

# Ill. Open Ends 6-Week Run at Prestwick; Bailey Wins

The end of the rain-plagued \$6,000 Illinois Open finally came yesterday at Prestwick Country Club in Frankfort, nearly six weeks after it began.

But the newsworthy item had to share the headlines with 24-year-old Al Bailey, the Sunset Ridge assistant who sur-

vived a shaky back nine and a strong challenge, to win the 54-hole event with a 5-under 211.

Bailey, who entered the final round with a 3-stroke lead over veteran Bill Ogden, secured the title with a one-under 71, over the 6,996-yard layout, leaving

him one stroke up on Ravistoe Amateur Joel Hirsch.

For Bailey, who Monday enters the P. G. A. qualifying school for tour hopefuls in Phoenix, everything appeared wrapped up early. He toured the front nine in 4-under 32 fashion, but putting woes left

him with a 39 on the back side while Hirsch, who began the day four strokes behind, put together a pair of 34s to make a battle of it.

On the front nine, Bailey moved with ease from ten to green, twice having shots at eagles, but he opened with a double bogey on the 430-yard No. 10 and which combined with several three-putt greens on the back side tarnished his otherwise outstanding afternoon.

Joel Hirsch, a 29-year-old veteran of the state amateur ranks, put his putter two work, holing five birdies with laps of 30, 12, 12, 15, and 8 feet. A bogey on No. 14, however proved to be the decider.

Ogden, a former touring pro and presently head pro at North Shore, had to settle for a third place tie despite a par round. Ogden is a former Illinois Open titleholder.

Defending champion Dick Bart of Hinsdale closed with a sound 71, but a pair of 75s over the last several weeks, left him well off the pace.

The Illinois Open, co-sponsored by the Chicago District Golf Association and Illinois section of the P. G. A., marks the end of the area's major competition. The event was the 21st, either completely or co-operatively directed by the C. D. G. A.

111—Al Bailey, Sunset Ridge, 70-70-78.

71-71-69; Hirsch (1), Ravistoe, 73-71-61.

215—Bill Ogden, North Shore, 71-73-72;

Dave Haskin (2) Glen Oak, 72-73-71.

218—Don Spitzer, Chicago Golf, 74-72-77;

Dan Kirsch (2), Madras, 71-76-72; Ben

Raeburn, Green Acres, 72-73-72.

114—Gus White, Exmore, 73-74-72; Bill

Glass, Glen Oak, 75-71-73; Dick Lane

Glen, Green Acres, 71-74-71.

21—Dick Bart, Hinsdale, 75-75-71; Dren

Linn, Letour, 70-74-75.

222—Don Westcott, Old Elm, 71-77-74;

Hubby Hublin, Onacastle, 74-74-71; Jim

Andrew, Oak Park, 71-77-74; Bob Aumer-

Rak (1), White Pines, 75-72-73; John

Salem, Butterfield, 69-79-74.

112—Gaylor Simon, Gaylor Range, 74-

72-71; Gene Howard (1), Buholick, 72-

74-72; Bill Erwin, Brookwood, 71-74-74.

224—Wayne Atherton, Pottawatomie, 75-

72-79.

225—Reno Crayth, Antioch, 73-74-74;

Bill Vestress, Rolling Green, 75-74-75.

Phil Kilduff, Knollwood, 74-74-75; Bob

Manfred, Sunset Hills, 74-76-72.