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# Boros Named Golf Pro of Year After Dramatic Rise to Top

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CHICAGO, Nov. 4.—The dramatic rise of Julius Boros from obscurity to fame and fortune in one season today earned him professional golf's highest award.

The 32-year-old Hungarian-born swinger was selected "professional golfer of the year" by the Professional Golfers' Association.

He received an overwhelming 314 votes in a poll of PGA members and sportswriters. Runner-up Sam Snead got only 26 votes.

Boros has been a professional only three years. He never won a major golf tournament, professional or amateur, until he captured the National Open title at Dallas, Tex., last June. He parlayed this championship with a number of other purses and emerged golf's leading money winner with a total of more than \$37,000.

In 1950, his first year as a pro, he won less than \$2,000 and in 1951 only \$4,697.

The 200-pound Boros, who resides in Fairfield, Conn., was introduced to golf as a caddy and began playing seriously about 1940. He served four years in the Army and after his release in 1946, concentrated on the game as an amateur. He reached the quarter-finals of the National Amateur tournament in 1949 and turned professional the following year.



JULIUS BOROS.

Voters participating in the PGA poll noted particularly the hefty Hungarian's ability to recover after troublesome situations and his brilliant putting.

Boros' wife, Buttons Cosgrove, a former golfer, died in 1951 in childbirth. Their son, Jay, lives with her parents in Southern Pines, N. C. Boros is attached to the Mid Pines Country Club in Southern Pines as professional during non-tournament seasons.

The "Golfer of the Year" award is in its fifth year. Ben-Hogan won in 1948, 1950 and 1951. Snead was winner in 1949.

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