozy it around, but not with Wayne just two strokes back."

Love stuck to his strategy to the end. He went for the pins whenever possible, putted boldly and generally played his own game. Even as he came to the final three holes, needing only to par out to win, he kept pressing himself.

"I HAVE a philosophy," Love said. "If the last three holes of a tournament are birdie holes, I play for birdies."

At the 17th hole, Love stuck to his plan. He hit for the pin, with good reason.

"I could have gotten into more trouble by playing for the center of the green," Love said. "If I played safe I either would have wound up with a 40-foot putt or have slipped into the back bunker on the left with a long bunker shot."

At No. 18, Love even went one further. Needing only to get down in two from 15 feet to win, he rammed home the birdie putt as boldly as if the U.S. Open championship depended upon it.

The victory, worth \$600, was Love's first since coming to At-

LOVE AFFAIR	
David Love Jr. ....	70-72-142
Wayne Yates .....	72-72-144
Phil Kelnhofer .....	79-69-148
Emory Lee .....	76-71-147
x-Charles Harrison .....	68-81-149
x-Ralph Sherman .....	72-73-150
x-Jimmy Gabrielsen .....	73-77-150
James Williams .....	77-73-150
John Paul .....	75-74-151
x-Pete Callahan .....	77-73-151
John Ferguson .....	74-78-152
x-Eli Mangione .....	74-78-152
x-Cobby Ware .....	79-74-153
Bobby Tomlinson .....	77-76-153
x-Gene Hay .....	77-76-153
x-Newt Howard .....	78-76-154
John Credenien .....	78-76-154
George Presniner .....	74-80-154
x-Davis Barnes .....	77-77-154
x-Carey Schulten .....	80-74-154
x-Robert Carter .....	77-77-154

lanta two years ago to take over as head pro at Atlanta Country Club. There was a reason for the victory drought that Love had kept hidden.

While serving in Korea he suffered frost bite of his right foot and this was complicated with a virus infection. For the past six years the foot has pained him, sometimes so badly that he couldn't walk for two or three days. An Atlanta doctor improved the condition just three weeks ago, allowing Love to practice and play without pain.

Yates, who won last year with a record 134, had to scramble to equal par. He lost all chance at victory at No. 16 when his birdie attempt from four and a half feet rimmed the cup.

## McDonough Will Retire

Emory University's famed Dr. Tom McDonough, once president of the American Academy of Physical Education, will retire this summer after 25 years at the university.

Dr. McDonough founded the famous "Emory Plan" for collegiate athletics, beginning first at Emory-at-Oxford, he always said: "We want them out of the grandstands on the playing field."

As head of Emory's physical education department, McDonough served as a member of President Kennedy's first Youth Fitness Committee, and among his awards is the large one presented by the American Academy of Physical Education, the "Creative Award."

Before coming to Emory in 1942, Dr. McDonough was direc-