

## Gove in 2-stroke victory at Open

By Gordon Wittenmyer

Don Bies should have known he didn't have a chance after the ninth hole yesterday at Inglewood Golf and Country Club.

That was the same hole where a cat walked across the fairway about 50 yards in front of Bies as he teed off. He watched it run away when his drive sizzled past the animal.

It was probably nothing. The cat never returned to bother Bies.

A few minutes later, on the ninth green, Bies missed by inches on a three-foot putt as he bogeyed the hole. And, like the cat, he then watched his one-stroke lead over then-second-place Mike Gove disappear.

Bies fell back on 11th

It was probably nothing. His lead returned on the 10th, when Bies scored a par and Gove bogeyed.

But Gove birdied the 11th hole while Bies again shot par, and his lead was gone again.

Gove won the Washington State Open, finishing at eight-under par for the three-day event.

Bies, the Seattle pro, shot an opening-round 67 on the par-73 course and led the field from the start until yesterday's ninth hole.

He finished second to Gove, two strokes back.

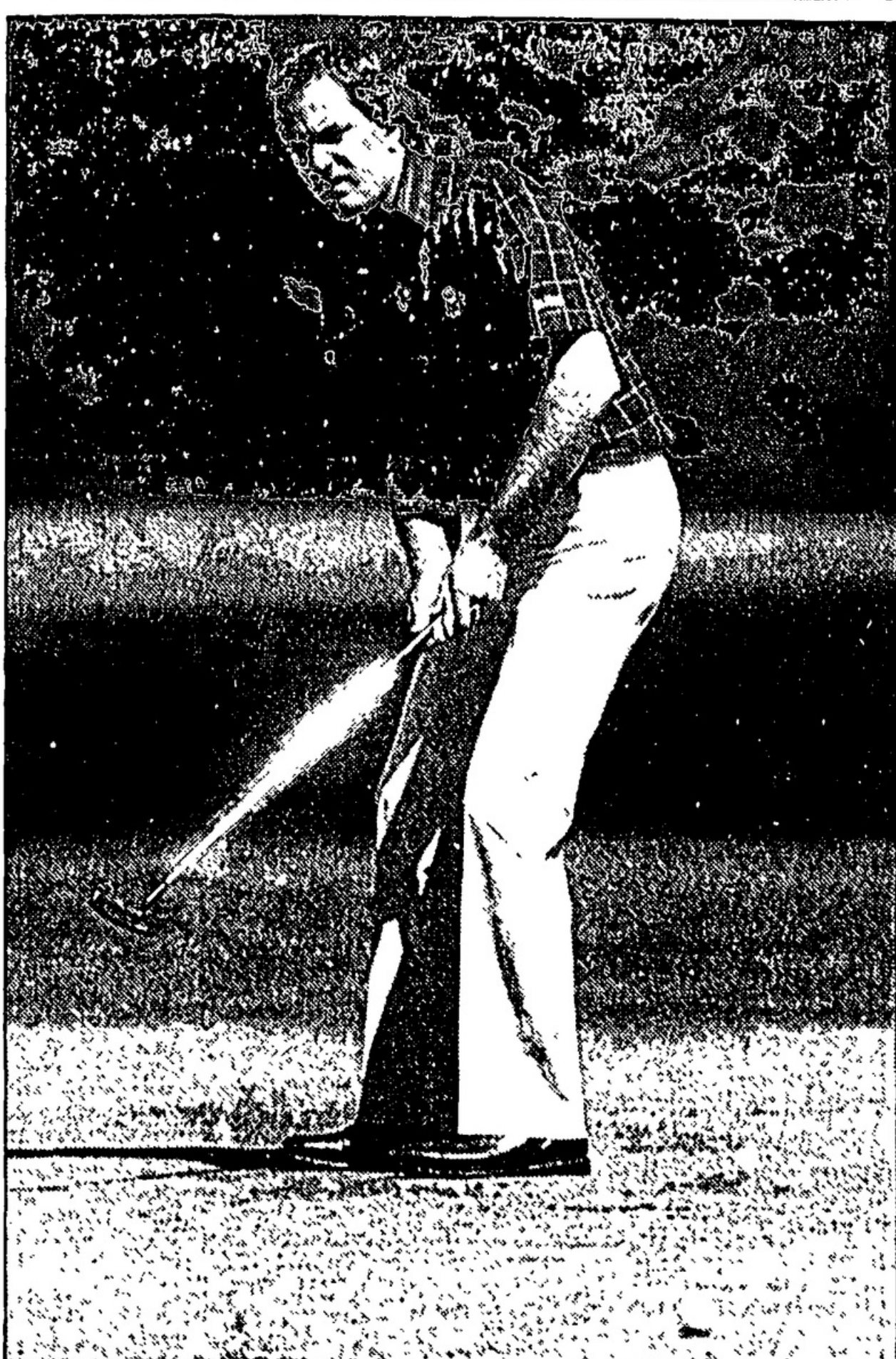
For the 28-year-old Gove, it was his first tournament win since June of 1983, when he captured the New Hampshire Classic. He's played in few tournaments since, instead keeping busy on the TPS Tour.

And keeping sharp.

Yesterday, he shot a 71 to go with a pair of 70s shot each of the first two days. He birdied four holes and dropped in putts from 16, 8, 15 and 12 feet away.

But, he admits, he got some help from Bies.

"He didn't putt very well. He



CARY TOLMAN/P-I PHOTO

Seattle's Mike Gove, who had a pretty good day on the greens yesterday, watches a putt during the Washington State Open at Inglewood. Gove captured the title with a three-round total of 211 over Seattle's Don Bies, who came in second at 213.

didn't have the ball roll as well as I did," Gove said. "And he hit a couple of bad iron shots on par threes. That really hurt him."

Bies double-bogeyed holes 6 and 12, the latter putting him two back and in trouble. With Gove shooting at least par on each of the final five holes, the end actually came on the 16th, when Bies answered a Gove par with a bogey.

"I hit a lot of excellent shots and didn't capitalize," Gove said.

"But I hit some bad shots that I was able to salvage. I don't feel like I stumbled home."

Last year's Washington Open champion, Chris Mitchell of Indian Canyon in Spokane, tied for eighth at 220.

Gove earned \$3,500 for the victory.

Tacoma's Harold Bonnell finished the tournament with a par showing to win the amateur division. He tied for sixth place overall.

## Decathlete makes exit quicker than his arrival

By Kenneth Richardson  
P-I Reporter

The veins in Matt McPherson's neck wouldn't relax yesterday, and the pain was so intense that the skin on his forehead was as tight as dried leather.

It was the opening day of the National Junior Olympics Track and Field Championships at Husky Stadium, and it was supposed to be his day.

But McPherson, a recent graduate of Bellevue High School, may have won and lost on his first event of the decathlon competition.

Pain increased later

He captured his 100-yard dash race in the young men's division (age 17-18), but his right hamstring quit with about 25 yards to go.

"He hurt it this morning in the 100 and it got worse in the long jump," said Bill Cariveau, a trainer for the decathlon and heptathlon athletes.

McPherson, on his stomach in the trainers' tent and grimacing from the cold ice pack and the soreness, forced a smile and extended his hand.

"I don't know what's going to happen now," he said. "I'm not ready to give up. I want to keep going."

McPherson, a powerfully built athlete, entered the competition as one of the favorites in only his second decathlon.

"My first decathlon was at the

qualifying meet for this one," he said.

The qualifier was a shocker for McPherson, who won the event by upsetting Mount St. High's Bill Robey, the Washington high school state champ.

McPherson, who will attend Eastern Washington on a football scholarship in the fall, had never competed in two of the decathlon events before his first outing.

"Yeah," he acknowledged, laughing through the pain, "the pole vault and the javelin. And I hadn't high jumped since I was in junior high school."

Still, McPherson's 6,113 points topped Robey's 6,054 points in the Junior Olympic qualification meet and the two figured to battle it out again for the national title.

"We aren't enemies or anything like that," cautioned McPherson. "We get along pretty good. He helped me out a lot in my first decathlon, especially with some pointers on the pole vault."

A versatile athlete, McPherson was named defensive player of the

game at Kingdome VII in December of 1983, leading Bellevue High's football team to a 17-14 win over Kennewick. His most satisfying accomplishment, however, was not getting the award, but winning the Class AAA football title.

"That and finishing second in the state long jump (23-0). This year," added McPherson.

His biggest disappointment?

"Maybe this," he said, nodding toward the icepack on his hamstring.

NOTES — After four events in the heptathlon, Lyn Frey of Tucumari, N.M., leads the intermediate women's (15-16) field with 2,587 points, followed by Candi Odom of Delray Beach, Fla., with 2,499 and Debbie Malueg of Corvallis with 2,484.

The final three events of the intermediate heptathlon, along with the finale of the young women's heptathlon, the intermediate men's decathlon and young men's decathlon will be held all day today.

## Local girls to row in Europe

Five Seattle rowers have been chosen for the U.S. National Junior Women's eight which will compete at the Junior World Rowing Championships in Brandenburg, West Germany, Aug. 7-11.

The five include 6-foot-2 Kirkland twins Mary and Betsy McCagg of Lakeside School, both

members of the 1984 national team. Other locals are Lakeside's Titia Vandermeulen (Seattle) and Alice Cray (Mercer Island), and Green Lake Crew's Rebecca Ojbeck of Seattle.

The team, which has been training at the University of Washington, will train in Copenhagen, Denmark, before going on to West Germany.

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