



## PAUL JAMISON

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Paul Jamison was one of the first outstanding golfers turned out in Roanoke and he had the sense of humor and ability with a club to gain wide acclaim in the sport.

He was an outstanding athlete at the old Roanoke High School — playing quarterback on the football team and third base for the baseball team.

His first contact with golf came during his teens when he was a caddy at the old Roanoke Country Club, when it had a nine-hole course in the South

Roanoke area, where the present Lipes Drug Store is now located.

He became an immediate success in golf and soon was playing to a scratch handicap. He was the first Roanoker to win the Virginia State Amateur title—this came in 1924. He was also a leader in the old Appalachian Golf Association which included the top players from Roanoke, Lynchburg, Danville, Charlottesville, Lexington, Bluefield and Winchester.

Jamison won several titles in the association tournaments that were held each Memorial and Labor Days during the 1930s. He also was the Roanoke Country Club champion in 1916, 1921, 1924, 1926, 1935 and 1938.

He had an all-around game and could putt and drive with equal success. His competitive attitude made him a tough man to beat in any tournament play.

Jamison also attended the University of Virginia but the school, at that time, had no golf team. He began his business career in the quarry field and later organized a sign company which is the present Dominion Sign Co.

He died in 1942 at the age of 52. He is survived by a married daughter living in California and a brother, Joe, who lives in Roanoke.

It is most appropriate that Paul Jamison be honored as one of the two initial members of the Roanoke Valley Golf Hall of Fame.