

Bailey changes putters for final nine

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er the 14th hole, the playoff would be carried over to today because of darkness.

Schuchat, who won this event in '71 and '80 and was playing in his first tournament since a runner-up finish in the 1982 Iowa Amateur, appeared to have things well in hand with two holes of regulation play remaining.

Championship flight golfers played 36 holes Sunday, including two tours of the front nine.

Standing at 2 under par for the tournament after 43 holes, Schuchat missed a 2 1/4-foot par putt on the par-3 11th hole, then failed to get up and down on the par-4 ninth from behind the green.

Bailey also averted disaster on that hole of regulation. He hooked his tee shot and thought it was out of bounds. It was in play, and he cut a 7-iron from a bad lie over the trees and onto the green. He two-putted to also finish even-par 180.

Mitchell, playing in the final group with Schuchat, had nine consecutive pars on the final nine to quietly earn a spot in the playoff.

While Mitchell was a picture of consistency, Bailey had three bogeys and two birdies on his final nine holes of regulation and Schuchat a birdie and two bogeys.

This was the first playoff for the

city crown since Steve Kehrer outdueled Luti Fontanini in 1974. It was also the first three-way playoff since 1958, when Larry Ramsey outlasted Al Dorski and Fontanini.

It was the second sour playoff finish for Mitchell. He lost a playoff with Bill Heldmar for the 1969 title.

"Make sure you put me down as the amateur champ," said Mitchell, referring to the fact that both Bailey and Schuchat are former professionals who regained their amateur status. Both have also competed in a U.S. Open.

A switch in putters helped Bailey to the title. He three-putted five greens during his morning round of 75, including three straight on Nos. 15, 16 and 17.

He headed for his car before the final nine and switched putters. The only three-putt he had after that was, ironically, on the fifth playoff hole. But that bogey was good enough for the victory.

Bailey started the day one shot behind Schuchat and Mitchell, who led qualifying with identical 69s. Schuchat was even par for the day after 15 holes of the morning round, but bogeyed Nos. 16 and 17 and finished with a 74. Mitchell posted a four-bogey, one-birdie round of 75.

Schuchat got it to 2 under for the tournament with a birdie on the second hole of the final round, and narrowly missed birdie putts on Nos. 3, 4, 6 and 7. Any one of those would have put a lock on the championship.

Bailey twice got it to 1 under for the tournament, but fell back to even par with a bogey on the eighth. Mitchell, who put together a string of 18 consecutive pars before his troubles on the fifth playoff hole, also narrowly missed several birdie putts.

Mitchell, known for his short-game prowess, gave evidence of that by getting up and down for par on the first, second and fourth holes of the playoff. Bailey also got up and down for par on the second playoff hole, hitting the rest in regulation.

Schuchat also missed the 11th green, and dropped out of the sudden death when his 3-foot downhill putt slid to the left of the cup.

"There's always next year," said Schuchat, who has won numerous major titles, including two Iowa Amateurs, two Sani Opens and one Iowa Open. "I just haven't played very much. And you have to play a lot to do well in tournaments."

"I did nothing real exciting all day," said Bailey. "But I kept it in play. I played well from tee to green."

Defending champion Chris Vandell finished in 10th place, six shots behind the leaders. Today, he will be playing 36 holes at the Kansas City Country Club in a bid to qualify for the U.S. Open.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

x — Al Bailey	70-75-35-190
Jim Mitchell	69-75-36-190
Brad Schuchat	69-74-37-190
Don Brown Jr.	73-76-33-182
Joe Palmer	71-74-38-183
Ron Peterson	72-73-38-183
Dan Reeves	73-72-40-185
Bob James	70-77-38-185
Mike Angstead	70-77-36-185
Chris Vandell	75-74-37-186
Ed Lansing	74-77-36-187
Bob Johnson	77-74-36-187
Jim Webb	74-78-36-188
John Bernel	77-73-38-188
Jim O'Keefe	77-75-36-188
Bob Woodward	77-74-39-188
Floren DiPaglia	79-82-37-189
Jim Ryan	70-82-37-189
Chris Nelson	71-81-37-189
Don Graper	75-78-36-189
John Hall	75-77-38-190
Mike Fontanini	72-81-38-191
John McGuinness	73-81-37-191
Brad Peck	77-79-35-191
John Martin	74-80-38-192
Tom Sandie	75-73-44-192
Frank Sanders	76-79-37-192
Larry Lockridge	75-78-40-193
Jeff Crawford	76-81-37-194
Paul Juffer	76-79-39-194
Gary Livesay	72-83-39-194
Brain Demsky	77-81-37-195
Tim Lathrop	77-79-39-195
Jody Galloway	75-77-43-195
Dick McFarland	74-83-39-196
Bruce Kaldenberg	76-81-39-196
Stan Bonta	77-80-39-196
Ted Caspock	77-80-39-196
Tony Ralph	77-80-40-197
Rod Peterson	75-84-39-198
Michael Smith	75-85-38-198
Denny Dirks	76-82-40-198
Brad Lehman	76-81-41-198
John Beal	77-80-41-198
Larry DiPaglia	77-81-40-198
Phil Swanson	77-81-40-198
Werner Kolin	78-86-38-200
Jim Kirke	77-81-43-201
Phil Stellen	77-82-43-202
Tom Cosgrove	75-86-47-203
Mike Sbrocco	77-82-46-205
Tim Houser	77-85-46-208
Paul Kemp	76-92-42-210

x — won playoff

LOWER FLIGHT WINNERS

President's — 1. Orbie Boggs 38-38-74; 2. Cato Giofredi 36-41-77; 3. Jeff Clevon 40-37-77.
Second — 1. Scott McDaniel 78-75-153; 2. Jim Carlisle 78-78-154; 3. Steve Corberry 77-80-157.
Third — 1. Tim Duffy 79-80-159; 2. Don Anderson 79-80-159; 3. Charlie Grask 80-79-159.
Fourth — 1. Brad Seley 80-78-158; 2. Dean Summa 80-80-160; 3. Dick Hockinson 81-80-161.
Fifth — 1. Jeffrey Goff 82-78-160; 2. Terry Blackburn 82-79-161; 3. Al Kalthoff 81-82-162.
Sixth — 1. Steve Pratt 82-75-157; 2. Sam Perneau 82-79-161; 3. Larry Larson 82-80-162.
Seventh — 1. Jerry Gleske 83-78-161; 2. Al Lindgren 83-82-165; 3. James Rye 83-85-168.
Eighth — 1. J.L. Lewis 84-80-164; 2. Bill Stock 84-81-164; 3. Mark Stark 85-81-166.

Bailey wins 3-man playoff for golf title

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Al Bailey won his third Men's City golf championship in four years at Waveland Sunday, outlasting former champions Jim Mitchell and Brad Schuchat in a sudden-death playoff that lasted five holes.

With darkness approaching, Mitchell missed a 15-inch bogey putt on the 14th green that would have kept the drama building. Schuchat had bowed out earlier with a bogey on the 11th.

Bailey opened the door for Mitchell the 1979 champion, by three-putting for bogey. But Mitchell couldn't take advantage of the opportunity.

"I was so happy to get out of the hole alive that I forgot to make the putt," admitted Mitchell, who had chunked his second shot from the right rough on the 355-yard par-4 hole, leaving his third short of the green and chipped to within 15 inches of the cup. "I was not concentrating on the putt."

"I never thought he'd miss it," added Bailey, who won in 1982 and '80. "I figured we'd be coming back" to continue the playoff today.

Tournament officials had already decided that if there was no winner

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