Emery Scores Again

WHEN the state amateur golf tournament late in June at Bartlesville squared around to the place that found only four fine golfers still in the running, three of them, it turned out, were University of Oklahoma students.

All of Oklahoma's best tee and green artists had dropped along the wayside and three Sooner juniors had control of the tournament.

They were Walter Emery, junior law student; Billy Simpson, junior business student; and Maurice Hankinson, another junior lawyer. Simpson, whose home is in Nowata, beat Hankinson, the Oklahoma City lad, and Emery, who now lives in Norman, came up as Simpson's opponent in the final round.

The hard-driving, sure-chipping Emery had little trouble beating Simpson, 6 up and 5 to go, in the championship match, but it was a great victory for Nowata's Billy to reach the finals. He is one of the state's youngest and most promising golfers.

When big Walt won the state amateur title, he set some sort of a modern record for golfing supremacy. Hanging alongside his state amateur title, he also has the open match play championship and the open medal title.

Then, the following week, he went to Wichita, Kansas, and won medalist honors at the Trans-Mississippi tournament, but was eliminated in the semi-final round by Johnny Dawson, Chicago.

Also listed on his sheet of links accomplishments is the fact that he is a member of the United States Walker Cup team and was runner-up to Lawson Little in 1935 at the national amateur tournament.

Along with all of this, Mr. Emery makes the study of law his major interest.

Should he ever take his golf really seriously, he would perhaps be a lot better or lot worse.

Walter Emery has the type of personality that might find the taste of a professional golfer rather to his dislike. He didn't touch a club for two months during April and May as he crammed for final examinations.

Then, he started playing again and it was a lot of fun. The layoff, undoubtedly, helped him. Of course, there are those who believe he should be even better should he play twelve months of golf a year.

But Walter Emery probably will never do that. The game of golf is fun and recreation to him. When he gets into a championship match, it becomes a little more serious, but never deadly enough that he tightens up.

He can smile and joke with the gallery and be relaxed through the best tournaments. He is a natural with the driver and the short approach shots and rarely steams himself into a do-or-die frame of mind.

Emery and Hankinson have both played out their eligibility on the Sooner team, but young Simpson has another year. He did not go to the national collegiate tournament this year because a lack of funds prevented the Sooner team from making the trip.

Emery won the national collegiate title in 1933 and the Sooner team last year tied for second place in team score.