

Benton, Abell Still Lead

Bill Benton and David Abell clung to leads in their respective age divisions yesterday after the second round of the Florida State Golf Association Junior Championship at the University of South Florida.

The course began to take its toll yesterday as Benton, who carded a two-under-par 70 Wednesday to take the lead in the 15-17 age group, slipped to a 75 for a 36-hole score of 145 and Abell, who also shot 70 in the opening round, ballooned to an 80 but still led the 12-14 age group with a 36-hole of 150.

Benton, the junior from Ft. Lauderdale, held a stroke lead over Bob Stockman of Maitland. Stockman dogged Benton after the first round and continued to haunt his opponent. Stockman carded a 75 yesterday and is at 146.

Buddy Roundtree was in third place with 147 and Tony Sama of Lake Worth was next with 148.

In the younger group, defending champion Rusty Day of North Palm Beach was three strokes back at 153, followed by Stan Smith of Sarasota, 156 and Paul Wegman with 158.

The tournament concludes today.

Carey Wins FSGA Title By One Shot

While Bil Carey, executive director of the Florida State Golf Association mends his broken ankle, new junior champion Buddy Roundtree of Ft. Lauderdale will keep his overall championship trophy polished.

Carey slipped in a hole and broke an ankle Friday while lugging the trophies to the presentation area. One was to go to Roundtree whose 223 was the best overall for the 54-hole tourney.

The meet was held at the University of South Florida course.

Roundtree's championship came on the final day when he posted a 76 to oust leader Bill Benton of Ft. Lauderdale who had a 79. Benton finished with 224, tying Keith Jones of Orlando for second spot.

Defending overall champion and winner of the 15-17 age group last year, Tony Sama, finished 10th.

The 12-14 age group was won by Ft. Pierce's David Abelle with 228. Defending champ in this group, Rusty Day was second with 232.

Carey said the next FSGA sponsored event would be a one-day event at Lone Palm in Lakeland on Sunday, July 23.

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Ft. Lauderdale Golfers Sweep Junior Tourney

TAMPA — Fort Lauderdale golfers Buddy Roundtree and Bill Benton finished first and second overall in the Florida State Golf Association Junior Golf Championship completed here Friday.

Roundtree had a final round 76 and a 54-hole total of 223 for a narrow one-stroke victory over Benton who had a final round 79.

Both youngsters were competing in the 15-17-year-old age bracket.

The tournament was held at the University of South Florida Golf Club.

The winner of the younger age group (12-14) was Dave Abell of Fort Pierce. He shot a 78 in the final round and had a 228 three-day score. Rusty Day of North Palm Beach last year's 12-14 winner, was runnerup this tie with 79-232.

Dan Smith of Sarasota tied for third with Pete Wegman of Fort Lauderdale. Smith had 78-78-83 — 239.

Chris Tanner and Herb Hill of Sarasota finished fourth and fifth, respectively, in the second flight of the 15-17 division. Tanner had 79-246, five strokes behind the winner; Hill had 81-247.

In the 12-14 grouping, two more Sarasotans were sixth and seventh. Jeff Tanner had an 85-247, and B. J. Jones 88-248.

The only injury in the tournament was sustained by FSGA Executive Secretary Bill Carey of Sarasota. He was carrying the trophies to a table for the awards presentation Friday and went tumbling when he stepped in a hole in the ground. None of the trophies broke but Carey's left ankle did.

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Hobbled Florida State GA director Bill Carey let association junior champ Buddy Roundtree of Fort Lauderdale handle his silver at presentation time following narrow victory at U. of South Florida GC, Tampa.