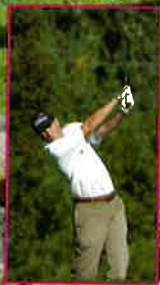


Don Kuehn (Kansas City) (teeing off at left), and below David May (Wichita), John Hess (Leawood), Mark Elliott (Silver Lake) and Jay Hepler (Overland Park).



Home Team Iowa Keeps the Streak Alive

The tri-state competition dubbed the Director's Cup has only been contested three times since 2000. This goodwill competition for the best golfers from Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa played every other year opposite the U.S. State Team Championship has an interesting streak going: the event has now always been won by the host state.

The 54-hole team match play event was played at the historic Wakonda Golf Club in Des Moines, Iowa last September. The course characterized by large trees and rolling terrain required some familiarity in order to play well under competitive conditions. The balance was expected to fall to the lowans and it did.

After the first round of Foursome matches, Iowa and Nebraska stood tied at 6.5 points while Kansas, the defending champion, managed only five points.

The second round of Fourball matches put Nebraska out of the running when it could only win one match and split another. Kansas was consistent with another 6 points, but Iowa sprinted out to a commanding lead after posting 10.5 points.

Day two concluded the competition with 12 singles matches. Iowa only made its lead bigger by posting another 13.5 points for a total of 30.5 points, thus taking its turn housing the silver traveling trophy. Kansas ended nine points back at 22 points. ■



Above (l to r), Bob Vidricksen (Salina), Don Cox (Lake Quivira) and John Bailey (Mission).