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Winds Blow and Score Soars

From high up in the hills of the Montauk Golf Links way out on the tip of Long Island you could see the beautiful rolling countryside, the "walking sand dunes" and a few fishing boats heading for port. Multi-colored, many-styled motels dotted the huge beaches and horses were grazing in a green pasture.

This is the place where Col. Teddy Roosevelt rested some 30,000 Roughriders after some historic Spanish-American War battles and it's also the birthplace of the American cowboy.

The Montauk Links are truly named because the course utilizes the natural terrain and brooks which wind through the course. It's much like a Scottish course. The rough is really rough and winds swirl through the valleys and atop the hills.

This was the scene of my season golf baptismal and it was a noteworthy one. The course measures a deceiving 6,550 yards because the winds actually make it a 7,000 yarder. It's almost impossible to reach one par 3 measuring 220 yards from the "tiger tees" (back tees) because the wind acts as a buffer in front of the deeply trapped green.

Many Jerseyites have played here and they keep coming back, possibly in hopes they'll come near matching Old Man Par—when the winds are down.

Anyhow, I learned how to hit a low shot into the wind and the experience was worth it. Now, if the winds will blow during tourneys I may be able to pick up some hardware.

Waldman Stars for Lehigh

Henry Waldman of Plainfield is playing some fine golf for Lehigh University. The junior, who captained the Plainfield High team, is the No. 2 man but at times has played like the No. 1 golfer.

In recent matches, Waldman's play sparked the Engineers to three victories. His par on the 18th green at Lehigh Country Club sparked Lehigh to a 9½-8½ victory over Muhlenberg.

In the first home match at the Saucon Valley CC, Lehigh swept a triangular match with Colgate and Lafayette as Waldman scored a 78 over the difficult Old Course.

According to Engineer captain Don Cook, "Waldman's 78 was one of the best-played rounds all year since it was shot at Saucon Valley, which was playing at an unusually tight and very long 7,400 yards."

Waldman and his teammates are looking forward to the Middle Atlantic Tourney, to be played at Saucon Valley on May 9.

Cards Tough in Golf

Plainfield High School golf coach John Pepe has the makings of a state champion golf team this season—or at least a strong contender.

The Cards two days ago won the Greater Central Jersey Group 4 tournament and No. 1 star Bruce Young won the individual title with 4-over-par 76 at Green Knoll in Bridgewater.

Championships are nothing new to Young. He won the Plainfield Area match play title last year as a 16-year-old over some of the finer amateurs in the district. One more year of maturity has made him that much tougher.

Wallace F. Gleason, principal of PHS, also is proud of the team and showed his pride by helping to arrange a match against shore conference power Neptune, unbeaten so far.

Pepe says the Neptune match will be played Friday, May 13, at 3:30 p.m. at the Plainfield West Nine course.

Sterling Refs in Guatemala

Bob Sterling, athletic director at Piscataway High School and one of the best basketball referees in the country, recently returned from Guatemala, where he officiated in the 12th Central American Basketball Championships.

Bob has worked in several international basketball championships. This particular one was run according to Olympic rules, including the 30 second clock rule, no back court violation and only two time outs per half.

Panama won the men's championship and Guatemala the women's title.

Sterling and the other four U.S. officials were extended royal treatment by the Guatemalan government. Gifts included a diploma, souvenir history tourney book and a medal.