

Hart, Harris teams tie in pro-assistant golf

By Marsh Schiewe

The Pro-Assistants Championship of the Illinois Section PGA ended in a dead heat Monday at Cog Hill's Dubsdread course in Le-mont.

Dick Hart and Dennis Piotrowski, of the Hinsdale Golf Club, scored a 35-33-68 on the par 36-36-72 course and that was equaled by the 34-34-68 of Bob Harris and Al Bailey, the Sunset Ridge team.

Beating the par of Dubsdread on a rain-plagued day by four strokes, even in tandem, is much like defeating the Cubs this season; it's almost impossible.

Hart, who has won the Section's medal-play championship on this course, enjoys the challenge, however. After his round he said to owner Joe Jemsek: "I sure do like your course" and then in an aside to his friends at a luncheon table "even if they did push the tees way back."

Piotrowski made pars

Hart's 24-year-old aide Piotrowski is in his second year as a professional. Dennis said: "I got all the pars and the boss took care of the birdies. That's the way to play best-ball."

The best ball competition drew 68 pros and their helpers for the \$1,500 event and only Harris and Bailey could match the early score posted by the Hinsdale duo.

The rain stopped when Hart got to the fifth green and at that point he knocked in the first of his five birds. That was a 12-footer and he followed with other birdie putts of three, 20, and a pair of eight-footers at Nos. 7, 10, 11, and 14.

Bailey's shot stunning

Harris, who admits he is playing as well as he ever has, got some sensational help from Bailey as each scored a pair of

birdies in a bogey-less round.

Harris, knocked a seven-iron approach within two feet of the cup on the 359-yard fourth hole for his first bird and bagged the other at No. 10 with a 14-footer.

Bailey stepped up to the tee at the 206-yard sixth hole (which Hart said was playing 240 yards long) and poked his driver, full-strength, to within 10 inches of the pin. George Capoun, of Inverness, playing

in the same foursome, said:

"I've never seen such marksmanship as these guys showed us today. I kept looking around for a general to pin a medal on them."

Bailey acknowledged, "I hit that driver as hard as I could." The 10-inch putt put them two-under par and when Harris got a bird at No. 10 Bailey followed with a six-foot putt on the 535-yard 11th hole for their final bird.

PRO-ASSISTANTS CHAMPIONSHIP
At Cog Hill, Dubsdread.
Money Winners:
Dick Hart and Dennis Piotrowski, Hinsdale, 35-33-68
Bob Harris and Al Bailey, Sunset Ridge, 34-34-68
Al Miller and Pat O'Brien, Evanston, 36-34-70
George Capoun and Sherman Finger, Inverness, 38-32-70
Florio Orsi and Shelby Futch, Bob O'Link, 35-35-70
Hubby Hablan and Don Stickney, Knott-Al Husko and Bill Glese, Glen Oak, 35-36-71
Huck Florence and Vic Martin, Idlewild, 38-33-71
Dave Mose and Ken Bartosh, Calumet, 36-35-71
John Marschall and Pete Kuklinski, Medinah, 35-36-71
Jack Bell and Don Hill, Twin Orchard, 37-33-70.

The Hart-Piotrowski team was saddled with a bogey on the very first hole when Dennis hit a trap and Dick put his approach to the left of that hazard. It took each of them three to get down from those spots for the bogey-five. Hart's only other bogey at the 12th, was offset by a par for Dennis.

Capoun and his assistant, Sherman Finger, finished in a tie for third place at 70 by scoring a 38-32.