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Next on FSGA tournament schedule: Oct. 20-22, Life Begins at 40, Plantation CC, Venice.

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QUALIF. SCORE		QUALIF. ORDER			
143	TOM KNAPP 8:00	1	KNAPP		
158	DAVID BOESEL	16	2 & 1	CASE	
155	DAVE KARTNER 8:08	8	CASE	1 up	
155	TOM CASE	9	19 holes		CASE
153	MIKE WOMBLE 8:16	4	FITZPATRICK		4 & 2
157	BRUCE FITZPATRICK	13	2 & 1		
153	RICK SPEARS 8:24	5	SPEARS	19 holes	
157	MIKE HOWERY	12	3 & 2		
151	BOB KOUWE 8:32	2	KOUWE		CASE
157	A.J. KROEGER	15	3 & 2	HARDIN	3 & 2
155	JIM HARDIN 8:40	7	HARDIN	19 holes	
156	GLEN KERRES	10	5 & 4		STICKL
152	STEVE SPONDER 8:48	3	WOULFE		4 & 3
157	RICK WOULFE	14	5 & 3		
154	GARY STICKL 8:56	6	STICKL	4 & 3	
156	MARK HENDERSON	11	5 & 4		

FIRST AND SECOND ROUND-- STROKE PLAY - MID AMATEUR TOURNAMENT

~~SCORE~~ BOARD OF THE 1989 MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP, STROKE PLAY, CONDUCTED AT MAYACOO LAKES COUNTRY CLUB, WEST PALM BEACH.

SCORES AFTER ROUND 1

1	TOM KNAPP	WEST PALM BEACH	71	72	143
2	STEVE SPONDER	PEMBROKE PINES	72	80	152
3	ROBERT KOUWE	TAMPA	75	76	151
4	KEITH KEISTER	WINTER PARK	74	84	160
4	BOB WATSON	STUART	74	83	159
6	STEVE BUSBOOM	BOCA RATON	77	84	161
6	BRUCE FITZPATRICK	MIAMI	77	80	157
6	DAVE KARTNER	PALM CITY	77	78	155
9	TOM CASE	FT MYERS	78	77	155
9	JAMES GAGLIARDI	ST PETERSBURG	78	85	163
9	JIM HARDIN	WEST PALM BEACH	78	77	155
9	MIKE WOMBLE	NAPLES	78	75	153
9	PETE CARICOLA	LONG ISLAND	78	82	160
14	RICK SPEARS	PALM CITY	79	74	153
14	RICHARD WOULFE	FT LAUDERDALE	79	78	157
14	BILLY MECHESNEY	CORAL SPRINGS	79	80	159
14	GARY STICKL	LAKELAND	79	75	154
14	ROSS HINER	WINTER PARK	79	79	158
14	MIKE HOWERY	MAITLAND	79	78	157
20	RONALD GILMAN	LAKE CLARKE	80	84	164
20	MARK HENDERSON	WEST PALM BEACH	80	76	156
20	RON HYDE	PLANTATION	80	84	164
20	THOMAS WRIGHT	ORLANDO	80	NC	
20	JEFF KRIDEL	ALTAMONTE SPGS	80	88	168
20	A J KROEGER	APOPKA	80	77	157
26	SCOTT FREDSTROM	NAPLES	81	80	161
26	WALTER HIMELSPAUGH	JACKSONVILLE	81	88	169
26	GLENN KERRES	MELBOURNE	81	75	156
26	GARY MARTINET	WINTER SPRINGS	81	83	164
26	GIL TURNER	PT ST LUCIE	81	83	164
31	JOHN HOLMAN	PALM BEACH GDNS	82	84	166
31	PAUL NELSON	PLANTATION	82	79	161
31	RON SELLERS	WEST PALM BCH	82	83	165
31	GUY VANDEGRIFT	ORLANDO	82	84	166
31	DICK RIGABAR	PALM CITY	82	DNF	
36	DAVID K ADAMS	WEST PALM BEACH	83	88	171
36	DAVID BOESEL	WINTER PARK	83	75	158
36	PAT KAYLOR	CLEARWATER	83	85	168
36	VANCE MOXOM	FT LAUDERDALE	83	DNS	
36	JEFF POWERS	POMPANO BEACH	83	81	164
36	WALLACE SCHULTZ	LAKELAND	83	76	159
36	MICHAEL TIERNAN	DELRAY BEACH	83	87	170
36	RAYMOND BISSON	ORLANDO	83	84	167
36	TONY FERRO	TARPON SPRINGS	83	DNF	
36	JEFF HUTCHINSON	ALTAMONTE SPGS	83	90	173
36	TOM KOPPLIN	ORLANDO	83	83	166
36	MICHAEL MENYHART	MERRITT ISLAND	83	85	168
48	DAVID BROWN	WEST PALM BEACH	84	82	166
48	JAMES R DAVIS	PLANTATION	84	WD	
48	RICHARD EKEY	JUNO ISLES	84	83	167
48	BILL ERWIN	PALM BEACH GDNS	84	81	165

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48	RICHARD LECKEY	PALM BEACH GDNS	84	82	166
48	BILL KERNS	N PALM BEACH	84	93	177
48	FRANK STRAFACI	MIAMI	84	DISQUAL.	
48	DUKE WEST	OCALA	84	80	164
48	KARL ESTES	PONTE VEDRA BCH	84	88	172
48	RONALD McKENDREE	MELBOURNE	84	75	159
58	ROGER GAMBLIN	WEST PALM BEACH	85	75	160
58	JIM ALLEN	SARASOTA	85	93	178
58	PAUL KINTZ	ATLANTIS	85	88	173
58	STUART SIERRA	TAMPA	85	80	165
58	BRAD STRELLA	WINTER PARK	85	85	170
63	JOHN McCREARY	LEMIGH	86	80	166
63	BILL LEWIS	MELBOURNE	86	88	174
65	JOHN HALL	SARASOTA	87	85	172
65	JOHN MARTIN	KEYSTONE HGTS	87	83	170
65	ART RYDER	LONGWOOD	87	91	178
65	JOHN KELLEY	ORLANDO	87	98	185
69	KEVIN BUTLER	WEST PALM BEACH	88	76	164
69	ROBERT CUNNINGHAM	WINTER SPRINGS	88	80	168
69	JOHN MUSSOLINE	PALATKA	88	87	175
69	EDDIE FREELAND	SEBRING	88	89	177
69	LARRY BAROUSSE	WEST PALM BEACH	88	88	176
69	DWAINE RONEY	FT MYERS	88	86	174
69	RAY LANDRY	WINTER PARK	88	81	169
69	RICK LUZAR	MELBOURNE	88	83	171
77	JOSEPH BRADY	MIAMI LAKES	89		
77	MARK WALTERS	SARASOTA	89	83	172
77	BILL INKLEBARGER	EDGEWATER	89	88	177
80	STEVE ROSENSTEEL	PAISLEY	90	89	179
81	CHARLES RING	PALM BEACH GDNS	91	78	169
81	TIM TREMBLY	WINTER PARK	91	98	189
81	DAVID LOMNES	LAKE MARY	91	84	175
84	TED BERGHAUS	WEST PALM BEACH	92	86	178
84	BILLY HILL	BOCA RATON	92	82	174
86	SCOTT STEWART	KISSIMMEE	93	80	173
86	BOYD WELSCH	GAINESVILLE	93	90	183
88	BERNIE BARTON	TAMPA	94	96	190
89	KEVIN RICHARDSON	WEST PALM BEACH	96	86	182
89	JOSEPH ANDRIOLE	ORLANDO	96	80	176
91	STEVE BESLEY	ORLANDO	97		
92	NEWT HODGKINS	DELRAY BEACH	101		
	RUSTY AMBLER	NO. PALM BEACH	0		WD
	STEPHEN BOLLER	PALATKA	0		NO CARD
	JOHN PARSONS	PALM BEACH GDNS	0		WD
	RONNIE TUMLIN	PALATKA	0		NO CARD
	WARREN WILHITE	PALATKA	0		WD
	PAUL HAIRE	CASSELBERRY	0		WD
	DAVID McGRATH	DAYTONA BCH	0		DNS
	ERIC RAHENKAMP	TAMPA	87		WD

Sun-Sentinel, Thursday, October 5, 1989

Four past champions are entered in the eighth annual Florida State Golf Association Mid-Amateur Championship at Mayacoo Lakes Country in West Palm Beach. Heading the field is **David Boesel**, who won in 1988 at Black Diamond Ranch in Lecanto. Other former titlists in the 100-player field are **Bob Kouwe** (1983), **Ron Tumlin** (1985) and **Tom Knapp** (1988). Golfers play 36 holes of qualifying today and Friday, with the low 16 advancing to match play.

THE PALM BEACH POST FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1989

Knapp leads state Mid-Amateur with 71

By LARRY BUSH

Special to The Palm Beach Post

WEST PALM BEACH — Former champion Tom Knapp of Tequesta posted an even-par 71 Thursday at Mayacoo Lakes Country Club to lead the first round of qualifying in the eighth annual Florida State Golf Association Mid-

Amateur Championship.

The second round of the 36-hole qualifying portion of the tournament is today, after which the field of 100 players 25 years of age and older will be trimmed to 16 for match play Saturday and Sunday.

Knapp had two birdies and two bogeys Thursday.

First-round qualifying results

Tom Knapp, Tequesta 35-36—71, Steve Sponder, Pembroke Pines 36-36—72, Bob Kouwe, Tampa 37-37—75, Bob Watson, Stuart 36-40—76, Keith Keister, Winter Park 40-36—76, Steve Busboom, Boca Raton 41-36—77, Dave Kartner, Palm City 37-40—77, Bruce Fitzpatrick, Miami 39-38—77, James Gagliardi, St. Petersburg 38-40—78, Pete Caricola, Jensen Beach 41-37—78, Tom Case, Fort Myers 37-41—78, Mike Womble, Naples 38-40—78, Jim Hardin, West Palm Beach 36-42—78, Bill Mechesney, Coral Springs 40-39—79, Mike Howery, Maitland 40-39—79, Ross Hiner, Winter Park 38-41—79, Rick Spears, Palm City 41-38—79, Gary Stickl, Lakele 40-39—79, Richard Woulfe, Fort Lauderdale 41-38—79.

Sun-Sentinel, Saturday, October 7, 1989

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Florida State Golf Association Mid-Amateur Championship

At Mayacoo Lakes, W. Palm Beach
Par 72

(qualifying scores in parentheses)

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Knapp advances at Mid-Amateur

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His opening round opponent will be David Boesel of Winter Park, the defending champion. Boesel earned the last berth in the 16-man match play draw by making an 18-foot birdie putt on the fourth extra hole to outlast Ross Hiner, also of Winter Park. Boesel and Hiner had tied at 158.

"Being the medalist is nice, but it doesn't mean a lot except that you're still in the tournament," Knapp said. "We start all over again Saturday. I was the medalist last year, too, and lost in the first round."

Knapp won the Florida Mid-Amateur title in 1987.

Playing a solid round for the second straight day, Knapp, 40, said he hit 14-of-18 greens in regulation. He bogeyed the two par-3 holes on the front nine, Nos. 3 and 7, but had three birdies and two bogeys coming in. His birdies were at the 11th, 16th and 17th holes, the bogeys at Nos. 13 and 15.

His performance caught the attention of Bob Kouwe of Tampa, the 1983 FSGA Mid-Amateur winner at Pine Tree in Boynton Beach. "It's a good thing this is not a stroke-play tournament, or we could all go home," said Kouwe, second Friday with 75-76-151.

Two rounds of matches are scheduled today and Sunday. Second-round matches will start about 12:30 p.m. today.

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LOCAL CORNER

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Stickl reaches Mid-Amateur semis

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WEST PALM BEACH — Former winner Gary Stickl of Lakeland, Tom Case, Rick Spears and Jim Hardin each won two matches Saturday to advance to the semifinals of the eighth annual Schooley Cadillac/Florida State Golf Association Mid-Amateur Championship.

Stickl, the 1984 titlist, had the easiest time of the four on the 6,650-yard course at Mayacoo Lakes Country Club, beating Mark Henderson of West Palm Beach 5 and 4 in the first round Saturday morning and Rick Woulfe of Fort Lauderdale 3 and 2 in the afternoon second round.

By comparison, Case, of Fort Myers, was extended to the limit and beyond in his matches. In the first round, Case edged Dave Kartner of Palm City, winning the 18th hole with a bogey-5 to tie the match, then made a par-4 on the first extra hole for the victory

In the afternoon, Case came from three holes down with seven to play to oust qualifying medalist Tom Knapp of Tequesta, 1-up. Knapp, the 1987 State Mid-Amateur winner, beat defending champion David Boesel of Winter Park in the first round 2 and 1.

After easy morning round victories, Spears, of Palm City, and Hardin, the only member of the host club to qualify for match play, scored 19th hole wins in the second round. Spears nipped Bruce Fitzpatrick of Miami and Hardin outlasted 1983 champion Bob Kouwe of Tampa.

"I'm not much of a tournament player," said Hardin, who might have a hard time convincing Kerres and Kouwe of that. "I usually only play two or three tournaments a year, the club championship here and maybe one of two other events.

"This has been nerve-wracking."

Two other Mayacoo Lakes members, Kevin Butler and Ron Sellers, competed in the first two days of stroke play, but did not qualify for the matches. Sellers had been the area qualifying medalist at Bear Lakes Country Club Sept. 21.

In the semifinals this morning, Case meets Spears at 8, followed at 8:10 by Hardin and Stickl. The winners play for the title starting about noon. Stickl beat Case 3 and 2 in the '84 championship match at Fiddlesticks Country Club in Fort Myers.

Saturday's results First round

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Second round

Case d. Knapp, 1-up; Spears d. Fitzpatrick, 19th hole; Hardin d. Kouwe, 19th hole; Stickl d. Woulfe, 3 and 2;

Today's matches Semifinals

8 a.m.—Case vs. Spears. 8:10—Hardin vs. Stickl. (Finals at noon).

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Fort Myers golfer wins Mid-Amateur

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Case shot par to took a 3 and 2 victory over former champion Gary Stickl of Lakeland at Mayacoo Lakes Country Club. It reversed a 4 and 3 win by Stickl over

Case in the 1984 Florida Mid-Amateur finals at Fiddlesticks Country Club in Fort Myers.

In the semifinals Sunday morning on the 6,650-yard course, Case beat Rick Spears of Palm City, Fla., 4 and 2, and Stickl defeated Jim Hardin of West Palm Beach, a member of the host club, 4 and 3.

"I didn't give revenge much thought," said Case, 38. "The golf course is so difficult, it's all you can do just to play the holes without any outside distractions."

Case had fallen behind early in each of his three previous matches, including two on Saturday, but he got the advantage quickly in the championship match.

Case hit a pitching wedge to within 2 feet at the par-4 first hole and made the birdie putt. He had one other birdie, sinking a 12 footer at the 16th hole to end the match.

"I have been playing very well all summer," Case said. "I sure wanted to make that last putt and end the match. Gary is such a

competitor, I wanted to get it over with as quickly as I could."

Stickl, 31, was hurt three times when he drove his ball left into the trees, losing all three holes. He was able to pitch back into the fairway at the fourth hole, but at the sixth and 11th holes, his ball was virtually unplayable.

"I've been working on my swing," Stickl said. "Those were on my old swing, I guess. I hadn't done that all week here."