

Dokka Takes Shortcuts To Meet Zampedro In Publinx Title Round

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If North Park golf course were a par three layout, Arne Dokka probably would win Leo Zampedro by something like 19 and 17 in their 36-hole showdown for the National Public Links championship today.

But North Park's 6751 yards of rugged terrain and if the Los Angeles State College student held a slight edge

over the former Iron Wagon, O., it was only because of the way they play the par 3 holes.

Zampedro, 24, relied on power and a clutch putt but failed to solve the par 3 holes in his 2 and 1 victory over Alan Jon Bailey of Cedar Rapids, Ia., in the 36-hole semi-finals yesterday.

Dokka, a 1961 semi final-

ist from Studio City, Calif., played the short holes as if he had a direct line to the green in his 3 and 3 decision over Jim Schroder of San Francisco.

Dokka, 25, a slim, cool player who uses a three-quarter swing, played the eight par three holes (four a round) in two under par yesterday. He has played the 133-yard

No. 13 so well that it's a par hole when he only pars it. He has had five birds in eight rounds on it, four in a row counting the two yesterday.

Schroder, meanwhile, never even parred the 13th after the tournament began last Monday and his troubles with the short holes cost him dearly in his match with Dokka. Schroder was four over par on the three, losing six to Dokka, tying one and winning one.

Zampedro had even more trouble than Schroder on the one-shot holes, playing them in eight over par and losing four of them to Bailey. But Zampedro, a husky former football player, birdied the 511-yard No. 1 hole twice and got three birdies on long par four holes to offset the short holes shortcoming.

Zampedro said he thought the crucial hole in his match was the 16th in the afternoon, which he won with a par to go 2 up. But actually the three immediately preceding the 16th were more significant.

At No. 11, the match was all even and Zampedro was 22 feet from the pin, 16 feet farther away than Bailey. Zampedro knocked his putt in and Bailey squeaked out a ball by dropping his on top of it.

The outcome of that hole may have lathered Bailey a little for he lost the next with a poor drive and he blew a chance to square the match when he muffed a two-footer at 13.

"I won 15 with a par and I thought I could win the match," Bailey said. "But I think I choked a little on my third shot at 18. I had only a little shot to the green and I looked up and hit it only three-quarters of the way.

"I felt the pressure all around but I really felt it on 16."

Zampedro trailed Bailey twice and when he got behind, he was at his best.

"I felt stronger when I was behind," Zampedro said. "When I was ahead I was playing for pars. When I got behind I was trying to charge the ball."

Dokka never was down after catching Schroder at the fourth green in the morning. But he never led by more than three holes either until he won 13, 14 and 15 at the end.



IT'S A REUNION in Publinx as Jim Bailey, Leo Zampedro and Al Bailey get together. Leo and Jim were golf buddies in '61 in Greeley, Colo. Leo didn't find out until yesterday, however, that Al, whom he beat out in this tourney, is a brother of Jim.