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Harper Wins PGA Meet

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Charlie Harper, professional at the host Columbus Country Club, played near-perfect golf yesterday afternoon to trip Savannah's Matt Warren for the State PGA championship—rolling to a 5 and 4 victory.

This was Harper's second stab at the state championship and he came through in fine style. Last year, he carried Atlanta's Ewing Pomeroy to the 19th hole before losing a 1-up decision.

The East Georgia swinger ran the local linksters a good race for the first nine holes, but couldn't stand up to the fine golf turned in by Harper. The local pro blasted out on the sand trap

on 14 to within inches of the pin to end it.

Charlie put the pressure on at the seventh hole with a beautiful seven-iron shot to within four feet of the pin for a birdie, but the turning point of the match came on the 9th hole when Warren three-putted to hand the long-knocking Columbus pro a 2 - up margin at the turn.

Until that time, it was nip and tuck. The two birdied No. 1. Harper went 1-up with a par on two when Matt got into trouble in the trap. Both parred three, and both birdied No. 4. Warren running in a 15-foot putt to offset Harper's excellent 2-iron shot that was within two feet of the pin.

The Savannah linkster rammed home a 20-footer on the par-three, 5th to square the match and they halved No. 6 with pars as Charlie's long putt rimmed the cup. They then halved eight after Harper's brilliant shot on seven.

On 10, the local swinger blasted his drive almost to the green, flipping a wedge 10 feet from the pin and sinking it to go three up. Warren went by on his birdie putt attempt.

The two parred 11, although Harper rimmed the cup with an 8-footer that would have given him a bird. Charlie also missed a 10-foot birdie putt on No. 12, but won the hole to take a 4-up lead as Warren failed to drop a 6-footer.

Harper won the long, par-five 13th with another birdie. He sent his drive over the sand trap, hit to the left of the green and then pitched it within four feet from where he nudged it in. Warren needed to sink a 25-footer for a bird on the hole, just missing.

And that was it as Charlie blasted out of the trap on 14 with one of the finest shots of the tournament. Warren's only hope to stay alive was to chip in from the left of the green, but he didn't come close and ended up with a par.

Harper was six under par through the 14 holes when he ended it, while the Savannah linkster was all even with regulation figures. Even par through the remainder of the holes would have given the Columbus Country Club pro a neat 66 round for the day.

The win was worth \$125 to Harper, while second place paid Warren \$95.


Rules Changes Given Schools

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Nov. 15 (AP)—With basketballs beginning to bounce around Alabama high school courts, a reminder went out today that the 12-foot free throw lane is official for the 1956-57 season.


Cliff Harper, secretary of the Alabama High School Athletic Assn. said the 12-foot lane used by all colleges will also be used in most states for prep ball this year.

He said opponents of the free thrower must occupy each of the alleys nearest the backboard.

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