

Spring Golf Tournament

The annual spring golf tournament was won by Maurice L. Wilcox. As shown by the scores, he had a fairly easy time of it. As in previous tournaments, he had to buck up against his dad, but this time it was in the finals. A Wilcox was bound to be the winner, and, as it turned out, M. L. did the trick.

About spring-fever time the golfing contingent of the Institute began to "paste the pill" out in Jackson Park, and so a tournament was arranged for which fifteen men signed up and were paired off. The first week in May was set for the playing of the first round so that a few weeks practice could be had by those who thought that they needed it. The faculty golfers must have done most of this practicing for, after the smoke of the first round had cleared away, all but three of the victors were "Profs". As luck would have it, they were paired so as to kill off each other, leaving only two in the semi-finals. In the second round, G. M. Wilcox and C. W. Leigh indulged in one of their old-time, hard-fought matches which went almost the full route. Wilcox won, 3 up and 1 to play. Smith and Wilsnack played an even match, W. G. showing up a trifle better and conquering, 3 up and 2 to play. M. L. Wilcox gained his way to the semi-finals by a default. E. M. Kratz was forced to drop out because he was pressed with work. Jesse Agee and "Prof" Tibbals played a see-saw affair with the student on top after the last hole had been played. However, Agee was soon disposed of by G. M. Wilcox, to the tune of 6 up and 4 to play. M. L. Wilcox triumphed over "William Griswold" and so earned the right to play his dad for the championship of the school. According to the score card a 36-hole final was to be played and so an all-day match was scheduled for some Saturday at Jackson Park. As it happened, G. M. Wilcox was entirely off his game while Maurice played fairly well, getting a 78 for the first round. Under these conditions, it was not hard for him to win the majority of the holes and decide the match early in the day. The score was 16 up and 15 to play.

Fall Golf Tournament

It was decided to run the fall tournament on a handicap basis. Although this style of play does not bring the best player to the fore in all cases, it nevertheless gives the rest of the field a fighting chance. Lack of time prevented the playing of qualifying rounds to properly determine the handicaps so the entrants were rated according to their performances in past tournaments. This placed H. B. Maguire and M. L. Wilcox on scratch, and C. W. Leigh, G. M. Wilcox, and W. G. Smith at 5 strokes apiece. The handicaps of the remainder of the field ranged from 5 to 10 strokes apiece.

Maguire and Wilcox hooked up in the second round and, although both were somewhat off form, an interesting match resulted, Maguire finally turning the trick on the seventeenth hole. The score was 3 up and 1 to play.

Jesse Agee, the dark horse of the Tournament, aided by his five-stroke advantage over W. G. Smith, easily came out ahead in their match.

Agee had a tough time disposing of C. A. Tibbals, barely nosing him out by the score of 1 up. He also took C. W. Leigh into camp, using his five-stroke handicap to advantage. This brought him up to the finals.

In the top half of the score card, Lawrence King was fighting his way to the semi-finals. He won his match from G. M. Wilcox by holing out in three on the last hole, making an exciting finish to an exciting match. Lawrence did not get into the finals, however, for Maguire's superior playing was too much for him, even with his seven-stroke handicap. The "Sleepless Wonder" of the City Tournament did not play up to his best form when he met Agee for the championship and, although he fought stubbornly to overcome the lead of ten strokes, the match ended on the seventeenth green with Agee as the winner, 2 up and 1 to play.

Agee has the honor of beating the man who was about to acquire fame at the indoor game, for Howard Bruce Maguire, in other words, "Shorty" Maguire, has since taken into camp "Chick" Evans and other notables.