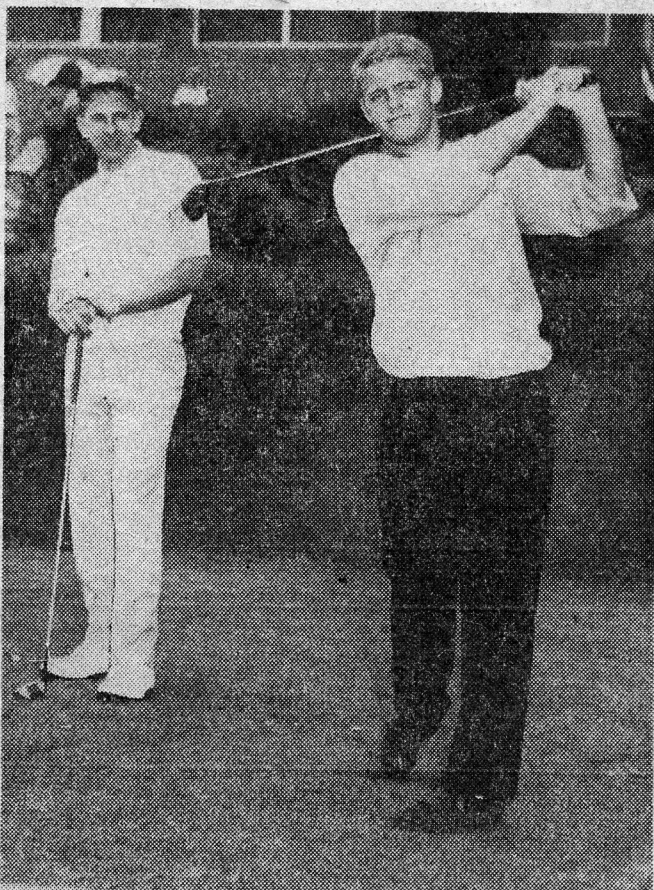


Mackanos Wins State Title

McMahon Tees Off in Final



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LAST ROUND—Bob McMahon (right) of Whitemarsh Valley, near Philadelphia, tees off on the final round of the Pennsylvania Junior golf championships at Alcoma Golf Club while George Mackanos of Penn Hills, his foe for the crown, looks on in the background. Mackanos won the title, 2 up.

Philly Boy Beaten In Good Duel

Alcoma Youngster Takes Pa. Junior Tournament, 2 Up

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In one of the best played youngsters' matches in a long time George Mackanos III of Alcoma defeated Bobby McMahon of Whitemarsh Valley Country Club, Philadelphia, 2 up, to win the Pennsylvania Junior golf championship at Alcoma Golf Club yesterday.

Mackanos, who was 18 on Monday, thus holds three titles at the same time. He is West Penn Junior titleholder and last month won the WPIAL individual crown.

Match Moves Quickly

McMahon, only 16, gave George a terrific battle before bowing on the final green in a match played in high winds, rain squalls and a little bit of sun. The match took less than two hours and 45 minutes.

In the morning semi-finals Mackanos polished off John Driscoll of Greensburg, 4 and 3, and the tenacious McMahon rallied to edge Neil Shorthouse of Edgewood, 1 up, in 21 holes.

The little Philadelphian—5-foot-7 and 150 pounds—had ten birdies for the day, five against Shorthouse and five in the final. Only a slight tendency to stray on shorter putts kept him from the title.

But Mackanos, in the final, was steadier and he shot a 71, one under par, to Bobby's 73, one over. George won six holes, only one of them with a birdie. He had one other bird and only halved the third hole with it.

Play in Driving Rain

Each won two holes on the front nine, part of it played in a driving rain. But Mackanos won three of the first four holes coming in, and held on for victory.

McMahon holed putts of 18, 27, 20 and 20 feet for four of his birdies and hit the seventh green in two for another one.

George, who is 6-foot-2 and weighs 187 pounds, hopes to carry his long, firm game to collegiate play. He's trying to enter Rollins in Florida where he can play all winter. He was just graduated from Penn Hills High.

McMahon will be a senior at Malvern Prep in the fall. He was No. 1 player on that