



Ill Wind Hits Fircrest

A freak windstorm that blew into Tacoma, Wash., a short time ago threatened to blow Fircrest GC there into the next state. Between 50 and 60 trees were uprooted, at least half of them the size shown in the photo. Most of the damage was done in the vicinity of the 13th green where Pro John Rudy ruefully surveys the damage. Two big tournaments are scheduled for Fircrest this year: the National Lefthanders' Championship, Aug. 2-5, and the Carling Open, Sept. 15-18.

USGA Lists Conditions for Open Qualifying

Seventy-one qualifying competitions will help determine the 150 player field for the 60th USGA Open at Cherry Hills CC, Englewood, Colo., June 16-18. Qualifying again will be in two parts, local and sectional, with all rounds over 36 holes. Entries must reach the USGA's office, 40 E. 38th st., New York 16 by May 4th.

The double qualifying system was started last year to give more opportunity to the most capable players to prove their skill. In 1959, a record 2,385 players filed entries for the Open.

After local qualifying, the eligible field for the 12 sectional events will approximate 20 per cent of the total entries, excluding those who are exempted from the qualifying trials.

\$50,000 Prize Purse

The Open itself will carry a record purse of around \$50,000 for pros. The winner's share will be \$12,000. The lowest professional scorer in the sectional qualifying tournaments will receive \$100, subject to division caused by ties.

This is the second time the Open will be played at Cherry Hills. The first, in 1938, was won by Ralph Gudahl.

Players exempt from all qualifying include: Jack Fleck, Cary Middlecoff, Dick

Mayer, Tommy Bolt and Bill Casper, Jr., winners of the Championship in the last five years; Ten low scorers (ties included) in the 1959 Open: Casper, Bob Rosburg, Claude Harmon, Mike Souchak, Doug Ford, Ernie Vossler, Arnold Palmer, Ben Hogan, Sam Snead, Dick Knight, Ted Kroll, Gene Littler, Fred Hawkins and Dow Finsterwald.

Exemptions Listed

Exempted from local qualifying are: former Open champions, former USGA Amateur winners; former PGA champions; former British Open champions; members of 1959 Walker and Ryder Cup teams; 20 low scorers in the '59 Open; 20 low scorers in 1959 PGA Championship; and 20 leading money winners on the pro circuit as of May 4th. In the 20 low scorers and money winners categories, those who are tied for 20th are included.

Ohio GCSA Elects Monical

Nelson Monical, Portage CC, Akron, has succeeded Robert Fannin, Kirtland CC, Willoughby, as pres. of the Ohio GCSA. Other new officers are Colin Smith, vp and John Spodnik, secy-treas. Dirs. are Earl Yesberger, Monical, Charles Winch, Stan Graves, Robert Pontius, Colin Smith, Fannin and Mal McLaren. Ohio GCSA has launched a monthly turf newspaper that is being edited by McLaren and Graves.