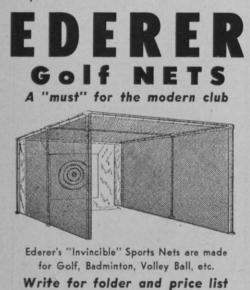


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HANDICAPPING FOR MEDAL AND MATCH PLAY IN NEW SYSTEM

Herbert A. Boss, chmn., handicap committee, Metacomet GC, Providence, R.I., devised the "Boss duo-system" of handicapping which has been given a year's test at Rhode Island clubs with satisfactory results.

Boss maintains that medal play handicapping should be used for medal play events and match play for match play competition instead of the present general practice of applying medal play handicapping to all classes of events. Boss based his conviction on his experience of 18 years as Rhode Island state handicapper.

The Boss system is based on medal play figures and on the number of pars the player has as an average. The system is worked as follows:

Handicap Method for Medal Play: Take the 7 best medal (gross) scores you have made for a month or more. Delete the high-

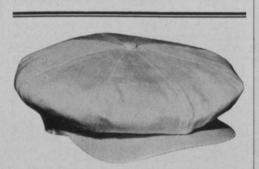


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est and lowest of the 7 scores; average the remaining 5 scores and subtract the par of the course played. From this average take 4/5, or 80%, of this difference, and if a fraction exists, take advantage of it. Add 1 for liberal handicapping (this may be varied).

Handicap Method for Match Play: Use 18 (holes) as base for handicapping in match play. More than 18 may be used but for class B and C players. METHOD—use 7 scores on cards and eliminate the ones having the lowest and the highest number of pars, instead of gross scores as in medal play handicapping. Use the average number of pars for the remaining 5 cards, and subtract from 18 (holes). This will give a fair idea of what the handicap should be for playing in a match play tournament.

TOURNAMENT MINOR LEAGUE PROPOSED—W. J. Kiley, a Wilson Sporting Goods Co. vp and mgr. of the company's New York branch, suggests that supplementary "minor league" tournament circuits be established to provide high class golf competitive exhibitions to smaller cities and towns that can't afford large purses. Kiley believes such events would furnish great training grounds for the de-



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