

Ed Loves Burning Rubber, Winding Roads

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Give Ed Wachs an inch and he'll take a mile. He'll take it pretty fast, too.

On the other hand, he'd rather take 50 miles and a trophy, to boot. One mile wouldn't help him that much.

Ed Wachs, you see, races sports cars. And in the world of winding roads, roll-bars and burning rubber, one mile isn't too significant. Unless you can arrange it to be the last mile. Then Ed will gladly accept your gift.

So far this year, Ed's done pretty well at "taking" the last mile. In 10 races, he's won six and captured second and third spots twice each.

Wachs, 27, lives at 16 Lone Pine Road with his wife Nancy, 24, and his 1962 Alfa-Romeo. After all, no dedicated driver would think of parting with his car!

THE ALL-RED Italian-made roadster lists for approximately \$3,400, but to Wachs it's worth its weight in gold.

"I've only been racing for two years," Wachs said, "but the way luck has been going lately, it's well worth the time and money."

Ed has entered a total of 20 races over the two-year period, and already has many trophies to his credit.

"I went to the races for about 10 years. That's how I got interested in the sport," he said.

Wachs pits his Alfa against a field of 20 other sports cars like the TR-3, MGA, and Lotus 7, in various Le-Mans-type road races around the country.

A member of Sports Car Club of America, Wachs enters divisional, regional, and national contests sponsored by the SCCA.

MOST OF the races last about 45 minutes, but distances vary between 50 and 100 miles. There are no cash prizes awarded, just trophies.

"It's a good thing. At the rate he's winning, Wachs would soon own the organization."

"Depending on the track conditions and the gear ratios, speeds average around 71 m.p.h. with top speeds near 130," Wachs said.

"I usually race in the Midwest, which is our divisional area, but I have competed in several races on the East coast."

Wachs said that there are about 3,000 road-racers across the country, belonging to various clubs.

"THE SCCA requires each driver to attend a driver's school and pass several strict tests. This usually consists of about five hours track time.

"If a driver passes the tests, he then is qualified as a novice and must compete in strictly regional contests for six races. From there, he can go on to divisional and national races."

Wachs expends much time and labor to achieve the winning combination of an experienced driver and a top-notch machine.

"After purchasing the car from a dealer, you've got to tear it down and race-tune it," Ed said.

"Although the rules state that no parts can be significantly changed, you can change the horse-power, and take off metal."

"Also, safety equipment is needed, such as crash helmets, roll-bars and a fire extinguisher."

ALL THIS, plus constant maintenance, requires hours of work. Wachs says he

spends approximately \$500 a year on his car.

Tires, too, are of major importance and expense. Wachs has been working closely with Bob Kliffel of Detroit in developing a low-friction, road-adhesive tire.

"Tires last only three races at maximum, and the new compounds Kliffel has developed have brought amazing success," Wachs said.

Wachs has set his sights this year on the divisional championship. If all goes well, he'd like to try for the national title in 1964.

And what does his wife Nancy think of all this? "She loves the races too, just as long as she can be there to see what's happening," Wachs said.

"She's a great help to me and travels with me wherever I race to cheer me on. I guess you could call her my crew."



ED WACHS, HIS CAR and TROPHIES

Ewald Finishes Second In Western Jr. Tourney

Fred Ewald went to Columbus, O., last week fearful that he might not qualify for the Western Junior Golf Championship.

On Saturday, the 19-year-old Duke University sophomore found himself surrounded with the fanfare and hubbub that inevitably attends important sporting events.

Ewald, son of the Harvey W. Ewald, 3835 S. Millway, Bloomfield Township, emerged from the final round of the contest as runner-up to George Boutell of Phoenix, Ariz.

Boutell, also 19, overpowered Ewald 4 and 3 to win the championship. The winner took the opening hole with a par and was never headed. He went three up with a 20-foot birdie putt on the eighth hole and then three-putted in the ninth to give Ewald his only hole of the match.

Boutell, a strapping 210-pounder, won the 10th with a 12-foot birdie putt and went four up with a par on the 11th. He halved the rest of the holes.

Ewald, a lightweight at 140 pounds, met the putting touch that carried him to the finals. During the earlier rounds he had consistently dropped in 15-foot putts, but in the finals was able to sink only one of any length—a six-footer on the 18th.

The champion, who had previously played in 26 major tournaments, pulled away from Ewald with longer drives and his ability to hit the greens.

The climax of Fred's drive for the title came in the semifinals Friday afternoon when he ousted 18-year-old Alex Antonio, Jr., Ohio prep king, 1-up in 19 holes.

Ewald overcame a bad "case of nerves" after losing the first three holes to Antonio and his putter proved to be the proper sedative.

He two-putted the 520-yard par five No. 4 to win with a birdie. Then he sank a 16-foot birdie putt to cut his margin to two down on No. 7, rolled in a 20-footer for a birdie two on No. 8, and went 1-up when Antonio three-putted No. 9 for a bogey.

Antonio never quite recovered.



FRED EWALD, runner-up in the Western Junior Golf Tournament, has had many other fine days on the course. Here Ewald (right) is pictured with runner-up Buz Howting after winning the Oakland Hills CC intermediate championship this year.

Ewald made it two-up with another 16-foot birdie putt on the 11th hole.

Fred had the match within his grasp at 17, but missed a two-foot putt curled around the edge and stayed out.

Fred, taking his time, rapped in the two-footer and won the match. Ewald was one of the top nine qualifiers and his 73-36-35-71-144.

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AT ETON PARK

Forest Hills Unbeaten; Ready for Swim Finals

How does it feel to lose a swimming meet? Don't ask Forest Hills Swim coach Hank Buick. He doesn't know, and furthermore, he doesn't care to.

His swimmers kept a two-year league unbeaten string intact last Thursday by defeating Woodbrooke Hills Swim Club, 218-145.

The victory completed the season's dual meet competition in the Northwest Suburban Swim League and ran the Forest Hills Swim Club's streak to 12 consecutive wins.

FOREST HILLS swimmers placed first in 20 out of 28 individual events and won five out of

six relays. In the process, three club records were broken.

Lynn Cartwright, 14, set a new 50-meter breaststroke time of 46 flat; Cheryl Metcalfe, 13, established a new 50-meter backstroke time of 43.8; Carl Swanson broke the boys' 50-meter breaststroke record by churning the distance in 40 seconds flat.

Of the 34 records established last season by the Birmingham club, only two remain unbroken this weekend.

The swim club now prepares to defend its league championship as the other nine league teams converge on the Forest Hills pool this weekend.

Preliminary heats begin today and Friday, Aug. 23, at 5 p.m. Finals will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24.

Tennis Star To Perform At Pine Lake

For the fourth straight year, Pauline Betz Addie, the world's leading amateur tennis player in the early 1940's and world's No. 1 woman professional from 1947 to 1950, will play in exhibition at Pine Lake Country Club.

Pine Lake women's champion Mrs. Frank C. Smith, 1836 Oak, Birmingham, will team up with the club's tennis pro Don Brown to battle Mrs. Addie and men's champ Jim Cavanaugh, 30830 Hemondale, Birmingham, at 1 p.m. Sunday.

THE MIXED doubles will be followed by another all-out singles series between the two pros—Mrs. Addie and Brown.

Married to Bob Addie, Washington sports columnist, "Bobbie" Betz has five children, golfs with a nine handicap, and this summer established the Betz-Taylor tennis camp in Washington. It is a day camp featuring tennis on 31 courts, with classes in bridge, ping pong and chess on the side.

During her stay here, Mrs. Addie will be the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Smith, 3060 Chickering Lane, Bloomfield Hills.

TOP CHALLENGER to the Forest Hills squad will be Pleasant Ridge, who earlier in the season lost to the defending champs by a narrow nine-point margin.

Other Forest Hills winners in the Woodbrooke meet were Carol Clark, 14; Pete Wallace, 14; Rick Phillips, 8; Peggy Clark, 10; Jim Morgan, 10; Janet Clark, 12; John Zimmer, 12; Wood Lotz, 15; Jeff Wallace, 16; Don Parrish, 12; Debbie Distler, 8; Sue Engle, 10; Nancy Rarey, 11; Chris Carron, 12; Sue Lyman, 13; Rick Scholz, 10; Jeff Keller, 10; Doug Brooks, 13; Mark Cameron, 15; Steve Zimmer, 15; and Chuck Brooks, 15.

190-Yard Ace Helps Golfer Break 100

Ken Suter's first hole-in-one came at a propitious time Thursday.

Suter, of 807 Yarmouth, Bloomfield Township, was trying to bring the tough Oakland Hills course to terms and his hopes were buoyed by an ace on the 190-yard third hole. He used a 4-wood for the second hole-in-one of the season at Oakland Hills and carded a 99 for the round.



Take It from an Old Pro

Getting some valuable hockey advice from Quackenbush, of 4770 Burnley Drive. Both Detroit Red Wing star, Gordie Howe, are two Birmingham youngsters, Bob Moody hockey school at Olympia Stadium.

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MRS. LEW SNEAD
Happy Runner-up

Mrs. Thompson Wins 6th Club Title

Friday should have been a day of celebration for Mrs. Dorothy Thompson.

On that afternoon she won her sixth club golf championship at Oakland Hills—but instead of staying around to accept the plaqueta that go with victory, she rushed off to her job as medical technician at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac.

IN THE THREE-WAY event Mrs. Thompson carded 89-84-86-259 to finish 15 strokes ahead of her nearest competitor, Mrs. Lew Sneed, who had 91-91-92-274 for the 54 holes of play.

Mrs. Joseph Stachynskas captured low net honors in the championship flight.

The champion was never pressed in her quest for the title. A two-stroke penalty cost her a birdie Friday on the 18th hole.

HER PUTT was true and dropped into the hole but the caddy attending the pin did not remove it in time and the ball touched on the way in.

Mrs. Thompson took a four on the hole and good-naturedly turned to the caddy and said: "Forget it. It's not a matter of life and death."

There was no doubt about who was the most improved golfer in (See GOLF, 2-E)



MRS. DOROTHY Thompson receives congratulations from her children as she leaves the course after capturing her sixth Oakland Hills championship. Pictured are (from left) Billy, 8; Lynne, 10; Mrs. Thompson; Debbie, 13; Skipper, 11.