



Irvin Ottman, Sr. – 1997

Irvin Ottman got his start in golf as a caddie at the Louisville Country Club and moved on to become its head professional at age 21. He competed in numerous major tournaments against notable stars such as Bobby Jones, Walter Hagen and Gene Sarazen. At age 21, he finished sixth in the Western Open, and the following year, became the first Louisville golfer to play in the U.S. Open, where he finished 31st. He was touted as one of the great stars of the future until tuberculosis brought a premature end to his career.