

# Golfer Ford Wins A Pair of Slacks

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President Ford and his partner, former Defense Secretary Melvin Laird, finished third in a golf tournament yesterday, each winning a pair of slacks.

Mr. Ford and Laird teed off at the Burning Tree Country Club about two hours after Mr. Ford announced he had granted a full pardon to former President Nixon in the Watergate scandal. He had played his first 18-hole round in the tournament on Saturday.

It was a best ball tournament in which the best score

of a member of a team on each hole counts as the team score for that hole.

Assistant Burning Tree pro Jeff Kimbrough said Mr. Ford was allowed his 18-stroke handicap.

Newsmen parked alongside a Burning Tree fairway saw Mr. Ford play one hole — the eleventh. They reported he sank a 20-foot putt there.

Kimbrough, asked whether Mr. Ford or Laird is the better player, replied without elaboration that Laird is.

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