Bob McMahon Survives Amateur Golf Marathon

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Most local golfers feel the Philadelphia amateur championship, with its 36 holes a day for three straight days, is the most gruelling sports event south of the Boston Marathon.

Then there are Bob McMahon, of Whitemarsh Valley, and W. B. (Tony) McCullough, 3d, of Merion.

The two went seven extra holes in their afternoon match before McMahon dropped an eagle putt to win, 1 up, and advance into today's third round at Philadelphia Cricket Club.

McMahon, 28, needed every bit of the eagle on the 25th hole, for McCullough birdied it.

Combined with the 16 holes played in the morning in disposing of Riverton's Steve Kurash, 4 and 2, McMahon, the city's 1959 and 1960 junior champ, turned in 41 holes.

McCullough, the '54 junior champ, went the full 18 in the morning to defeat Tom Mastroni, of Sandy Run, 2 up for a total 43 holes.

McMahon vs. Marano

"I don't know how I'm going to do it, but I'm supposed to go to work at 6 o'clock," said McMahon, well past 6 last night.

McMahon and Jay Sigel, last year's runnerup, once played 63 holes in one day 12 years ago.

McMahon's opponent this morning was Riverton's Don Morano, 30.

Morano downed Huntingdon Valley's Robert G. Schad, 4 and 2, in the second-match round, after Schad scored one of the early tournament upsets by defeating medalist Jim Byer, of Greenacres, 2 and 1, in the morning.

Morano, who lives in Marlton, never trailed against Schad and was one of the only players who got by both the morning and afternoon sessions without a three-putt green.

Sykes Rallies

Sigel, three-time state amateur champion, earned a shot at James D. Sykes, 1956 and 1961 runnerup, by stopping veteran James Dolan of Chester Valley, 2 and 1. He had beaten Malcolm Strow, of Old York Road, 6 and 4, in the morning.

Sykes had to come from