

Bayer Finds 'The Secret'



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Four Bs: Burkart, Boros, Bailey, Bayer Play Exhibition

Tired, But Putts Well For His 67

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Booming drives that set the pace on 17 of the 18 holes were only part of the story Saturday for big George Bayer, whose 67 provided an unofficial course record at Ellis park.

Moments after he dropped a six-foot birdie putt on the 18th green to lead an exhibition foursome that included Julius Boros, Charlie Burkart and amateur Al Bailey, someone congratulated Bayer on his fine putting.

"I didn't know you were such a good putter, too," marvelled a fan.

"Neither did I," grinned Bayer. "Maybe I've found the secret. I didn't get any sleep last night."

Bayer, whose mild manner belies his size, has had a busy week. He played Friday at his home course in Tahoe, Nev., caught a plane at 10:15 p.m. and arrived in Cedar Rapids at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

"I had a little nap on the plane," explained George, "but that's all the sleep I got."



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BOROS BEAMS AFTER OUT-DRIVING BAYER—Julius Boros pointed to his ball with glee after he out-drove giant George Bayer on the ninth hole during their exhibition at Ellis park Saturday. It was one of the few times anyone out-hit Bayer, who set an unofficial course record with 67. Boros had 69, amateur Al Bailey 71 and Elmcrest Pro Charlie Burkart 76. That's a fore caddy (right) who marked their drives.