

# Expert Fails To Break Par After Round At Prairie Dunes Course

Like the sea-side courses in Scotland and England—particularly Sandwich in South England.

Thus the Carey's new Prairie Dunes golf course, northeast of the city, was compared by Johnny Dawson, Chicago, one of America's outstanding amateur golfers, after he had played a practice round yesterday in preparation for the special match at the formal opening of the links today.

Dawson and Dean Woods, Ardmore, Okla., superintendent of construction at Prairie Dunes will meet Ray Hockaday and Ross Wilson of Hutchinson, in an exhibition four-ball match starting at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Arriving in Hutchinson late yesterday, Dawson was standing at the No. 1 tee at the "Dunes" within a half hour, and blasting a 300 yard drive—not down the middle, but off to a little knoll on the right which afforded the easiest approach to the green.

Dawson found topography of the greens "most interesting", distances "deceptive," and the entire course "a true test of golfing skill."

## Didn't Burn Up Course

Dawson didn't burn up the course on his first round. He three-putted one green, overshot another, and twice had to blast his way out of traps.

However as the stiffness from his wearisome journey worked out of his muscles he showed the small gallery just what makes a good golfer click, topping off the nine-hole round with two pars and a birdie.

The nine hole total was 39, four over par, which speaks well enough for Prairie Dunes.

Claude Chalfant, president of the Hutchinson Chamber of Commerce, was paired with Dawson. Chalfant was neither extraordinary good, or bad. He held a low ball on two holes, but came in with a 45.

Emerson June Carey shot a 39, and his partner, Steve Horrell, shot a 43. The luck of the golf game was with Dawson and Chalfant, however, as they won 2 up, and the victory margin was measured by Chalfant. Dawson and Carey halved the match.

Dawson was particularly impressed by the beauty of the No. 2, 4, 7, and 8 fairways and greens.

## Prairie Dunes Unequaled

He told Perry Maxwell, golf architect, that he had seen nothing like Prairie Dunes in this country. The course, he said, reminded him of the seaside courses in Scotland and England.

Dawson plans to go to his home in Chicago, Monday. From there he will go to New York and Boston on business, and then to Memphis, Tenn., for the Womens' National.

Because of his well filled schedule, Dawson said he would have

to pass up an invitation to play in the Wichita Meadowlark tri-state invitational tourney, which opens today and continues through the 16th.

## Two Holes Jinxes

Holes No. 4 and No. 5 were the jinx for the entire foursome yesterday, neither being parred. Dawson's worst hole was the fifth, which he three-putted after blasting his second shot out of the sand trap.

Dawson is believed the first player to score a birdie on the No. 8 hole; and players were sure that he is the first to fire his second shot to the green. Dawson missed an eagle three by no more than eight inches, the putt being short.

## The cards:

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| AD AGENT | ..... | ..... | ..... | .....  |
| Par      | ..... | 434   | 444   | 334-35 |
| Dawson   | ..... | 444   | 585   | 344-39 |
| Carey    | ..... | 434   | 655   | 354-39 |
| Chalfant | ..... | 635   | 654   | 466-45 |
| Horrell  | ..... | 544   | 585   | 455-43 |