

PATTERSON CUP

Green Valley Country Club

Wednesday, June 2, 1971

72 entered

70 played

Low Gross: Robert S. Martino, Bala 74-71 - 145
2nd Gross: Donald M. Norbury, Buena Vista 76-70 - 146
Low Gross (18 Holes A.M.): *Keith Griffin, Green Valley 73
Low Gross (18 Holes P.M.): *Michael Nilon, Springhaven 74

ASSOCIATION'S FIRST HANDICAP

Woodcrest Country Club

Tuesday, June 8, 1971

159 entered

157 played

Class A

1. *John L. Cooney, DuPont 78-6 - 72
2. *Robert Suter, Sandy Run 81-9 - 72
3. Harold Bilheimer, Saucon Valley 80-7 - 73

Class B

1. *Walter Burk, Hercules 81-10 - 71
2. *Charles K. McGee, Old York Road 84-13 - 71
3. *E. G. Seems, Hopewell Valley 83-12 - 71

Class C

1. Albert Z. Conner, Hercules 89-14 - 75
2. Louis C. Pollitt, DuPont 90-14 - 76
3. George Ashworth, Burlington County 93-16 - 77

Class D

1. James C. Crescenzo, Phila. Electric 94-25 - 69
2. Charles R. Wheeler, Hercules 96-25 - 71
3. William J. Evans, DuPont 95-19 - 76

Martino Wedges to Patterson Cup

By RAY DIDINGER

Bob Martino was a freshman football player at Penn State when the varsity was suiting up studs like Milt Plum, Lenny Moore, and Rosey Grier. Rip Engel's daily practice sessions looked like an NFL trade school.

Engel let his varsity warm up during the week by scrimmaging the freshmen. Sometimes this brutal competition made the freshmen better players. And sometimes, it made them former players.

Bob Martino was one of the freshmen who never survived the practice fields at University Park. He still has a long, deep scar twisting around his right elbow to remind him what it's like to run off-tackle against a coal-country mountainside.

No Football, No Scholarship

"I was on the ground and a couple of those big miners stepped on it," Martino said. "It happened in one of those scrimmages where they threw us to the wolves. I had multiple fractures and the doctor said I couldn't play football again."

And when he couldn't play football again, Penn State lifted his scholarship. They were willing to pay the bills for a 5-11, 180-pound halfback but not a 5-11, 180-pound student.

So Bob Martino moved to Temple and in his senior year he began playing golf.

"The bug really bit me," he said. "It's a good thing I didn't start as a sophomore or I would have never graduated."

Yesterday, the 36-year-old Bala club champion, shot a three-over par 74-71 — 145 to win the Patterson Memorial Cup at Green Valley Country Club, edging Buena Vista's Don Norbury by one stroke.

Keith Griffin, of Green Valley, was third with 73-74 — 147, while Springhaven's Michael Nilon was another shot back at 74-74 — 148.

Martino isn't bitter about having his football career ended so abruptly.

"I always like the game (playing at Upper Darby High) but, let's face it, my size was always working against me," he said.

He never had a formal golf lesson but within a few

months after taking up the game he was breaking 100 easily.

Martino had not won any Philadelphia Golf Association

events until yesterday's Patterson but he is two-time top amateur at Bala and once at Sunny Jim's (1967).

Confidence in Wedge

While the area's 69 best amateurs struggled with Green Valley's long 6,725-yard layout, Martino just kept reaching into his bag for his wedge.

"That's my thing, the wedge," he said. "I have a lot of confidence in it. Bala is a tight course and that helped sharpen up my short game. Today, that was to my advantage."

"On a long course like this where everybody is missing the green anyway, the short game makes the difference. I saved myself by being able to get up and down."

Martino missed 15 greens yesterday, nine of them on his final 18, but he kept knocking his approaches close enough.

"I'm generally not a great putter," he smiled, "but if I really need a six-footer, I'll make it."

He needed a 10-footer, a 15-

footer and a 25-footer for birdies on the final nine and he made them all. He shot a 34 coming in to wrap up the victory.

"I was thinking about trying to clear the water in front of the 18th," he said, "but my caddy wouldn't let me. He knew that I was in the lead and it would have been foolish to risk it. I played up short and it was the right decision."

As it turns out, so was quitting football.

Robert S. Martino, Bala	74	71	—145
Donald M. Norbury, Buena Vista	76	70	—146
Keith Griffin, Green Valley	73	74	—147
Michael Nilon, Springhaven	74	74	—148
Paul Erhardt, 3d, Sakima	76	75	—151
George E. Marucci, Jr., Llanerch	75	76	—151
Tom Sultzer, Kennett Square	75	76	—151
Arthur Jacoby, Meadowlands	74	78	—152
Anthony P. Valentine, Melrose	76	76	—152
Gibby Young, Jr., Newark (Del.)	76	76	—152
W. B. (Tony) McCullough, 3d, Merion	75	77	—152
David K. Brookreson, Huntingdon Valley	79	74	—153
John G. Hendrickson, Philadelphia Cricket Club	76	78	—154
Jay Sigel, Aronimink	79	75	—154
Sandy Measey, Hopewell Valley	77	77	—154
Robert E. Dorsay, Medford Lakes	80	74	—154
James H. Dolan, Chester Valley	76	79	—155
James T. Meyer, Tavistock	76	79	—155
Ken Cooper, Indian Valley	79	76	—155

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Wedge, Putter Carry Martino To Golf Trophy

By JOHN DELL
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A man who doesn't practice what he teaches won the Patterson Cup Wednesday.

Bob Martino who as owner and operator of the City Line Driving Range, often shows customers how to hit long balls, relied on his short game to score 74-71-145 at the long-playing 725-yard Green Valley CC. Martino, 5-foot, 11-inch of 185 pounds, owed by his wedge and putter.

"I made a couple of good pars from the sand and banged in a few on the greens," Martino said after beating City Amateur champion Don Norbury by a stroke.

NORBURY CARDS 70

Norbury completed a one-under-par 70, lowest round of the 36-hole, one-day tournament, by rolling a five-foot birdie putt over the edge of the cup on the last hole of the day—a day he started with bogies on four of the first five holes. He wound up with a 76.

"That was the end of the day," Norbury said. "From therein, I had even par."

Norbury had five birdies and four bogies in the afternoon, but his late marksmanship couldn't match Martino's steadier game. The 36-year-old, a Penn State halfback in the time of Roosevelt Grier (early 1950's), said his driving range had nothing to do with his success. Bala Golf Club did. Martino has been club champion there for the past two years.

WEDGE AND PUTTER

"Bala is a course where you need a drive and a flip," he said. "And long hitters don't do any better here. They can't reach the greens anyway."

Martino found the 531-yard fifth and the 441-yard 16th unreachable in two shots and he missed gaining 15 greens in regulation, but his wedge and putter kept him on the way to his biggest tournament victory. He putted only 25 times in the afternoon.

A fine back nine on the second round sealed things for Martino. He scored threes on five holes in his one-under-par 34—and three of the threes gave him birds, with putts of 10, 25 and 15 feet.

The medium-hitting driving ranger took it like a winner in the Jersey lottery.

"I never," he said, "won anything like this before."

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