

# Bailey Near Record

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Al Bailey finally met his master Saturday, but it was for one day only, and he still leads The Gazette City Amateur golf tournament by six strokes leading in today's final round.

Bailey shot a three-under-par 67 to give himself a virtual lock on a new record for the 73-hole grind. Dennis Smith, last year's champion, won with a two-under-par 282, and Bailey is nine under par already with his 54-hole score of 203.

Beating Bailey is a real achievement this year, and it took a commendable perform-

## Team Totals

|              | CR  | TP  | EL  | TH   |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Ellis park   | 328 | 490 | 513 | 1529 |
| Elmcrest     | 345 | 511 | 513 | 1571 |
| Jones park   | 348 | 508 | 531 | 1487 |
| Indian Creek | 346 | 517 | 522 | 1585 |
| Twin Pines   | 346 | 514 | 538 | 1598 |
| C.R. C.C.    | 369 | 535 | 555 | 1659 |

ance Saturday by Steve Estes, senior at Washington university of St. Louis. He shot a torrid 66 on a chilly day at the Elmcrest Country club.

"Steve played some wonderful golf today," said Bailey, admitting he had been forced to scramble for many of his own pars and birdies Saturday after hitting 33 of the 36 greens in regulation during the first 36 holes last weekend.

"Matter of fact," continued Bailey, "Steve could have had two or three more putts that came awfully close to going in — like the 30-footer on No. 18 that barely rimmed out."

Estes never had a bogey all day. He missed an eagle on the 447-yard No. 2 hole by an inch on a 10-foot putt. He birdied No. 1 (the only man in the field of 48 to do so) with a three-foot putt, got the tap-in for a bird on No. 2, birdied No. 6 with an eight-footer and birdied No. 12 with his longest successful putt of the day, a 15-footer.

"They say anything can happen at Ellis park," said Estes, not willing to count himself out completely despite the six-stroke deficit. "I could have pulled up a lot tighter, but Al made that great chip shot from about 15 yards off the 18th green for a birdie-three.

"That really was the turning point today. Up until then I was only four strokes back for the whole tournament and had hopes of getting even closer today. Al got a big lift from that and moved back six strokes in front with his approach shot on No. 18 that left him only a three-footer for another birdie."

The team race was just about as one-sided although the host Elmcrest club took over second place. Elmcrest's golfers outscored the leading Ellis park team by one stroke Saturday, but trail by 32 shots. Jones park sagged to third and Indian Creek moved up to fourth place, passing Twin Pines.

Wally Pinckney of Elmcrest and young Bob Thaler of Jones park were the only ones beside Estes and Bailey to break par Saturday. They had 67s. Pinckney, playing some of the best golf of his career, used his 67 to leap-frog from fifth to third place in the race to see who wins one of the three Gazette trophies.

Pinckney is nine strokes back of Bailey, who will have an additional edge today because Ellis park is his "home" course. The threesome of

Bailey, Estes and Pinckney will tee off last today, at 11:52, and will finish between 4 and 4:30 p.m. There is no charge for spectators.

Jon Smith, slender Indian Creek veteran, was one of four golfers to hit par-70. This enabled him to climb to fourth place at 216.

The other three who shot 70 all played together: John Jacobs IV, Steve Kehrer and Harvey Wehde. Coincidentally, they are tied for fifth in the 54-hole totals with 217.

Jim Lockwood, who maintains he seems to be jinxed every year at Elmcrest, soared to 75 Saturday and dropped out of the tie with Estes for second place. He and Dick Morton, who was fourth before Saturday, are tied with 218.

## 54-HOLE SCORES

| Par                       | Score    | Total |
|---------------------------|----------|-------|
| 71-71-70                  | 212      |       |
| Al Bailey, Ellis          | 71-71-70 | 212   |
| Steve Estes, Ind. Cr.     | 66-71-74 | 211   |
| Wally Pinckney, Elm.      | 73-71-67 | 211   |
| Jon Smith, Ind. Cr.       | 74-71-66 | 211   |
| John Jacobs IV, Ellis     | 73-72-66 | 211   |
| Steve Kehrer, Elm.        | 74-72-65 | 211   |
| Harvey Wehde, T.P.        | 70-69-72 | 211   |
| Dick Morton, Ellis        | 75-71-65 | 211   |
| Jim Lockwood, Ellis       | 75-71-65 | 211   |
| Bob Thaler, Jones         | 67-71-73 | 211   |
| Pete Lanewack, Elm.       | 74-71-66 | 211   |
| Denny Price, Ind. Cr.     | 76-74-61 | 211   |
| Bill Reed, Ellis          | 88-75-48 | 211   |
| Al Kennally, Jones        | 88-75-48 | 211   |
| Dave LaFontaine, CRCC     | 77-74-60 | 211   |
| Lloyd Koster, T.P.        | 74-75-62 | 211   |
| Dan Galby, Jones          | 82-69-60 | 211   |
| Bert Shilts, Elm.         | 74-71-66 | 211   |
| Hank Amerson, T.P.        | 74-71-66 | 211   |
| Dick Rooder, CRCC         | 75-74-62 | 211   |
| Steve Hill, T.P.          | 76-73-62 | 211   |
| Steve Smith, Ellis        | 75-73-63 | 211   |
| Bob Bicus, Elm.           | 80-74-57 | 211   |
| Bob Mitchell, T.P.        | 75-73-63 | 211   |
| Doug Jordan, Ellis        | 74-69-68 | 210   |
| Tom Eicher, Ind. Cr.      | 81-75-54 | 210   |
| John Locher, Jr., CRCC    | 81-74-55 | 210   |
| George Ludlow, Elm.       | 82-75-53 | 210   |
| Larry Martin, Ind. Cr.    | 82-75-53 | 210   |
| Dick Jacobs, Ind. Cr.     | 74-77-63 | 210   |
| Glenn Karres, T.P.        | 80-75-55 | 210   |
| Dick Swartzentruber, I.C. | 79-77-64 | 210   |
| Don Barry, CRCC           | 80-74-56 | 210   |
| Bill Trevis, Jr., Elm.    | 80-74-56 | 210   |
| Ralph Shuler, T.P.        | 84-74-52 | 210   |
| Bob Stephenson, Jones     | 84-74-52 | 210   |
| Don Vada, CRCC            | 83-73-54 | 210   |
| Jeff Kearney, T.P.        | 84-74-52 | 210   |
| Al Hach, Jones            | 84-74-52 | 210   |
| Mark Stephenson, Ellis    | 88-77-45 | 210   |
| Jim Chipkas, Elm.         | 79-65-66 | 210   |
| Jim Froman, CRCC          | 83-84-43 | 210   |
| Dave Chalard, CRCC        | 84-85-41 | 210   |
| Ted Rubin, Ind. Cr.       | 85-85-40 | 210   |

## DIVIDED SCORES

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Bob Mathiessen, Jones | 73     |
| Drew Fairchild        | 73     |
| Mathiessen            | 77-222 |
| Al Ahrens, Jones      | 72     |
| Lynn Lawrence         | 71     |
| Ahrens                | 75-225 |
| Mike Hall, Jones      | 76     |
| Horsid Bruer          | 77     |
| Hall                  | 78-227 |
| Ben Douglas, CRCC     | 83-78  |
| Bob Douglas           | 87-248 |



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## Bailey Gets Driving Tips

Al Bailey was in the driver's seat, but his top two challengers for The Gazette City Amateur title today were on hand to give him help at the wheel of a golf cart after Saturday's round at Elmcrest. In rear are Steve Estes, who is six shots back after a hot 66, and Wally Pinckney, nine back after a 67.

## No Wider Lead

NO GOLFER ever has had a bigger lead than Al Bailey at the halftime mark in The Gazette City Am, but Mike O'Donnell had the same seven-stroke edge in 1957. Mike had 71-69-140 that year, with Glenn Chadima second at 147.

Mike's lead shrunk to four shots over Dave Aossey after 54 holes and he barely staved off Aossey in a thrilling finish to win the championship at Ellis park by one stroke. Aside from that, nobody ever has had more than a four-shot lead at the 36-hole point.

In 1966 Aossey had a five-shot hudge over Bob Stephenson at the three-quarters mark and went on to win by five strokes. O'Donnell led Aossey by five strokes after 54 holes in 1959, too, and also won by five. Widest final margin was seven strokes by George Simek over runnerup Bill Bergman in 1958.

Bailey has an excellent chance to break the record of 282, which is two under par, set by Denny Smith last year on the same four courses.