

The 2020 Scout of the Year trophy was created using parts from one of the many golf trophies that Jerry A. Edwards won during his career. A vintage copper "Ideal Scout" topper was added.

Jerry Arthur Edwards

29 Dec 1936 – 3 Mar 1998



[Jerry Arthur Edwards](#), born on December 29, 1936, and passing on March 3, 1998, was a distinguished golfer and real estate professional. A notable figure in golf, Jerry showcased his talent early on by tying for medal honors with a score of 72 at the [Southwestern Recreation golf meet in 1958](#) as a student from Paschal High School. His exceptional performance led Paschal to victory in the schoolboy division, laying the foundation for his future successes on the golf course.

He attended the University of Oklahoma, where he played on the golf team, and later obtained his degree from Texas Wesleyan in Fort Worth where he played golf as well. He served in the Army after high school.

Jerry's golfing prowess was further highlighted through his participation in the PGA tour for eight years in the 1960s, achieving his best finish as runner-up at the [Byron Nelson in 1964](#). He even shared the lead with Jack Nicklaus after two rounds at the [Memphis Open in 1963](#).

Throughout his career, he dominated local Fort Worth tournaments, claiming titles such as the [Fort Worth Golf Association City Champion 1958](#), [Glen Garden Invitational 1958](#), the [Colonial Club Championship 1959](#), and the [Ridglea Country Club Champion 1962](#). His success continued into the 1970s on the International Golf Association (IGA) tour, where he won numerous tournaments, including a notable victory at the [DeCordova Bend Country Club in Granbury, Texas, in 1973](#).

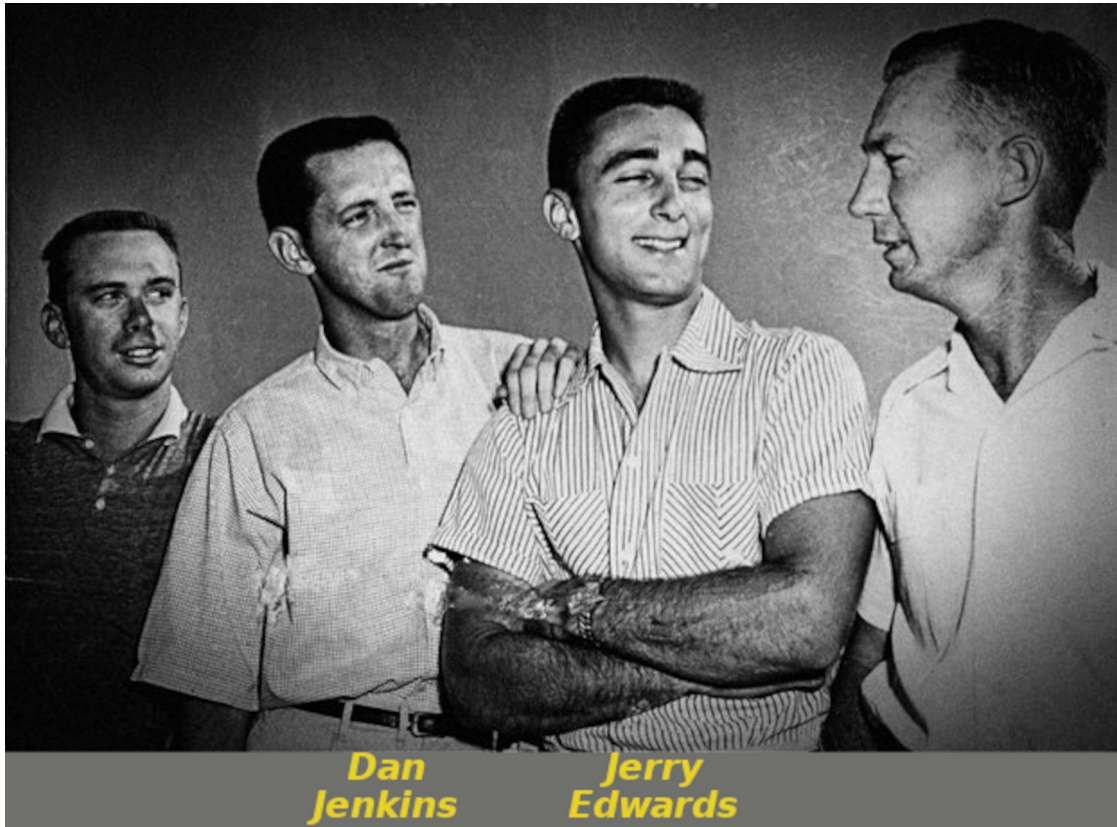
Dan Jenkins, a long time and well noted sports writer, did a piece on Fort Worth golf for Sports Illustrated in the August 1965 issue entitled "[Glory Game at Goat Hills](#)". In the article he mentions Jerry Edwards humorously noting,

Jerry could drive the ball four miles, or roughly the distance to old Paschal High School (now Tech), a Gibraltar of formative education that turned most of us out with degrees in Library Pass Forging, Double Lunch Period Registration, Boiler Room Smoking, Chug-a-Lug, Basketball, and Marriage. Except for a recurring Goat Hills temper, Jerry has a sound game and has been in the money many times on the PGA tour. So far, however, his greatest publicity came when he was rumored to have gone [AWOL from the Army in 1962](#) to play in the U.S. Open.

In a [2015 interview with Dan Jenkins](#) regarding the article, he had further humor regarding Jerry and his brother Kenneth who was also a very talented Fort Worth golfer.

The Edwards brothers, Kenneth and Jerry, worked hard to never pay for a round. Kenneth was known in Glory Game as Foot the Free, which was short for "freeloader." He and his brother Jerry would take turns distracting the pro in the shop so they could steal golf balls from the jar.





**Dan
Jenkins**

**Jerry
Edwards**



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TOP TWO!—Jerry Edwards, left, of Paschal and Don Mann of Highland Park, tied for medal honors with 72s Friday in schoolboy division of Southwestern Recreation golf meet at Meadowbrook.

Southwest Rec. Golf 1955



—Star-Telegram Photo.

CLUB CHAMPION — Jerry Edwards, left, accepts the trophy as Colonial golf champion after he defeated Dee Finley, 7-6, in a 36-hole match. Club President George Hill makes the presentation.

Colonial Club Champion 1959



—Star-Telegram Photo

CHAMP—Jerry Edwards flashes smile after firing 67 Monday to win low pro honors in Ridglea Country Club pro-member golf tournament.

Tourney Won By Edwards

Jerry Edwards, a local pro who is on leave from the Army, fired a four-under-par 67 Monday to win top money of \$500 in the fifth annual Ridglea Country Club pro-member golf tournament.

Ridglea CC Champ 1962



—Star-Telegram Photo.

THE CHAMP—Jerry Edwards holds the Dr. Alden Coffey trophy after winning the city men's golf championship Saturday with a 2-1 victory over Richard (Punk) Patton at River Crest.

Fort Worth City Champ 1958

Colonial Selects Eight More; Five Spots Open

BY JIM TRINKLE

Colonial tapped eight more players for National Invitation tournament beds Saturday, including two who arouse considerable local and state interest.

Jerry Edwards, the handsome young Fort Worth pro who tied for sixth and won \$2,200 in his first start here last year, will be back. So will Ernie Vossler, the Oklahoma City pro who was teed off on Colonial's tee markers.

The other six beckoned for the May 6-10 \$75,000 exposition are Ken Venturi, Dutch Harrison, Jim Ferree, Jim Ferrer, Bill Collins and Raymond Floyd.

Only five openings remain unfilled of the original 70. They are reserved for winners at Houston, San Antonio, Waco Turner Open and a pair of choices selected by a vote of ex-NIT champions.

The field already embraces champions of the world's great golf events—Julius Boros (National Open and National Invitation), Arnold Palmer (Masters), Bob Charles (British Open) and Jack Nicklaus (PGA).

Palmer, by quitting the tour for two weeks prior to the Tournament of Champions, indicated he would have his game at a peak and be physically prepared for his best challenges as Las Vegas and Colonial.

A note of interest is that Palmer played in his first National Invitation 10 years ago—and finished dead last as a rookie with 81-79-80-72—312, which is 32 over par. Then he



ERNIE VOSSLER

JERRY EDWARDS



DUTCH HARRISON

BILL COLLINS

won the 1961 event in a play-off with Johnny Pott.

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JERRE TODD'S new Colonial pressbook is off the press, sleek and informative, reeking with tradition and little journalistic curios that sports writers adore.

You can mark this down right now: Byron Nelson's socking the first ball of No. 1 tee May 7 and Ben Hogan's playing partner will be the

defending champ, Julius Boros, and all current champions from all tournaments will be paired and sent away like ducks go to water—two by twos.

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THE TITLE is wide open in this week's women's state public links tournament at Meadowbrook. Mrs. Helen Nash of Galveston is unable to defend on account of illness.

Contestants will play in a mixed foursome Sunday and qualify Monday.

The last time the Texas Women's Public Links Golf Association staged a tournament here was 1935—and if any of this year's entries played in that one they aren't expected to admit it.

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DALLAS IS sending some of its best pros to Diamond Oaks Monday, where the Fort Worth Golf Association and North Texas PGA are sponsoring a \$1,500 pro-amateur. Among the visitors are Bobby Morris, George Alexander, Lee Trevino, Ross Collins and Gene Shields.

Each pro will have three amateurs ready for a shotgun start at either 8 a. m. or 1 p. m., Pro Doug Higgins said. Since between 40 and 50 pros are expected, he asks all interested amateurs to call him at TE 4-5751 or FWGA President Wendell Condit at MA 4-8491.

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THE ANNUAL North Texas Senior Invitational for players 50 and over will be played at Eastern Hills CC in Garland April 27-29. Entry fee for the 54-hole tournament is \$15. Carts may be reserved by mailing entry fees to Mac McClafferty or Pro George Alexander by April 20.

Youngster's Never-Miss Stuns River Crest Vets

McKinney Forced to Rally for Triumph Over 13-Year-Old

BY GENE GREGSTON.
Star-Telegram Sports Writer.

You take any other 13-year-old golfer in the nation and Bud McKinney of Dallas will take Jerry Edwards, the Fort Worth youngster who rapidly is climbing the links ladder and apparently has success as his goal.

The lad convinced McKinney Thursday during a first-round match in the 25th annual River Crest Country Club Invitation golf tournament.

Edwards almost was too convincing for McKinney's comfort. **Went 20 Holes.**

In a battle that pitted a youth of 13 against the veteran player of 41, the schoolboy was never headed until McKinney finally edged by for a triumph on the 20th hole.

Edwards had twice held 3-up margins, was 1-up coming to the 18th against a strong south wind. But there, McKinney, medalist in this tournament last year and a 22-hole loser to the 1949 champion, Billy Bob Coffey, won with a par four to extend the match into extra holes.

After halving the 19th with par fours, McKinney's par on the 20th closed it out as Jerry hit his second over the green, chipped back and two-putted for a bogey.

"Why, he's the best player in the nation at 13 years of age," exclaimed McKinney. "I don't just mean Fort Worth, Dallas or Texas, I mean the whole country. He hit every drive around 240 or 250 yards. Why, he's going to be terrific if he keeps going."

McKinney explained his victory: "He had me gone until we got around there to 15 or maybe 14. He'd been carrying his own clubs, making his own decisions. But somebody gave him a caddy and he started listening to the caddies. He took their advice on some putts and missed them. He'd been making them, too, with his own decisions. I did the same thing when I was a kid though. Once down at Houston I was beating somebody and people started shoving caddies, golf balls and everything else at me and I lost the match."

Coffey Eliminated.

Had Edwards carried through his advantages to a victory, it would have been the major occurrence on Thursday's opening-day program.

At it evolved, however, there were no surprising reversals in the first round of match play although Carl Vandervoort Jr. assured the tournament of a new champion by eliminating the defending titlist, Billy Bob Coffey, 1-up.

This was a see-saw battle in which both had the lead several times. They halved only five of the 18 holes and Coffey held a 1-up margin through 16. But Carl won 17 with a par three and 18 with a bogey five as Coffey three-putted for a six.

Otherwise the "name" contestants moved into Friday's second round en masse.

The first-round results:



—Star-Telegram Staff Photo.

GREAT GOING, SON!—Bud McKinney, right, congratulates 13-year-old Jerry Edwards on fine performance after youngster almost beat Dallas veteran in first round of River Crest Invitation tournament. McKinney came from behind to win on 20th hole.

Four Favorites Eye Breckenridge Medal

BY PHIL COLLIER.
Star-Telegram Sports Writer.

BRECKENRIDGE, June 23 — Ed Hopkins, Bobby Adair, Buster Reed and Lee Pinkston were regarded as co-favorites for medalist and championship honors here Friday as an estimated 120 amateurs posted qualifying scores in Breckenridge Country Club's annual invitation golf tournament.

Hopkins, the defending champion from University of Texas, was scheduled to qualify late Friday afternoon.

Adair, 1948 champion here, and Breckenridge's finest young shot-maker, hoped Friday to better the five-under-par 69 he posted Thursday while leading his foursome to a tie for first place in West Texas pro-amateur play.

Pinkston is the 18-year-old Abilene youth who holds the state high school championship.

He tied the Abilene Country Club course record, with a nine-under-par 62 early this week and played here Thursday but reported no score.

Breckenridge Country Club's 6,010-yard, par-74 layout has very small greens and Pinkston has an exceptionally good short-iron game. This combination may make the Abilene product a particularly stout title contender.

Reed, 21-year-old North Texas State College player who won the Ranger Invitation three weeks

day morning. The 18-hole finals will be held Sunday afternoon.

To the surprise of host pro J. T. Hammett, Adair's team and another foursome headed by Cliff Calderwood of Brownwood fired 12-under-par 62s Thursday to tie for first place in the pro-amateur.

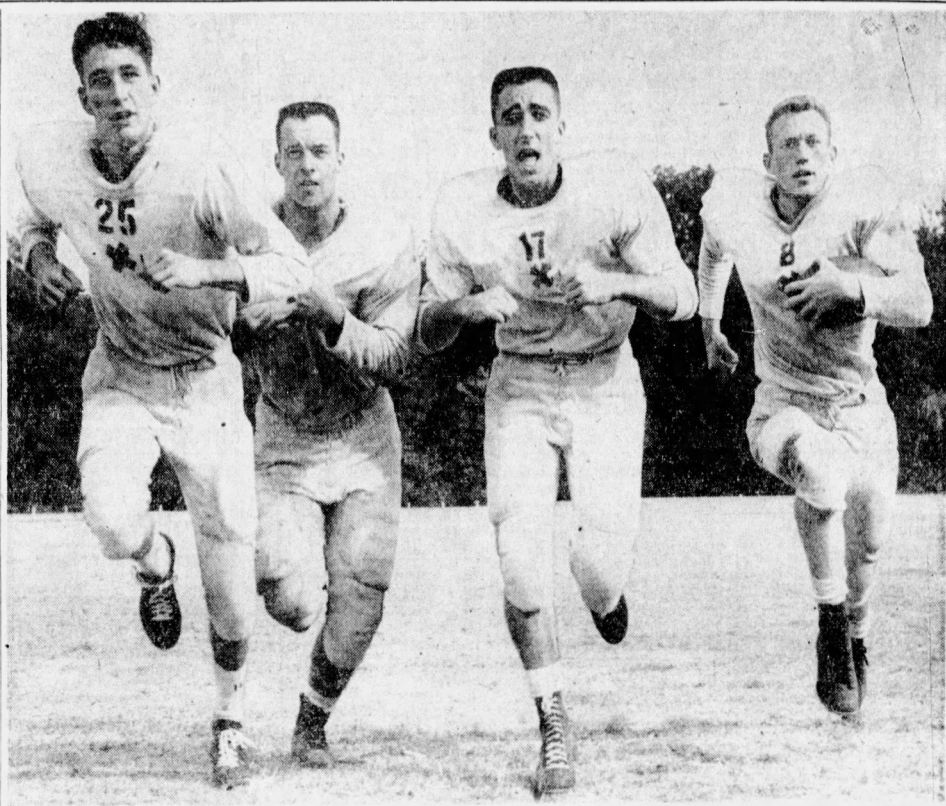
Hammett wasn't surprised over his own score, a six-under-par 68 good for first place among the pros, but he did say that he hadn't expected any of the teams to break 64.

Red Sox Deny McCarthy To Resign as Manager

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 23 (INS).—Boston Red Sox Manager Joe McCarthy was at his Buffalo home for a "complete rest" Friday and the baseball world speculated if history was going to repeat itself.

The 63-year-old manager left his staggering team in Chicago to come home for a rest and a physical checkup. McCarthy reportedly suffered an attack of pleurisy and influenza in Chicago.

13 yo Jerry Edwards almost beat 41 yo veteran @ River Crest Invitational
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PASCHAL POWER — Quarterback Robert Campbell, Halfbacks Carl Moore and Jerry Edwards and Fullback

Doug Crow, left to right, form Paschal's No. 1 backfield. Moore and Edwards are lettermen.

—Star-Telegram Photo.

Jerry Edwards



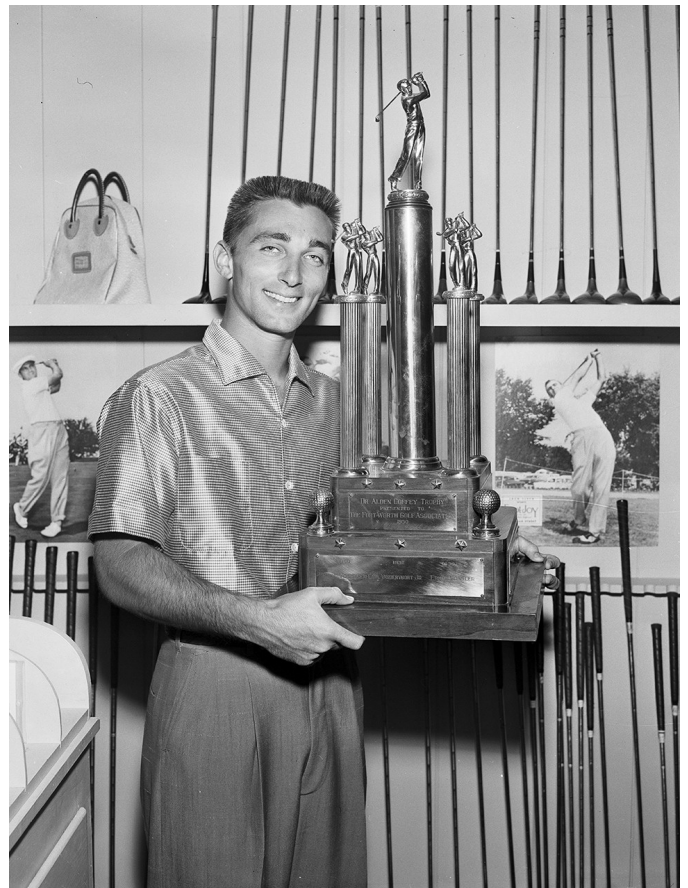
SALUTE NEW FLAG—Cub Scout members of Pack Three, all of whom attend Alice Carlson Elementary School, salute the flag presented to them by J. J. Lang-ever as Mrs. Burke Brewster, pack mother, watches. First row, left to right, Marvin Brown Jr., Albert Wetsel, Bobby Collett, Jerry Edwards and Webb Brewster. Second row, left to right, Bobby Shaw, Frank Moreland and Gene Ingebritson. (Staff Photo.)

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1958 Glen Garden Invitational



1958 City Champion, River Crest



1953 Paschal Golf



*1950 River Crest Invitational. 13 yo Jerry Edwards almost defeats
41 yo veteran Bud McKinney*



1950 City Junior Tournament



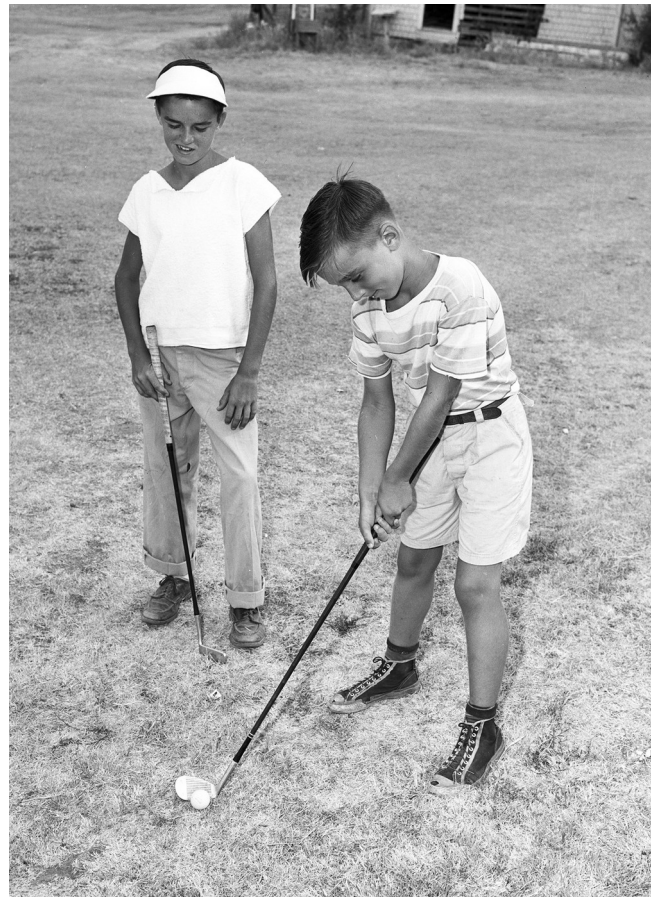
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Figure 1: 1953 Paschal Backfield. Jerry Edwards #17