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2016 Baltimore Amateur Play Results

There are comfortable leads...and then there are comfortable leads.

Ask Billy Wingerd and Dale Williams. Each had a commanding lead in his respective division in the second annual Baltimore Amateur championship at Pine Ridge Golf Course and each barely survived.

Defending champion Wingerd, a veteran of this sort of thing, led first-day runner-up Jeremy Goodwin by six shots and Brendan McKinney by seven, while Williams, less experienced at sleeping with a lead, was seven shots clear of John Barnes in the Senior Division. At the finish, each leader was holding on with a two-stroke advantage.

Fast forward the first nine holes and Wingerd and McKinney each posted 37 and Goodwin was headed south. In the next seven holes, Wingerd had a birdie (No. 12), a bogey and a double-bogey, and McKinney, one group in front, had a birdie at No. 12 and added more at Nos. 14-15. Five shots gone. The lead at two, both parred 17 and birdied 18, so Wingerd finished 64-74--138, and McKinney, 71-69--140. Goodwin was a distant seventh with 70-82---152.

"I was able to hold on, but I didn't play very well [such as two 3-putts in the first five holes]," Wingerd reported. And McKinney declared, "You get in that position, you try not to give up, but you know it's an uphill battle. I knew a little bit what was going on behind me. It wasn't an impossible situation, but I was kinda playing for second place. I was surprised it was that close at the end."

Cody Smith (73), Rusty McCready (73) and Ray Sheedy (78) tied for third at 149.

Williams struggled to an 81-146, while Barnes was a little more consistent with a 76 for 148. Mike Bertazon (74) was third with 152.

The other leaders:

First Flight: Daniel Netter 83-81--164; Eric Hammerbacher 78-86--164 (Nettle won playoff, second extra hole); Michael Clark 83-85--168.

Senior First Flight: Joe Smith 76-78--154; Robert Baron 85-89--174.

Net -- Regular Flight: John Doran 72-69--141; Robert Filler 71-71--142; Andrew Kachur, 74=70--144.

Senior First Flight: David Gibson 71-78--149; Mike McKenzie 72-82--154.