

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE J. WOOD PLATT TROPHY

Old York Road Country Club

Tuesday - Thursday & Sunday
June 18-20 & 23, 1991

128 entered

127 played

Winner: David K. Brookreson, Huntingdon Valley
Runner-Up: Rob Savarese, Phila. Cricket
Medalist: Robin McCool, Saucon Valley
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JUNIOR BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP

Overbrook Golf Club

Monday - Wednesday
June 24 - 26, 1991

40 entered

38 played

Championship Flight:

Winner: Brad McFadden, Overbrook 1 up
Runner-Up: Chris Hoyle, Llanerch

1st Flight:

Winner: Robert Cox, Manufacturers 19 Holes
Runner-Up: David Jacobson, Spring-Ford

2nd Flight:

Winner: Jesse Brookreson, Huntingdon Valley 2 & 1
Runner-Up: John Broome, Huntingdon Valley

3rd Flight:

Winner: Chris Moyer, West Chester 7 & 6
Runner-Up: Patrick Gaffney, Huntingdon Valley

MEDALISTS: 16 - 17 years: Patrick Moran, Overbrook 74
14 - 15 years: Craig Cochran, Merion 84
Mike Minter, Trenton 84

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McCool No. 1 in qualifying

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Playing through constant rain — heavy at times — Robin McCool of Saucon Valley Country Club shot a 2-over-par 73 to win the medal prize in yesterday's qualifying round of the 95th annual Philadelphia Amateur Golf Championship at the Old York Road Country Club.

Though characterizing his round as "boring," McCool putted from six feet for birdie 3 on the eighth green and from 30 feet for birdie 3 on the 10th — one of several greens not under water. He was one of 31 players with scores between 73 and 80 qualifying for the match-play rounds, two of which are scheduled for today and two more for Thursday, with a 36-hole final set for Sunday.

Because of the watery conditions, the qualifying, usually 36 holes, was reduced to 18.

Eight players who tied at 80 retook the course to play off for the last five places in the draw. The last spot was decided on the third extra hole. It went to Berkleigh's Adam Leiper, who birdied the hole. Leiper was scheduled to meet Carter today at 8 a.m.

Ten players, headed by McCool, also qualified for the Philadelphia Open Championship, to be held July 17 at Cedarbrook Country Club.

The results

Philadelphia Amateur qualifiers	
Robin McCool, Saucon Val.	36-37-73
Gordon Brewer Jr., Huntingdon Val.	37-37-74
Frank Babusik, Willow Brook	37-37-74
Andy Thompson, Overbrook	38-36-74
Mike Brown, Old York Rd.	36-39-75
Jay Howson, St. Davids	38-37-75
Jon Lavin, Philmont	37-38-75
Rob Savarese, Phila. Cricket	38-37-75
Rec Irey, Cedarbrook	39-36-75
Todd Anderson, Wilmington	38-37-75
Stephen Loughran, Pine Val.	38-38-76
Charles Dowds, North Hills	38-38-76
Chris Lange, Overbrook	39-38-77
James Arsenaull, Links	37-40-77
Bryan Marvin, Old York Rd.	42-35-77
x-George Marucci Jr., Pine Val.	38-39-77
x-Ben Goldman, Philmont	37-40-77
Brian Rothaus, Ashbourn	41-37-78
Mike Nilon, Phila. Country	39-39-78
Dave Brookreson, Huntingdon Val.	44-34-78
Jim Kania, Overbrook	39-39-78
Bob Beck, Lehigh	41-37-78
x-Mike Rose, Philmont	41-37-78
Ed Anton, Woodbury	38-41-79
David Staebler, Rolling Green	40-39-79
Bill McGuinness, Tavistock	40-39-79
Bob High, Center Square	39-40-79
Tom Hyland, Little Mill	40-39-79
Mark Shuman, Phila. Country	40-39-79
Drew Yard, Whitford	38-41-79
John Robinson, Westover	41-39-80
Mike Gregor, Huntingdon Val.	42-38-80
Neil McDermott, Llanerch	39-41-80
Joe Rafferty, Llanerch	41-39-80
Adam Leiper, Berkleigh	39-41-80
y-Tom DiCinti, Little Mill	38-42-80
y-James Jones, Melrose	40-40-80
y-Chris Terebesi, Chester Val.	41-39-80

x-withdrew
 y-eliminated in playoff
 Note: Tom Carter of Sandy Run qualified automatically as defending champion.

Philadelphia Open qualifiers
 McCool, 73; Babusik and Thompson, 74; Anderson, Lavin, Savarese and Irey, 75; Dowds, 76; Lange, Goldman, Marvin, 77.

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