

3-Putt Green Ruins Bailey



C. R. Youngster Bows in Publinx Semifinal

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PITTSBURGH (AP)—Leo Zampedro, husky, 24-year-old fireman from Warren, Ohio, and Arne Dokka, 21-year-old native of Norway, won their 36-hole semifinal matches Friday in the 40th championship.

They met today in the 36-hole final over the par 36-35—71 North Park golf course.

“Tomorrow’s another day. I’m not making any predictions,” said Zampedro after eliminating 19-year-old Al Bailey of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 2 and 1.

Dokka, of Studio City, Calif., who was eliminated in the semifinals last year, defeated Jim Schroder of San Francisco, 4 and 3.

Bailey, who lines his putts on his hands and knees, blew his chance to even the match with Zampedro when he three-putted from the apron of the 13th green.

“That was the key shot. I knew it was going to end then,” he said.

Bailey and Zampedro had been even when they broke for lunch after the first 18.

On the 32nd hole, Bailey needed a 20-footer to even the match. He lined it up lying on his stomach and aiming his putter like a cue stick. He missed the putt to go 2-down.

He won the 33rd when Zampedro, a former fullback for Colorado State, three-putted but lost the 34th. Zampedro closed out the match when they halved the next hole with par 4s.

Dokka, Far West Intercollegiate champ and only one of the four to have played in a national tournament, was 2-up on Schroder, a studious, bespectacled marketing student, when they broke for lunch.

Schroder faltered badly on the last four holes of the morning round, three putting two greens and pulling his drives and irons. He came back strong in the afternoon, but Dokka was even stronger.

The slender six-footer was even par for the 14 holes in the afternoon and one over for the day. Schroder, four over after 18, played the next nine holes in one under par. He lost the 28th with a bogie to go 3-down but won the 29th with a four-foot birdie putt.

They halved the next hole. But Dokka won the next two with a birdie and a par to win.