Course Lets
Duffers Duck
Foul Weather

Bad weather won’t be par for the course once a domed golf course is finished, but inclement conditions gave proved to be a bogey for its scheduled opening.

Michael Thompson, president of American Golf Domes Inc., the company building Turfdome-One, said Friday the covered links probably will be ready by Dec. 20. The opening originally was set for next Monday.

“We have to inflate the bubble, and everything has to be absolutely perfect,” Thompson said. The $2 million Turfdome-One is a nine-hole course with a dozen sand traps and hills up to 12 feet high. Its longest hole is about 75 yards, and all nine will be separated by nets.

Thompson said his company worked with Michigan State University to develop a system allowing grass to grow under the dome. He said the turf is a hybrid of rye and bent grasses. A special underground heating system and dome material letting 71 percent of the sun’s ultraviolet rays will be used.

Golfers will be allowed to carry only four clubs per bag. Spiked shoes will be banned.