



The boys flanked here by Glenn Clark, athletic director, St. Joseph (Mich.) High School, on the left, and by Doug Woodrow, Berrien Hills pro, on the right, are the Michigan State Class B champions of 1939

St. Joe Schools Strong for Golf

THE junior golf instruction program that Doug Woodrow, pro at Berrien Hills CC, St. Joseph, Mich., introduced at the St. Joseph High School and at his club during the last few years has proved most successful, to put it mildly, for everyone concerned. The high school pupils like it and go for the golf instruction program strong; the school officials are genuinely enthusiastic over the idea; Berrien Hills' officers and the entire membership appreciate what Doug is doing for their youngsters, and Woodrow himself feels the instruction classes have been of great help to him in his business as a golf professional.

Woodrow was the pro who at the 1937 PGA convention in Chicago, as a delegate from the Michigan section, seconded Tom Walsh's golf promotion and junior instruction program. He had already had some successful experience with the idea; now, after two additional years' work in junior and school instruction, Woodrow is more than ever convinced that if the pro puts forth his best efforts along this line, it is certain to pay big dividends in many ways.

Golf Is Year-'Round Sport

Those in charge of the athletic program at St. Joseph High School have found in golf a perfect all-'round sport. And they have found in Doug Woodrow just the kind of a fellow to put this all-school golfing program over with a bang, according to Glenn Clark, director of athletics, who tells in his own words about his school's popular golf classes:

"We consider golf especially valuable as a high school sport because it offers physical exercise with a minimum of physical strain; it develops coordination on the part of the participant; it offers an opportunity for athletic competition, and most important, it is a game that can be played after the student leaves school. Golf makes a very definite contribution to the recreational, social, and sports life of the student.

Program Starts Indoors in March

"Our program at St. Joseph High begins in mid-March, when we start our indoor practice in the gymnasium. Our equipment consists of manila mats and cotton practice balls, and this serves to limber the boys up and develop the muscles used in playing. Attention is also given to the fundamentals, such as the grip, swing and stance. As soon as the weather permits we go outside to the Berrien Hills course, the accommodations of which have been extended to the school without charge. Practice is held every evening except on Saturday and Sunday. Doug Woodrow gives the squad group instruction so that every member of the squad may be working on definitive points for the improvement of his game. Doug also gives the boys individual instruction as the need for it arises.

"Although we have a golf coach who is a member of the school faculty, the actual training and instruction is done by Woodrow. It seems to me that close cooperation between the golf professional of the local club and the high school is essential for the

fullest development of golf as an inter-scholastic sport. Doug is to be commended for his fine spirit in cooperating with our school. He is not only willing to spend his time and effort in giving instruction, but he also is very farsighted in his attitude towards high school golf. Every school could have a successful golf program if they could have the kind of help that we have had from Doug.

Have Victorious Season

"St. Joseph High School has sponsored golf for the past six years and during that time we have had very successful seasons. In the past three years our team has placed 3rd, 2nd, and 1st in the state class B tournament (class B includes schools having from 300 to 700 students). Our state athletic association conducts a series of regional tournaments, the winners of which qualify for the state. This year St. Joseph won its regional and the state championship in class B by a wide margin over the second place winner. We also won all ten of our scheduled matches during the season's play. We carried a squad of 18 boys throughout the season, ending the year with a match play tournament within the squad.

"Our emphasis is not all placed on winning. We are as interested in the boy who is on the squad and cannot play well enough to make the varsity. We have never cut a boy from the squad because he could not play golf well enough. We want those boys who have the interest and desire to learn to play golf to have every possible opportunity to develop their games—which they will use long after graduation.

Girls Get Golf, Too

"The girls are not left out. While we do not have interscholastic golf for girls, we do have a class in the physical education department which receives instruction from Woodrow and the physical education teacher. We are entirely sold on golf as a splendid high school sport and shall continue to promote it in our school so that it will reach a status equal to that of football, basketball, and other major sports.

Berrien Hills' members are entirely "sold" on Doug Woodrow's junior classes at the club. Dean R. Hogue, president, in glowing words tells what is his club's attitude toward the work Woodrow is doing with the members' children. Says Hogue:

"I can truthfully state that nothing has

been done at our club that has created more good will among the membership than Doug Woodrow's instruction classes for the children. It has not only created interest in golf among the youngsters, but it has also kept a number of members in the club who do not play golf and who were considering dropping their memberships. The very fact that numerous parents and their children began asking about these lessons early this season is evidence enough that this activity is well worthwhile.

"Woodrow limits the class to the children whose ages are from 10 to 16. So many have turned out that it has been necessary to have more than one class. While these classes mean considerable extra work for Doug, I believe that he has found it helpful to his department, for, as a result of these classes, he has made numerous new contacts that have resulted in the giving of many more lessons, and the sale of additional merchandise. Having observed this activity for a season and a half, I earnestly believe that any pro who does not add this feature to his club program is making a serious mistake.

"From our club's point of view, these lessons are an excellent feature that not only build a better feeling among the members, but they actually train future members for our club and seem to make the entire community more golf-minded. We give Woodrow our constant cooperation and always include any news that pertains to the junior group in our club bulletins. These are issued weekly and, we feel, are very essential to the club's success."

Wisconsin Greensmen Hold Annual Tourney

WISCONSIN Greenkeepers Association's annual tournament was held at the Brynwood CC, Milwaukee, September 11. Forty-two took part in the day's activities which included, besides the 18-hole medal event, an inspection of turf plots where Lester Verhaalen, Brynwood superintendent, has been treating for weed control.

Ray Rolfs, North Hills CC, Milwaukee, president of the Wisconsin greenkeepers, won the tournament cup with low gross of 80. Low gross for the first nine was won by Bobby DeGuire with a 39. Wilson, of North Shore CC, Milwaukee, won second low gross, also with 39. Dick Ryerson, with 29, had the fewest putts.