

# BEN HOGAN WINS

## BANTAM'S 69 BEATS MANGRUM BY FOUR STROKES, FAZIO BY SIX AS MERION GATE SETS RECORD

It has long been a byword among those who measure golfers for the cloth of immortality that to be a true champion, one must not only win the major tournaments, but win them more than once.

Had there been anyone shortsighted enough to detract from Ben Hogan's record over the past decade, he got his answer at Merion's historic East Course last month.

Ben Hogan, who in 1948 acquired a twin for his 1946 PGA trophy, won his second National Open, and in the doing added a final sparkling flourish to one of sports' greatest stories.

Given up for dead—and later for crippled—only 17 months earlier, Hogan played almost flawlessly through the 72-hole grind, then added a polished 69 in the playoff that nicked Lloyd Mangrum by four strokes and George Fazio by six.

The United States Golf Association began making news the night before the start of its 50th Open championship when it hiked the prize money from \$10,000 to \$15,000, with the winner's share \$4000.

Then the pros took over and successively:

Lee Mackey, Jr., an unemployed and unknown 26-year-old from Birmingham, Ala.—not yet eligible for PGA membership—rocketed to a new

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Open record of 64, six under par.

Hogan, George Fazio, and Lloyd Mangrum finished in a triple tie at 287 after three days of lead-juggling which saw a new pace-setter for each round.

Hogan won the playoff with room to spare as Mangrum took 73, including a two-stroke penalty for "touching" the ball, and Fazio needed 75. Mangrum, trailing by one stroke at the time, had lifted the ball after taking his putting stance to blow away a bug.

He was penalized under Rule 10 (2) which reads: "A ball may not be touched and must be played wherever it lies except as otherwise provided for in the Rules or local rules. Except in a hazard, the player may, without penalty, touch his ball with his club in the act of addressing it, provided he does not move the ball."

In the playoff, Hogan never trailed after the second hole. After the penalty against Mangrum, Ben supplied the clincher by running in an uphill,

### RECAP FOR 90 HOLES Ben Hogan

	Pars	Birds	Bogeys	Score	Putts
1st round	12	2	4	72	35
2d round	11	4	3	69	34
3rd round	10	3	5	72	31
4th round	14	0	4	74	38
playoff	15	2	1	69	33
Totals	62	11	17	356	171

### Lloyd Mangrum, Niles, Ill.

1st round	12	2	4	72	32
2nd round	10	4	4	70	32
3rd round	13	3	2	69	33
4th round	10	1	7	76	34
playoff	11	3	4°	73	30
Totals	56	13	21°	360	161

### George Fazio, Washington, D. C.

1st round	11	2	5	73	33
2nd round	12	2	4	72	36
3rd round	11	3	3°	72	33
4th round	12	3	3	70	34
playoff	11	2	7	75	32
Totals	57	12	22°	362	168

°Mangrum and Fazio each had one double bogey.

The surprise of the tournament was a 26-year-old Birmingham professional, Lee Mackey, who established a single round record with his 64 the first day. He added an 81 on his second outing.

50-foot putt for a deuce on the 17th, against Mangrum's par three.

There were 13 sub-par rounds the first days on the course on which there was only one entire tournament in 1934, when Olin Dutra won with 293. (Hogan, just an obscure kid playing in his first Open that year, was out of the tournament after scoring 79-79 his first two rounds.) But in the third and fourth rounds and playoff, there were only two 69s, and the tying total was seven over par.

	Player	Score	Prize
1.	°Ben Hogan	287	\$4,000.00
2.	°Lloyd Mangrum	287	2,500.00
3.	°George Fazio	287	1,000.00
4.	E. J. Harrison	288	850.00
5.	Joe Kirkwood, Jr.	289	500.00
	Jim Ferrier	289	500.00
	Henry Ransom	289	500.00
8.	Bill Nary	290	350.00
9.	Julius Boros	291	300.00
10.	Johnny Palmer	292	225.00
	Cary Middlecoff	292	225.00
12.	Dick Mayer	294	133.33
	Al Besselink	294	133.33
	Henry Picard	294	133.33
	Johnny Bulla	294	133.33
	Skee Riegel	294	133.34
	Sam Snead	294	133.34
18.	Fred Haas, Jr.	295	100.00
	Skip Alexander	295	100.00
20.	Bob Toski	296	100.00
	Marty Furgol	296	100.00
	Dick Metz	296	100.00
	Harold Williams	296	100.00
	Jimmy Demaret	296	100.00
25.	Paul Runyan	297	100.00
	Lee Mackey, Jr.	297	100.00
	Bobby Cruickshank	297	100.00
	Ted Kroll	297	100.00
29.	Henry Williams, Jr.	298	100.00
	Pete Cooper	298	100.00
31.	John Barnum	299	100.00
	Buck White	299	100.00
	Denny Shute	299	100.00
34.	Herchel Spears	300	100.00
	Terl Johnson	300	100.00
36.	Dave Douglas	301	100.00
	Walter Burkemo	301	100.00
38.	Gene Sarazen	302	100.00
	James McHale, Jr.	302	Amateur
	Claude Harmon	302	100.00
	Jim Turnesa	302	100.00
42.	Art Bell	303	100.00
43.	Joe Thacker	304	100.00
	Pat Abbott	304	100.00
45.	Johnny Morris	305	100.00
46.	Frank Stranahan	306	Amateur
	Loddie Kempa	306	100.00
	Gene Webb	306	100.00
49.	P. J. Boatwright	307	Amateur
50.	George Bolesta	311	100.00
51.	John O'Donnell	316	100.00

° Hogan—69  
° Mangrum—73  
° Fazio—75

