

1969 District Tournament...

District Golf Meet Clouded By Protest

FINDLAY—The tournament is over but there are still doubts about who the four teams will be that represent the Northwest District in the state high school golf tournament. Final scores as posted on the board Friday at Findlay Country Club showed Sylvania, Galion, Findlay and Lima Senior qualifying for the state, but a protest has muddied the final outcome.

Coaches from several schools filed a protest that Findlay's coach was on the course coaching, a violation of the Ohio High School Athletic Association rules. Tournament officials would not accept the protest, so it was forwarded to the OHSAA offices in Columbus. The protestors claimed the Findlay coach was riding in a golf cart on the course checking the play of his team. Rules for tournament play read that a player is disqualified if he receives any coaching on the course and that spectators must remain one-half hole behind.

In the tournament proper Sylvania was champion with 317-stroke total, followed by Galion, 320; Findlay, 327; Lima Senior, 328; St. Francis, 329; Perkins, 334; Bryan, 353, and Clyde, 353.

In the battle for individual honors the medalist with a 36-37-73 was Tim Gilbert of Bowsher. Second low and also qualifying for the state tournament was Neal Gerhart, Lexington, 38-37-75.

Of the area entries John Decker of Fremont Ross shot a 43-47-90. Scores of the boys on the Clyde team were Randy Keegan, 88; Jeff McMurtrie, 83; Ted Mason, 94, and Cliff Murphy, 88.

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