

Koch, Alexander Share State Lead

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Par made the only charge Thursday during second round play of the Florida State Junior Golf Championship at Bobby Jones Golf Club.

Six players broke par Wednesday on BJ's European Course. Three of them were under 70. Thursday, playing on the same course, three players in the field managed

to come in at one-under-par 71. That was it.

Gary Koch of Temple Terrace, winner of the championship the last two years, bogied the last two holes Thursday and struggled in with 72. His two-day total of 141 was good for a share of the lead.

The comeback of the tournament was launched by Buddy Alexander of St. Petersburg, who canned successive 20-foot putts on the last two holes, gained three strokes on Koch and finished the day as the co-leader. Both Koch and Alexander have scored 69-72 — 141.

Jay Rickles of Miami Beach, the first round leader with a four-under-par 68, made the turn Thursday in 38, hit his tee shot in the water on his tenth hole and stumbled home with 75.

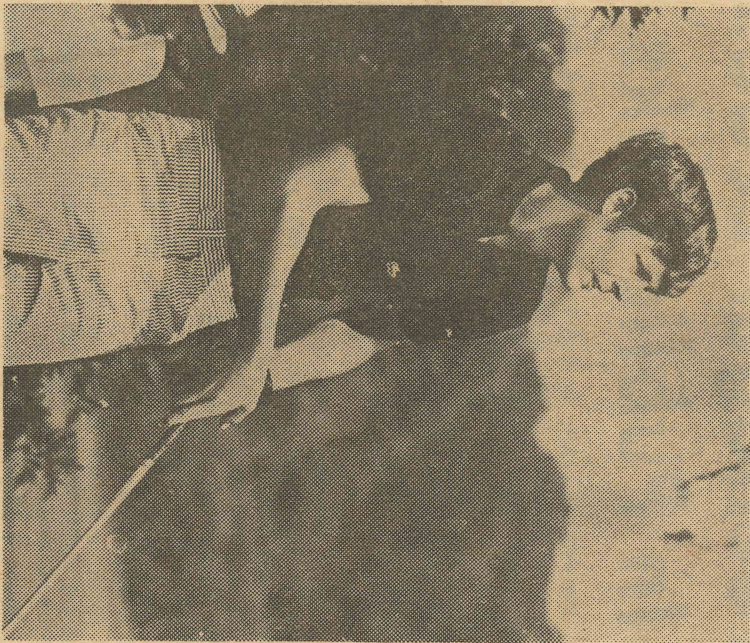
Rickles, who is the nephew of comedian Don Rickles, did an excellent mimic Thursday of a Herald-Tribune headline which read, "Rickles Not Joking With 68." He said simply, and without much enthusiasm, "Today Rickles really is joking with a 75."

The Miami Beach slugger started badly on a very hot and uncomfortable day, made a comeback on the second nine, but then saw his hopes for an acceptable round disappear in the twilight of two closing bogies.

One stroke behind Koch and Alexander, at 142, is Pete Wells of St. Petersburg, who recorded his second straight 71, and John Duggan of Ft. Lauderdale, who had an even-par round of 72 on Thursday.

At 143 is Rickles and tall Gene Rucker from Miami, who tallied 71 on Thursday. Coleman White of Miami had the day's third 71 and is alone at 144. Jim Whittemore of Temple Terrace, with a 75 Thursday, is at 146, along with Jack Burton of Miami.

Koch, like Rickles, three-putted on the final green from about 30 feet. He also missed a short putt on 17 after making a fine explosion from a buried lie in a bunker.



CO-LEADER — Buddy Alexander of St. Petersburg moved into a tie with Gary Koch of Temple Terrace after two rounds of the Florida State Junior Golf Championship at Bobby Jones Golf Club. The final round of the 54-hole event is being played today.

Alexander, Koch Share Jr. Lead

Going into the final three holes of the Florida State Junior Golf Championship Thursday, St. Petersburg's Buddy Alexander trailed defending champion Gary Koch by three strokes. Believe it or not, they finished in a tie.

After two rounds of the 54-hole tournament at Bobby Jones Golf Club, Alexander and Koch share the lead with identical 69-72-141. Pete Wells of St. Pete beat par for the second straight day with another 71 to end up one stroke back, in a tie with John Duggan of Fort Lauderdale. At 143 is Gene Rucker of Miami an dfirst round leader Jay Rickles of Miami Beach, who skidded to a 75 after an opening round 68.

Koch was playing beautiful golf until the final two holes, where his putter failed him. On the 17th, he missed a short putt after an excellent explosion from a buried lie a bunker. On the 18th he three-putted from 30 feet out for his second straight bogey.

Alexander, meanwhile, rifled in consecutive 20-foot putts to par the 17th and birdie the final hole and lock up with Koch.

The oddest round of the day was shot by Bob Davis of Sarasota. He corrected his putting style and registered 13 one-putt greens. But the rest of his game was less successful and he finished the day with an 82.

Three strokes off the pace is Coleman White of Miami, while Jim Whittemore of Temple Terrace and Jack Burton of Miami are tied at 146.

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Everyone was saying it was foolish to bet against Gary Koch in the Florida State Junior Golf Championship.

They were right.

Koch won a stretch duel at Bobby Jones Golf Club Friday from John Duggan of Fort Lauderdale and captured his third State Junior title in as many years. But, as Koch put it, "I had my anxious moments."

Koch started the day as the co-leader. He and Buddy Alexander of St. Petersburg were tied at 141, one stroke better than Duggan and Pete Wells of St. Petersburg. As it turned out, Duggan threw the only charge at Koch—but what a charge it was.

Many of the contenders shot themselves out of it early in the round. Alexander hit his opening tee shot in a drainage ditch and took a double-bogey six on the first hole. Wells bog-

started the day at 143.

Koch's lead was at two strokes—over Duggan and Alexander—after five holes. On the sixth hole, Duggan birdied, Koch parred and Alexander bogied. That made it a two-man race, with Koch ahead by a single shot over Duggan.

Then the seventh hole, a sporty dogleg to the right. Duggan cut the dogleg, but his ball ended up in the rough. Koch also cut the dogleg, but his ball ended up in a pond. "I came off of it too much," Koch lamented.

Taking a penalty stroke, Koch dropped a ball near the edge of the pond. Hitting three, he scuffed the shot badly and it wound up behind a cabbage palm. Chipping onto the corner of the green, he two-putted for a double-bogey six.

Duggan, meanwhile, took four and he suddenly had a one stroke lead. It was to be a margin he would maintain for four more holes. Koch, putting poorly, was unable to make a birdie and regain a portion of the lead. The two leaders matched pars until the twelfth hole.

On the twelfth, a 180-yard par-three into the wind, Duggan hooked a two-iron to the left of the green. Koch, unable to decide what club to hit, finally slashed a one-iron onto the putting surface. Duggan could not get up and down, Koch two-putted and the match was tied once again.

Then it was Koch's fabled putter, which had let him down all week, which pulled him out of the fire and proved him a champion. He slapped in a bending eight-footer on thirteen to tie Duggan's birdie, and he made a tough four-footer at fourteen to tie again.

On fifteen, Duggan putted from off the green and into the hole for a birdie. Koch ran down a birdie putt from five feet to tie, and the two players were still even.

The par-four sixteenth was the hole that signalled Duggan's doom. He lost a shot to Koch when he bogied after hitting a wedged second shot over the green. He lost another shot at seventeen, missing the green to the left. Eighteen was halved with pars.

Koch finished the day with an even par round of 72. Duggan had 73. Koch totaled
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Gary Koch Contemplates Long Putt

... blade of his putter embedded in ground



—Staff Photo

Grim Assessment Of Wood Shot

... runner-up John Duggan



Koch Still Junior King

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three-under-par 213 for the three days of the tournament, and Duggan ended at 215.

Third place was shared by Coleman White and Gene Rucker, both of Miami, and Pete Wells of St. Petersburg. All three had totals of one-over-par 217. Buddy Alexander finished at 218, and first round leader Jay Rickles of Miami stumbled home with 219.

Commenting on his tight battle with Duggan, Koch said, "It's fun — I like this stuff."

Duggan, disappointed with his faltering finish, said, "I couldn't hit the ball, let alone the green." He said he had simply misjudged the distance on the sixteenth hole, where his strong wedge shot flew over the green.

One of the most interested spectators on the final day of the tournament was Mrs. Ann York, principal at Southside Elementary School in Sarasota when Koch was a student there. Mrs. York, now retired, and a hapov Koch recognized each other immediately.

Vince Oliveri of Miami won top honors in the first flight of the 15-17 year-old age bracket, and Cliff Wright of St. Petersburg won the second flight for 15-17 year-olds.

In the 12-14 year-old bracket, Bob Prindle of Lake Park won the first flight and Van Silver of Miami was victorious in the second flight.

The tournament, sponsored by the Florida State Golf Association, turned out to be a fine event. And the City of Sarasota must certainly be thanked for allowing the use of its golf course.

And remember, all junior golfers—next year, Gary

Koch Still 'The King' Of Junior Golf

15-17 YEAR-OLD DIVISION
Championship Flight — Gary Koch, Temple Terrace, 69-72-73—213; John Duggan, Ft. Lauderdale, 70-72-73—215; Pete Wells, St. Petersburg, 71-71-75—217; Coleman White, Miami, 73-71-73—217; Gene Rucker, Miami, 72-71-74—217.
Buddy Alexander, St. Petersburg, 69-72-77—218; Jay Rickles, Miami, 68-75-76—219; Tom Barnhart, Largo, 74-73-75—222; Jack Burton, Miami, 73-73-77—223; Tommy Mikell, Temple Terrace, 74-75-74—223; Bill Sellers, Orlando, 77-76-72—225; Jim Whittemore, Temple Terrace, 71-75-79—225.

Fred Ridley, Winter Haven, 73-75-78—226; Dan Stone, Miami, 76-74-76—226; Jim Porte, Miami Beach, 78-73-75—226; Jim Myers, Ormond Beach, 78-73-77—228; Tom Deming, Sarasota, 76-74-79—229; Jim Peoples, Tampa, 76-77-76—229; Ron Josepher, Coral Gables, 78-75-78—231; Brad Baldwin, St. Petersburg, 80-73-78—231.
Dan Simmons, Brandon, 80-74-78—232; L. B. Eldridge, Fort Myers, 78-74-81—233; Wes Paxson, Jacksonville, 75-79-79—233; Brian Roddy, Howey, 74-80-80—234; Denny Allen, Crystal River, 77-76-82—235; Steve Block, Vero Beach, 77-77-81—235; Butch Perreault, Miami, 72-73-85—236; Gary Smither, Sarasota, 77-78-83—236; Bud Wester, Avon Park, 78-78-88—244.

First Flight — Vince Oliveri, Miami, 79-78-77—234; Dale Watson, St. Petersburg, 79-78-78—235; Barry Levine, St. Petersburg Beach, 78-79-77—235; Rob Angers, Sarasota, 81-76-79—236; David Garsch, St. Petersburg, 80-79-77—236; Brian McNamara, Orlando, 76-81-80—237; Doug Lasswill, Tampa, 76-81-80—237; Mike Bagwell, Avon Park, 81-77-79—237; Jan McClain, Coral Gables, 77-85-75—237.
Mark Wilkins, Clearwater, 76-81-81—238; Dick Blake, Miami, 82-75-82—239; James Haugh, Sarasota, 81-76-82—239; Pat McCormick, Jacksonville, 78-79-82—239; Lew Smither, Sarasota, 79-80-80—239; Paul Gibson, St. Petersburg, 82-78-79—239; Jim Marion, Sarasota, 78-82-79—239; Phil Hanson, Jacksonville, 81-80-78—239; John Bridge, St. Petersburg, 82-77-81—246.

Dave Henderson, Miami Beach, 83-79-79—241; Mike Mielbrecht, Orlando, 82-81-79—243; John Barrett, Largo, 83-77-83—243; Robert Cowan, Jacksonville, 81-81-81—243; Hal Mayhugh, Brandon, 74-85-85—244; Bob Bush, Jacksonville, 79-82-83—244; Stevt Hendricks, Fernandina, 84-78-82—244; Scott Clanton, Lakeland, 83-76186—245; Marty Herring, Melbourne, 82-79-84—245; Norman Dudley, Temple Terrace, 85-77-83—245; Winky Hall, Avon Park, 81-81-83—245; Chuck Sullivan, Vero Beach, 86-78-81—245.

Lin Gillis, Pahokee, 80-81-85—246; Jeff Rickard, Sarasota, 80-82-85—247; David Patterson, Temple Terrace, 83-81-83—247; Mike Hoover, Orlando, 84-80-85—249; Lorin Bridgt, St. Petersburg, 82-82-86—253.

Cliff Wright, St. Petersburg, 83-82-76—241; Gene Greenewalt, Bartow, 81-84-79—244; Tom Gehrig, Orlando, 79-86-81—246; Jay Weiss, Orlando, 86-79-81—246; Pat Skinner, Jacksonville, 85-85-81—247; Tommy Hanlon, Temple Terrace, 82-83-82—247; Mike Watts, St. Petersburg, 80-80-81—250; Rick Marvel, Sarasota, 86-80-84—250; Stan Stewart, Fernandina, 85-81-84—250; Peter Kaston, Pensacola, 86-81-83—256.

Herb Hill, Sarasota, 84-88-78—250; Don Delany, Avon Park, 84-86-80—252; Steve LeBlanc, Sarasota, 84-83-85—252; David Smith, Gainesville, 83-86-83—252; Dan Carlin, Daytona, 86-84-82—252; Andy Johnson, Lakeland, 84-83-82—254; Paul Foster, St. Petersburg Beach, 88-84-82—254; David Hyson, 90-80-85—255; Rob Wilkinson, 86-83-86—256.

12-14 YEAR-OLD DIVISION
First Flight: Bob Prindle, Lake Park, 75-80-77—232; Mark Fisher, Lakeland, 78-80-81—239; Phil Gaines, Sarasota, 83-82-82—247; Emilio Curry, Miami, 83-84-80—247; Dan Oliver, Sarasota, 86-78-85—249; Jeff Clift, Malabar, 83-84-84—251.

Second Flight: Van Silver, 87-91-82—260; Snow Martin, Lakeland, 85-90-89—264; Frank Mebane, Sanford, 80-91-86—267; Bill Moore, Lakeland, 88-91-82—272; B. J. Jones, Sarasota, 87-87-94—268.

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