

## Burns, Hayes lead Houston Open

**United Press International** WOODLANDS, Tex. — There appears to be a little something for everyone at the Houston Open this

For those who enjoy this year's youth accent on the PGA tour there are Mark Hayes and George Burns, who grabbed a share of the first-round lead Thursday with five-under 67s. Tour rookie Mark Lye is a mere shot behind.

And for those who like to back a sentimental favorite, it is hard to go wrong with Dave Marr, who is taking more time away from his television commentation this year to try to mix in a little golf with his one-liners. Marr put together one of his best tournament rounds in years Thursday to tie Lye with a fourunder 68 over the 7,000-yard Woodlands Golf Club course.

Finally, for superstar fans, there is Jack Nicklaus, his putter working at its best, and Lee Trevino, acting from last year's back surgery.

Nicklaus and Trevino checked in with 69s Thursday to share that spot And despite the surprising round

by Marr, the pleasing showing by Trevino and the quality golf fired by the youngsters, the central figure was Nicklaus. 'I was looking at a great round,"

said Nicklaus, who won his last outing at the Tournament of Champions. "But I let it get away. Nicklaus was seven under par through 13, but bogeyed four holes

in a row to slip two shots off the lead going into today's second round of the \$200,000 event. What makes Nicklaus such a good ter last year.

Nicklaus. "I putted real well. I really wasn't hitting the ball real well. But I was sinking everything I looked at.

Hayes, winner of the Tournament more and more like he is recovering Players Championship and the seventh leading money winner on the tour this year, said he thought

the key this week was figuring out

with Jim Dent and George Knud-

greens. "Someone can run away with this tournament if they can read the greens," said Hayes. "The course is playing really well, but the greens are the only obstacle.

Burns has never won a tour event, but he came close to winning here last year. He owned a two-shot lead going into the last nine, but

bogeyed four of the last eight holes. "I've had a long time to think about that," said Burns. "I felt as though I should have done a lot bet-

What makes Nicklaus such a good bet to win the tournament is that he is hot on the greens. Nicklaus used only 25 putts Thursday. "It was kind of a funny day," said

On Thursday Marr did not bogey

which way the ball broke on the a hole and birdied the 16th and that well, but I wanted to 17th. "I was real nervous playing the

last hole," said Marr, who has not won a cent in three tournament tries this year. "I haven't played

this year 'There are so many players out here and I de them all. I wanted to mee

them.

Ag rifle team finishes second The Texas A&M University Rifle

Team has closed the season with a second-place in the Southwest Rifle Association and a top finish in an invitational match.

national champion TCU in the Fiesta Invitational Rifle Match at St. Mary's University.

They were undefeated in SWRA competition going into a Friday match, the season finale, with Trinity. The Tigers won, 2642 to 2634. Brett Armstrong was high firer for the Aggies with a 545 score out of 600.

Eric Johnson shot 528; Elizabeth Nealin, 523; Robert Lunsford, 534, and Michael Winzeler, 504. Scratch shooter was Lewis Jue, with a 485. The scratch score is not counted.

Scores in the Fiesta match were Lunsford, 584; Nealin, 544; Armstrong, 537, and Johnson, 532. The No. 2 Texas A&M team placed ninth in the invitational. The individual scores were Paul Davison, 525; Jue, 500; Winzeler, 499, and James Krahula, 496.

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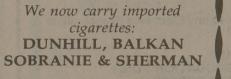
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