

Clintonian Scores Ace On St. Andrews Course

The first hole-in-one Lex Hamilton ever witnessed was the thrill of a golfer's lifetime.

It was a hole-in-one scored by Hamilton and it came on the old course at St. Andrews, Scotland, one of the most revered courses in the golf world.

Hamilton, an executive with Torrington Co., had the opportunity to play St. Andrews on Nov. 13 when he was in England, working with a plant there.

On the eighth hole, Hamilton sank a long putt for a birdie and he figured that was one of his biggest golf thrills.

Then he came to the 11th, the only other par three on the course. It is a 170-yard hole. Hamilton hit a five-iron and someone commented, "I believe that's the best shot."

The ball hit short of the green, rolled over a bunker and then ran into the hole.

"It was almost as if the ball were being pulled by a string," said Hamilton, "We could see the whole thing."

Hamilton, who has been playing golf for about 30 years said, "Not only was that my first hole-in-one, it was also the first hole-in-one I've ever seen."

At St. Andrews, each golfer keeps his own score. Hamilton's scorecard was certified by his playing partners, who were three other Torrington officials, and then was sent to London to be registered. After it was registered, Hamilton was entitled to purchase a tie clasp and cuff links signifying that he had shot the hole-in-one.

Hamilton wound up with a 101 score for the old course.

"I usually shoot in the 90's," he said "But St. Andrews is a tough course. The rough is really rough. Grass along the fairways is extremely heavy and deep. The fairways have traps which may be eight feet deep. If you get in one of these, you can't hit toward the green, you have to



LEX HAMILTON . . . Practices At Home

blast out sideways and you always lose a shot there."

The green are double greens, meaning that each will have two flags. Golfers play to one flag while playing one nine and the other on the other nine.

Hamilton said the greens may run to about 150 yards long and 40 yards wide and may dip five or six feet. "On the 18th, there's a 10-foot dip in the green. Unless you hit to the very top of the green, the ball may roll back down and you'll have a putt in which you can't even see the flag. It's quite an experience."

Bowling Winners Announced

Paul Tyson rolled the high game for the season in the Textile League at Palmetto Lanes with a 245. High Series for the season was bowled by Mason Grubb who posted a 651.

In the Industrial League, Belks defeated the Batmen in a roll-off, 2,890 to 2,889, to win the first half championship. Opening the second half, Joe Spillers bowled high game of 225 and J. B. Vanderford had high series with a 586.

League results:
ROLLER BEARINGS LEAGUE — Dale Adams had high game with 210 and Paul Seter had high series of 572.

PALMETTO CLASSIC — Three Aces won first with 34½-21½ and All Stars placed second with 32½-23½. Sam Wilson had high game (263) and high series (632) for the season.

PALMETTO WINTER LEAGUE — Cavalettes won first half championship with 42-18 record. Outlaws and Belks tied for second at 41-19 each.

COFFEE BREAK LEAGUE — Channel Busters won first with 36-16 and Three Spares placed second at 27-25.

MA & PA LEAGUE — Spoilers won first place with 14-6 record and Near Miss Miss and He's and She's tied for second with 13-7 each.

JUNIORS — Team No. 1 placed first with 38-22 record and Team No. 3, with 33-27 mark, was second.

PC Tourney Opens Tonight

Clinton High School's Red Devils open the first annual Presbyterian College High School Basketball Tournament tonight at 7 o'clock, going against Gray Court-Owings.

In the second game, Newberry will face Laurens. The game will play at 7 o'clock Friday night for consolation honors and the winners will play in the nightcap Friday for the championship.

Gray Court, coached by Jesse Medlock, has a 5-2 record.

Clinton has the best record of the three class AA schools in the tournament. The Red Devils have a 4-2 record, losing to Hillcrest and Gaffney, while beating Ware Shoals twice, Gaffney and Laurens.

Newberry will bring a 1-4 mark into the tournament. However, the Bulldogs posted their lone victory in their final pre-holiday game with a 58-53 overtime win over previously unbeaten Batesburg-Leesville. The Bulldogs opened with four losses on the road and then won their first home team.

Laurens, with an inexperienced team, has an 0-4 record. The Tigers made a contest of their game with Clinton for three quarters before

and a School Spirit trophy which will be presented to several players who are the school showing the most spirit at the tournament. An all-tournament have excep-

Robert Roper is a 6-4 junior



LAURENS TIGERS—Members of the Laurens High School team which will play Newberry tonight in the first annual Presbyterian College High School Basketball Tournament are shown above. They are, front

row, left to right, A. J. Cox, Lang Long, Ken Johnson, Tony Johnson, Don Hecker, Larry Sterling; second row, Hess Keitt, Dwaz Bolt, Allen Brown, Robert Roper, Lee Sanders and Jim Coleman.



NEWBERRY BULLDOGS — Members of the Newberry team which will play in the PC tournament tonight are, left to right, Steve King, Herby Stutts, Derrell Force, Willie Gilfillan, Don

Worley, Henry Parr, Wayne Rister, Don Crowder, Ralph Summer, Mike Riddle, and Mike Sterling.

ACC Games To Be Shown

CHARLOTTE—WBTV will televise, in color, the Atlantic Coast Conference game-of-the-week each Saturday afternoon, starting January 6 with Duke versus North Carolina.

In addition, Channel 3 will air four night-time games in color: UNC vs. Wake Forest on January 3, UNC vs. N. C. State on January 10 and February 12 and Duke vs. N. C. State on February 26. All night game begin at 8:30.

The Saturday afternoon games, which begin at

2:00, include: Jan. 6—Duke vs. UNC; Jan. 13—Maryland vs. Duke; Jan. 20—Virginia vs. Clemson; and Jan. 27—Duke vs. N. C. State.

Saturday games slated for February and March are: Feb. 3—Wake Forest vs. South Carolina; Feb. 10—Virginia Tech vs. UNC; Feb. 17—Maryland vs. Wake Forest; Feb. 24—N. C. State vs. Wake Forest and March 2—Duke vs. UNC.

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