

TEWKESBURY MEETS DEMING FOR TITLE

Pair Survive Semifinals of Phila. District Amateur Golf Championship at Whitemarsh; Jones Eliminates George Hoffner, 3 and 2

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L. F. Deming, of the Whitemarsh Valley Country Club, will cross sticks today with Paul Tewkesbury, of Aronimink, on the links of the former's home club in a 36-hole match, and the winner will be acclaimed the amateur golf champion of Philadelphia.

These were the two players who emerged triumphant after a day of torrid golf yesterday in which the third and semi-final rounds of the annual district championship were played. As was the case on Thursday, the action fairly bristled with surprises, few of the matches working out according to the well-known dope.

The first to fall was George W. Hoffner, of Bala, who was a favorite at the start, and who ruled an overwhelming choice following his defeat of J. Wood Platt, the titleholder, on Thursday afternoon. In the third round yesterday morning Hoffner got sparled up with M. P. Jones, the Frankford youth whose play has been one of the sensations of the tournament, and was erased, 3 and 2.

In the same round young Charlie Reckner, the Cedarbrook youngster who won the Silver Cross, was blotted out by L. M. Washburn, the Merion star, when the latter, starting three down, shot twelve straight par holes and won eight of them. He golf such as this is good enough to ruin any favorite. Following this amazing burst of golf in the morning, Washburn was picked to run away from Deming, but the latter contributed another big upset by clubbing all over the Merion man to a 5 and 4 triumph.

Deming shot sound and consistent golf all day, his victim in the morning being L. M. Addis, Jr., of Huntingdon Valley. Meanwhile Tewkesbury was progressing nicely by taking S. E. Stokes, of Merchantville, 3 and 1. The New Jersey star was in rare form and his 78 forced Tewkesbury to spin a 75 in order to win as he did. The cards follow:

	OUT
Tewkesbury	4 4 5 2 3 4 4 5 3—36
Stokes	3 4 3 3 4 3 3 4 3—35
	IN
Tewkesbury	4 4 3 3 3 3 4 4 4—38—75
Stokes	4 5 4 4 3 4 4 4 4—40—75

Semi-finals Easy for Winners

Both finalists came through the semi-final test with considerable ease. Tewkesbury found himself hooked up with Jones, the conqueror of Hoffner, and for a time it looked very much as though the former national medalist would be forced to drink from the same bitter cup placed to the Bala star's lips. The heat apparently affected both men, Tewkesbury using up 42 strokes going out and making the turn one down to Jones' 41.

After making the half-way mark, however, the Aronimink star pulled himself together and by virtue of a burst of dazzling golf took the next four holes in a row with 4 5 3 4, his opponent being one stroke more on each hole. This put the ultimate winner three up, but on the fourteenth he skidded and a missed drive cost him a third of his lead with a spotty five to a bird three.

He got this one back on the fifteenth and was dormie three. On the short sixteenth Tewkesbury was over the green and lost the hole with a four to a fancy par three, but this was Jones' last stand. With the honor from the seventeenth tee, he missed his drive, got into the rough, then into a trap, and used up five strokes getting home. When Tewkesbury was well home in three, Jones congratulated the winner and handed us the following card:

	OUT
Tewkesbury	4 5 6 4 3 3 5 4 4—42
Jones	4 5 5 4 6 3 3 4 3—41
	IN
Tewkesbury	4 3 3 4 5 4 4 5
Jones	5 6 4 5 3 5 5 6

Deming, after ruining the tournament for Addis in the morning, took on Washburn in the afternoon, and after winning the second hole with a four was always in the lead. Washburn was as erratic in this match as he was steady in the morning. For instance, on the eighth hole he hit four balls out of bounds. As a result of it all he was four down coming to the ninth. Here he pulled himself together and took both the ninth and tenth in par figures. At this period of the match it appeared that the Merion man was about to repeat what he has been doing all through the tournament viz. getting way down and then making an uphill fight to victory.

Deming Steady Always

It was not in the wood, however, Deming refused to be stampeded, and when he took the eleventh with a 5 to a 6, the "break" and the match were his for Washburn was stopped. The Whitemarsh man, playing absolutely sound and steady golf, also won the twelfth and thirteenth, and was dormie five. Washburn had a chance when Deming hit his second to the left of the fourteenth green, but he failed to take advantage of it, and when the hole was halved in fives they shook hands. The cards:

	OUT
Deming	4 4 5 4 4 4 5 6 4—40
Washburn	4 5 5 4 3 4 5 7 3—38
	IN
Deming	5 5 3 4 3
Washburn	4 5 4 5 3

The defeat of Hoffner by Jones was undoubtedly the biggest upset of the tournament. The lower, a former titleholder, Lesley Cup player, national qualifier and twice winner of the Silver Cross, was a 5 to 1 shot against Jones, a steady and consistent golfer but an outside choice when confronting a Hoffner. The Frankford youth was out there to win, however, and by shooting steady golf and taking every advantage of his noted opponent's many mistakes, pulled out a winner. The cards:

	OUT
Jones	4 4 5 4 5 5 5 5 3 40
Hoffner	4 5 6 4 5 6 5 5 3 45
	IN
Jones	5 6 4 4 4 5 3
Hoffner	3 5 4 5 5 4 4

THIRD ROUND

- L. M. Washburn Merion defeated Charlie Reckner Cedarbrook, 4 and 3
- Paul Tewkesbury Aronimink, defeated S. E. Stokes Moorestown, 3 and 1
- Morris Jones, Frankford defeated George W. Hoffner Bala, 3 and 2
- L. F. Deming Whitemarsh defeated L. M. Addis Jr. Huntingdon Valley, 3 and 2.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND

- Deming defeated Washburn 5 and 4.
- Tewkesbury defeated Jones 3 and 1.