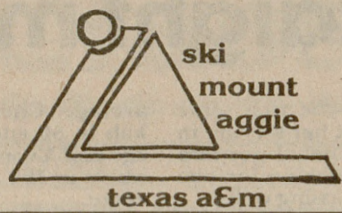


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Aggie golfer excels on European tour
Mayo competes in British Open and Masters

By Janice Riggs
 Reporter

Ham. What's a ham? It's not a word Paul Mayo has ever heard used to describe himself.

During the summer, Mayo, a Texas A&M recreation and parks major, won The Amateur Golf Championship, more commonly known as the British Amateur Championship, in England.

"There were players from all over the world," Mayo, a senior from South Wales, said. "And I won it."

"I also won the European Amateur Order of Merit. In all the tournaments played in and around Europe, you accumulate points just like on the pro tour — except they accumulate money. At the end, I had the most points."

"I convincingly won that order of merit because I finished and won more tournaments than anyone. This gives me, in actuality, the number one golf rating in Europe."

Winning the British Amateur Championship, one of Mayo's summer goals and accomplishments, made him eligible to play at the British Open, The Masters, and various other tournaments.

Mayo finished four rounds of the British Open, and in the second round he was tied for the 25th position.

"I was one of two amateurs that finished four rounds," Mayo said, "and I was the best finishing amateur out of the two of us."

Mayo won the silver medal, and sat at the top table during the British Open presentation.

"The whole tournament was exciting because I was brushing shoulders with the greats — Nicklaus, Watson, Palmer and Player," Mayo said. "I was one of them for a week, and it was a lot of fun."

"The last 18 holes in the fourth round, I played with Fuzzy Zoeller," Mayo said, "and that was an experience."

Mayo said Zoeller came into the locker room and asked him if he had tennis shoes on because they weren't going to hang out on the golf course — they were

going to play golf, and get it over with.

In April, Mayo will have the opportunity to play in the Masters.

"I talked to Tom Watson during the Open, and he is going to play some practice rounds with me before the Masters," Mayo said.

Although Mayo has played with some of golf's greatest, he tries to refrain from being in awe of them.

"This last year, I've been trying to train myself from idolizing golf pros," Mayo said. "I have to remember someday they're going to be my peers."

"At the Open, I tried to be one of them because I had every right to be there. I couldn't go around asking for autographs because people were asking me for mine."

Mayo has always been involved with golf in one capacity or the other. His parents introduced him to golf when he was 13 and he started playing competitively when he was 15.

"When I was 16, I won the Welsh National Junior Championship," Mayo said, "and figured out this was a pretty fun game. Things just started to snowball from there."

Mayo wanted to pursue a career in golf, but his parents wanted him to go to college.

"I just wanted to play golf and I heard A&M was a good school, with a good golf team and good facilities," Mayo said. "This seemed like a natural progression — playing golf and going to college."

"My degree will help me if I want to be involved in the country club scene, either as a pro or in management. The degree will also be good just because it's from Texas A&M."

Going to Texas A&M was a new experience for Mayo.

"Coming here has been a major stepping stone in my golf career," he said. "I have fond memories of A&M, but I am looking forward to graduating in December to bigger and better things."



Aggie golfer Paul Mayo played at the British Open Golf Tournament this summer and will compete in the Masters next April.

Woodside within one corner of establishing A&M record

Texas A&M running back Keith Woodside needs just one more completion to become A&M's all-time receiving leader.

The senior from Vidalia, La., caught two passes against Baylor last Saturday in Waco to bring his total to 105, equaling former tight end

Rod Bernstine's career total. Woodside has a chance to break the record Saturday against Rice. He needs one catch to pass Donny Lee, Texas Tech for the most receptions for a running back in Southwest Conference history.

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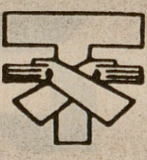
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