



AN EARLY-MORNING GALLERY WATCHING STARTERS

Farrell Wins at La Gorce with 274

The residents of Miami Beach and vicinity had the opportunity of witnessing one of the hardest fought golf tournaments ever held in this country—and for the largest awards ever given, \$15,000 cash and gold plate worth \$1,000 for the players—through the initiative and generosity of Carl Fisher and Walter Kohlhepp. George Nicols, president of the Lakeville Club, was with a group and suggested that next year it would be a good idea for Miami Beach to have the greatest tournament in the country with \$15,000 or so as prize money. Walter Kohlhepp liked the idea and it was taken up with Carl Fisher. His reply was: "Next year! Why next year? Why not now?" And before anyone realized what had happened, a certified check for \$15,000 was handed to "Tex" Rickard, who was playing around the course with Gene Tunney, and then the announcement was made. One of the first wires sent out by Steve Han-

nigan, director of the Miami Beach News Service, was to GOLF ILLUSTRATED. Even though the notice was the shortest in the history of an important golf event, the entry list was remarkable for both quality and numbers, and later for scores.

Almost 150 of the greatest golfers in America teed off for the qualifying round on Sunday, March 18th. The La Gorce Course is a hard one, especially with a cross wind. The nature of the play is shown when

natty little Henry Ciuci of Bridgeport reeled off a 65. Ciuci is a fine player and will be heard from in the future, but he had to play a great game of golf to beat Gene Sarazen's 67, and Harry Cooper's 67. Ciuci and Cooper tied for the qualifying medal with 137 each. Gene Sarazen was next with 67-72-139. Douglas Casey, a Chicago amateur, followed with 69-72-141, beating Bobbie Cruickshank, Johnny Farrell, Joe Kirkwood, Al. Espinosa, Tommy Armour, MacDonald Smith, and fellows in that division.

Sixty-four qualifiers started out on Monday morning to make four circuits of the course in the lowest number of strokes. On Monday night the ten leaders were:

Gene Sarazen, Flushing, L. I., 68-71-139; Johnny Farrell, Mamaroneck, N. Y., 70-70-140; Bobbie Cruickshank, Purchase, N. Y., 69-71-140; Henry Ciuci, Bridgeport, Conn., 73-69-142; Harry Cooper, Buffalo, N. Y., 73-70-143; Joe Kirkwood, Albany, Ga., 71-72-143; Harry Hampton, Chicago, 74-69-143; Al. Espinosa, Chicago, 73-72-145; Tommy Kerrigan, Bronxville, N. Y., 72-73-145; G. J. Voigt, Washington, D. C., 73-73-146.

The 68, 69's, 70's and 71's, on a hard par 72 course, tells the story of the first day's battle.

This was over-shadowed, however, in the final 18 holes when the players seemed to ignore the 140 traps scattered over the 6,365 yards of the par 71 course, and some became for a

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HERE'S THE \$15,000!
Walter A. Kohlhepp, on right, handed the check for \$15,000 to "Tex" Rickard the day it was decided to hold the tournament



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time super-golfers. Then came the exciting climax! The gallery decided that the ultimate winner would be Gene Sarazen or Bobbie Cruickshank, and their every play was watched with keen interest. Sarazen was a little off in the final round, and Cruickshank played like a streak. He went out in 30 and came back in 36, when Cruickshank came in with his 66, giving him a total of 276, he was proclaimed the winner by the gallery, crowds flocked around him, news cameras clicked and movie cameras whirred, much like planes lauding at Curtis Field. Then someone mentioned that Johnny Farrell, then on the eleventh, had made a 30 going out and might tie Cruickshank. Farrell was not playing to tie anyone. He was out to win, and those who followed him realized this. He played flawless golf. At the 18th he had made the final 18 in 63—8 *under par*—and had a grand total of 274, making what looks like a record for the final 18 holes in a championship of this character. Farrell, although the most successful in proving championship qualities, was not alone in the whirlwind finish as the following scores of 290 and better will show.

J. Farrell, New York	70	70	71	63—274
B. Cruickshank, N. Y.	69	71	70	66—276
J. Kirkwood, Albany, Ga.	71	72	70	66—279
H. Hampton, Keywest	74	69	73	66—282
G. Sarazen, New York	68	71	70	74—283
T. Armour, Washington	78	70	67	70—285
H. Cooper, Buffalo	73	70	75	68—286
A. Espinosa, Chicago	73	72	79	74—288
G. Voigt, Washington	73	73	70	72—288
L. Gillickson, Cleveland	72	75	70	71—288
A. Watrous, G'd Rapids	74	74	70	71—289
M. Miller, Norwich	71	75	71	72—289
W. Klein, New York	73	75	69	73—290
F. Walsh, Appleton, Wis.	78	69	71	72—290