

1964 SASKATCHEWAN JUNIOR MEN'S GOLF TEAM

The 1964 Saskatchewan Junior men's golf team was chosen after the six top players from both the northern and southern competitions met for a two-game final at Riverside Country Club. High winds and morning rain were the weather conditions they faced on August 10. Murray Osborn, age 17 and playing his home course, had two good rounds of 73 and 76 (149) to take the Saskatchewan junior championship and the first spot on the team. Andy Black of Regina Golf Club took second place with 155. At 18 years old he was the veteran, making the team for the third year after winning in 1962 and coming second in 1963. Rick Maguire, a 16-year-old from Riverside, was third with 159, and Gordon Chipperfield, 17 years old from Prince Albert, was awarded the final spot on the team with 160.

It was a long trip for the team to Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island where the Belvedere Golf and Winter Club was hosting the Canadian Junior Men's Championship. The two rounds played on Tuesday, September 1st determined the team placings and the final 32 players who would advance to match play.

Gordon Chipperfield got the Saskatchewan team off to a roaring start when he holed out a 60-yard wedge shot to eagle the first hole. He finished the round at one-under par 71, the only player all day to have an under-par round. With Andy's 73, Rick's 74 and Murray's 81 the Saskatchewan team led by 13 after the first round. While this sounds like a big lead it was barely enough. Scores were higher across the field in the second round in the afternoon and the Saskatchewan boys recorded 79, 83 and two 85s. Perhaps it was Murray's three-foot eagle putt on the 15th hole that squeaked out the win but, in any case, Saskatchewan's total of 631 was enough to secure the victory by one stroke and claim the Pepsi Cola Trophy. Nova Scotia and British Columbia tied for second place with 632 and Ontario came in just behind.

The StarPhoenix headline was: "Saskatchewan Team Triumphs; first junior victory." The writer pointed out that it was the first victory for Saskatchewan since the junior team championships started in 1959. However, this has been the only Saskatchewan team to date to win the national championship.

Congratulations to the members of the 1964 Saskatchewan Junior Team on their outstanding performance.



1964 Canadian Champions, Junior Interprovincial Team Matches. Left to right are Murray Osborn, Andy Black, Rick Maguire, Gordon Chipperfield.