

# Fitzsimons Sews Up N.W. Open With Birdie Flurry

By GIL LYONS

A red-haired teen-ager with a sunburned nose and glowing golf game began his reign today as champion of the Northwest Open.

Pat Fitzsimons, 18, proved himself the steadiest player in a field sprinkled with seasoned veterans yesterday as he survived a gruelling, 36-

hole windup at Inglewood Country Club to win the title today.

The Salem, Ore., youth who intends to enroll at the University of Oregon next fall, shot final rounds of 72-72 to finish at three-under-par 289.

Two Oregon professionals,

Jim Petersen of Portland and Harvey Hixson of Clatskanie, had to console themselves with top money. Petersen, Northwest Open champion in 1965, had a final-round 70 for 290. He pocketed \$2,000. Hixson earned \$1,300 with a 291 total.

WHEN NO ONE in the

field seemed to be able to take charge, Fitzsimons birdied three of the last four holes to edge Petersen, who was waiting anxiously in the clubhouse.

Despite that spectacular finish, however, it was Fitzsimons' consistent play which wore down his competitors. Young Pat, a long hitter in

spite of his slender build and 150 pounds, was the only player to equal or better par in all four rounds.

Fitzsimons, remarkably mature for his age, said his long-iron play was the biggest factor in his victory.

"I hit good long-iron shots all week," he said. "I had no confidence in my putting. I

was hitting it badly."

Pat, the son of a Salem junior-high school teacher, also had to subdue his own rising temper. Entering the final round with a one-stroke lead over Hixson and Mike Davis, a Portland amateur, Pat bogeyed the first hole and three-putted the second for a par.

At that point, his flaming red hair and orange shirt were no match for his anger. "I got angry quite a bit this tournament," he said. "I had to collect myself. I was a little tired. I was trying to hit it hard, but I slowed down my swing."

Fitzsimons fought back into contention with three birdies in a row, beginning at the sixth.

PAT THOUGHT he might have ruined his chances with bogeys at the 10th and 12th. But a friend, Pat Welch, told him at the 14th that all he needed was two birdies to win.

"That helped me a lot," Fitzsimons said. "Until then, I didn't know whether to try to avoid mistakes or go for

birdies."

He got one at the 15th, where he reached the green in two shots and two-putted for a birdie 4. Another came at the 16th on a 30-foot putt. After a par at 17, Pat knew he needed a birdie 4 at the 500-yard 18th.

There, he hit a booming drive and knocked a 3-iron shot about 12 feet from the cup. He two-putted easily, and victory was his.

The triumph was Fitzsimons' second in open play. He won the Oregon Open last year and was medalist in the Western Amateur this summer.

Petersen, who has won \$3,800 in regional events this month, birdied the 15th and 18th to move ahead of the pack. When Fitzsimons birdied 18 to beat him out, Petersen said:

"This must be amateur week."

It was the second time this month Petersen has won top money but finished behind an amateur. He was second to Davis in the Lilac Open in Spokane.

HIXSON, A cigar-chomping veteran, lost his chance when he double-bogeyed the 10th. Davis went out with a bogey at 10, followed by total disaster — double-bogey at the 11th and 12th.

Clint Names of Tacoma, former University of Washington basketball ace, registered an eagle 3 at the 15th for a temporary share of the lead. But Clint, winner of the Pat Boone title in June, bogeyed the next two holes and finished three strokes back.

Bob Duden, defending champion, made a run at the lead, but could not get a genuine rally started. He picked up \$1,100 in a tie for fifth with an amateur, Tom Rudy, of Sand Point, who finished with a 69.

The most disappointed participant was Tom Everham of Kennewick's Columbia Park. Tom began the day with a one-stroke lead over his pro rivals, but retired after one hole when he lost his equilibrium because of a serious ear infection.

a-Pat Fitzsimons	72-72-72-72-289
Jim Petersen (\$2,000)	73-73-72-70-290
Harvey Hixson (\$1,300)	71-75-72-72-291
a-Clint Names	74-71-75-72-292
Bob Duden (\$1,100)	75-73-71-73-294
a-Tom Rudy	76-74-75-69-294
Jerry Meadows (\$1,000)	71-78-74-72-295
a-Mike Davis	74-75-71-78-296
a-Chuck Milne	78-72-75-71-296
a-Mike Spang	77-75-73-72-297
Bill O'Brien (\$800)	75-77-72-72-297
a-Steve Ryan	79-72-78-77-297
Chuck Conley (\$800)	72-72-79-74-297
Bois Forterfield (\$800)	72-73-76-76-297
a-Jim McLean	76-74-74-73-297
a-Elwin Fenning	76-75-75-74-298
Rich Jetter (\$575)	72-72-76-76-298
a-Bob Allard	72-72-76-76-298
a-Rory Rice	74-74-75-75-299
a-Al Kinkade	71-74-72-76-299
a-Tom Wells	71-72-86-76-299
Al Mundie (\$475)	73-75-76-76-300
Bob Wiseman (\$475)	75-77-74-76-300
Bunny Mason (\$390)	76-74-74-77-301
Doug Reid (\$390)	75-75-76-76-301
a-Rob Ashton	75-75-76-76-302
a-Don Scott	77-75-76-74-302
Eddie Joseph (\$280)	75-77-74-76-302
Herb Magnusson (\$280)	74-74-78-76-302
Mike Duick (\$280)	75-74-74-81-302
Tom Lijeholm (\$190)	75-75-80-76-303
Gordy Hepp (\$170)	73-79-72-79-303
Ben Davis (\$190)	76-72-78-75-303
Tom Lijeholm (\$190)	75-75-80-76-303
Joe Golie (\$190)	73-73-77-80-303
a-Jim Gannon	75-74-75-80-304
Glen Sauer (\$140)	75-79-78-76-304
Gordy Haddock	76-74-74-80-304
a-Jim Sparkman	75-77-73-85-304
a-Qui Morgan	75-78-80-75-305
a-Joe Colella	74-77-82-72-305
Rich Locke (\$130)	73-78-77-77-305
Ron Hogan (\$100)	74-72-81-75-305
a-Dave Gient	77-73-78-77-305
Mike Carter (\$100)	72-78-75-77-306
a-Wimpy Sargent	73-74-79-80-306
a-Amateur	

## McNally's 'Luck' Holds Out for No. 15

Associated Press

Dave McNally is feeling no pressure, no pain. But he does feel very lucky.

What the 26-year-old Baltimore left-hander must be wondering after running his record to 15-0 with a 4-2 victory over Kansas City last night is: How lucky can a guy get?

"No, I don't feel any pres-

sure," McNally said. "I think probably I would feel it if I had pitched well in every game, but that hasn't been the case. I pitched badly enough to lose in six or seven games."

"I know it has to end sometime, but I'm very happy to get this far, and I'm enjoying it. I'd rather be winning like this than losing,

but it's taken a lot of luck to do 15."

McNALLY'S No. 15 put him in the American League record book along side Johnny Allen of Cleveland. McNally, with a pair of victories at the end of the 1968 season, tied Allen's mark of 17 consecutive triumphs over two seasons, set in 1936-37 and

Allen's record of 15 straight victories at the start of a season (1937).

McNally now is one triumph away from the league mark of 16 successive victories in one season, held by four pitchers.

In other games, Detroit slipped by Minnesota, 3-1; California beat Boston, 4-1; the New York Yankees beat Oakland, 3-2; Seattle nipped Washington, 4-3, and the Chicago White Sox blasted Cleveland, 11-6.

McNally, who has only eight complete games in 26 starts, needed relief again against the Royals, after giving up a leadoff single in the ninth inning. Eddie Watt relieved and preserved McNally's 29th victory in his past 31 decisions, including a 12-game winning streak last season, when he was 22-10.

Kansas City scored two runs off McNally in the first inning. The Orioles tied it on Frank Robinson's 26th homer in the sixth and went ahead on Don Buford's two-run double in the seventh.

"IT'S AMAZING you can go that long without getting shut out," said McNally in praise of his slugging teammates. "I can remember only one time they didn't get me at least two runs."

McNally does not even believe he is pitching as well as he did the first part of last season. "I'm just not throwing the ball as well, although I don't feel any pain in my arm."

TIGERS 3, TWINS 1 — Harmon Killebrew could not be blamed if he felt some pain after letting in three runs with two errors in Minnesota's loss. The first came when he let a grounder get by in the second inning, letting in one Detroit run. The other was a wild throw in the eighth, allowing the two others to score.

## Tillman's 3 Homers Rate Third

Associated Press

Pity poor Bob Tillman. The Atlanta Brave catcher cracked three consecutive home runs last night—and still ran third in the long-ball derby.

First the Houston Astros pitched the New York Mets pitchers as a launching pad for cracking a pair of grand-slam homers in one inning, a National League record.

Then Hank Aaron, Tillman's teammate, no less, cracked last night to slam his way into third place on the all-time list of home-run hitters. He clouted his 537th career-bagger to pass a former New York Yankee great, Mickey Mantle.

THE BRAVES, in a home-happy two-night double-header, split with the Phillies at Philadelphia. They won the first game, 6-3, on five homers, three by Tillman, Aaron's 27th and a solo shot by Felipe Alou.

But the Phils came back in the nightcap to nip the Braves, 4-3, on Richie Allen's eighth-inning homer, second of the game. Johnny Callison's homer had led it earlier in the inning.

In afternoon games, Houston swept past the Mets in a double-header, 16-3 and 11-5, and San Francisco whipped Chicago, 6-3.

In night action, St. Louis stopped San Diego, 5-2; Cincinnati rapped Montreal, 5-3, and Pittsburgh downed Los Angeles, 4-2.

BEFORE THE double-header began, Tillman said he was hitting everything off the end of his bat.

"I was dribbling the ball; it looked like a bleak night," Tillman said. But it only turned bleak for Grant Jackson, Philly southpaw who served up all five Braves go-homers.

Tillman, a one-time Seattle Rainier, hit his blasts in the second, fourth and sixth innings. The three gave him nine for the season. He went into the game hitting .176.

AARON, 35, in his 16th major-league season, smacked his 537th homer around the foul pole in left field in the third inning. It placed him third behind Babe Ruth, with

## No-Hitter Paces Babe Ruth Action

Southern Seattle's Mark Braun pitched a no-hitter and struck out 13 batters to highlight the opening day's action of the state Babe Ruth League baseball tournament at White Center Stadium last night.

Southern Seattle beat Mid City, from the Edmonds-Lynnwood area, 6-0. Braun and Wyatt Tonkin each collected two hits in four at-bats to pace the attack.

In an earlier game, North Seattle's Dave Adkins yielded a leadoff single to Bellevue's Ron Reeves, then settled down for a one-hit, 3-0 shutout.

Aberdeen erupted for 17 hits in a 11-5 drubbing of North Kitsap. Mike Beck had two singles and a triple and Lee Ferris a pair of singles and a double to pace Aberdeen.

In the opener, Spokane bunched five runs in the second inning, then held off Vancouver for a 5-4 triumph. The double-elimination tournament continues tonight.

Vancouver	.....003 010 0-1 3 2	R. H. E.
Spokane	.....020 000 0-5 4 3	
Edwards and Mayfield; Jerrard and McGivick.		

North Seattle	.....191 100 0-2 4 1	R. H. E.
Bellevue	.....000 000 0-3 0 2	
Adkins and Reeves; Scott and Ferris.		

Aberdeen	.....151 010 3-11 17 4	R. H. E.
North Kitsap	.....300 002 0-5 6 7	
Ferris and Elway; Belgrade Scherer (7) and Goofrey; L-Scherer.		

Mid City	.....000 000 0-2 0 2	R. H. E.
Southern Seattle	.....000 000 0-2 0 2	
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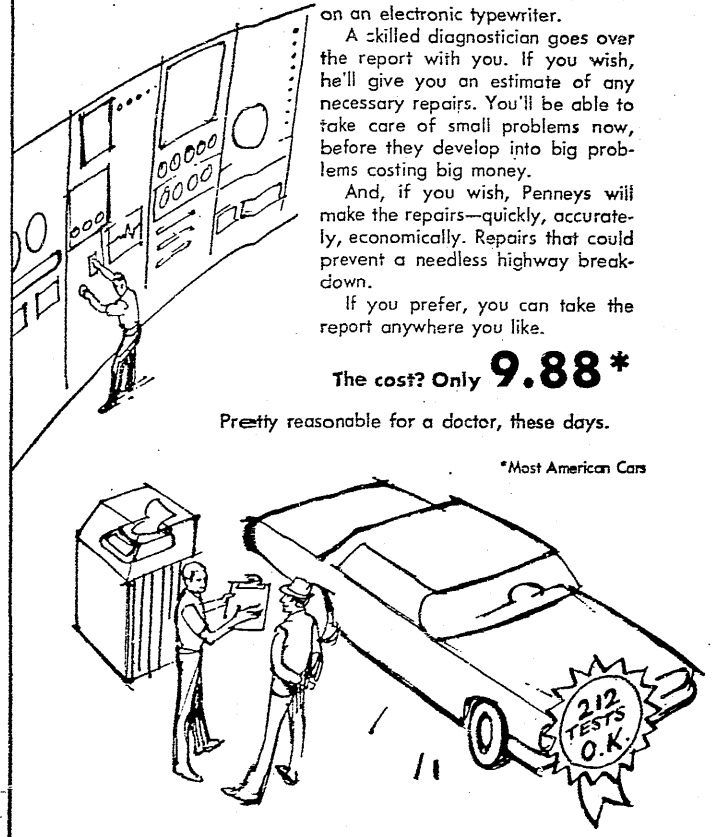
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