

Golfer Denied Relief When Hit By Member of His Foursome

By WILLIAM JABINE

Does a man who fails to keep track of what the other members of his own foursome are doing really deserve to be called a golfer? The appellate div. of the New York supreme court, first dept., seems to have answered that question in an emphatic negative in a per curiam opinion which denied relief to a player who was injured by a ball hit by one of the three men with whom he was playing. (A per curiam opinion is a brief decision incorporated in the records when the case seems so clear that it does not seem worthwhile to take the time of one of the judges to write an extended opinion.)

Here is the opinion in full: "Plaintiff was playing golf at a club in a foursome with defendant and two others and was struck by a golf ball hit by the defendant. The defendant's liability is predicated on his failure to shout 'fore' before hitting the golf ball. The plaintiff assumes the risk inherent in playing golf. Well aware of this, he testified, 'No one can tell with certainty when he hits a ball where it is going.' Since the plaintiff himself saw the defendant 'about to swing' and actually saw him take the swing, the defendant's shouting 'fore' could have made no difference."

Although the above opinion shows some familiarity with the game of golf it seems doubtful that any of the judges who participated in the decision are true golfers for they fail to answer the question that is sure to come into the mind of any golfer who reads about the accident, namely whether the injured plaintiff was hit by a ball driven by his own partner or by one hit by one of his opponents. (Turel vs Milberg).

Financial Report on Wheeling Caddie Camp

A great deal of comment was evoked by an article, "Caddie Camp," which appeared in September, 1957, GOLFDOM (page 21). Written by J. L. (Jack) Grimes, it told how at Oglebay Park GC in Wheeling, W. Va., kids camp out practically all summer and get paid for it by caddying for their room and board.

A report recently released by the Oglebay Park Caddie Camp board shows how the extended outing for the boys was financed.

RECEIPTS:

Room and Board (paid from Caddy earnings)	\$2,602.00
Rental of Camp to Private Groups	165.00
Oglebay Park (to reimburse caddies for Park work)	3,400.10
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EXPENDITURES:

Salary of Camp Staff	\$1,670.97
Food Supplies and Expense	3,618.16
Uniforms for Caddies	145.60
Gas, Power, and Water	154.62
Waste Collection	40.00
Insurance	230.00
Grounds Maintenance	100.00
Building Maintenance	207.75
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Campus Intersection Is Test Plot for Turf

By HENRY F. UNGER

Wayne W. Huffine, head of the agronomy dept. at Oklahoma State U., encourages people to walk on his grass. It



is all a part of a series of tests he is making to determine how various types of turf hold up under heavy foot traffic.

The turf test is now in its third year. According to Huffine's findings, Sun turf, U-3, Tiffine and Tiflawn have proved to be the most durable grasses, but this doesn't mean that he is standing pat on this group. The tests will be continued.

Huffine's pilot strips, 3 x 5 ft., are located in one of the busiest sections of the Stillwater School Campus. It is estimated that thousands of feet tramp over them daily. The grasses are graded for wearability, density and color. Ability to come back is another criteria. In the three years the tests have been made, several turf types have been shaken out and others added. Huffine's research is supported in part by the Oklahoma Turfgrass Assn.

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