

Mackanos Fulfills Boasts Of Dad, Wins State Title



CONGRATULATIONS—Bob McMahon (right) shakes hands with George Mackanos, who defeated him yesterday in the finals of the State Junior golf championship at Alcoma Country Club.

George Edges Philly Foe At Alcoma

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It seems like a million years ago that George Mackanos used to play Alcoma in the evenings and talk about his son, who was going to be a great golfer.

"You ought to see him," George used to say. "He only 10 years old and he can out-drive me."

Everybody put that down as parental pride and figured that George was entitled to boast once in a while since he was a good golfer who never bragged about his score. And besides he was too big and too strong to argue with.

Too soon it turned out that George wasn't bragging. There's a junior-grade George Mackanos on the courses now and he's beating everybody—and besides he's almost twice as big as his dad.

Yesterday at Alcoma, the younger Mackanos — who wears a III behind his monicker—added the State Junior title to the West Penn Junior and the WPIAL crowns.

Young George had to beat the fiercest competitor these parts have seen since Arnold Palmer was a boy. The beaten finalist answers to Bob McMahon and he plays at White-marsh in Philadelphia.

Young McMahon was on the verge of missing the championship flight altogether when he scored 80 in the qualifying round. But a play-off with young Jim Malone of the Field Club, which went to four extra holes, rendered McMahon a berth and he made the best of it, getting to the finals.

His semi final match yesterday was something to behold since he was three down with four to play against Neil Shorthouse of Edgewood and never figured to be still alive in the afternoon. But he birdied 15, parred 16, birdied 17 and went on to win.

"I folded like two accordions," Shorthouse commented, even though he was up against a man who never gave up.

McMahon had five birdies in the morning and five against Mackanos, only to