## Fitzsimons wins Open by 5 strokes

By JOHN LINDTWED "That's the biggest check I've won in the past year and a half," Pat Fitzsimons said, then added, "perhaps it's because this is the best golf I've played since then." The comments came just after the Salem, Ore., touring professional had received the \$2,800

first-prize money in the Equitable ... Savings Northwest Open at Sahalee Country Club. Fitzsimons wrapped up the championship with a birdie on the 18th hole that gave him a four-round total of 287, one under par, and a five-stroke advantage over Mickey Davis of Olympia, whose last-day heroics started a few

holes too late. The win put Fitzsimons in a too." class with Al Mengert and Stan Leonard, who won the Open title both as amateurs and as professionals. When Fitzsimons won at Inglewood in 1969, he was an ama-

teur. But it was not a wire-to-wire victory for Fitzsimons, who was in a tie for the lead Monday and four strokes ahead after the second · round.

TY NELSON, assistant pro at Renton's Fairwood Country Club, came from five strokes off the pace to tie Fitzsimons after the first 9 holes of yesterday's double round and led after 10 holes by displaying some sensational golf. Nelson, playing in the same threesome as Fitzsimons, picked up two strokes with a birdie on the first hole of Sahalee's South Course when Pat bogeyed; two more on No. 3 when Fitzsimons posted a double bogey, and another with a birdie at the 482-yard par-5 No. 6. When Fitzsimons bogeyed No. 9, the two were even, and Nelson went ahead on the 10th hole (No. 1 on the East Course)

died No. 2, parred No. 3. Fitzsimons was back in the lead at 13 when Nelson bogeyed the par-3 hole, took a six to Pat's birdie on the 484-yard par 5, another bogey at eight, and a horrendous eight on the par-4 ninth while Fitzsimons took a bogey.

with a birdie on the 498-yard par 5.

But he got no closer as both bir-

IT SENT Fitzsimons into the second round with a seven-stroke lead over Nelson, Mike Hemphill, an amateur from Tacoma's Oakbrook C.C., third member of the threesome, cut Fitzsimon's lead to four strokes at one point, but could not match the tour-player's consistency. Fitzsimons had covered the first

18 holes in 73 strokes, Nelson in 74. and Hemphill in 75. Gerry Mahlert of Tacoma Golf Club, starting four strokes from the lead, eliminated himself with

an 83 in the first 18. Only Davis, a one-time tour pro, who had opened the day's play 10 strokes back of Fitzsimons, was charging, with a two-under-par 70. Hemphill looked like the low amateur until the 15th hole of the afternoon round, when he took a triple bogey, finished at 78 and an

even:300; Fitzsimons was even par on the second round coming to 18. His tee shot on the par-3 hit just short of the pin, bounced backwards and he dropped the three-footer for the final bird, and a final-round 71.

It did not matter that Davis had fired a three-under 69 — he still was five strokes short. But second-place money was a placating \$1,900. Davis' 69 was the lowest of the nine pars or better recorded

The eight left Nelson talking to himself, especially after he took a six on the same hole in the afternoon round.

"I HIT a tree, and then another tree each time," Nelson said. "I was eight over par on that hole for the tournament." Fitzsimons also had trouble with

that hole. His par there in the final round was his first of the tourna-The leading amateur was Chuck Hunter of Allenmore of Tacoma, who finished with a 294 total. Fitzsimons said the reason he had hit the ball so well was be-

cause of the help of two Oregon professionals, Bob Ellsworth and "My trouble? I was hitting the

## Seattle golfer 3 strokes behind

DENVER - (AP) - Lee Davisof Newport Beach, Calif., dropped in seven birdies en route to a competitive-course record 65 yesterday to grab the lead after the second round of the 72-hole 11th annual Pacific Coast Amateur golf tournament at the Denver Country

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hall sideways," he said. "You have so much knowledge, and others have more, so I took advantage of their's. They found I

was taking the club back wrong on the backswing. "No, I wasn't concerned when Nelson came up on me. He was playing fantastic golf, hitting great shors, but I felt the course would catch up with him.

"PART OF my game is that I know what I do wrong when I hit a bad shot. Every bad shot I hit in this tournament, I know what to do to correct it. He doesn't, and when he did hit a bad one, he didn't know what to do. "And I knew I was playing well,

Two years ago, Fitzsimons

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earned \$86,181, captured the Los Angeles Open title and played impressively in the United States

Fitzsimons drove a cart the final round because of a blister on his heel that left him limping through the last four holes of the morning round. "It didn't affect my golf, just

my walking," he said. Then he left for the airport and California, where he teed off in the the Professional Golfers Association tournament at Pebble Beach at 9 this morning.

"Yes, I want to play on the tour, but not make the tour my life." But he said he expects to play at Westchester, N.Y., next week,

"And I would like to play at Pinehurst, N.C. It's much like this course, a very good one."

287 — Pat Fitzsimons, Solem, Ore., 69-74-73-71 (\$2,800). 292 — Mike Davis, Olympio. 78-75-70-69 (\$1.900). 298 - 'a-Chuck Hunter. Tacoma, 74-75-70-69. 299 - Don Shaw, Marys-77-75-75-72; Chuck Milne, Salem. 71-77-76-75; 8ob Duden, Portland, 75-73-74-77; Ty Nelson, Fairwood, Renton, 70-78-74-77 (\$1,175 each), 300 - Doug Campbell, Auburn, 75-76-72-77 (\$900): a-Mike Hemphill, Tacoma, 70-77-75-78, 301 - Bill Eggers, Wilsonville, Ore., 17-76-74-74 (\$850). 302 — Gary Lindeblad. Liberly Lake, 75-77-75-75; Randy Puetz. Tyee Vollev. Seattle, 74-77-78-73; Jerry Mowlds, Portland, 75-81-75-71 (\$753.33 each). 303 - a-Kent Myers, Lake Oswego, 78-75-72-78: a-Fred Couples, Jefferson Park, 76-76-75-76; Fred Haney, Portland, 77-73-74-79 (\$670). 305 - a-Jeff Marsh, Seattle, 78-74-76-77; Bob Kelly, Tocoma, 77-79-74-75 (\$630). 306 - Ron Hagen, Seattle, 73-80-79-74; a-Dan Meyers. Richland, 73-79-82-72; Rick Acton, Kirkland, 72-80-75-79; George Lanning,

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tire., 19-76-74-78, 108 - Dan Elliolt, Beaverton,

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