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Golf championships are all in the family



Steve Sander, city men's golf champion, playfully "adjusted" the elbow of his wife, Anne Quast Sander, city women's champion, on the practice tee of Broadmoor.—Staff photo by Vic Condiotti.

It's tee for two at the Sander home—husband and wife are on a par.

The husband, Steve Sander, is the city amateur golf champion. The wife, Anne Sander, just recently won the city women's title.

Incidentally, Steve Sander is not the Steve Sander who played halfback at Seattle Prep. He is the Steve Sander who played center at Garfield on the 1959 state-championship football team.

Anne Sander? You know her better as Anne Quast, the young lady from Marysville who thrice won the national golf crown and five times played on the Curtis Cup team.

They thus form a titled twosome, and not just in golf. Steve, in his Garfield days, won the city ski title in the giant slalom and has notions of making a skier out of Anne, who quips:

"That should end my golf. I'll be in a cast all summer."

FOR BOTH, GOLF is an avocation. Steve is in the investment business; Anne, who has taught school, is working on a master's degree at the University of Washington.

For both, golf is fun, though it was not always so for Anne, who says:

"I'm not as intense as I used to be. When I was on the golf tour, I was high-strung and nervous—I always used to be that way. And golf had begun to pall."

Now, it's fun again and I'm playing better. And Steve is responsible for my change of attitude. I'm relaxed."

What about another shot at national golf?

"I don't have any such plans. I suppose that in the back of my mind I feel I might try it again with my new relaxed attitude. I don't think so right now, though."

It was a three-cornered conversation at the Broadmoor practice tee. And now, Steve stepped up for a drive. His stance and swing were classic and the drive — out of sight. The ball landed far over the trees, an estimated distance of some 300 yards.

He did it again, then again.

HAD HE EVER CONSIDERED the tournament trail? He answered with a teasing grin:

"The investment business comes first."

Anne put in: "I know I'm prejudiced but hasn't he got a beautiful swing? He doesn't have to hit hard to get distance."

So Steve said: "She has helped me with my drives and putts."

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Rams sign Dennis Dummit

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Dennis Dummit, who starred at quarterback for U.C.L.A. in 1969-70 but was overlooked in the National Football League draft, was signed yesterday as a free agent by the Los Angeles Rams.

"I am very pleased we have been able to sign Dummit. I hope he can perform as well in pro football as he did in college," said Tommy Prothro, Ram coach, who was Dummit's coach at U.C.L.A.

Mengert wins 4th State Open title

By GIL LYONS

Times Sports Writer

SPOKANE — Al Mengert returns periodically to his birthplace to demonstrate to relatives and friends that he still possesses most of his old golfing skills.

Mengert did not disappoint his admirers yesterday at Hangman Valley Golf Course, where he put together a one-under-par 70 to win his fourth Washington Open golf championship.

Al finished the 54 holes at 210, three under par and two strokes ahead of tenacious Kent Myers, a slender Oregon amateur who pressed Mengert to the final hole.

"This is the first time I've smiled in months," Mengert said happily. "I'm not sure I want to go back on the tour."

MENGERT, 42, HAS played the pro tour all year, with only modest success.

"I played well here," Mengert said. "I felt good, I hit 17 greens today and 16 the previous days. On the tour, I've been reaching only 11 greens a round. That's been my problem. But maybe I've got it whipped now."

A consistently fine putter, Mengert won yesterday despite three-putting three times.

"These are the toughest greens I've ever putted on in the Northwest," he said. "Some are hard and some are soft, some are fast and some aren't. If you begin to doubt yourself at all, you won't make any putts."

THE VICTORY was Mengert's fourth major title in Spokane. He had won the state title twice here and set the Northwest open record at Downriver in 1965 with a 72-hole total of 265. He has

played in eight Washington Opens, winning four, finishing second twice and third once.

Yesterday's finale quickly became a two-man battle. Myers, beginning the day with a two-stroke lead, opened the margin to four shots with birdies at the third and sixth holes.

But the 135-pound assistant school superintendent took a double-bogey five at the 188-yard seventh, the hole Mengert aced Monday, and Al gradually drew ahead.

At the seventh, Myers trapped his tee shot, blasted out and three-putted.

"The seventh was the key hole," Kent said. "That was the difference right there. I was in great shape after six holes."

However, Mengert felt the tenth was the turning point. He had just three-putted the ninth to remain one stroke behind. Al rolled in a tricky, seven-foot downhill putt for a birdie four at ten to draw even, then holed an 18-footer for a birdie at 13 to take a lead he never relinquished.

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the ball hit a downslope at the front of the green and skipped about 35 feet past the cup. Myers three-putted from there to provide Mengert with his two-stroke victory.

Mengert pocketed \$1,000, a rather modest sum by tour standards, but considerably more than Al has been able to claim in big-money tournaments.

Two amateurs, Jim McLean of Seattle and Gary Floan of Spokane, tied for

third at 214. McLean, 1970 Northwest Open winner, closed with a 71. Floan, former University of Idaho basketball star, had the day's best round, a 68.

Tom Liljeblom of Portland was the runnerup pro at 250. He collected \$800. The defending champion, Bob Duden of Portland, had a 72 to tie for seventh at 216.

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Al Mengert (1970) 70-70-70-70-210

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o-Jim McLean 68-72-72-72-214

o-George Hollins 69-74-74-74-211

o-Tom Boucher 70-70-70-70-210

o-Bill Carpenter 71-71-72-72-215

o-Bill Tindall (1969) 72-72-72-72-216

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o-Scott McLean 72-72-74-74-216

o-Dennis Gove 72-72-74-74-216

o-Bob Smith 72-72-74-74-216

o-Bill Hoffman (1970) 72-72-74-74-216

o-Doug Campbell 72-72-74-74-216

o-Lloyd Morris (1969) 72-72-74-74-216

o-Bob McKeenrich (1969) 72-72-74-74-216

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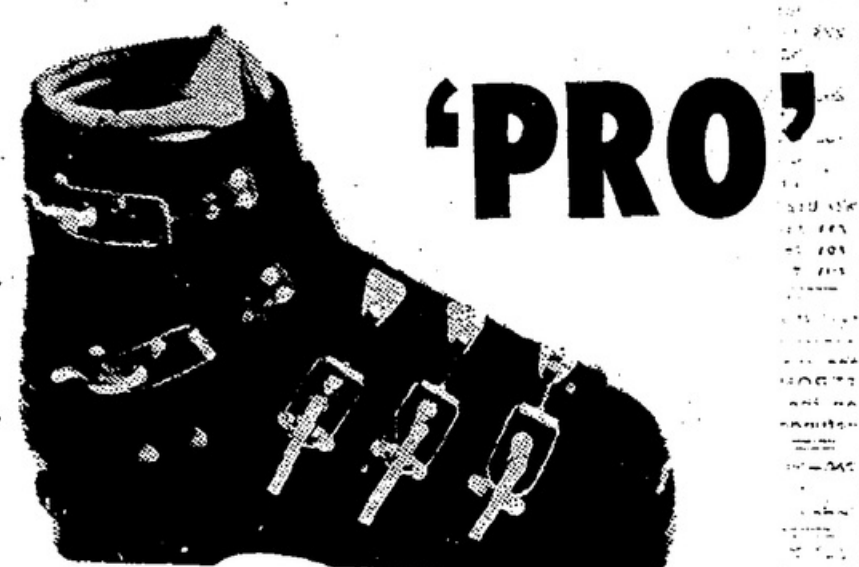
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