

# Outros Fails in Quest For 4th Seniors' Title

## Gene Sarazen Regains Crown

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DUNEDIN, Fla.—Gene Sarazen won the championship that he is. Watrous lost, but he lost like the champion that he is.

That was the story of the 19th annual Seniors' Championship of the Professional Golfers' Association of America. The tournament, played over the 72-hole route last Wednesday through Monday over the PGA National golf club course in Dunedin, Fla., saw Sarazen, the "country squire" from Germantown, N. Y., regain the championship he won in 1954.

It marked the downfall of Watrous, the 1950, 1951 and 1957 winner from Birmingham, Mich. Old enough. All played just as well as he did a year ago, except around and on the green.

"MY GAME was sound for all four rounds," explained the defending champion. "I don't know if my game was as good as it was a year ago. I don't suppose it was, but it was pretty good."

"I was hitting the ball as well as I ever did, but my short work wasn't up to what it was last year. It was around the greens that I tell the children, Jenne, Polly and on them. I even three-putted a few times."

"One thing that was different this time was that I didn't take any more of my birdie opportunities. However, I have no apologies to make. I played well and lost. Last winter I played a little better and won."

SARAZEN, one of golf's all-time greats, won the championship with a 72-hole total of 288.

That was good for the Teacher's trophy and a check for \$1,200. It also earned him a trip to England to play the British Seniors' championship in the International championship. He will compete in the British Open while there.

The stocky little veteran, who'll be 56 on Feb. 27, never led during the first three rounds.

It was all Mortie Dutra the first three sessions of the 50-and-over tournament. The tall, distinguished-looking professional from Calexico, Calif., took the lead with a 69 on the first round of the tournament on opening day.

DUTRA HELD it with a 71 for 140 at the 36-hole mark, then with a 73 for 213 for 64 holes. His two-round total won him the Bourne trophy, awarded annually to the contestant 55 or over who has the low score for the first two rounds.

But, oddly enough, Mortie was "a factor on the final day of the championship. He and Sarazen were last to leave the tee, with Charles Sheppard of West Newton, Mass., the third man in their threesome.

"As soon as I saw Dutra hit his first tee shot, I thought he was tired," said Sarazen. "When I saw him hit his second one, I knew he was right. I knew that if I were going to win, the man I had to beat was Sheppard."

THAT SHEPPARD was the most miraculous putter. "I've never seen a man make me miss anything that fine," he was in awe as they came.

"The garzoon finish" was a Sarazen specialty when the former PGA and U.S. Open champion was in his heyday. He and Sarazen again that he's the master of the stringing fist 18.

"Starting the last round five shots back, not exactly new to me," Gene remarked. "I did the same thing in the National Open in 1922. I won it, too, just about the way I won this one."

Sarazen secured that his second shot on the second hole, a blow

# Oaks Grab Lead in Senior Hockey

Barring an upset, the Bulldogs in this winter's senior hockey league will go to the Oaks.

The Oak sextet halted at Bulldog rally for a 3-2 win Sunday morning and took undisputed possession of the senior loop lead. The two had been tied for first.

Jerry Doyle counted for two Oak goals, John LaFontaine adding the third. Jim Berg tallied both Bulldog goals.

The Chiefs, in the second game of the senior recreation play, handed the Varsity Shop its third straight loss, 5 to 2. Bob Stephenson and Wayne Gruber led in scoring. Doug Mooney picked up the fifth. Bill Marbury and Clayton Joyce scored and the Varsity Shop points.

Verdict over the Yellowjackets. Ed Brown netted the Jacket one-point.

The standings:

JUNIOR LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	T
Green Hornets	4	2	1
Yellowjackets	4	2	1
Bulldogs	0	4	3
INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	T
Varsity Shop	5	0	2
Chiefs	1	5	1
SENIOR LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	T
Oaks	5	2	0
Bulldogs	3	2	0
Varsity Shop	2	4	0
Chiefs	2	5	0



All Part of the Game

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## Rocks in Their Heads, That's What They've Got

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enthusiasm for the game. Now she can participate. "Before they allowed women to play, I used to tell the children, Jenne, Polly and Tim, to say goodbye to their daddy in November, 'cause they wouldn't see much of him until spring."

"But now, even though George plays several times a week, we at least have Thursday nights together."

The Spechts live on Garden Way in Franklin village and when curling season is over, Specht turns his attention to coaching one of the local Little League baseball teams. And he insists on the same good sportsmanship and team spirit in baseball that he has learned to respect in curling.

## Want More Recreation Activities?

Like to join a tennis club? A ski club? A chess club? A table tennis club? If so, give the Birmingham recreation department a call.

Bob Girardin, recreation director, reports some interest has been expressed in these activities but that he would like to determine the actual need.

## Plan Shows

The Michigan leg of the international trophy will be held at the Birmingham gun club Feb. 9. Club members have been scheduled for Saturday and for Feb. 15 and Feb. 22.

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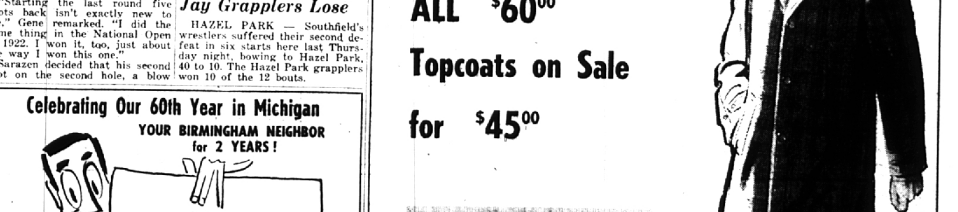
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