

SWINGING AROUND GOLF

NEWS OF THE GOLF WORLD IN BRIEF



By HERR GRAFFIS

Dan Sikes, U. of Florida law graduate, who won Doral Open, looked good again when he played in his first Masters . . . He came out with \$1,100 . . . He made expenses and then some at Houston, picking up \$625 for the pool that is split with the 50 Jacksonville, Fla., businessmen who finance his golf career.

Julius Goffo now pro at Vernon Hills CC (Chicago dist.) . . . Frank Acquino now pro at Juniper CC, Redmond, Ore. . . . Stuart Sirbaugh signed as pro at River Bend CC, Virginia, Minn. . . . Ernie Fortner, formerly field rep of National Golf Foundation, is Ogdensburg (N. Y.) CC pro . . . Dick Wolthers goes from Juniper CC, Redmond, Ore., to pro job at The Dalles (Ore.) CC succeeding Henry Kaiser who retired . . . Jim Porterfield now has pro assignment at Oak Knoll CC, Ashland, Ore.

The instant a guy pokes an arm into a sleeve of a Masters green coat golfers and writers begin talking about his chances of a Grand Slam . . . That puts added pressure on the Masters champion in the US and British Opens and the PGA . . . Jack Nicklaus, though, doesn't seem to be too sensitive to pressure . . . The lad is lucky and knows it and that may offset some pressure . . . Luck such as the free lifts out of casual water he got following poor shots on the Augusta National course, is the kind that only a champion has . . . Wasn't it Napoleon or his publicity guy who said: "Luck? I make my luck!" . . . With a little bit of luck Sam Snead could have won the Masters . . . Snead, in spite of his winning more tournaments than any other golfer, is the unluckiest of all at absolutely the worst time . . . Or, could it

be that he starts to think when instinct would do better?

That steady, heavy April shower, falling in bucketsful all Saturday at Augusta, showed that Nicklaus has the champion's shots under unfavorable conditions . . . In his fling at the National Open, Big Jack will find the Country Club of Brook-

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The ninth green and the clubhouse of the Williams College GC, Williamstown, Mass. are seen in the photo. This historic course was built in 1896 by the Taconic Golf Club. It plays to about 6,500 yards. Dick Baxter, who is both pro and superintendent here, recently started his 40th year with the Club. The Taconic, as the course is known, was the site of the 1956 USGA Junior Championship and in 1958, the NCAA held its annual tournament here.

line about as he played it in the National Amateur of 1957 . . . Then he beat Bob Cardinal 3 and 2 in the first round, Douglas Sewall of England 2 and 1 in the second, Sam Koscis, 8 and 7, and was knocked out on the 18 hole of the fourth round, 3 and 2, by Dick Yost . . . At Royal Lytham and St. Anne's, in northwest England on the Irish Sea, where the British Open will be played, July 8-12, the course will measure about 6,657 . . . The pro record of 63 was made by Peter Thomson . . . Thomson won the British Open there in 1958.

Only U.S. win at Royal Lytham and St. Anne's was that of Bob Jones in 1926 . . .

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