

# Wettlaufer 136 Wins City Open

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## Darwin White Distant Second

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A strong counter-rally by Ward Wettlaufer outlasted that of Darwin White, and from this sticky situation the former Walker Cupper turned the Atlanta Open into an absolute runaway Tuesday.

Long off the tee and proficient around the greens, Wettlaufer stormed in with a 68, his second in a row, to take the title with a seven-under par 136.

White, who made a most determined charge on the front side with a three under par 33, couldn't keep it going and finished with a 71. His 142 total afforded him a one-shot advantage over amateur Jimmy Cleveland who got hot with a closing 69.

**For a time Tuesday at the Standard Club, there was feeling that White head professional at Lakeside, just might make it two Atlanta Opens in a row.**

He did nothing to discourage his followers on the front with his 33, this neat three-under effort promoting a tie with Wettlaufer after 27 holes.

But the challenge seemed to work in reverse, arousing the best in Wettlaufer. The stocky New Yorker, after a birdie on No. 9 to stay even, got another one on No. 10 to take the lead for good.

Ward stayed with the card for the next three holes before rolling in a three-footer on No. 14 for a birdie. He rammed in another birdie, this time from 15 feet on No. 16 to sink three under on the back.

**With a good drive and a long, well-played iron to the fringe of No. 18, Wettlaufer got down in two from 30 feet for another birdie and a 32.**

Wettlaufer had only one bogey for the 18 holes, that coming on No. 3 when he strayed into the woods. Otherwise, he was

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holes for a 34-32—66 to overtake George Knudson on the final nine and coast to a rain-delayed triumph over four other contenders.

Knudson, who lost the tournament lead with a bogey at the 10th hole, carded a closing par 70 for 279 and second place, worth \$11,500.

Chi Chi Rodriguez, Gardner Dickinson Jrl, Tony Lema and Don January shared third place at even par 280. Rodriguez,

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right down the middle and around the stick all day. His round was very similar in execution to that of Monday when he shot 68 at Capital City.

The 29-year-old shotmaker who moved here from Buffalo will have a go at some three or four tournaments this summer. He will definitely play in the

## Yellow River

Southern Amateur and the Border Cup and also take a shot at qualifying for the National Amateur. His competitive play in Atlanta thus far has been very limited with the Open being one of his few appearances.

White, who collected a payoff of \$300 for first, birdied three of the last five holes on the front nine and was rolling well and still in contention until he bogied Nos. 17 and 18.

Teddy Hayes Jr. provided

the stiffest competition for White among the pros, shooting 146 for \$150. Phil Kelnhofer was third at 147. Bill Hardigree and Neal Doyal finished at 148, and there was a three-way tie among Charlie Edwards, Ralph Dillow and Jack Sargent.

Bobby Smith, co-leader the first day with Wettlaufer, slumped to an 81. Gene Dahlbender, in good position the first day with a 70, also had troubles

and took a 76.

Tied with Cleveland at 143 was Allen Kaminsky who is seeking his amateur reinstatement.

### PRO DIVISION

Darwin White 71-71-142; Teddy Hayes Jr. 73-73-146; Phil Kelnhofer 73-74-147; Bill Hardigree 70-78-148; Neal Doyal 72-76-148; Charlie Edwards 76-73-149; Ralph Dillow 74-75-149; Jack Sargent 74-75-149. (Money Winners Only Listed).

### AMATEURS WINNERS

**CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT**—Ward Wettlaufer 68-68-136; Jimmy Cleveland 74-69-143; **A DIVISION**—Charlie Harrison 77-74-151; Wendell Coffee 77-74-151; **B DIVISION**—D. Croxton 77-81-158; Phillips 76-83-159; **C DIVISION**—Schulten 76-89-165; Cook 80-86-166; **D DIVISION**—Hicks 91-78-169; Cochran 92-81-173.