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Monterey Masters

Sanders and Mitchell make it look easy.



Left to right, Joe Sanders, Tournament Co-chairman Chuck Weil and Ryan Mitchell

Coming into the final day of the Trans-Mississippi Four-Ball Championship, it seemed like nothing could derail the team of Joe Sanders and Ryan Mitchell. But with rain in the forecast, teams trailing the duo from Incline Village, Nevada may have seen their opportunity to make a miraculous comeback. But when clear blue skies greeted golfers at tee off at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club, it was only a matter of counting down the holes until Sanders and Mitchell were crowned champs, finishing at 196, twenty strokes under par and nine strokes clear of their nearest competition.

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Greetings

Trans-Miss Golfers,

■ When you are standing on the 14th tee of the Dunes Course at Monterey Peninsula Country Club viewing the 171-yard shot over 160 yards of Pacific Ocean you realize two things: 1) For scenery and weather, Monterey can be the best in the world, and 2) getting your tee shot to find the putting green of this hole may be the most difficult thing you have to do all day!

■ The Trans-Miss recently staged its 27th Four-Ball Championship at MPCC with 136 golfers who were all treated to great food and hospitality, a scenic and challenging golf course with lightning-fast putting greens, and an opportunity to see old friends and make new ones.

■ Our sincere thanks go out to the membership and staff of Monterey Peninsula Country Club for hosting the championship. The Trans appreciates the support of its members clubs and hosting this event is one of the most significant means to do that.

■ The championship was a success. Over \$35,000 was raised to help fund future college scholarship given by the Trans-Miss Turf Scholarship Fund.

■ With the golf season winding down in most areas of the country, I hope you can look back on the last few months with fond memories of great shots and even better camaraderie – no doubt made all the more enjoyable by the hard work of the golf course maintenance staff at your club or the courses where you have played. The mission of the Trans



"Partner, how can I plumb-bob your putt if you are ready to hit it?"

Mississippi Golf Association is to financially assist with the education of the future professionals who make our game possible – the golf course superintendent.

■ One last "bet" you could settle this year is to send a donation to the Trans Miss Turf Scholarship Fund!

Keep swinging,

Jack N. Clevenger
President



■ Entering the day with a six-stroke lead, Sanders and Mitchell were up-and-down through the front nine, as they had been all week, going one-over par after six holes. But a near hole-in-one by Sanders, which rolled just past the hole to within three feet, got the pair back on track.

■ “It’s a tough little green to hit, with the swirling winds,” said Sanders said of his approach to the 204-yard 7th hole. “That was a fun one, hit it really nice, let it drift in with the wind. It looked like it might go in but just curled around behind it. But we really needed that birdie.”

■ It was lights-out from there, as the pair finished the back nine at five-under, including an eagle-3 from Mitchell at #13..

■ “Today we got off to a good start, a birdie on two by my buddy Mitch, but then we got a little shaky for a while, we made three bogeys in six holes which is more than we made in the first two days,” said Sanders. “Had a couple moments where they were getting closer, but on the back nine we turned it on again, finished up the way we played the rest of the week.”

■ The pair grew up together near Tahoe, and seemed to be able to pick each other up when needed throughout the tournament, which was high-

lighted by a tournament-low 63 on Wednesday.

■ “We really haven’t played a ton of golf together, more so just in the last few years,” said Sanders. “We just blend well, we have fun, don’t get uptight, even if we don’t shoot a good score, we have fun.”

■ As was the pattern throughout, they made their move down the stretch.

■ I struggled all week in the forest holes, and for whatever reason we’d get out into the ocean holes and the par-5’s just fit my eye,” said Mitchell. “We made a lot of birdies there, were never out of any holes, and the greens were rolling perfect. We are both good putters so we felt comfortable.”

■ Four teams tied for second at 11-under, including defending champions Chris Kessler and Trent Brown, who was also the Trans-Miss individual champ this year. His father Roger paired with Bill Heldmar to win this year’s senior four-ball title.

■ The pair played solid all week, staying in the 60’s, but could never go low enough to challenge the winners.

■ John Pigg and Eddie Lyons, who have won this tournament four times from 1983-2004, also placed second, as did the father-son tandem of Steve and Stephen Summers.

■ Pacific Grove residents Casey Boyns (who is coming

off a series of Northern California Golf Association victories) and Bill Moore were the last group tied for second.

■ The weather held off for the last day, providing the players with a solid week of near-perfect conditions at the challenging Dunes Course at MPCC.

■ “It was a great tournament, fantastic venue,” said Mitchell. “When we saw this on the schedule you can’t get a better place to go for a week than Monterey Peninsula. The course, the facilities, everything was first-class.”



Mid-Amateur Division

	Team	R.d.1	R.d.2	R.d.3	Tot.	Par
1	Mitchell, Ryan / Sanders, Joe	66	63	67	196	-20
T2	Moore, William / Boyns, Casey	68	68	69	205	-11
T2	Pigg, John / Lyons, Eddie	67	68	70	205	-11
T2	Kessler, Chris / Brown, Trent	69	69	67	205	-11
T2	Summers, Stephen / Summers, Steve	70	66	69	205	-11
T6	Funk, Robert / Bartman, David	66	70	70	206	-10
T6	John, Steve / Ledzinski, Jerry	68	68	70	206	-10
8	Bodenheimer, Steve / Myers, Kriss	71	69	70	210	-6
9	Horsch Jr, Carl / Ryan, Jim	69	72	70	211	-5
T10	Healer, Mark / Englander, Woody	69	72	71	212	-4
T10	Karper, Phil / McGee, Mac	73	65	74	212	-4
T10	Nelson, Hunter / Moore, David	70	71	71	212	-4
T10	Sullivan, Hollis / Dillard, Jeff	72	69	71	212	-4
T10	Gardner, Mark / Rice, Paul	71	71	70	212	-4
T10	Ream, Jim / Shlemmer, Rick	73	71	68	212	-4
T10	Burns, Ron / Anderson, Jay	68	74	70	212	-4
T10	House, R. Mark / DeSantis, John	72	70	70	212	-4
18	Podolak, Michael / Newman, Russ	73	68	72	213	-3
T19	Cox, Kelly / Kohn, Tim	68	69	77	214	-2
T19	McDonald, John / Nolan, Rick	70	72	72	214	-2
T19	Kobalter, Kevin / Young, Gary	71	69	74	214	-2
T22	Creekmore III, Steve / Shumate, Bryon	75	69	71	215	-1
T22	Luther, Dan / Moory, David	72	74	69	215	-1
T22	Albers, Bill / Griggs, Chris	69	71	75	215	-1
T25	McDonald, Robert / Brewer, Bob	73	72	72	217	+1
T25	Barker, Shawn / Curd Jr, James	72	72	73	217	+1
T25	Trent, Kevin / Simmons, Doug	73	73	71	217	+1
T25	McCray, Chandler / Benson, Charles	72	74	71	217	+1
29	Bohls, Rex / Thompson, Powell	74	70	74	218	+2
T30	Colwell, Kip / Hoffman, John	72	69	78	219	+3
T30	Hemphill, Gregg / Hallgrimson, Erik	69	77	73	219	+3
32	Seeman, Jason / Rismiller, David	75	73	72	220	+4
33	Dudley, Matt / Hill, Ryan	75	71	75	221	+5
34	Pescatore, Tony / Pospisil, E J	72	78	72	222	+6
T35	Epstein, Jeffrey / Frankel, Harris	77	75	71	223	+7
T35	Hall, Murray / Lucas, Scott	75	74	74	223	+7
37	Goode, John / Coon, Richard	77	73	75	225	+9
38	Baumann, Bruce / Barlow, Stephen	80	76	73	229	+13
39	Russell, SI / Putney, Jeff	75	80	81	236	+20

Senior Division

	Team	R.d.1	R.d.2	Tot.	Tot.	Par
1	Heldmar, Bill / Brown, Roger	65	73	68	206	-10
2	Remington, Jeff / Richards, Bruce	69	68	70	207	-9
3	Patterson, Cary / Craven, Mike	70	69	70	209	-7
T4	Maletis, Chris / Greenbaum, Jerry	69	75	66	210	-6
T4	Hullender, Bob / Lefferdink, Van	73	68	69	210	-6
6	Nelson, Clint / Coates, Tom	72	71	70	213	-3
7	Post, Charlie / Mohr, Wes	74	72	69	215	-1
8	Howe, Bob / Hardin, Gary	76	73	68	217	+1
T9	Sharpe, Allen / Mahoney, Michael	71	74	73	218	+2
T9	Hutton, Jerry / Carroll, J David	71	72	75	218	+2
T11	Klumok, Maury / Hikes, Charles	74	73	72	219	+3
T11	Dobbs, Bill / Walker, John	70	72	77	219	+3
T11	Devlin, Tom / Toalson, Bill	73	74	72	219	+3
T11	McCarty, Russell / Wheeler, James	74	72	73	219	+3
15	Ellis, Jerry / Patterson, Phil	73	72	75	220	+4
16	Hotchkiss, Jim / Quinlivan, Jack	74	72	75	221	+5
17	Thompson, Steve / Bettis, Harry	73	74	75	222	+6
T18	Hatchett, Steve / Sica, Nick	71	76	77	224	+8
T18	White, Phil / Seaman, Gary	74	71	79	224	+8
20	Bowsher, Steve / Griffin, Edward	77	75	73	225	+9
21	Gray, Downing / Sisco, A B	75	77	74	226	+10
22	Wilkinson, Hank / Thalhuber, Gary	74	74	79	227	+11
23	Fouke, Bob / Baker, Jerry	73	81	77	231	+15

Senior Moments

Brown and Heldmar show how it's done.

■ While the Mid-Am division of the Trans-Mississippi Four-Ball Championship looked like a runaway before the final day got started, the senior division was shaping up to be a battle.

■ It was the team of Bill Heldmar and Roger Brown who drew first blood, jumping into the lead on the first hole they played, the 480-yard, par five 18th.

■ “When we started off on the 18th hole we were one shot behind,” said Heldmar. “Roger hit the green in two and then made about a 70-foot eagle, so that really set the tone for the day.”

■ With that shot, Heldmar and Brown leapfrogged Jeff Remington and Bruce Richards, who entered the day with a one-shot lead courtesy of consecutive rounds in the 60's. They would eventually wrap up the title by one stroke with a three-day total of 10-under-par 206.

■ “It was big for us, that eagle on the first hole, it made a big difference right there,” said Brown, who is also a member of the Trans-Miss Board of Directors. “I think we knew we were

going to have to play well, and the guys playing with us played well too, that's what golf's all about.”

■ The pair played even par through the next nine holes before turning up the heat down the homestretch, beginning when Richards knocked his approach shot on the par four 11th four feet from the pin and converted the birdie.

■ Heldmar notched a birdie of his own two holes later on a 485-yard par five, and Richards birdied the final par five of the round, the 15th.

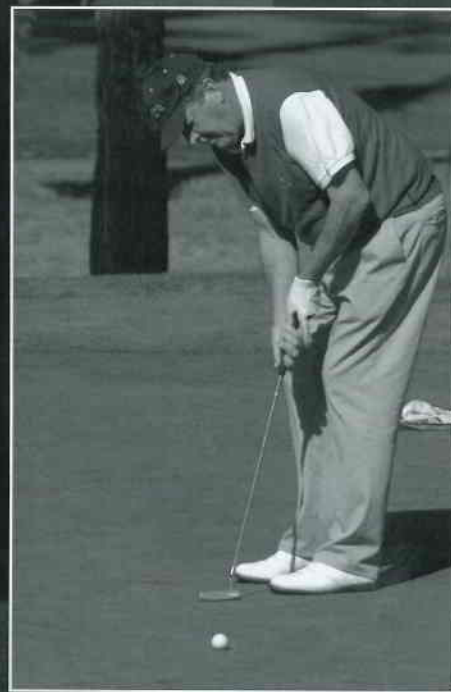
■ The team would need those birdies to keep Remington and Richards at arm's length, as they finished the final nine holes at four-under, but couldn't take advantage of a bogey by their opponents on the last hole to force a playoff.

■ After shooting a 65 to start the tournament but falling to second place with a 73 on Day 2, it was a dramatic finish for the winning squad.

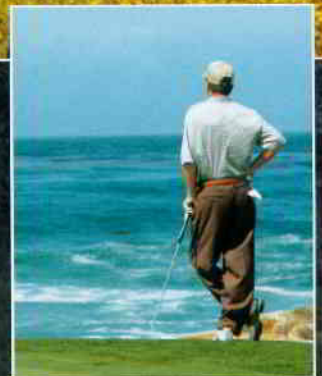
■ Taking third place at 7-under 209 was Cary Patterson and Mike Craven who sandwiched a 69 between two 70's.

■ The low round of the day went to Chris Maletis and Jerry Greenbaum, who fired a 66. The team started the tournament with a 69, but were derailed by a second-day 75 and finished in a tie for fourth at 6-under 209. Greenbaum had to play the second round without his partner as Maletis was suffering from a stomach ailment.

■ Also placing fourth was Bob Hullender and Van Lefferdink.



California Dreamin'



GCSAA's Steve Mona to assume new post with World Golf Foundation.



■ The PGA Tour and the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America recently made a joint announcement that

Steve Mona, the GCSAA's CEO since November 1993 has accepted the newly created leadership position as CEO of the World Golf Foundation. The Trans-Miss is a good neighbor of the GCSAA in Lawrence, Kansas.

■ GCSAA President Ricky D. Heine said that "speaking for the GCSAA Board of Directors and the association's 20,000-plus members, it is indeed a bittersweet day. We are extremely happy for Steve and his wife Cyndi for

this wonderful opportunity. The World Golf Foundation is fortunate to have a person of Steve's intelligence, integrity and vision to be its first chief executive. Just as GCSAA has prospered under his leadership, so too will the World Golf Foundation achieve even greater accomplishments with Steve at the helm.

■ Mona's comments were equally praiseworthy: "It is difficult to put into words how tough this decision was to make. The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America is a wonderful organization and I will miss my direct association with it. The professional members -- the superintendents and their

assistants -- are extremely talented, possess great integrity, are passionately loyal and are tireless in their support of each other. They truly are golf's 'unseen heroes.'

The other membership classes, including industry representatives, educators, students, etc., provide the glue that helps to keep the association functioning at such a high level."

■ "I am pleased and proud of my tenure at GCSAA. The accomplishments are certainly not the work of any one individual; rather they are the result of the combined

efforts of elected leaders, the members, industry and staff. I point to the development of member standards, the revamping of the education program, the maturation of the GCSAA Foundation to The Environmental Institute for Golf, the increased recognition for the profession, the creation of a sponsorship program, the launch of the Golf Industry Show and the strengthening of chapters as key milestones in my time at GCSAA. But again, these are not my achievements. These are the work of many.

■ "I appreciate the trust PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchem has placed in me. I have always admired the manner in which he has led not only the PGA Tour, but several of the game's major initiatives as well. It will be a challenge and great opportunity to lead the World Golf Foundation as the various organizations around the world seek to elevate the game globally."

■ The GCSAA is a leading golf organization and has as its focus golf course management. Since 1926, GCSAA has been the top professional association for the men and women who manage golf courses in the United States and worldwide. From its headquarters in Lawrence, Kan., the association provides education, information and representation to more than 21,000 members in more than 72 countries.

