

# Waddell Winner Of State Junior

MACON, Ga. — Columbus will provide Georgia's representative in the National PGA Junior golf tournament for the third consecutive year.

It will be 16-year-old Wright Waddell, who rolled in a 12-foot birdie putt on the final hole Wednesday to win the Georgia PGA Junior championship by a single shot over 15-year-old Mark Drury.

Waddell will follow other former Hardaway High School golfers Ricky Smallridge, runnerup for the national title at Disney World in 1976, and Johnny Hammond in the National PGA Junior.

This year it will be held at Callaway Gardens Aug. 17-20.

Waddell put himself into the position of needing a birdie on the final hole with four bogeys on the front side. He had started play on the back nine Wednesday and had three birdies at the turn.

Drury was two-under-par for the day's play with four holes to go but bogeyed 15, 16 and 17.

Waddell had the added pressure of University of Georgia golf coach Dick Copas standing off to the side of the final hole watching. The youngster makes no bones about his ambitions of following in the footsteps of his father, Elliott Waddell, who was captain of the Bulldog golf team in 1939.

Waddell finished with a 36-hole total of 145 with a 74 for

the final round. Drury, firing his second consecutive 73, finished at 146, seven shots ahead of Fred Wadsworth of Fort Benning for the 14-15 division title.

Columbus' Hugh Royer III had a 76 for 154, fourth best in the 14-15 division, and Thad Estes finished with 86 for 165.

David Dixon, who shared the first day lead with Waddell, skied to an 81 for 152, good for sixth place. Paul McGillicuddy of Fort Benning finished with 77 for 159, Brad Braxton of Columbus had his second consecutive 83 for 166 and Bill Tarpley of Columbus had 85 for 167.

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