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Barnes Outstrips Field In City Open With 137

Eclipses Runner-Up Kelly by Five; Carson, Miller, Pomeroy Tie for Third

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Tommy Barnes, the slender Druid Hills Golf Club ace who will seek his third Southern Amateur championship at Memphis Country Club next week, warmed up for the big one by spread-eagling the field in the Atlanta Open Monday over the familiar fairways of his home course.

Barnes, who has long been recognized as one of the nation's fine amateurs, ripped seven strokes off par with his 68-69—137 to finish five blows under second placer Lester Kelly, the University of Georgia links star. Kelly made the double tour of the par 72 course in 74-68—142.

Kelly's Georgia teammate Johnny Carson posted 73-71—144 to tie with professionals Charlie Miller of Druid Hills and Ewing Pomeroy of Ansley Golf Club for third. Miller fired a pair of 72s, while Pomeroy put together 73 and 71 to match the card for the route.

Barnes' card:
Par out 444 443 535—36
Barnes out 553 343 435—34 (Morning)
Barnes out 444 443 555—36 (Afternoon)
Par in 444 354 435—36—72
Barnes in 443 345 434—34—68 (Morning)
Barnes in 333 353 435—31—69—68—137 (Afternoon)

Carson picked up third amateur prize, while Miller, who beat Pomeroy in a "sudden death" playoff on the first hole, took down first pro money of $75. Pomeroy's second place pro prize was $50.

Pete Cole of Piedmont Park, tied defending champion Aaron Jackson, unattached, for third low pro at 147 and then beat him for the $25 prize money on the second hole of the playoff.

Barnes led the field all the way. His 68 was one lower than Jackson on the morning round.

In the stretch run, Barnes turned two over with a 38 and then poured it on with a sensational five-under 31 on the final nine. Tommy birdied 10, 11, 12 and 13 in a row starting in the afternoon and followed it with a bird at 15.

Barnes' final nine was matched by Kelly who collected three birdies, one eagle, and five pars for 31.

After the Southern, which cranks up next Monday, Barnes hopes to win a ticket to the U.S. Open qualifying at Birmingham where he will enter the U.S. Open Championship proper at Baltusrol June 17-19.

The results: xTommy Barnes, 68-69—137; xLester Kelly, 74-68—142; xJohnny Carson, 73-71—144; Charlie Miller, 72-72—144; Ewing Pomroy, 73-71—144; xL. O. Crayton, 74-71—145; xJim Clay, 75-72—147; Aaron Jackson, 69-78—147; Pete Cole, 76-71—147; xNed Edge, 74-74—148; Hal Whittington, 74-75—149; xCharles Bethersen, 74-75—149; Dempsey Wright, 77—149; xDick Edwards, 75-74—149; Elmer Reed, 73-76—149; Richard Beckman, 71-79—150; xJohn Maher, 75-75—150; Ralph Dillon, 70-80—150; xTommy Bates, 77-74—151; Jim Dunkerley, 75-76—151; xBill Brooker, 77-75—152; xBob Kiplinger, 77-75—152; xBill Anzey, 76-76—152; Harold Sargent, 75-77—152; Jimmy Williams, 74-78—152; John Livingstone, 78-75—153; xLeon Butler, 78-75—153; xHenry Wade, 77-77—154; Charlie Edwards, 77-77—154; Frank Clark, 76-78—154; xJonny Bloodworth, 79-75—154; Everett Wigley, 78-77—155; Jim Yates, 77-78—155; xFred Burns, 77-80—157; xJoby Broadwater, 75-83—158; Bill Barker, 77-82—159; xHenry Tuten, 83-77—160; xLouis Sherrill, 81-80—161; xPaul Parker, 85-81—163; xBill Rigby, 85-81—166; xNed Edge, 80-87—167; Luke Morris, 83-84—169; xNorman Perry, 90-79—169; xJimmy Mann, 87-86—173; Jim Broom, 92-81—173; xMack Pyle, 85-89—174; xRay Berger, 86-88—174; xNeNa Chatain, 94-87—181. x—Amateur.

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TOMMY BARNES (R) DISCUSSES OPEN VICTORY
Runner-Up Lester Kelly Made Strong Bid

Saye Paces Bulldogs With .341 Swat Mark

Callaway, Douglas Trial at Bat; Foster Has Top Hill Percentage

Special to The Constitution

ATHENS, May 17—Sonny Saye, a sweet-swinging sophomore outfielder, is the top Georgia hitter with a .341 average.

The Athens rookie hit a double, a triple and a single in three trips Saturday in the Georgia Tech twin bill. Saye wound up the regular season with the most runs (19), most player as a freshman in 1953, hit .307. The Savannah first baseman collected 27 hits and chased home 13 runs.

Johnny Douglas

Last year's top batter, Captain Bobby Sherrer hit .280.

The Bulldog infield of Douglas, Callaway, Reggie Andrews and Sherrer clicked for 20 double plays—two more than the SEC champs of 1953.

Top pitcher was Doug Foster with a 4-1 record, workhorses of the Bulldog mound staff—Leon Houston (6-3) and Al Parrish (4-2)—accounted for 10 victories between them.