



2nd ANNUAL
FSGA STATE MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP
MAY 13-16, 1993
WENTWORTH C.C., TARPON SPRINGS



LECLAIR WINS STATE MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Gentle breezes and mild temperatures continued as Ron LeClair of Fern Park claimed the second annual State Match Play Championship. The Florida State Golf Association event hosted by Wentworth Golf Club in Tarpon Springs hosted 120 of the state's top amateurs.

The former Canadian PGA Tour player, LeClair, continued his brilliant play as he outlasted Jack Zeuthen of Winter Haven, 2 and 1. Although LeClair never trailed, he never lead by more than one until the 17th hole. "I hit the ball well for the first six holes and then just kept it in play," explained the 56 year-old LeClair.

The Fern Park resident, has missed competitive golf for seven of the last 20 years to regain his amateur status on two different occasions. In 1993, LeClair looks to play a full amateur schedule including next week's FSGA State Senior Championship. "I never had the nerves for the game until now. Before I used to be afraid to miss. Now I just get mad."

Tim Iley of Palm Beach Gardens managed to find his old form and capture the first flight with a 3 and 2 victory. Iley admittedly played poorly last summer but, has rededicated himself to his game. Iley's consistent play proved too much for Ron Hyde of Plantation. "Today, I just made no mistakes. This was the best I've played in a long time."

The second flight was won by Mark Pachan of Tampa with a 3 and 2 victory over Jim Beattie of Longboat Key. Local favorite and member of Wentworth Golf Club, Jim Trimble of Palm Harbor defeated Tom Handy of Sarasota after 19 holes in the third flight final.

Next week, May 21-23, the Florida State Golf Association will conduct the State Senior Championship at Grenelefe Resort in Grenelefe. Nearly 200 of the state's top senior amateurs are scheduled to compete in the 54-hole event. For more information on the State Senior Championship or other FSGA events please call Peter Ripa or Jeff Roope at 813/921-5695.



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FIFTY-SOMETHING VERSUS TWENTY-SOMETHING IN MATCH PLAY FINAL

The 56 year-old, Ron LeClair of Fern Park and 28 year-old, Jack Zeuthen of Winter Haven advanced to tomorrow's final in the Florida State Golf Association event. Both beat pre-tournament favorites in their morning matches and continued the momentum with afternoon victories.

LeClair had not played competitively in three years in an effort to regain his amateur status. It has not taken long to work out the rustiness, as the former Maine Open champion edged Mike Freeman of Riverview 1-up in their morning match.

The Fern Park resident continued his consistent play in the afternoon as he coasted to a 4 and 3 victory over David Hackstadt of Tampa. "Everyone was playing so bad, I was just playing for pars. 36-holes took a lot out of me," said LeClair. "On this course I am able to hit 3-wood and keep up with the long-hitters' 1-irons. I am surprised to be in the final."

The twenty-something half of the final, Zeuthen, outlasted the 1992 State Match Play runner-up, Gary Stickl of Lakeland, 1-up in their morning match. The match stayed close for 17 holes when Stickl's errant tee shot failed to carry the hazard on 18. Stickl was forced to punch-out of the hazard and settle for a five. Meanwhile, Zeuthen made a difficult up-and-down for par to close out the match.

Zeuthen's next opponent was David Peet of Gainesville. It took a birdie on the par 5 17th to close-out the match 3 and 1. "I was really hitting the ball well today. Putts weren't dropping but, I knew it (his putting) would come around. We had five birdies on the back side between us," explained Zeuthen.

In the first flight of the championship, Ron Hyde of Plantation and Tim Iley of Palm Beach Gardens advanced to Sunday's final. The second flight saw Ronald Beattie, Longboat Key and Mark Pachan, Tampa make the final. Finally, Tom Handy of Sarasota will face Wentworth member, James Trimble of Palm Harbor in the third flight final.

Final matches will begin tomorrow at 8 a.m. The championship match is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Spectators are welcomed and admission is free.

TARPON SPRINGS, Fla. -- Quarterfinal and semifinal matches from the State Match Play Championship conducted by the Florida State Golf Association at the par 35-35-70 Wentworth Golf Club. Yardage: championship, 6,429; first-third flights, 6,250.

QUARTERFINAL MATCHES

CHAMPIONSHIP

Upper Bracket

Ron LeClair, Fern Park, d. Mike Freeman, Riverview, 1 up; David Hackstadt, Tampa, d. Doug LaCrosse, Orlando, 19 holes.

Lower Bracket

Jack Zeuthen, Winter Haven, d. Gary Stickl, Lakeland, 1 up; David Peet, Gainesville, d. Scott Sabadosh, Palm Harbor, 3 and 2.

FIRST FLIGHT

Art Green, Orlando, d. Dave Frantz, Bradenton, 3 and 1; Ron Hyde, Plantation, d. Jaime Dornbusch, Miami, 5 and 4; Tom Percival, Dunedin, d. Joe McCandrew, Tampa, 5 and 4; Tim Iley, Palm Beach Gardens, d. George Erickson, Clearwater, 3 and 1.

SECOND FLIGHT

Ronald Beattie, Longboat Key, d. Jimmy Murphy, Miami, 6 and 5; Jim Dye, Tallahassee, d. Fred Stones, Orlando, 19 holes; J.J. Pletcher, Ocala, d. Lou DeMarco, Sarasota, 6 and 5; Mark Pachan, Tampa, d. Bob Shanahan, Sarasota, 1 up.

THIRD FLIGHT

Tom Handy, Sarasota, d. Tom Boyd, Lutz, 6 and 4; Alex McConnell, DeBary, d. Paul Partyka, Winter Springs, 4 and 3; James Trimble, Palm Harbor, d. Jay Parsons, Tarpon Springs, 4 and 3; Paul Steward, Hudson, d. Stephen Loges, Largo, 3 and 1.

SEMIFINAL MATCHES

CHAMPIONSHIP

Upper Bracket

Ron LeClair, Fern Park, d. David Hackstadt, Tampa, 4 and 3.

Lower Bracket

Jack Zeuthen, Winter Haven, d. David Peet, Gainesville, 3 and 1.

FIRST FLIGHT

Ron Hyde, Plantation, d. Art Green, Orlando, 5 and 4; Tim Iley, Palm Beach Gardens, d. Tom Percival, Dunedin, 5 and 4.

SECOND FLIGHT

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LACROSSE, FREEMAN, AND STICKL MAKE FINAL EIGHT IN MATCH PLAY

Near perfect conditions continued for the second round of the State Match Play Championship. Sub-par golf in some matches was not enough earn a victory at the Florida State Golf Association event.

Just ask 1992 State Amateur champion, Doug LaCrosse of Orlando who narrowly escaped with a 1-up victory in his morning match with W.K. Himelsbaugh of Clearwater. "He just started throwing-in birdies on the back side. I had to birdie 17 and 18 to win." Quite a task, as the 430 yard par 4 18th happens to be the second most difficult hole on the course according to the scorecard but, number one according to the players. In his afternoon match, LaCrosse had his hands full again with, Robert Floyd of Miami Beach, son of PGA Tour star Raymond Floyd. LaCrosse once again started out strong going 2-up after three holes, but struggled to break away from young Floyd. On 16, Floyd was finally able to pull the match to even with a birdie. LaCrosse countered with a birdie on 17 to move back to 1-up. Having birdied 18 earlier, LaCrosse comfortable hit his approach to the middle of the green, just 10 feet from the hole. Floyd's four was only good for a halve, giving LaCrosse a 1-up victory.

The defending champion, Rick Cloninger of Orlando who was one-under par for 19 holes fell in his morning match to Mike Freeman of Riverview. "Heck, we had 10 birdies between us (Cloninger had 4)," said the gracious defending champion "it doesn't hurt quite as much, I played really well." The Orlando resident was one up on 18, when his approach shot found the greenside bunker. Freeman made a routine four, as Cloninger failed to get up-and-down to close-out the match. On the 19th hole of the match Freeman drained a 10-foot uphill putt for birdie, which Cloninger could not duplicate.

Freeman's good fortune looked as though it would come to an end in his afternoon match against Brian Houston of Ocala. But the tide would change as Freeman made birdies on 15 and 17 while Houston had back-to-back three-putts on 16 and 17. With the match all square on 18, Houston's bogey on the finishing hole gave Freeman a 1-up victory.

Last year's runner-up in the championship, Gary Stickl of Lakeland, continued his brilliant play as he defeated Bob Pearce of Melbourne 5 and 4. Stickl went 2-up on the sixth hole when an errant second shot by Pearce found the hazard, enabling Stickl's routine par to take the hole. From there on the match belonged to the Lakeland native, as he proceeded to take a 5-hole lead to #10. Stickl's length proved to be too much for Pearce.

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Lower Bracket

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FIRST FLIGHT

Art Green, Orlando, d. Dave Frantz, Bradenton, 3 and 1; Ron Hyde, Plantation, d. Jaime Dornbusch, Miami, 5 and 4; Tom Percival, Dunedin, d. Joe McCandrew, Tampa, 5 and 4; Tim Iley, Palm Beach Gardens, d. George Erickson, Clearwater, 3 and 1.

SECOND FLIGHT

Ronald Beattie, Longboat Key, d. Jimmy Murphy, Miami, 6 and 5; Jim Dye, Tallahassee, d. Fred Stones, Orlando, 19 holes; J.J. Pletcher, Ocala, d. Lou DeMarco, Sarasota, 6 and 5; Mark Pachan, Tampa, d. Bob Shanahan, Sarasota, 1 up.

THIRD FLIGHT

Tom Handy, Sarasota, d. Tom Boyd, Lutz, 6 and 4; Alex McConnell, DeBary, d. Paul Partyka, Winter Springs, 4 and 3; James Trimble, Palm Harbor, d. Jay Parsons, Tarpon Springs, 4 and 3; Paul Steward, Hudson, d. Stephen Loges, Largo, 3 and 1.

SEMIFINAL MATCHES

CHAMPIONSHIP

Upper Bracket

Ron LeClair, Fern Park, d. David Hackstadt, Tampa, 4 and 3.

Lower Bracket

Jack Zeuthen, Winter Haven, d. David Peet, Gainesville, 3 and 1.

FIRST FLIGHT

Ron Hyde, Plantation, d. Art Green, Orlando, 5 and 4; Tim Iley, Palm Beach Gardens, d. Tom Percival, Dunedin, 5 and 4.

SECOND FLIGHT

Ronald Beattie, Longboat Key d. Jim Dye, Tallahassee, 5 and 4; Mark Pachan, Tampa, d. J.J. Pletcher, Ocala, 3 and 1.

THIRD FLIGHT

Tom Handy, Sarasota, d. Alex McConnell, DeBary, 5 and 4; James Trimble, Palm Harbor, d. Paul Steward, Hudson, 2 and 1.

TARPON SPRINGS, Fla. -- Second round results from the State Match Play Championship conducted by the Florida State Golf Association at the par 35-35-70 Wentworth Golf Club. Yardage: championship, 6,429; first-third flights, 6,250.

MORNING MATCHES

CHAMPIONSHIP

Upper Bracket

Mike Freeman, Riverview, def. Rick Cloninger, Orlando, 19 holes; Brian Houston, Ocala, def. Yunsik Cho, Sarasota, 3 and 1; Ron LeClair, Fern Park, def. Kevin Hammer, Boynton Beach, 3 and 2; Brad Lanning, Sarasota, def. Trent Hayes, Boynton Beach, 4 and 3; David Hackstadt, Tampa, def. Will McClave, Jacksonville, 2 and 1; Richard Kerper, Clearwater, def. Jeff Abbott, Naples, 6 and 5; Robert Floyd, Miami Beach, def. Jim Marshall, Tallahassee, 3 and 2; Doug LaCrosse, Orlando def. W.K. Himlesbaugh, Clearwater, 1 up.

Lower Bracket

Gary Stickl, Lakeland, def. Doug Snoop, Altamonte Springs, 2 and 1; Bob Pearce, Melbourne, def. Dean Van Wart, Boynton Beach, 2 up; Jack Zeuthen, Winter Haven, def. Kevin Wagner, New Port Richey, 2 and 1; Paul Melson, Plantation, def. Ernest Muschner, St. Petersburg, 2 up; Scott Sabadosh, Palm Harbor, def. Bob Hinkle, Tallahassee, 5 and 4; Ian Peterson, Orlando, def. C.L. Williamson, Oldsmar, 5 and 4; James Staub, Gainesville, def. William Snyder, Longwood, 2 and 1; David Peet, Gainesville, def. Les Vaughan, Lutz, 3 and 1.

AFTERNOON MATCHES

Upper Bracket

Mike Freeman, Riverview, def. Brian Houston, Ocala, 1 up; Ron LeClair, Fern Park, def. Brad Lanning, Sarasota, 1 up; David Hackstadt, Tampa, def. Richard Kerper, Clearwater, 3 and 2; Doug LaCrosse, Orlando, def. Robert Floyd, Miami Beach, 1 up.

Lower Bracket

Gary Stickl, Lakeland, def. Bob Pearce, 5 and 4; Jack Zeuthen, Winter Haven, def. Paul Melson, Plantation, 1 up; Scott Sabadosh, Palm Harbor, def. Ian Peterson, Orlando, 2 and 1; David Peet, Gainesville, def. James Staub, Gainesville, 4 and 3.

FIRST FLIGHT

Dave Frantz, Bradenton, def. Jim Davis, Coral Springs, 5 and 4; Art Green, Orlando, def. Eric Greene, Tampa, 19 holes; Ron Hyde, Plantation, def. Rick Boutin, Tallahassee, 5 and 4; Jaime Dornbusch, Miami, def. Jim Harrison, Orlando, 2 and 1; Joe McCandrew, Tampa, def. Patrick Rooney, West Palm Beach, 2 up; Tom Percival, Dunedin, def. Bill Riddle, Jacksonville, 5 and 4; Tim Iley, Palm Beach Gardens, def. Dana Poirer, Kissimmee, 6 and 5; George Erickson, Clearwater, def. Bob England, Pensacola, 4 and 3.

SECOND FLIGHT

Fred Stones, Orlando, def. Bern Madyda, Stuart, 8 and 7; Jim Dye, Tallahassee, def. Michael Talbot, Clearwater, 3 and 2; Lou DeMarco, Sarasota, def. Paul Barnes, Oldsmar, 5 and 3; Bob Shanahan, Sarasota, def. Len deBoer, Winter Haven, 5 and 3; Mark Pachan, Tampa, def. John Rafferty, Juno Beach, 2 and 1; Ronald Beattie, Longboat Key, bye; J.J. Pletcher, Ocala, bye; Jimmy Murphy, Miami, bye.

THIRD FLIGHT

Paul Partyka, Winter Springs, def. Thomas Barnes, Palm Harbor, 3 and 2; Alex McConnell, DeBary, def. Roger Dorio, Port St. Lucie, 19 holes; James Trimble, Palm Harbor, def. Frank Yurchak, Lakeland, 4 and 3; Stephen Loges, Largo, def. Greg Kehoe, St. Petersburg, 3 and 2; Paul Steward, Hudson, def. Bill Hagen, Tallahassee, 3 and 2; Tom Boyd, Lutz, bye; Tom Handy, Sarasota, bye; Jay Parsons, Tarpon Springs, bye.

State Match Play Championship
Wentworth Golf Club, Tarpon Springs, Fla.
May 13, 1993

TARPON SPRINGS, Fla. -- Opening round from State Match Play Championship conducted by the Florida State Golf Association at the par 35-35-70 Wentworth Golf Club. Yardage: championship, 6,429; first-third flights, 6,250.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Upper Bracket

Rick Cloninger, Orlando, def. Mick McCracken, Sebring, 4 and 2; Mike Freeman, Riverview, def. Ken Goff, Sarasota, 4 and 3; Yunsik Cho, Sarasota, def. Brent Johnson, New Port Richey, 1 up; Brian Houston, Ocala, def. Chris Clark, default; Ron LeClair, Fern Park, def. Jim Anderson, Pompano Beach, 4 and 2; Kevin Hammer, Boynton Beach, def. David Fertel, Delray Beach, 4 and 3; Brad Lanning, Sarasota, def. Bradley Ball, Wellington, 4 and 3; Trent Hayes, Boynton Beach, def. Louis Estremera Jr., Temple Terrace, 2 up; Will McClave, Jacksonville, def. Jim Ahern, Tarpon Springs, 2 and 1; David Hackstadt, Tampa, def. Eddie Freedland, Sebring, 7 and 5; Richard Kerper, Clearwater, def. Derry Caye, Cocoa Beach, 2 up; Jeff Abbott, Naples, def. Jeff Powers, Pompano Beach, 19 holes; Jim Marshall, Tallahassee, def. Marshall Ames, Clearwater, 4 and 3; Robert Floyd, Miami Beach, def. Glenn Kerres, Melbourne, 1 up; Doug LaCrosse, Orlando def. Jimmy Buell, Wellington, 20 holes; W.K. Himlesbaugh, Clearwater, def. Ben Duncan, Quincy, 2 and 1;

Lower Bracket

Gary Stickl, Lakeland, def. Bill Wegleitner, Naples, 4 and 3; Doug Snoop, Altamonte Springs, def. Stuart Sierra, Tampa, 5 and 4; Dean Van Wart, Boynton Beach, def. Nathan Oberle, Orlando, 4 and 3; Bob Pearce, Melbourne def. Jake Doty, Clermont, default; Jack Zeuthen, Winter Haven, def. Kurt Murphy, Pembroke Pines, 3 and 2; Kevin Wagner, New Port Richey, def. David Pinkston, Casselberry, 1 up; Ernest Muschner, St. Petersburg, def. George Yocum, Wellington, 19 holes; Paul Melson, Plantation, def. Mark Petzold, Gainesville, 1 up; James Staub, Gainesville, def. Jeffrey Miner, Gainesville, 3 and 2; William Snyder, Longwood, def. Gareth Henning, Orlando, 2 up; Les Vaughan, Lutz, def. Frank O'Hara, Altamonte Springs, 2 and 1; David Peet, Gainesville, def. Walter Taylor, Altamonte Springs, 7 and 6; Bob Hinkle, Tallahassee, def. Bill Moulton, Orlando, 1 up; Scott Sabadosh, Palm Harbor, def. Chris Souchak, Largo, 3 and 2; C.L. Williamson, Oldsmar, def. Joshua Perrotta, Tampa, 2 and 1; Ian Peterson, Orlando def. Mike Tarr, Tequesta, 5 and 4.

FIRST FLIGHT

Dave Frantz, Bradenton, def. Bill Olive, Palm Harbor, 2 up; Jim Davis, Coral Springs, def. Colin Follett, Hudson, 19 holes; Art Green, Orlando, def. Robert Meador, Miami Lakes, 6 and 5; Eric Greene, Tampa, def. Tom Keller, Fedhaven, 19 holes; Rick Boutin, Tallahassee def. Jimmy Dye, Tallahassee, 1 up; Ron Hyde, Plantation, def. Tom Vickers, Port Orange, 1 up; Jaime Dornbusch, Miami, def. Ray Parlade, Daytona Beach, 2 and 1; Jim Harrison, Orlando, def. Mike McNeil, St. Petersburg, 1 up; Patrick Rooney, West Palm Beach, def. Archie Leib, Palm Harbor, 3 and 1; Joe McCandrew, Tampa, def. John Minor, Bradenton, 2 and 1; Bill Riddle, Jacksonville, def. Will Drescher, Stuart, 4 and 3; Tom Percival, Dunedin, def. Ken Peyser, Aventura, 6 and 5; Dana Poirer, Kissimmee, def. Jim Bounds, Boynton Beach, 4 and 2; Tim Iley, Palm Beach Gardens, def. Fred Collins, DeLand, 3 and 2; Bob England, Pensacola, def. Ed Nettles, Lake Mary, 19 holes; George Erickson, Clearwater, def. Michael Platì, Oklaechobee, 5 and 4.