

Ware Eludes 16th Hole Jinx, Takes City Open by 2 Strokes

By JACK WILLIAMS

A 16th hole bugaboo which struck down contenders one-by-one failed to scare Cobby Ware Friday, and that Quiet Man of the fairways won the Atlanta open championship.

Playing before a big gallery at Cherokee Country Club, Ware birdied the "teaser" 16th, fired a one-over-par 72, and beat favored Gene Dahlbender Jr. by two strokes. The final totals were 142 and 144.

Perhaps never in the history of the tournament has there been a more popular winner. A native of Augusta, Ware is an unassuming youngster who displays the highest type of golf etiquette.

Cobby presently is studying for the ministry at Columbia Seminary in Decatur. Last year, as captain of the University of Georgia team, he won the Southern Intercollegiate. Other highlights of his career have been a second place finish in the Southern Amateur last summer and a semifinal berth in the North and South this spring.

Ware and Dahlbender, who also had a 72, turned the Open into a big victory for the amateurs as most of the pros finished far behind. Unheralded young Wayne Yates, son of Candler Park pro Jim, swept low pro honors with a 76-153 and pocketed \$150.

Dahlbender, the Marching Monster, trailed Ware by two strokes



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OPEN CHAMP COBBY WARE (L) WITH LOW PRO

Young Wayne Yates Pocketed Top Check of \$150

starting the final round, but pulled even after nine and appeared to be headed to victory.

Playing in the same threesome, Cobby and Dolly waged a tremendous battle until they reached the 16th. It was there on the rolling 354-yard par four hole that the title was decided.

Dahlbender sailed his second shot over the green, pitched back short and took a bogey. Ware sank a 15-foot birdie putt, went two strokes up and was in command the rest of the way.

The 16th also proved to be the

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downfall for many others in the big field. Defending champion Pierce Miller, in strong contention after shooting an opening round 71 at Druid Hills Monday, ballooned to a seven on that hole.

He wound up with a 77 and finished third at 148.

Louis McLennan, another challenger, took a double bogey six at 16, went on to a 77 and fourth place at 149.

Par for the Cherokee course is 36-35-71 and the layout measures 6,577 yards. No one matched par.

Ware had a 38 going out before rallying with a 34 on the back. He doubled bogeyed the first hole when he four-putted and at that stage, his chances appeared slim.

He also bogeyed the short fourth hole before sinking a 12-footer

for his first birdie at No. 8. On the back, he played every hole in par except the 16th.

Dahlbender was 36-36 and provided the gallery with one of its biggest thrills of the day when he sank a 35-foot birdie putt at No. 11.

It was an exciting windup. With nine holes to play, Ware and Dahlbender were tied for the lead with Miller and McLennan one stroke back.

Cliff Ansley of Cherokee finished with 76-155 and won second pro money of \$100.

Cobby Ware, 72-142; Gene Dahlbender Jr., 72-144; Pierce Miller, 77-148; Louis McLennan, 77-149; x-Wayne Yates, 76-153; Frank Ziegler, 79-153; x-Cliff Ansley, 76-155; Roy Ford, 83-155; x-Bill Hardigree, 80-156; x-Jack MacDowall, 78-157; Herman Cobb, 79-157; Bill Peeples, 76-157; Paul Cobb, 76-157; Yane Bradley, 77-157; x-Barry Ward, 83-158; Ray Peterson, 76-158; Julius Hughes, 82-159; Bill Tasker, 82-159; x-Pete Cole, 80-159; x-John Gerring, 81-159; x-E. T. Mize, 82-159; John Hall, 78-159.

Ed Wilks, 81-160; C. V. Haynes Jr., 82-160; Irby Henderson, 78-160; Earl Thomas, 78-161; T. A. Stansberry, 82-161; Bob Allen, 83-161; x-Hank Whitfield, 81-162; x-Babe Hart, 79-163; Art Kirkman, 82-164; Pete Estes, 82-164; John Causey, 84-164; Harold Beavers, 86-164; Bill Jennings, 82-166; Asa Candler, 89-166; George Edwards, 89-167; Leland Willingham, 84-169; Bill McClure, 83-170; Tom Smith, 86-170; Roy Dobb, 86-171; Sharon Wheelis, 85-171; S. T. Waggoner, 87-171; x-Jim Davey, 92-173; Tracey Clute, 89-173; Larry Jones, 90-175; Davis Hamilton, 94-179.

C. E. Williams, 91-180; J. D. Smith, 88-180; Lee Tedder, 91-181; Don Strait, 81-184; Charlie Berry, 97-185; Henry Cacciola, 96-186; Leland Patterson, 98-190; Jim Cooper, 96-190; Leo Corley, 90-191; Bill French, 100-199; Wayne Murrison, 93-201; Carl Hicks, 97-203; David Teague, 104-206; Ed Robertson, 100-206.

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