Syracuse, Minneapolis Have Courses for Junior Players

A Junior golf course opened recently in Burnet Park in Syracuse, N. Y. was believed to be the first of its kind in the country, but soon after it was put in play, it was announced that Hazeltine National, near Minneapolis, would have a course ready for youngsters this summer. Both are Par 3 layouts.

The Syracuse course was built on land that once was the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth holes of the Sunnycrest Park muni course. Designed by Larry Murphy, it has holes ranging from 80 to 210 yards. Existing fairways and greens of the old course were incorporated in the new layout by Murphy.

Must Know Game

Burnet Park GC is open from Monday through Friday and boys from 8 to 15 and girls from 8 to 16 are permitted to use it. Children under 10, however, must be accompanied by adults. To play here, it is necessary that all kids have at least one hour of professional instruction unless it is obvious that they have played before. Fees are 25 cents a day or $4 for a season's pass.

Larry Murphy is serving as pro and Bill O'Leary, LeMoyne College coach, is assisting him. Construction of the Burnet Park layout was a pet project of William F. Walsh, mayor of Syracuse.

The remainder of the old Sunnycrest Park course is being converted to a Par 3 for adults.

Promoted by President

Hazeltine National's Junior course was conceived by Totten Heffelfinger, club president, who had seen a similar course in Scotland. It covers about 14 acres. Holes are from 60 to 128 yards long and overall distance is 820 yards. The course is laid out between the first and ninth fairways of Hazeltine National and has regulation tees and greens. It was designed by Milt Wiley, who is Hazeltine's club manager.

According to Don Waryan, Hazeltine's pro, there will be a boys' chairman and a chairman for girls. The age limit for both sexes is 14. Tournaments, twilight events, guest days, etc. are planned for the Junior course.