



BRADENTON- The big winners in the 1971 Fla. State Golf Assn's. Annual Junior Championship pose before the scoreboard with their "hardware". FSGA Executive Director Bill Carey and Bradenton Country Club host pro, Jim King congratulate Tony Sama, Lake Worth left, winner of the 15-17 age division. Tony's final round 69 gave him a five shot lead of 218 over his nearest opponent, Butch Perreault of Miami. Rusty Day, N. Palm Beach 13 year old topped the 12-14 division with 225. Rusty also won his division with a 5 shot margin, shooting his 69 on the first day of the event.

It's A Great Day For Junior Golfers

BRADENTON — Rusty Day of North Palm Beach — competing in the 12-14-age division — posted a two under par 69 to take the first-round lead in the 54-hole Florida State Junior Golf Championships at the Bradenton Country Club Wednesday.

Day finished the first 18 holes three strokes in front of Kenny Kotalik of Fort Lauderdale in that age division. Clearwater's Benny Smithers was third with a 75.

Second in the tournament at the conclusion of the opening round and leading in the 15-17 division was Bill Schild of Miami with a 70.

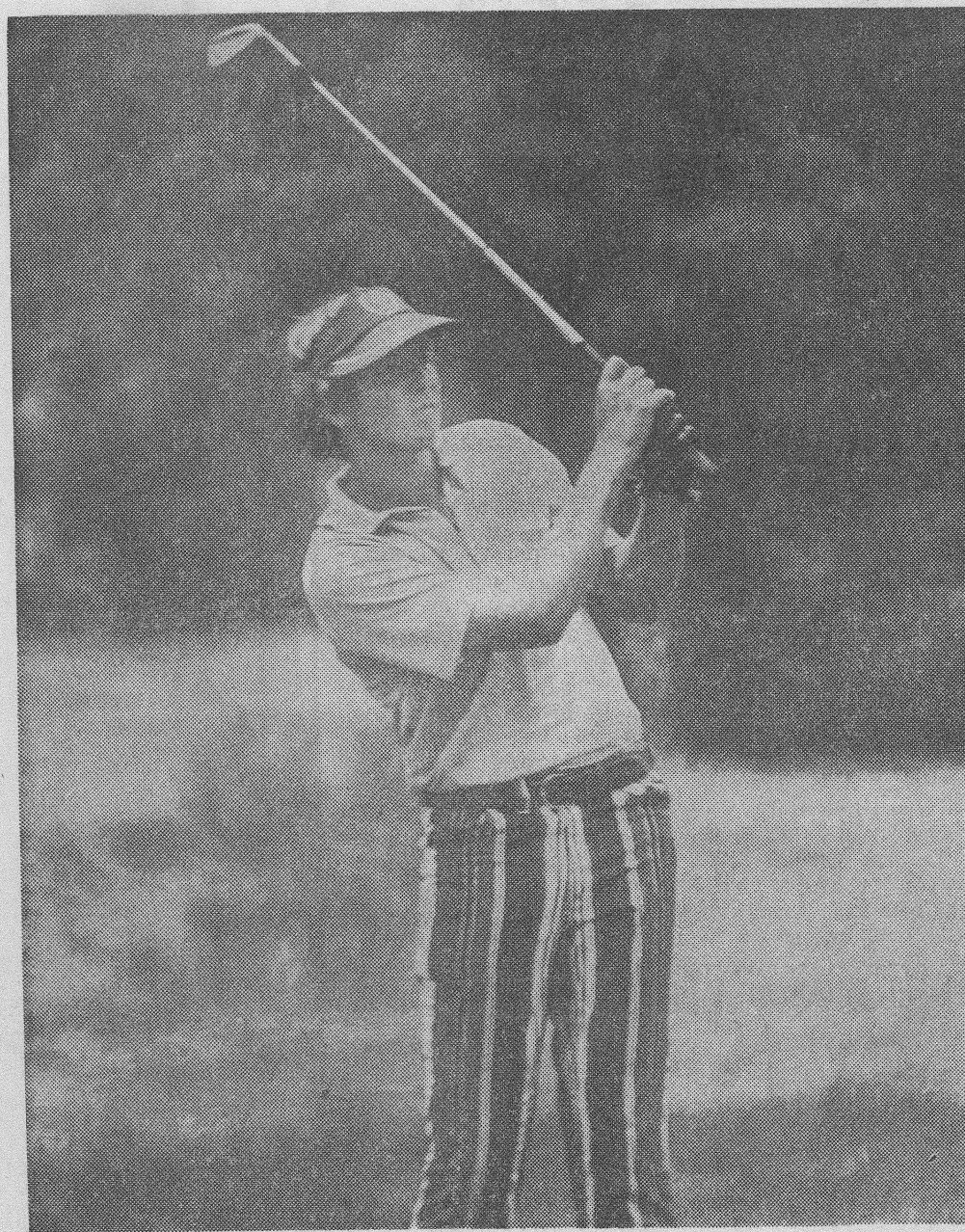
Tony Sama of Lake Worth was two strokes behind at 72 while Tim Sroyer of Sarasota, Eddie Wilson of Fort Myers, and Jim Peeples of Tampa were next at 73.

Today's play starts at 8 a.m. and the tournament winds up Friday.

12-14 Division
Rusty Day, North Palm Beach, 35-34-69; Kenny Kotalik, Fort Lauderdale, 36-36-72; Benny Smithers, Clearwater, 35-40-75; Mark Gurnow, St. Augustine, 42-37-79.

15-17 Division
Bill Schild, Miami, 35-35-70; Tony Sama, Lake Worth, 36-36-72; Eddie Wilson, Fort Myers, 35-38-73; Tim Schroyer, Sarasota, 36-37-73; Jim Peeples Tampa, 38-35-73; John Anvrachak, Orange Brook, 37-37-74; Marty Herrings, Melbourne, 36-38-74; Wilt Wilkerson, St. Petersburg, 36-39-75; Jay Williams, Sarasota, 39-36-75; Henry Beach, Lake Worth, 38-37-75; Chip Curley, Orlando, 37-38-75; Gus Ruiz, Orlando, 39-36-75.

Tom Barnhart, Belleair Beach, 38-38-76; Jack Musser, Hollywood, 38-38-76; Butch Perreault, Miami Lakes, 35-41-76; Brian MacNamara, Orlando, 38-38-76; Dick Crosser, Clearwater, 37-40-77; Herbert Hill Sarasota, 40-37-77; Robert Eldridge, Fort Myers, 39-38-77; Jim Bhreme, St. Petersburg, 38-39-77; Pete Wells, 37-40-77; Paul Gleason, Maitland, 39-38-77; Scott Clanton Lakeland, 37-40-77; David M c G e e h e e, Jacksonville, 38-39-77; Randy Seay, St. Petersburg, 39-38-77; Don Sizemore, Avon Park, 35-42-77. Rod Brown, Tampa, 38-40-78; Jim Haugh, Sarasota, 36-42-78; Jerald Bilow, Miami, 40-38-78; Tom Gerhge, 39-39-78; Andy Johnson, Lakeland, 38-40-78; Lewis Smithers, Sarasota, 37-41-78; Bob Stockman, Maitland, 38-40-78; Scott Omainsky, Melbourne, 37-41-78; Pat Tomlinson, Orlando, 40-38-78; Dale Grin, Miami, 40-39-79; Thomas Cropp, Bradenton, 37-42-79; Kim Young, Orlando, 39-40-79; Bryan Watson, Orlando, 39-40-79.



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Tony Sama . . . 15-Year-Old State Champion

Lake Worth Youth Wins Junior Title

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There was little doubt about it — Friday was Tony Sama's day. With a strong 69, three under par at unyielding Bradenton Country Club, the 15-year-old Lake Worth youth came from four strokes off the pace to win the Florida State Junior Golf Championship.

Sama's winning 54-hole total was 218, two over par and five shots ahead of second place Butch Perreault of Miami.

None of the second round leaders could master the tricky Bradenton layout, and Sama moved by all of them almost before they knew what happened.

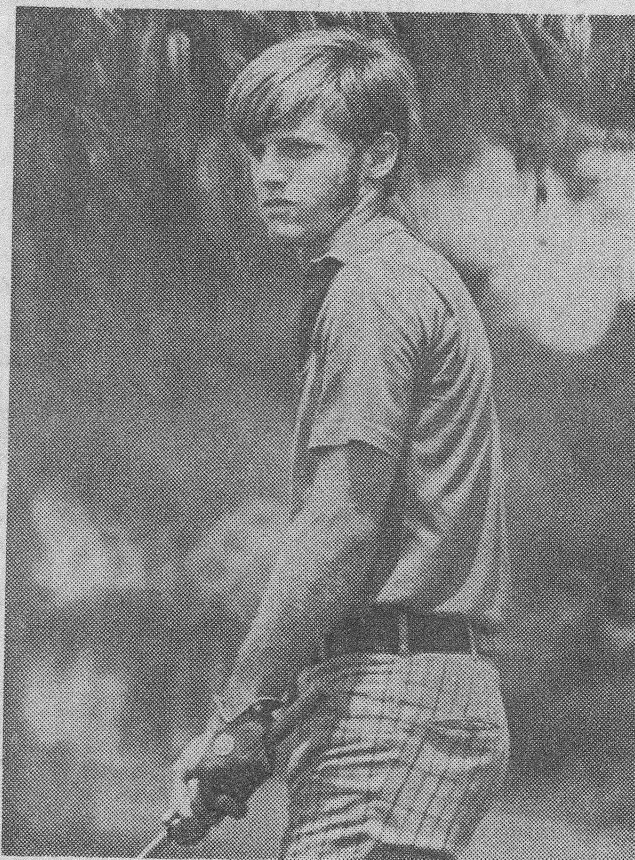
While the day's final foursome — containing the four leaders after two rounds — was matching bogey against bogey, Sama was blistering the course for five birdies. Three of his birds came in the last five holes in what he called his "stretch drive."

"I didn't know how I stood out there," Sama said, "but I knew I had to be close to the lead. I just tried to keep going for birdies and not play defensively."

Sama drew no spectators, but the final foursome had a dozen or so. All four seemed to yield to the pressure, and Sama was able to sneak by all of them while they were caught in a bogey barrage.

Second day leader Bill Schild of Miami turned the front nine in 42 and was never a factor. Schild finished with an 82 for a 54-hole total of 227.

Perreault took a double-bogey six on the tenth hole and was unable to come back. After nine holes, Perreault had been only one stroke behind Sama.



—Staff Photo by Jim Achenbach

Butch Perreault Looks Beaten

Jim Peeples of Tampa grabbed the early lead Friday and held it through eight holes. But Peeples bogied the ninth to be tied with Sama at that point. Then Peeples double-bogied the tenth to lose more ground. He finished third at 224, one stroke behind Perreault.

For Sama, who now has a chance to match Gary Koch's record three wins in a row, it was a courageous day of golf. He hit none of the first three greens in regulation, but chipped well and made par putts on all three.

Sama birdied six and nine and finished the front nine with 34, two under par. He parred ten, but then he slipped to bogeys at 11 and 13.

"I was very nervous," Sama said. "I felt like I had to come back fast or everything would slip away from me."

And come back is exactly what Sama did. His nine-iron second shot on the par four 14th almost went in the hole, and he tapped in for a birdie.

On 15, he left a second shot
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