



## STATE MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

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Kouwe, Robert - Tampa	70-70 = 140
Ridley, Fred - Tampa	67-74 = 141
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Hughes, Robert - Ft. Myers	75-74 = 149
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Davis, Tom - St. Augustine Beach	78-72 = 150
Hendershaw, Dave - Lauderhill	75-76 = 151
Shubert, Jack - Altamonte Springs	78-74 = 152
Stephenson, Don - Sarasota	73-79 = 152
Roney, Dwaine - Ft. Myers	75-77 = 152
Robinson, Sam - Orlando	74-78 = 152
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Patton, Pipp - Temple Terrace	75-78 = 153
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Hayes, Tom - Pensacola	79-76 = 155
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Wood, Herman - Ormond Beach	79-77 = 156
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Womble, Mike - Naples	79-77 = 156
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Wheeler, Bill - Palm Beach Gardens	80-76 = 156
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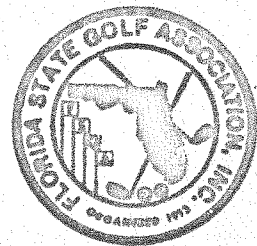
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## MID-AM RESULTS

Pine Tree G.C.

### MATCH PLAY First Round

Bob Kouwe d. Gary Onorati 2-and-1;  
Dennis Peterson d. Jack Shubert, 1-up;  
Tom Case d. Tom Davis 3-and-2;  
Bob Hughes d. Don Stephenson, 19th;  
David Snyder d. Fred Ridley 4-and-2;  
Tom Knapp d. Dwaine Roney 3-and-2;  
John Grab d. Dave Hendershaw 2-and-1;  
Terry Collins d. Sam Robinson, 1 up.

### SECOND ROUND

Kouwe d. Petersen 6-and-5; Hughes d. Case 2-and-1; Snyder d. Knapp 3-and-2; Collins d. Grab 3-and-2.

### SEMIFINALS

Kouwe d. Hughes 5-and-4; Snyder d. Collins, 1-up 19th hole.

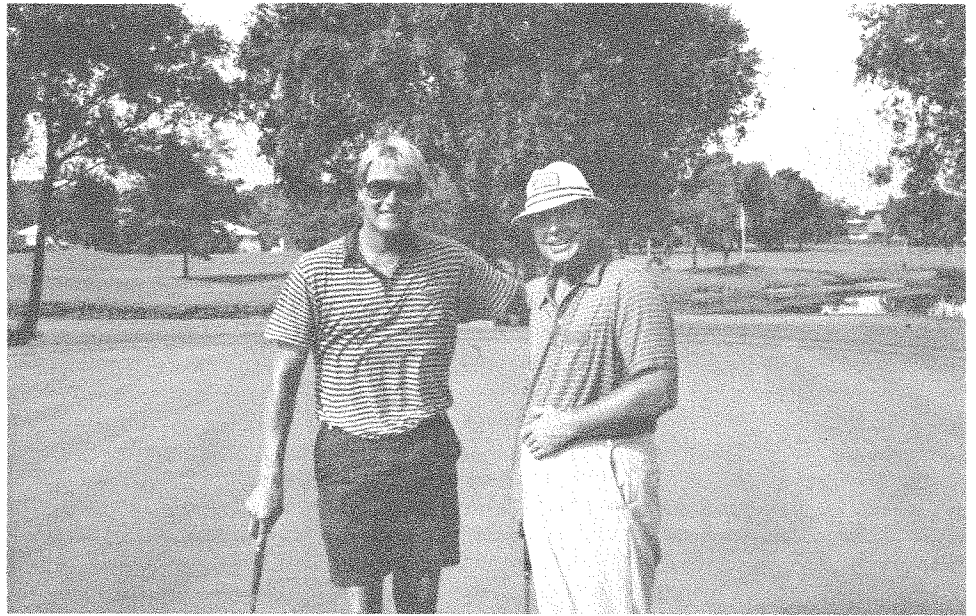
### FINAL

Kouwe d. Snyder 2-and-1.

### MEDAL PLAY

140 - Robert Kouwe, Tampa; 141 - Fred Ridley, Tampa; 147 - Tom Case, Ft. Myers; 148 - John Grab, Sarasota; 149 - Terry Collins, Homosassa, Dennis Petersen, Apopka, Tom Knapp, Jupiter, Robert Hughes, Ft. Myers; 150 - Gary Onorati, Ft. Lauderdale, David Snyder, Winter Have, Tom Davis, St. Augustine Beach; 151 - Dave Hendershaw, Lauderdale; 152 - Jack Shubert, Altamonte Springs, Don Stephenson, Sarasota, Dwaine Roney, Ft. Myers, Sam Robinson, Orlando, Kerry Schwencke, Boca Raton, Mark Norman, Oldsmar; 153 - Gordon Langseth, Pensacola, Steve Carman, Orange Park, Steve Smyers, Mulberry, Pipp Patton, Temple Terrace, Tom Woodrum, Sarasota; 154 - Bill Golson, Belleair, John Sudelis, Tequesta, Randy Jones, Lakeland; 155 - David Deacon, Delray Beach, Matt Panos, Ft. Myers, Jack Veghte, Clearwater, Tom Hayes, Pensacola, Bob Wallace, Pensacola; 156 - Langdon Owen, Delray, Tim Cox, N. Palm Beach, Bill Cunningham, Sarasota, Herman Wood, Ormond Beach, Gary Russell, Boca Raton, Mike Womble, Naples, Ron LeClair, Oviedo, Bill Wheeler, Palm Beach Garden, Ron Clayton, Sarasota, John Peck, St. Petersburg; 157 - Steve Doss, St. Petersburg, Thomas Mohlman, Lantana, VanVoorhis, Gainesville, David Taylor, Sarasota, John Johns, South Daytona, Mark, Rubin, Miami Beach, Sid Saloman, III, Palm City, Cary Rivers, Orlando;

## KOUWE WINS MID-AMATEUR



Bob Kouwe (left) and Bob Hughes

Tampa's Bob Kouwe, capitalizing on a putting lesson from touring pro Gary Koch, marched through the State Mid-Amateur Championship like Sherman marched through Atlanta.

Nobody had a chance as Kouwe unloaded his big guns on the stellar field of 25-over golfers.

Through two qualifying rounds and four matches at Pine Tree Golf Club in Boynton Beach, Kouwe was 14-under-par. In the final against David Snyder of Winter Haven, Kouwe was 4-under-par through 17 holes as he scored a 2-and-1 victory.

"It just happened to be one of those weeks," said Kouwe. "I went into the tournament extremely well prepared. I had been working with Gary Koch and Dick Moore, a fellow member, on my putting. That's always been my big weakness."

Not at Pine Tree, though.

"I was making everything under 10 feet," he said, "I felt very confident from the day I arrived. Of course, the greens helped. Without a question, they are the best I've ever played in the South."

Kouwe led the 36-qualifying with identical rounds of 70. His 140 total was one better than former U.S. Amateur champion Fred Ridley of Tampa.

Ridley fell 4-and-2 to Snyder in the first round of match play, as 16 of the state's finest players squared off. Kouwe defeated Gary Onorati of Fort Lauderdale by a 2-and-1 margin.

"I was even par in that first match,"

said Kouwe. "That was the worst I played all week. In the second match (against Dennis Petersen of Apopka) I was 5-under through 11. I think Dennis was 2-over and found himself 7-down. That kind of takes the wind out of your game."

Kouwe won that one 6-and-5, then coasted past Bob Hughes of Fort Myers 5-and-4 in the semifinals.

"I felt like I was in control throughout the tournament," said Kouwe. "The final was an extremely difficult match because David is such a strong player... I mean physically strong, with good touch around the greens."

The 35-year-old Kouwe, speaking after 2-and-1 victory in the final, said, "I've never played better golf. I'm very happy with my game."

Kouwe followed his Mid-Amateur victory with a triumph in the Club Team Championship, as he and his teammates from Avila Country Club scored a 27-stroke runaway triumph.

"I am very enthusiastic about the FSGA and the tournaments that are being held," he said. "They are really first class. It's really a pleasure to travel around the state and play in these events."

Pine Tree is an exclusive club that in the past has hosted few outside tournaments. The course was designed by Dick Wilson.

Now it has been humbled, at least to some degree, by Bob Kouwe.

"I just played so well," he said. "This is the best week of golf I've ever had."



# Kouwe leads 16 into Mid-Amateur match play

By VINCE SMITH  
News-Press Golf Writer

Defending champion Bob Kouwe of Tampa led a select group of 16 players — three of them from Southwest Florida — into the two-day match-play segment of the Florida Mid-Amateur Championship at Fiddlesticks Country Club Friday.

A former Syracuse University basketball player, the 6-foot-5 Kouwe posted a 3-under-par 69 in the second round of medal play. With his opening 73 Thursday, he combined for a 2-under 142 and was the tournament's medalist for the second straight year.

Jack Veghte of Clearwater, three times the state's amateur titleholder, tacked a second-round 70 onto his first-day 73 for a 143.

Opening-round leader Pipp Patton of Temple Terrace added a 75 to his first-day 69 and his even-par 144 gave him the third spot in the 36 holes of medal play.

Tom Case Jr. of Fort Myers came in with a 70 on top of his first-round 75 and at 145, he was alone in fourth. Tom Knapp, the state's No. 1-ranked amateur from Tequesta, was fifth at 74-72-146.

Jack Stephenson of Fiddlesticks and Mike Womble of Naples were the other area players to make the cut to 16 match-play contestants.

Stephenson carded 77-74—151 and Womble tallied 78-76—154.

The tournament format calls for two rounds to be contested today. The semifinals will be played Sunday morning and the finals are scheduled Sunday afternoon.

Case will face Tom Milich of Lighthouse Point, Stephenson is pitted against Hal Slayton of Sarasota and Womble tackles Knapp in this morning's third-round matchups.

Dwaine Roney of Fort Myers just missed qualifying for the final 16 with a 36-hole 74-82—156. Four competitors tied at 155 played off for three spots to set the match-play field.

Kouwe, who also was medalist in last year's Mid-Amateur at Pine Tree in Boynton Beach, launched his bid to repeat with a birdie at the sixth hole and a 10-foot putt for eagle at No. 9.

A 25-foot birdie at the 16th gave Kouwe the outright lead for the first time and he held on with pars at 17 and 18.

"I was just thrilled to death," he said. "I'm especially pleased because I didn't think I was going to be able to play at all."

Kouwe is hampered by a cracked rib, which, he says, is becoming more painful as the tourney wears on.

"Playing 36 holes Saturday is going to be tough," he said. "The rib is real, real tender."

Veghte was delighted with his play over the back nine.

"I hit some good iron shots and I hit a lot of greens," he said. "I birdied from three feet at 14, six inches at 16 and six inches at 17."

Patton had no excuses. Aside from his bogey at nine and a double bogey at the 18th, everything else was par. "But I was frustrated that I didn't make any putts," he said.

Case had the makings of a great round going after birdies at Nos. 2 and 6. But at the par-5 ninth he tried to reach the green in two and hit

his 3-iron fat and found the water.

He double-bogeyed the hole to turn at even par.

But the six-time Southwest Florida Amateur champion birdied 10, 13 and 14 then sustained a bogey at the 16th for his back-nine 34.

"I putted the ball real well today," Case said. "And I was hitting my irons good and I was driving well. I just wish I hadn't hit behind the ball on that 3-iron at the ninth."

Knapp, winner of the Florida Amateur the last two years, was disgusted with his even-par round.

"There were a lot of distractions (a helicopter flew low over the course for nearly an hour) but I just played awful," he said. "The speed of play wasn't consistent both days and I should've shot 68 today, there's no doubt in my mind about that."

Stephenson credited good putting for his entry into the match-play portion of the championship. "I just putted a little better today," he said. "Thursday I played the last three holes 4-over and today I was only 1-over on the same three holes."

Womble was surprised he made the cut to 16. "I thought I'd have to shoot par to make it," he said. "I just got lucky."

Rich Hartwig of Fort Myers and Ed Ziegler of Cape Coral both finished at 160. Bob Hughes of Cypress Lake no-carded his final round.

Ninety-six amateurs 25 and over started the tournament. Today's match-play competition starts at 8 a.m. when Kouwe takes on Mike Estridge of Lakeland.



# Kouwe outlasts Snyder for Mid-Am crown

By CRAIG DOLCH

BOYNTON BEACH

David Snyder walked off the 16th green of Pine Tree GC shaking his head and muttering to himself. Even though this was another sport, Snyder was lamenting the fisherman's nightmare — the big one that got away.

That helped enable Tampa's Bob Kouwe to hook the top prize in the FSGA State Mid-Amateur Championship played at Pine Tree July 14-17, as Kouwe scored a 2-and-1 win over Snyder in the finals.

**IN THE FINAL** match, both players made their way to the par-5 16th hole that covers 601 yards with Kouwe one hole up. His advantage seemed in jeopardy, however, when Snyder, a hulking 6-4, 210-pounder, exploded on a succession of shots to reach the back edge of the green. Meanwhile, Kouwe found himself 80 yards from the smooth surface after two swings. A deadlocked match seemed to be destined.

Kouwe didn't see it that way. He drilled a sand wedge within tap-in distance and then watched Snyder three-putt for a par. Instead of gaining ground, Snyder lost it. And when both players parred the 17th, Kouwe was pounding his fist in the air with his "biggest triumph in the past six years."

"I knew it was going to be a tough match," said Kouwe, "But this guy was unbelievable. He's the longest-hitting human being I've ever seen. Luckily, I was at the top of my game."

**INDEED, KOUWE'S** performance was about as smoking as the mercury in the torrid South Florida sun. The 35-year-old Kouwe was 4-under par in the final match, leaving him with an aggregate score of 14-under par for six times around the 6587-yard layout.

"I can't play any better than that," said Kouwe, who was the medalist in the 36-hole

qualifying session. "I hit the ball really well all week and I putted great. You can't ask for more than that."

Snyder was asking some questions of his own — like why did he bogey the 11th and 13th holes to see a one-hole lead flip-flopped.

"The 16th hole obviously hurt," said Snyder, a 27-year-old Winter Haven resident, "but I felt like I gave it away with those bogeys (at 11 and 13) on the back side. There was no excuse for them. I just missed the shots."

**STILL, SNYDER** had to be thrilled with his week's play. You might not know it, but this is a man who has undergone six major cancer operations, a man who doctors say would never play golf again. Well, Snyder was able to survive the surgeons' blades, but not Kouwe's deft touch.

Snyder rolled in a 35-foot birdie on No. 2 to take a lead that would stand up for nine more holes. That's when Snyder found the sand trap and made bogey at 11, tying the match. Two holes later, Kouwe took the lead for good when Snyder once again hit the beach. Kouwe then extended his lead with a five-foot birdie at No. 14.

"I felt that's where I won the match," said Kouwe. "I had a tough, downhill lie in the fairway and I was still able to throw a wedge up close. But then he came back and birdied the next hole. Like I said, it was just a real dogfight."

Kouwe shot 70-70 to place first in the qualifying stage. He then made his way to the finals by defeating Gary Onarati, 2 and 1; Dennis Peterson, 5 and 3, and Bob Hughes, 6 and 5.

Snyder, who finished tied for ninth in qualifying, came alive when the match-play portion of the tournament began. He defeated for U.S. Amateur champion Fred Ridley, 4 and 2; current FSGA State Amateur champ Tom Knapp, 3 and 2, and Terry Collins on the 20th hole.

"I beat Tom (Knapp) and he shot 2 under," said Snyder. "Now I know how he feels."

One player not around for the match-play competition was defending champ Steve Carman of Orange Park, who shot 73-80—153 and missed qualifying by one shot.

#### Qualified for Match Play

Bob Kouwe, Tampa, 70-70—140; Fred Ridley, Tampa, 67-74—141; Tom Case, Fort Myers, 74-73—147; John Grab, Sarasota, 73-75—148; Terry Collins, Homosassa, 76-73—149; Dennis Peterson, Apopka, 77-72—149; Tom Knapp, Jupiter, 73-76—149; Bob Hughes, Fort Myers, 75-74—149; Gary Onarati, Fort Lauderdale, 76-74—150; David Snyder, Winter Haven, 72-78—150; Tom Davis, St. Augustine, 78-72—150; Dave Hendershaw, Lauderhill, 75-76—151; Jack Shubert, Altamonte Springs, 78-74—152; Don Stephenson, Sarasota, 73-79—152; Dwaine Roney, Fort Myers, 75-77—152; Sam Robinson, Orlando, 74-78—152

#### Failed to Qualify

Mark Norman, Tampa, 77-75—152; Kerry Schwenke, Boca Raton, 79-73—152; Gordon Langseth, Pensacola, 72-81—152; Steve Carman, Orange Park, 73-80—153; Steve Smyer, Lakeland, 74-79—153; Pipp Patton, Tampa, 75-78—153; Tom Woodrum, Sarasota, 76-77—153

#### First Round

Kouwe def. Onarati, 2 and 1; Peterson def. Shubert, 1-up; Case def. Davis, 3 and 2; Hughes def. Stephenson, 19 holes; Snyder def. Ridley, 4 and 2; Knapp def. Roney, 3 and 2; Grab def. Hendershaw, 2 and 1; Collins def. Robinson, 1-up

#### Second Round

Kouwe def. Robinson, 5 and 3; Hughes def. Case, 2 and 1; Snyder def. Knapp, 3 and 2; Collins def. Grab, 3 and 2

#### Semifinals

Kouwe def. Hughes, 6 and 5; Snyder def. Collins, 20 holes

#### Finals

Kouwe def. Snyder, 2 and 1