

Kilduff, 31, an insurance broker from Summit, finished with an eight-over-par 296. In the third round, played yesterday morning, he fired a 70 for a 216 and appeared to be in command with a six-shot lead over Robin McCool of Rutgers and Rob Shawger Jr. of Canoe Brook.

However, Kilduff struggled over the 6,600-yard course in the final round with six bogeys and a double-bogey on the 13th to finish with an 80, including two penalty shots, to barely hold off McCool, last season's Mid-Amateur champion, and Allan Small of Fairmount, winner of the Mid-Amateur in '86, by one stroke. McCool finished with a 74 and Small with a 73. Shawger, who will be a sophomore at the University of Richmond this fall, faded with a 79.

It was Kilduff's first Amateur victory in four attempts. He placed fifth last spring at Twin Brooks, 13th two years ago and another time he failed to survive the 36-hole cutoff.

Defending champion Jeff Thomas, 30, who was seeking a record-tying sixth Amateur crown and third in a row, continued to have putting problems and tied for 18th with a 308. Bob Housen, 50, another five-time Amateur king, posted a 306.

"In the morning I just went out there and hit the ball," explained Kilduff, who won the 1978 Cincinnati City Amateur and twice captured the Travis Memorial in Garden City, Long Island. "But, in the afternoon, all I could think about was the position I was in and winning the tournament. I starting feeling the pressure."

In the third round, Kilduff showed four birdies against two bogeys, but

Kilduff felt he won the tournament when he saved par on the 15th. He belted his drive left into the timber but faded a five iron over the trees to the green, getting down in two from 15 feet. At that juncture, Kilduff had a three-stroke advantage.

"The wet conditions didn't bother me at all. In fact, I think I play better because I concentrate more," said Kilduff, who played golf for the University of Alabama before heading to New Jersey eight years ago. "When I came here, I said my goal was to win the Amateur."

McCool, 38, a Ping salesman from Bethlehem, Pa., who has participated in seven Amateurs, had a birdie on 17 in the final round via an eight-foot putt but bogeyed seven, 12 and 16.

"I really didn't know how close I was near the end, but I heard someone say I was two-back going into the 18th," McCool said. "I just wanted to concentrate on my own game. When you find out you just missed, you start to think about the easy putts you missed."

Small, 37, an electrical contractor from Florham Park, started off his morning round with an outgoing 36 but said "the wheels came off after that," as he bogeyed five holes coming home.

He played well in the final round with just one bogey, on the fifth when he missed a five-foot putt.

FINAL STANDINGS

Jim Kilduff, Plainfield	71-75-70-80-296
Robin McCool, Rutgers	72-76-75-74-297
Allan Small, Fairmount	74-73-77-73-297
Bill Charpek, Navesink	72-76-75-76-299
Mike Kavka, Plainfield West	79-74-72-76-301
Robert Shawger Jr., Canoe Brook	77-73-72-79-301
Kevin Canada, Canoe Brook	75-73-78-75-301
Bruce Young, Harkers Hollow	76-78-77-71-302
Matt Cannon, Lake Mohawk	73-76-79-74-302
Greg Boff, Shackamaxon	71-76-78-77-302
Vic Gerard Jr., Woodlake	74-75-81-73-303
Dave Wollner, Cream Ridge	75-77-80-72-304
Mark McBride, Morris County	81-74-76-74-305
Bob Housen, Manasquan River	78-76-75-77-306
Bill Jeremiah, Plainfield	77-75-78-76-306
John Krikorian, Morris County	76-77-75-79-307
Dave Sanok, Great Gorge	77-74-79-77-307
John Lewis Jr., Baltusrol	77-75-77-79-308
Jeff Thomas, Plainfield West	76-75-77-80-308
Glenn Boscaino, Preakness Valley	76-82-77-75-310
Gary Kramer, Preakness Hills	78-79-76-77-310
Jim Crowley, Suburban	81-75-76-78-310
William Green, Preakness Hills	76-79-77-78-310
Pete Keller Jr., Fairmount	74-81-77-79-311
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Anthony Corbo, North Jersey	83-72-81-76-312
Angelo Petraglia, Howell Park	79-76-80-78-313
John Richard, Montclair	78-77-79-79-313
Neal Schuman, Alpine	77-76-79-81-313
Lee Martinson, Princeton Meadows	80-78-74-84-316
Kevin Maciorowski, Plainfield West	84-74-82-76-316
Ivan Samuels, Brooklake	78-79-82-77-316
Bill Henry Jr., Forsgate	73-80-82-81-316
T.R. Jones, Bowling Green	77-79-78-83-317
Jules Moura, Jumping Brook	76-79-83-81-319
Bill LaRiccica, Glen Ridge	82-76-79-83-320
Tom Kaufman, Plainfield West	76-82-83-79-320
Jay Blumenfeld, Mountain Ridge	79-79-80-82-320
Mike LaBrutto, Roselle	73-81-87-79-320
Dave Pierce, Beaver Brook	74-81-84-83-322
Frank Vnuk, Walkill	78-75-87-85-325
Kevin Norcross, Skyview	79-77-97-86-339
Jeff Kortina, Harkers Hollow	76-77-dq

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