

NIPPONESE STAR LEADS FIELD IN PUBLIC TOURNEY

Arthur Sato Two Strokes in
Van With His Par 72; Two
Seattleites, Greenway and
Gourlay, Are Close Behind

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A Japanese fish
salesman from San
Francisco, Arthur
Sato, led the sharp-
shooters of Ameri-
ca's public courses
today as the tussle
for medalist and

team honors in the

annual National public links golf
championship moved into its final
18-hole round over the wind swept
Kepler club course.

Sato, 115-pound native of the land
of the rising sun who has been
playing golf for only six years,
moved in front of the procession of
179 with his par 72.

His performance gave him a
two-shot lead in the race for
medalist honors and it kept his
San Francisco teammates four
strokes ahead in the battle for
the Warren G. Harding Trophy,
emblematic of the National pub-
lic links team supremacy.

Two shots behind the little son of
Nippon, at 74, came a trio of public
course idols from three scattered
cities in the East and South—
Charles Albertus, a printer from
Philadelphia; David Mitchell of In-
dianapolis, who tossed away his
chances to take the lead in the first
round by slumping to a 40 on his
backward trip after bagging a par-
smashing 34 on his first nine holes,
and Art Nutting of Louisville, a
dark horse whose golfing prowess
was not considered quite good
enough to win him a place on the
Louisville Harding Cup team.

Greenway, Gourlay High

Trailing that trio by a shot came
Ed Greenway, Seattle, and Barney
Lucas, Los Angeles. Five others had
76s to keep within shooting distance
of the prized medal—Charles Del-
santer, Cleveland; Bob Gourlay, Se-
attle; Mike Surmiak, Philadelphia;
Charles Ferrera, San Francisco, and
Fred Gordon of Santa Monica.

Bob Wingate of Jacksonville,
Fla., the defending titleholder,
found himself in a rather tight
spot. Wingate needed even the
exceptional break of a startling
deuce on the par five eighteenth
hole to wind up with a 78 on his
initial round.

Fortunately for him and Carl
Kauffman, three times winner of the
crown, who required a 79, the heavy
wind sent scores soaring to such
heights that a pair of 78s appeared
to be easily enough to land among
the thirty-two qualifiers for the
match play fight which will feature
the rest of the fight for the title
starting tomorrow and ending Sat-
urday with a thirty-six-hole final.

Fitzgerald Trails at 80

Ed Fittzgerald, Seattle, had an 80
and needed a 76 today to qualify.

A stirring fight was in prospect for
the Harding Trophy. Trailing Sato
and his San Francisco teammates at
the start of the final eighteen-hole
round were St. Paul, four shots
away with a four-man total of 317,
and Louisville and Santa Monica,