

Mackanos Glad He Practiced a Bit

By RAY KIENZL

After tying for fifth place in the Hearst National Junior golf tournament last year, George Mackanos spent hours every day at his home Alcoma Golf Club course chipping and putting, attempting to improve that part of his game which he believed had cost him the championship.

Yesterday the constant hours of practice finally paid off in the Pennsylvania Junior championship at Alcoma.

He defeated Bob McMahon of Whitmarsh Valley, Philadelphia, 2 up in the title showdown and in the end it was his chipping and putting which decided rather than the awesome lengths of his drives.

"HE'S PRETTY GOOD," the 16-year-old Philadelphian said after the round. He said it admiringly, as though he'd say Arnold Palmer or Billy Casper were "pretty good."

Mackanos had to be "pretty good" to beat McMahon, who was pretty good himself in the title match. Few had expected him to give the Alcoma ace the struggle he did.

McMahon, who claimed he hadn't played a full round from May 20 until Monday, had to win a playoff to make the championship.

putting at times was phenomenal.

He knocked in five long putts for birdies, four of them better than 18 feet. Mackanos matched one of the birdies with an 11-footer at the third hole and got another at 13, but mostly played consistent golf.

"I'm learning how to use this more," Mackanos said, pointing to his head. "I hit 16 greens and I only missed three fairways."

MACKANOS DEFEATED John Driscoll of Greensburg, the boy who finished runner-up to him in last year's Sun-Telegraph Junior tournament at St. Clair, by a 4 and 3 count in the semifinals.

Alcoma almost walked off with the honors in all three flights. Mike Kress took first place in the third flight by beating Tom Roberts of Latrobe 3 and 2, but Fred Kress Jr. lost to David King of St. David's 2 and 1 in the second flight final.

The results:

CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINALS

George Mackanos, Alcoma, defeated John Driscoll, Greensburg, 4 and 3.

Bob McMahon, Whitmarsh Valley, defeated Nell Shorthouse, Edgewood, 21 holes.

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Mackanos defeated McMahon 2 up.

SECOND FLIGHT SEMIFINALS

Fred Kress Jr., Alcoma, defeated Stewart Snodgrass, New Castle, 3 and 2.

David King, St. David's, defeated Mike Maloney, Pittsburgh Field Club, 19 holes.

SECOND FLIGHT FINAL

King defeated Kress 2 and 1.

THIRD FLIGHT SEMIFINALS

Tom Roberts, Latrobe, defeated Don Krey, Shannopin, 2 and 1.

Mike Kress, Alcoma, defeated Joe Doherty, Latrobe, 1 up.

THIRD FLIGHT FINAL



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By FRED BYROD

WHILE the total number of private golf courses in United States declined the last 10 years, semi-private courses increased a whopping 76 percent. Philadelphia district continues to get its share, reversing the trend following

second World War, when many semi-private clubs were converted to other uses. Two new fee courses are now under construction here, both scheduled for opening next year. They are Fun Valley CC, just outside Philadelphia's city limits at Eddington, Bucks county, and Tall Pines Inn GC, at Sewell, New Jersey. The first time selected New men on the t
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