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HARPER NOW VP, SALES MGR., PROFESSIONAL GOLF CO.

Chandler Harper, 1950 PGA champion, and widely known as a club and tournament pro, has joined Professional Golf Co. of America, 1233 Carter St., Chattanooga, Tenn. Harper has bought an interest in the company and joins Ewing Watkins, pres., as vp and sales manager of the First Flight line of clubs.

Harper succeeds Jack Harkins as vp and sales mgr. Harkins recently was elected pres., Lime Cola Co. He retains connection with Professional Golf Co. as treas. Harper, pro at Elizabeth Manor CC and Glensheallah muny course, Portsmouth, Va., will play in a few of the tournaments this year.

Buss Walker, sports columnist of Chattanooga Times, recently devoted his column to an interview with Ewing Watkins on the company's experience in custom-making clubs.

GOLF BALL AND CLUB SALES IN 1951

Report of the Golf Ball Manufacturers' Assn., which includes all leading makers of golf balls, shows 2,440,644 dozen balls sold in 1951. Golf ball sales for the 1950 season were 2,886,796 dozen. Korean war scare buying in 1950 accounted for the larger ball sales of that year, golf play being about equal both years. As existing golf courses are playing close to capacity, more courses are needed before the sale of golf balls, clubs, bags, etc. can show appreciable increase.

Golf club sales, according to figures submitted by the members of the National Association of Golf Club Manufacturers, totaled 3,371,631 clubs sold between Nov. 1, 1950 and Oct. 31, 1951. 2,331,637 of these were irons and 1,039,994 were woods. Member companies of the Assn. expect to handle normal customer requirement this year.