



Championship Flight winners Dick Evans of Great Oaks (left) and Bill Curtis of Dunham Hills (Photo by Lona Askins)

Invitational victory for Farmington man

Great Oaks Country Club's Dick Evans and guest Bill Curtis scored a two-up victory over Stan Lendzon and guest Bob Kraft for the club's third annual invitational championship Sunday.

Evans, of Rochester, carries a nine handicap at the club and Curtis holds a two-handicap at Dunham Hills near Brighton. Evans was quick to give credit to his guest.

"My partner's no slouch," he said. "He was the horse, there's no question about it."

CURTIS ON HIS own card had a one-over-par 69-70-75-71 — 285, tying the course record on Thursday. A week ago, he had tied the Dunham course mark.

Earlier this summer, he competed in the National Publix tournament.

"He hasn't played in any invitational in about six years," said Evans, "but he won six the last year he played."

Evans is a heavy earth-moving equipment distributor, and Curtis, a Farmington contractor, has been a regular customer.

Evans played in the second flight of last year's invitational, with a different partner. This year's partnership is firm, he said.

EVANS AND Curtis were even with Lendzon and Kraft after nine holes on Sunday after the losers had an early one-hole lead. Evans and Curtis went one-up after 11 holes, and Curtis' fourth birdie of the day, on No. 15, virtually clinched the match.

In the semifinals, they had beaten Jack Young and guest Richard Robertson, 3 and 2, but the early surprise was a two-up quarterfinal win over Jack Fowler and guest Mike Voss, last year's runners-up.

Curtis dropped a 125-foot chip shot for an eagle three on the seventh hole and Evans birdied No. 8 for a two-up advantage, which carried them through.

"TO BE PERFECTLY honest, I felt when we beat Fowler and Voss, we were on our way," Evans said. "We threw about five birdies at them — he had three and I had two."

In their first match, they struggled for a one-up win over Richard Karolak and John Duncan after 19 holes.

Lendzon and Kraft had three strong first matches. They whipped Tom Walden and Bill Stockwell, 6 and 5, in the first round and beat Sarge Murray and Tom Mitzfeld, 2 and 1, on Friday. In the semifinals, they defeated Art Thomas and Joe Davis, 4 and 3.

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Farmington captures Junior Legion

Farmington won three-straight games to top the American Legion Junior baseball tournament last weekend at Farmington High School.

Four Farmington pitchers—Dave Dueto, Chris Curtis, Jay Cummings and Dave Crow—worked a combined total of 26-straight scoreless innings during the tourney.

Curtis' three hitter sparked Farmington to a 3-1 victory over Auburn Heights in the championship game. Curtis struck out seven and walked one. Cummings tripled with two on to provide the winning margin.

Jack Brown's Farmington team opened the tournament with a 6-0 victory over Utica. Dueto tossed the shutout, striking out seven and walking one. The winners scored two runs in the second inning on Jack Brown's single.

Farmington edged Auburn Heights, 1-0, in 14 innings. The game was halted because of darkness last Saturday, and then resumed the next morning.

In the 14th inning, Farmington's Mike Seanlon walked, moved to second on an errant pickoff play, took third on a ground out, and scored on Cummings' single. Curtis worked the last two innings and picked up the victory.

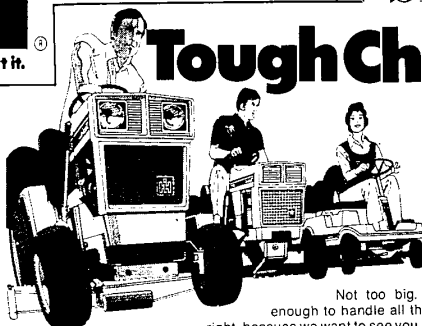
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