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ANCC U.S. Open Qualifying Tournaments

The USGA holds qualifying tournaments on two tiers – local and sectional. On three occasions ANCC hosted USGA Open qualifying tournaments, one local qualifier (1982) and two sectional qualifiers (1981 and 1986).

1986 U.S. Open Sectional Qualifier at ANCC

USGA Open qualification is held in two tiers – Local (late April through mid-May) and Sectional (held in early June). Any professional golfer or amateur with a handicap index of 1.4 is eligible to enter. Players who advance through the local qualifiers and those players exempt from local qualifying (based upon past performance), advance to the Sectional qualifiers. Sectional qualifiers are a 36-hole, single day event that advances players to the United States Open.

The 1986 United States Open was held at the Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton NY, June 12-15. There were 63 local qualifiers and twelve sectional qualifiers held in 1986. A sectional that produced eleven Open qualifiers was held at Army Navy Country Club, Arlington, VA on Monday June 2nd.

Included below is the Washington Post article describing the results of the qualifier.

Reid Leads 17 U.S. Open Qualifiers

By Ben Gieser
Special to The Washington Post

Mike Reid, who tied for third and won \$29,000 in the Kemper Open, shot 65 in his second round yesterday at Army Navy in Arlington and led 17 qualifiers for the U.S. Open, which will be played June 12 to 15 at Shinnecock Hills in Southampton, N.Y. Reid, who won the qualifying medal with 71-65—136, had eight birdies.

Mark Brooks was next at 68-70—138, followed by fellow PGA Tour golfers Brad Fabel (71-68), Tom Pernice (71-68), Mike Hulbert (70-69) and Joe Inman (68-71), all at 139. Fred Funk, University of Maryland golf coach, made his second straight Open with 68-73—141, along with Rick Schuller of Fairfax, playing his home course in 68-73—141. Donnie Hammond, formerly of Frederick, was safely in with an afternoon 68 for 141.

"He [Reid] never missed a shot," said Glenn Barrett of Alexandria, who played with Reid but missed out with 77—149. "It was unbelievable. Radar [Reid's nickname] is a perfect name for the guy."

Reid said it was a struggle coming from the Kemper, where he almost scored his first tour victory, to yes-

terday's "grueling" 36-hole test. He was 3 over par after 12 holes but made six birdies in his afternoon round.

Schuller, a former Old Dominion University player now playing the Florida mini-tour, had an anxious moment on his 30th hole. His approach shot skipped into woods near the green and he used up about two minutes of a five-minute allotment trying to find his ball. He finally did and made bogey. "Any time you have a lost ball in this type of thing, your heart starts to flutter," said Schuller, who made his first Open.

Funk, who made the cut at last year's open at Oakland Hills, shot 3-over-par 39 in a struggling opening nine in the afternoon. "I knew I was right on the line," said Funk, who averted a playoff by one stroke.

Tour players Jeff Lewis and Tom Sieckmann earned the final two qualifying spots among the 142 players in a five-man playoff. Amateur Bryan Sullivan, Tim Norris and Brad Faxon were playoff losers.

"I'll tell you what, that golf course played hard," said tour regular Inman, who had eight birdies and made his 10th Open. "The tees [at Army Navy] were just as far back as they could get 'em. And then the wind blew. It's a hard little golf course. You're never standing flat to hit a golf shot."

Besides two-time PGA Tour winner Mike Reid, this sectional qualifier had a significant PGA contingent with ten of the eleven qualifiers being PGA tour members. Throw in playoff loser Brad Faxon and you realize the field's strength. Make special note of Joe Inman's comments about ANCC Arlington, **"The tees (at Army Navy) were just as far back as they could get 'em. And then the wind blew. It's a hard little golf course. You're never standing flat to hit a golf shot."**

