

ROMPS TO STATE TITLE

Ken Krieger Mixes Right Ingredients

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Ken Krieger of the Valley Country Club has the basic recipe for winning, and all the ingredients were there Sunday as he sideswiped Scott Lane 8 and 7 in the scheduled 36-hole finale to the Colorado State Match Play Championship at the Lakewood Country Club.

It was a bitter loss for Lane, the Collindale Golf Club amateur who now owns the runnerup tag in three area match-play tournaments. He was runnerup to Mark Crabtree, also of Collindale and the University of Colorado golf team, a year ago. In 1975 he lost in the finals of the Colorado Open match-play championship to Tim Brauch.

Still a bit dazed by Krieger's steady, two-under-par assault, Lane said "It's tough. I wanted this one real bad."

Krieger's morning card, the deadliest message he delivered, had him at 34-35—69 and he was even par for the 11 holes played in the afternoon. But Krieger took a double bogey six on the eighth hole in the morning or he would have been four-under-par on the round.

PICKED AS ONE of the top 30 college golfers in the nation this year, Krieger earned his all-American status at Georgia Southern and he intends to turn professional in September.

"I like match play," he said, "but it's too hard doing it every week. It would be good as a change of pace, say once a month."

Lane, who will play next in the Hale Irwin Invitational at the Lake Valley Golf Club, wants to earn enough points to make the Governor's Cup team. He has more than 50 points and feels he needs to be in the 60s to make it.

Krieger got his first invitation for the men's amateur beginning Monday at the Broadmoor Golf Club but already has assured himself a spot on the amateur Cup squad.

Unless it is a grudge match, no one likes to win or lose by the wide margin Krieger posted over Lane.

"No, I wasn't trying to back off after I went eight up in the morning," he said of his two-under-par effort compared to Lane's 38-38—76.

"NO, YOU JUST can't do that in match play," Lane interjected. "The morning was perfect for putting and I just didn't make any," he said.

"Too bad the people weren't out here this morning," Krieger said. "They could see how different this course is from the morning to the afternoon. It really spikes up in the afternoon," he said of the marks made by golf shoes and repaired ball marks.

"Scott just missed a couple of putts at two, three and five and I went three-under and was four up at the end of six holes," Krieger said.

Lane had key putts of eight, 10 and eight feet on those holes, while Krieger was collecting birdies at one from eight feet, four from 15 feet, and from 12 feet at No. 6. During this critical swing, Lane missed the par-three fifth green and lost that with a bogey, the putt to save par

The Final Card

MORNING ROUND

PAR OUT	445	434	366-35
Krieger Out	345	313	366-34
Lane Out	413	384	444-38
PAR IN	414	345	366-35-71
Krieger In	414	344	354-35-69
Lane In	414	445	354-38-78 (Leads 8-6)

AFTERNOON ROUND

Krieger Out	445	333	354-35
Lane Out	320	424	354-34
Krieger In	43	41	(wins 8 and 7).
Lane In	53		

caressing the cup but there was no kiss.

"I finally made a four-footer at the eighth," Lane said of his only win on the first nine holes. He also three-putted the ninth, then made an eight-footer at the 10th, but that was for a halve.

"Too bad I couldn't have played out of the traps all day," Lane said. He came out of the sand twice to save pars but he couldn't keep up with the putting pace of Krieger.

THE MATCH COLLAPSED beginning at the 13th where Lane three-putted from 40 feet. Krieger reached the 547-yard par-five 15th with a drive and a 3-wood to set up a 20-foot eagle putt. He missed, but the birdie was good enough to win the hole.

Krieger also birdied the par-five 16th where he two-putted for a birdie from 15 feet, the ball just tickling the cup on his eagle attempt.

"After I got off to that quick start, I just tried not to break a leg," Krieger said. "I knew that Scott had just missed a couple of putts. I had those same putts he missed. I was lucky and made some of them."

Lane tried to rally with a one-under-par effort on the front side of the afternoon round, but a bogey at the third, where he three-putted from 30 feet, was a self-chilling situation.

Lane cashed a birdie at No. 1 from 15 feet, then missed a birdie win from 12 feet at No. 2. This was on his mind when he three-jiggled the third.

But he won the fourth when Krieger missed a halving par from four feet, the only putt he stumbled over in the match. Lane then drilled a 20-footer for a deuce win at the fifth only to have Krieger's 12-footer on the sixth stymie his comeback.

LANE RECEIVED ANOTHER jolt at the par-three seventh, where he finally rolled home a 27-footer for a birdie, only to have Krieger top that from 12 feet.

It was routine at the ninth but Lane went into the left rough at the 10th and couldn't get his fairway wood home from the deep grass and he chipped shy and bogeyed the 463-yard par-four hole.

Krieger chipped from the back fringe and won the hole with a four-footer for par. Both halved the 11th with threes and it was all over.

"I finally won again," Krieger said. "I wasn't sure I would. I hadn't won anything since last November." His biggest disappointment came in the famed North-South Amateur at Pinehurst, N.C. earlier this summer.

"I didn't play a bad round until I got in the semifinals and then I lost to Mike Donald," Krieger said. "Mike was a freshman at my school (Georgia Southern) but flunked out."



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STATE MATCH PLAY 'CHEF' KEN KRIEGER
Followed "recipe" for victory in Sunday tourney.

Second-Chance HR Wins for L.A.

By Associated Press

"All I was looking for was a hole on the right side," said Dave Lopes.

He found it in Bruce Boisclair's glove.

Lopes was given a second chance Sunday when the New York Met right fielder dropped his foul fly ball in the ninth inning, and he promptly took advantage of it with a three-run homer that gave the Los Angeles Dodgers a 5-3 victory.

"It was an omen that Boisclair dropped that ball," said Lopes. "After that I just knew I had to get a hit. All I was trying to do was find a way to get the tying run home. But what I did was make good contact and find the seats."

New York Manager Joe Torre could only shake his head and throw his hands up to the heavens.

"It is ironic that Boisclair could go from one extreme to the other, first getting the winning RBI and then the error that led to the loss," said Torre.

BOISCLAIR went from hero to goat in the space of one inning. In the top of the ninth, he had sent the Mets ahead 3-2 with a pinch-hit sacrifice fly.

The victory stopped a three-game Dodger losing streak and improved their lead to 10½ games over the Cincinnati Reds in the National League West. The slumping Reds dropped their straight game Sunday, a 3-0 decision to the St. Louis Cardinals.

"I believe all we needed is a victory like this to get us going again," said Dodger Manager Tom Lasorda, who held a pregame meeting with his team to give his players a pep talk.

In other National League action, the Houston Astros took a doubleheader from the Chicago Cubs 10-6 and 6-4, the Philadelphia Phillies tripped the San Diego Padres 7-4, the Pittsburgh Pirates edged the Atlanta Braves 7-6 and the San Francisco Giants beat the Montreal Expos twice 3-0 and 5-4 in 12 innings.

STEVE YEAGERS opened the Dodger rally in the ninth with a two-out single off Met starter Nino Espinosa. At this point, Bob Apodaca came into the game and gave up a single to pinch-hitter Manny Mota before he was victimized by Boisclair's error.

Lopes then sent the Dodger fans home happy with his three-run shot into the left-centerfield seats, the third homer of the season for the Dodger second baseman.

Switch-Hitting Re Swinging for Rec

ST. LOUIS—(AP)—Aside from the satirical feel when reaching an anticipated milestone, Pete Rose says his next hit in a uniform of a national team will rank among his most memorable.

The 36-year-old Rose, who is in his 15th campaign, will set his sights on becoming a time top switch-hitter when the Reds play a two-game series at Busch Stadium against the Cardinals Monday night.

Rose, a three-time National League batting champion during Cincinnati's 5-4 loss to the Pittsburgh Pirates, drawing abreast of Famer Frankie Frisch's 2,880 hits for a switch-hitter.

He lashed a drive down the leftfield against St. Louis but was deprived of a home run possession of the mark when the Cardinals made a spectacular running catch.

"OF ALL THE THINGS I've worked hard for, switch-hitting's been it," said Rose, the flexible batting style at the tender age of 36.

"You practice day in and day out," he said of his natural righthander.

Rose, whose career hit total is trailed only by Hank Aaron in the National League by the aggregate of 2,880 to St. Louis' Lou Brock, jokingly accused the Cardinals of conspiring to deny him the record Sunday by leg cramps and being replaced by Cincinnati's 3-0 loss.

Rose, while reflecting on a career that has included nine 200-hit seasons, recalled only two occasions when he opted not to switch and batted left-handed.

Once was last year while facing Cy Young winner Randy Jones of the San Diego Padres and the other time was several years ago while facing hurler Jim Brewer.

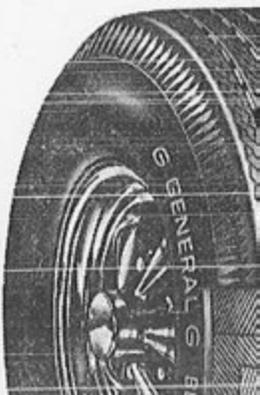
"Jones threw me a sinker and Brewer threw a slider," said Rose with a smile. "I didn't get a hit."



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final event, but two were enough to make Wayne a three-time winner.