

# Qualifying

# Golfers learn Open lessons

By Bill Jauss

Young Al Bailey was so thrilled, just to be playing on a "hall of fame course," that he forgot to be scared by mighty Medinah No. 3.

Ed Moehling's aching back hurt so much that he developed the ideal "don't-give-a-damn" attitude for golf. "I may not be able to finish the round," he thought, "so swing away, and enjoy it!"

And muscular Hubby Habjan was so sure he could birdie one of the last three holes and win the medal that he tried it. And he went five over on Nos. 16 and 17 of the course that's famed for stinging its would-be conquerors.

**THESE ARE THREE** lessons learned Monday by a field of 130 golfers, including 23 who advanced (with scores as high as 157) in the 36-hole local qualifying round for the U.S. Open.

You can't beat Medinah No. 3 by trying to smash it for birdies. You can battle it to a standstill if you're either awed or have Moehling's "super attitude."

Moehling is the tall, blond, 27-year old Midlothian pro who won the medal with a 71-72-143 card, and an aching back. His commanding colonel of his Reserve unit will never believe how Ed did it.

Moehling skipped his guard meetings last Thursday and Sunday (including's Sunday's 12-mile hike) with what his doctor diagnosed as "severe sacroiliac strain."

**WITH HIS** back "hitching on each swing" and with a shorter turn that enabled him to keep going, Ed shot one-over 71 on Medinah's short but deceptive No. 1 course. Then he took his bad back and his carefree attitude onto the tree-lined 7,014-yard monster No. 3, that played 300 yards longer due to the rain, cold and wind.

Moehling fired a brilliant one-over-par 72 to tie for low round on the championship course with 23-year old Bailey, an Iowa-reared rookie pro who just joined Bob Harris'

staff at Sunset Ridge.

"It's the most beautiful course, I've ever seen," he said. "I sent in my \$20 entry fee mainly just to play it. I felt . . . well, like I was walking in a golf hall of fame.

"I was awed," Bailey confessed. "But I usually play my best golf on the best courses."

His fine 72 on the No. 3 course and his 77 on the No. 1 course gave Bailey a 149 total that tied him with Remo Crovetti for third behind Moehling and runnerup (70-77-147) Habjan.

**HABJAN**, the last player on the course was the only one with a chance to catch Moehling. The long-hitting Onwentsia pro fired an opening round par 70 on the No. 1 course, sparked by what he called, "the best putting round of my life."

Habjan holed birdie putts of 30 and 40 feet at Nos. 13 and 14. At 16, he blasted from a trap and sank an 8-footer for par. At 17 and 18, Hubby dropped putts for 35 and 25 feet for a par and another bird.

That kind of putting makes a man feel he's invincible. So, four hours later, on the 16th tee of the famous No. 3 course, Hubby flexed his muscles and thought, "One more and I've got the medal."

He double-bogeyed No. 16 with a 6 and a triple-bogeyed No. 17 when he plunked his tee shot into the lake.

The 23 qualifiers compete June 3 at Barrington Hills in the sectional that awards berths to the June 13-16 Open in Rochester, N.Y.

QUALIFIERS	
Ed Moehling, Midlothian	71 72-143
Hubby Habjan, Onwentsia	70 78-148
Remo Crovetti, Highland Park	72 77-149
Al Bailey, Sunset Ridge	77 72-149
Bill Oden, North Shore	73 77-150
Jack Bell, Twin Orchard	76 75-151
Errie Bell, Oak Park	78 73-151
Bob Harris, Sunset Ridge	75 77-152
Bob Erickson, Crete	77 75-152
Joe McDermott, Skokie	77 75-152
*Fritz Franz, Crystal Lake	76 76-152
Dick Crosby, Griffith, Ind.	79 74-153
Wayne Etherton, Portawatomie	78 75-153
Bill Davis, Edgewood Valley	79 74-153
Bill Erfurth, Skokie	74 79-153
Earl Puckett, Northmoor	79 75-154
Sherman Finger, Fort Knox, Ky.	77 77-154
*Bob Zender, Evanston	77 78-155
Bill Giese, Glen Oak	83 72-155
Bob Ellis, Twin Orchard	77 79-156
John Krutilla Sr., Kankakee	80 76-156
Tony Holquin, Fair Winds, Crete	77 79-156
Dean Refram, Medinah	79 78-157
ALTERNATES	
Jack Conrad, Evanston	83 74-157
*Andy North, Madison, Wis.	82 75-157
*Robert Judson, Indian Hill	78 79-157
Don Hill, Twin Orchard	77 80-157
Tom Matey, Knollwood	79 78-157
LEADING NONQUALIFIERS	
Ernie Burgess, Ridge	75 83-158
Tommy Sullivan, Minnie Monesse	78 80-158
Bob Bruno, North Shore	76 82-158
*Michael Tolluszis, Champaign	77 81-158
*John W. Mulliken, Champaign	75 83-158
Edward Kudlaty, Glenwoodie	77 81-158
*George Nath, White Pines	81 77-158
Frank Witt, Cress Creek	83 75-158
*Bob Augustine, White Pines	79 79-158
Ed Oldfield, Glen View	81 78-159
*Ace Ellis, Sunset Valley	79 80-159
Gary Robertson, Elkhart	76 83-159
Isaac Griffith, Windy City Golf	82 77-159
Larry Rouse, Ruth Lake	77 82-159
Peter Kuklinski, Medinah	82 77-159
Gaylon Simon, Golfland	81 78-159
Lou Carter, Hillcrest	81 78-159
*amateur	
†—won 23d berth on 4th hole in six-way playoff.	