

# Bennett and Georgia team both gain nat'l title

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standing ovation, not only for his playing prowess but his personal courage. Susan, his wife of almost 13 years, last August succumbed to cancer. Their children are teen-age twins Nicholas and Kelley and 9-year-old Justin.

Sparks, a Hendersonville native, was in the construction business 4-1/2 years. He had built a course in Fayetteville, N.C., and was superintendent at Cardinal Club in Greensboro, N.C., when opportu-

nity come along to assume similar duties last June at Champion Hills. This is the home course of renowned architect Tom Fazio, a part owner.

Sparks tumbled from contention with bogeys on holes 7 through 10, recovered with a 15-foot birdie putt on No. 13, sank short putts for birdies on 16 and 17, and canned a four-foot par putt on 18. He was grateful that the pack came back to him.

Fierce winds the first day took a

tremendous scoring toll, even of the championship flight comprising scratch to six handicap players. At Sawgrass Country Club, 13 scores were in the 90s, and there was a 100 and 102.

Gary Laliberte of Prout's Neck Country Club in Scarborough, Maine, was in the early hunt until dumping two in the water on the par-4 15th at Sawgrass Country Club for a quadruple bogey "snowman" eight. Playing companion Null also found water on that hole for a seven.

Laliberte had a spectacular six-day stretch last summer. In that period, he captured the Brunswick Golf Club and Maine superintendents' championships, and paired with Prout's Neck pro Bryce Roberts for New England PGA Pro-Super title laurels.

Though winds abated and chilly temperatures moderated the second day, large-scale misfortune overtook two title contenders.

William Smith of Ellendale Country Club in Houma, La., first-

day leader at blustery Sawgrass Country Club with a 74, soared to an 85 at TPC.

Gary Moseley, golf director at Colony Club in Gutenhof, Vienna, Austria, followed a 76 with a disastrous 88. Moseley had finished in the top 1 last year. Originally from the north of England, Moseley has been a prominent player on the European Continent for more than a decade.

He's used "on holiday" status to enter this international event the past three years. Unfortunately, his game the second round was on holiday.

Dudley Smith of Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park, Ill., a 21-handicapper playing in a lower flight at the TPC Valley Course, registered the day's most unique par. His tee shot on the 380-yard 13th hit the water several times, but refused to sink and made it to dry land. His second shot rattled among trees, and his third shot was headed for oblivion when it kicked at a crazy angle and ended up 12 feet from the cup. He converted, and tried to pass off the hole as routine.

Though host superintendents Randal Hooper, Jack (Eddie) Snipes and Klauk were helpless to control the harsh weather, their peers applauded course conditions.

The 1993 tournament will be in San Diego.

149 — Gary Bennett  
154 — Jim Dusch, Robert Kronn, Frank Maxwell Jr.

158 — Mark Hopkins, David Oliver, Dave Powell, Tommy Robinson.

159 — Chuck Green, William Hanna, William Smith, Rodney Guy.

160 — William Martin, Alan Pondel, Gary Smither, Sam Williamson, Michael Wilson.

161 — Fred Klauk

162 — John Baranski, Andy Campbell, Mark Henderson, Paul Jett, Scott Johnson, Scott Lewis

163 — Roget Null, Scott Miller, David Buckles, Buck Buckner, Joseph Ondo

164 — Michael Young, Gary Moseley

165 — Brad Coole, Alan Hess

166 — Dale Quinn, Dave Flaxbeard, Doug Browne, Andy Laughridge

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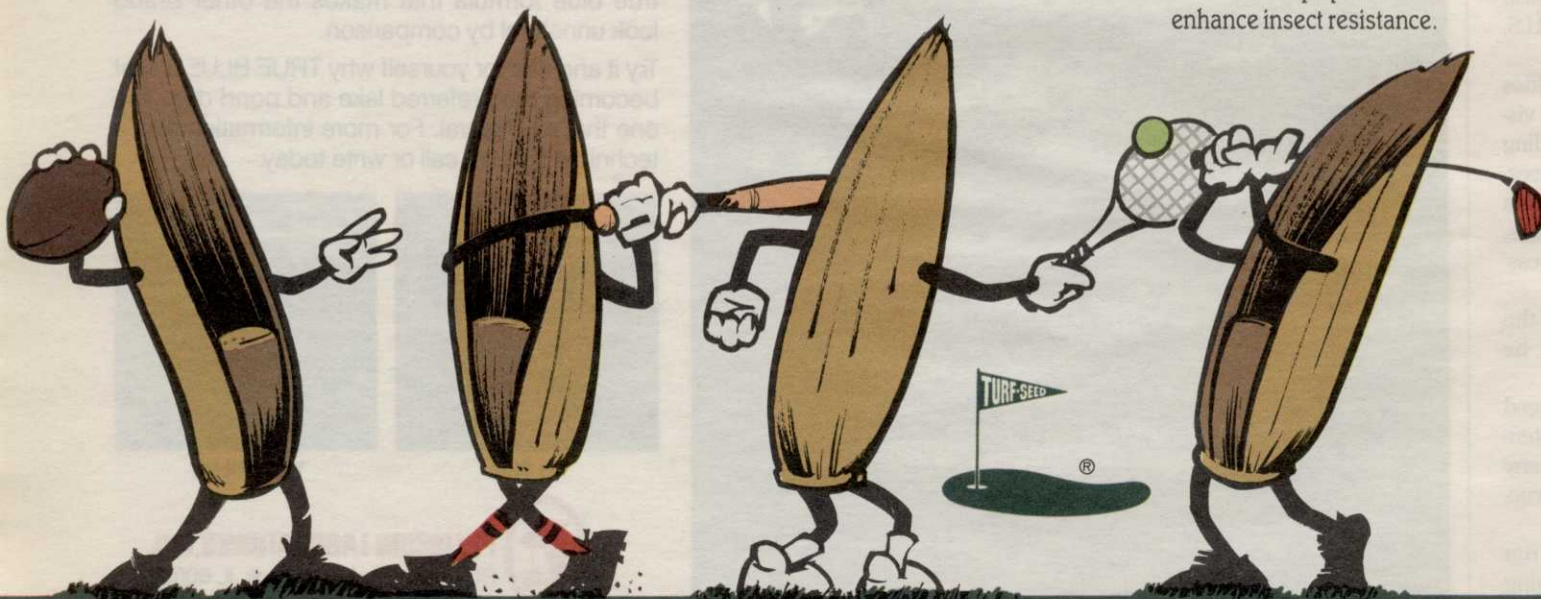
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