

ATLANTA OPEN

# Lilburn's Weinhart comes up short

**Mozley teaching pro loses to Orchard's James Mason in three-man playoff.**

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**T**he heartaches have come too often lately for Lilburn golf professional Tim Weinhart.

Over the weekend the teaching pro from Jimmy Mozley's Golf Center in Lawrenceville missed qualifying for the upcoming PGA Championship by one shot. A bad third round, where he played the last five holes in five over, left him one shot out of qualifying and when rain canceled the final round he had no chance at redemption.

Tuesday the anguish came at the Georgia PGA Atlanta Open at the White Columns Golf Course in Alpharetta, as Weinhart lost in a three-man playoff for one of the state's major championships.

Weinhart carded a 6-under 66 in the second round — the lowest score of the tournament — and finished in a three-way tie for first with James Mason of the Orchard Golf and Country Club and Greg Lee of Port Armor Club. Weinhart opened the tournament with a 71 on Monday.

All three players parred the first playoff hole, the 463-yard par-4 18th hole. After reloading and playing 18 again, Mason and Weinhart were in the fairway and Lee was against a tree in the woods to the right.

Mason placed his approach about 30 feet to the left of the pin. Weinhart knocked his in the



greenside bunker that guards the right side.

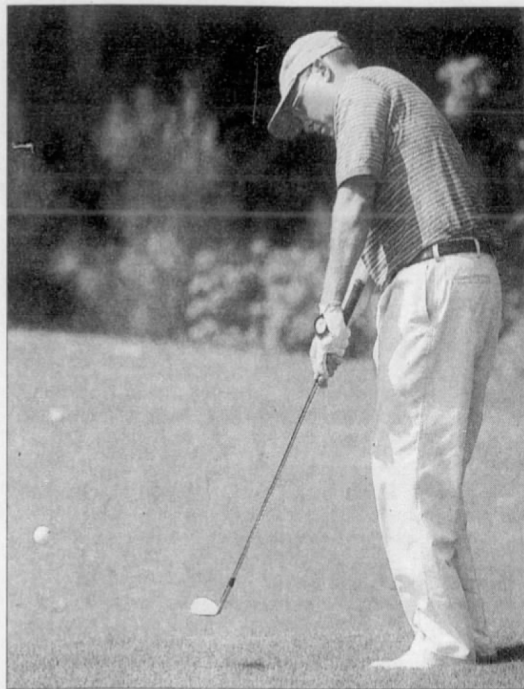
Mason putted to within 3 feet, leaving Weinhart only to get up and down from the bunker and force another playoff hole. Instead he left the ball in the sand. His ensuing shot nearly rolled in the hole, but cost him a bogey and allowed Mason to roll his putt in to win the tournament.

It was a bitter setback for Weinhart, who was accompanied all day by wife Cathy. Weinhart, who earlier this spring won the Georgia PGA East Chapter championship, left the course without comment.

"He didn't have a bad lie or anything, he just didn't hit it," Mason said. "But Tim's such a good sand player, I knew he might hole the second one . . . and he almost did."

The victory was the second of the spring on the Georgia PGA circuit for Mason, who earlier won the Eddie Wiggins Classic in Warner Robins. It was the first Atlanta Open championship for Mason, who was the Georgia PGA Player of the Year in 1997 and 1998.

"They gift wrapped it for me



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**Close encounter:** James Mason (above left) won the Atlanta Open in a three-man playoff with Jimmy Mozley's Golf Center teaching pro Tim Weinhart (above) and Greg Lee.

and I took it," Mason said.

Mason, a former teacher at Mozley's, recently moved back to Clarkesville to teach at the Orchard. Most of the time he's preparing for the Senior PGA Qualifying School in the fall.

Other local professionals were in contention when the second round started, but never really threatened.

Stephen Keppler of Summit Chase Country Club shot a 73 and

was tied for 11th at 2-under. Brian Puterbaugh of Northcrest Academy of Golf had trouble down the stretch, shot a 74 and finished tied for 19th at 144.

Among those who tied for 36th at 147 were: Scott Hinkly, the head professional at Berkeley Hills, who shot a 71; Danny Elkins of the Georgia Golf Center, who shot a 76; and Ty Robinson, an amateur from the TPC at Sugarloaf, who shot 73.

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at White Columns Golf Club	
Final-round scores (Top leaders)	
a-amateur	
James Mason, The Orchard G&CC	69-68-137
Tim Weathall, Jimmy Mozley's G&B	71-66-137
Greg Lee, Fort Amers Club	70-67-137
Kevin Stanton, Moultry, Ga	71-68-139
Matt Russell, Atlanta, Ga	67-72-139
Bill Spornuth, Covington Plantation	71-69-140
(a)Randy Donahoe, Marietta C.C.	69-71-140
Mike Gil, Maple Ridge CC	73-70-141
Toby Swartz, Gold Creek Golf Club	70-71-141
Mike Cook, Sea Island GC	67-74-141
(a)Bobby Knight, Chappa Hills G.C.	73-70-142
Stephen Kessler, Summit Chase CC	69-73-142
Louis Brown, Legacy Golf Links	69-73-142
Ed Everett, Doublegate CC	73-70-143
Jody Bufflower, Milledgeville, Ga.	73-72-143
Bill Robinson, Highland CC	73-70-143
Nick Lipovsek, Hawks Ridge Golf Club	71-72-143
Jon Hough, Marietta GC	71-72-143
Drew Pittman Jr., Twin City CC	73-72-144
(a)Robbie Dew, Settdown Creek	73-71-144
(a)Erik Martin, Crooked Creek GC	71-73-144
Chan Reeves, Atlanta Athletic	73-71-144
Thomas Gray, The Georgian Resort	71-73-144
Brian Putebaugh, Northcrest Academy	70-74-144
(a)Jason Fort, River Pines G.C.	74-70-144
Clark Spratin, Atlanta National GC	74-70-144
Craig Stevens, Brookstone GC	73-73-145
Jeff Amerstadian, The GC of Georgia	71-74-145
David Bahr, Cherokee T&CC	73-72-145
Roger B. Cherno, Dunwoody CC	70-75-145
(a)David Robinson, Twin City CC	69-76-145
(a)Jeff Bek, Lanier GC	69-76-145
Tommy Roddy, Atlanta Ga.	73-73-146
Todd Peterson, #2 Golf Augusta Pro	73-73-146
Brian Dixon, Douglas Golf and CC	74-72-146
Scott Hensky, Berkeley Hills CC	76-71-147
Patrick Richardson, Wilmington Island	76-73-147
(a)Les Dennis, Jemmying Mill CC	72-75-147
Pro Alan Jr., Stonebridge Golf&CC	72-75-147
(a)Lynn Burnett, Lanier GC	73-74-147
Danny Silkins, Georgia Golf Center	73-76-147
Heath Davis, The GC of Georgia	74-73-147
Wyatt Deiner, Orchard Hills GC	70-77-147
John Godwin, Bull Creek GC	74-73-147
Bobby E. Donnellan, Landings/Oakridge	69-76-147
(a) Jay Childs, Lanier G.C.	74-73-147
(a) Ty Robinson, TPC & Sugarloaf	74-73-147
Bill McDonald, City Club Golf Academy	74-73-147
Jim Stagmeier, Bridge Mill A.C.	75-73-148
Michael B. Woolridge, The Trophy Club	73-74-148
Don O. Williams Jr., Chattahoochee	67-75-148
Randy Brooks, Lanier GC	75-73-148
(a) Craig Apple, The Standard Club	72-76-148
(a) Bob Young, Cherokee Town & C.	72-76-148
Richard Katcher, Ansley GC	73-75-148
Tommy Brannen, Augusta C. C.	71-77-148
Craig Hartle, Settdown Creek GC	71-77-148
(a) Mark Strickland, Towne Lake Hills	71-77-148
(a) Brad Clark, Dunwoody C. C.	74-74-148
King Simmons, Browns Mill GC	79-70-149
Jason Brown, Harbor Club	76-73-149
Darryl Speake, Fletchere CC	75-74-149
William Lewis, River's Edge GC	75-74-149
Craig Wolff, Willow Lake Lake GC	71-78-149
Phil Taylor, Ansley Golf GC	73-76-149
(a) Jason Smith, Drapel Hills C.C.	74-75-149
(a) Robert Adams, Atlanta Athletic Club	74-74-150
(a) Mel Mendenhall, Atlanta Nat. Golf	76-74-150
Wendell Coffee, Wendell Coffee Golf	75-75-150
Matthew Tracy, Augusta GC	72-78-150
(a) Thomas Cornelia, Brookstone C.	73-77-150
Jeff Boudrea, The Standard Club	74-76-150
Jimmy O. Marston, Cherokee Gf Cen	74-76-150
(a) Philip Beatty, Settdown Creek	627-74-151
Carry Hart, The Landings/Deer Creek	76-75-151
(a) Ashley Oblinger, Southland Golf	75-76-151
Todd Grigori, White Columns GC	72-79-151
Kathy Holliday, Chateau Elm GC	72-78-151
Bobby Baughn, Bridge Mill Athletic	74-77-151
Aaron Stone, Wilmington Island Club	74-77-151
(a) Jim Eskew, Whitewater C.C.	74-77-151
Richard Crawford, Druid Hills GC	71-75-152
Jason Doyk, Atlanta Athletic Club	76-76-152
Donn D. Perno, Capital City Club	76-76-152
Dave Ergam, Atlanta CC	75-77-152
(a) Bill Stanke, C. C. of the South	73-79-152
Alan Spagars, River Pines GC	73-79-152
Jeff Gotham, Hamilton Mill GC	74-78-152
Scott Hamilton, Cartersville GC	80-73-153
Wes Hallrich, Jimmy Mozley's G & B	78-74-153
(a) Ric Hollingsworth, City Club Mt.	78-75-153
Louis McHughes, Twin Oaks G.C.	77-76-153
(a) Jim White, Idle Hour	77-76-153
(a) Brian Ingle, Pro Golf & CC	77-76-153
Manny Delgado, Chateau Elm GC	76-77-153
Derek M. O'Rourke, St. Ives CC	75-78-153
Ted Meier, Heritage Hills Golf	75-78-153
Crawford Drosdy, Atlanta Golf Center	73-80-153