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Jeff Bloom, an amateur who plays out of West Seattle Golf Course, follows through on an iron shot yesterday at the Washington State Open at Fairwood Golf and Country Club. Bloom won the championship over Mark Wurtz of Port Ludlow on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff.

Amateur Bloom caps his State Open charge on 2nd extra hole

By Dan Raley

Jeff Bloom played like a pro yesterday at the Washington State Open. The pros must have thought so, too. He was better than all of them. In fact, he was better than everyone involved. regardless of status.

Bloom became the first amateur in eight years — an unfinanced Fred Couples won in 1978 and only the fifth ever to win the 60th annual State Open, beating Port Ludlow's Mark Wurtz on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff at Renton's Fairwood Golf and Country Club. How long he'll stay an amateur

remains to be seen. "I'm not quite sure yet," said Bloom, who recently graduated from the University of Washington with an economics degree and is mulling a try at the PGA Qualifying Tournament. "I'm looking for sponsors. It costs a lot of money."

His payday was more gratifying than enriching yesterday. Bloom, who plays out of West

Seattle Golf Course, came from a tie for 23rd on the first day and a tie for 10th on the second to post a Columbia Cup hydros

heating up By Dwight Perry

P-1 Reporter TRI-CITIES — The race for the national unlimited hydroplane championship has already boiled down to a two-boat parade, but the battle for Sunday's Columbia Cup race here should be more

heated than that. Miss Budweiser and Miller American have split the season's first four races but a season-high 13 boats are expected in the pits as qualifying opens on the Columbia

River at 10 a.m. today. . With the No. 2 Bud boat now retired for the season, the No. 1 Bud's Jim Kropfeld (5,000) and Miller's Chip Hanauer (4,169) have nearly two races' worth of points on the next boat, Steve Reynolds' Miss 7-Eleven (2,732). Not coincidentally, the three frontrunners are all turbines - a slap in the face of a 2,650-

horsepower lid (a 33-percent power cutback) imposed on the whoosh boats after last season. Making its debut here this weekend is the Mr. Pringles boat, the U-8 that Scott Pierce drove to second place nationally as Executone Telephones last year. Bob Patterson's U-80, Chuck Hickling's timeless Tempus and Jim Hauenstein's conversation piece -

heads — will also be attempting to make the field. Also here are the Frank Kenney Toyota/Volvo, the Squire Shop, Oh Boy! Oberto, Miss Madi-

powered by eight Mercury power-

Thor Racing and Cellular Qualifying continues at 9 a.m.

tomorrow and Saturday, with racing set to begin Sunday at noon with the final heat at 4:10 p.m. 'U" SAVE At



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5-under-par 208, good for a tie with Wurtz. As an amateur, he received only \$350 in golf merchandise, whereas a pro would

have won \$6,000. "Every time you play these things, guys go backward on the last day," said Bloom, "I thought I'd go out and shoot a good round and see what happened."

Second-day leader Roger Thorn of Fairwood was the most noticeable one in reverse. He let a three-stroke lead slip away by collecting bogeys or worse on the last three holes, with a double bogey on the par-3 No. 16 most painful. Thorn's first shot landed in the woods to the left.

"I don't know. There's something about this game that doesn't let me win," said Thorn, who finished second in the '84 Open to Chris Mitchell. "I had a three-shot lead with three holes left. I had absolutely nothing to worry about - and then the old golf gods came out and bit me again."

started to come apart.

months earlier. "I knew all I could do was sit and wait and look at my scorecard. Just like on TV." Bloom and Wurtz both fourparred the first extra hole, Wurtz just missing a clinching birdie on his chip shot. Bloom then got him on the next hole, knocking in a five-foot putt for a three-shot

birdie after Wurtz had pushed an

eight-foot try right of the hole.

"I hadn't given up hope, but I

knew if he played well he would

win," said Bloom, who had won

the Giusti Open in Portland two

The 22-year-old Bloom shot 71, 70 and 67 over the three days. STATE WOMEN — Defending champ Dana Heffernan of Tacoma lost 2 and 1 to Broadmoor's Mamie Racicot in the third round of the 60th annual Washington State Women's Golf Championship at Sand Point Country

Also, Fircrest's Michelle Wooding defeated Sand Point's Ann Swanson 4 and 3, Broadmoor's Edean Ihlandfelt stopped Meridian Valley's Paula Gamble 3 and 2, and Sahalee's Linda Fuller beat Broadmoor's Susan McCoy 3 and

Old traffic ticket catches up with Boston's 'Oil Can' P-I News Services

BOSTON - Boston Red Sox pitcher Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd was arrested yesterday on an outstanding traffic violation while spending the evening with his wife away from the hospital where he

has been undergoing drug and medical tests, state police said. Boyd was a passenger in a car driven by his wife when the pair were pulled over by state troopers for speeding near the intersection of Interstates 95 and 495 in

Foxboro, police said. After a routine computer check, police said the officers found that Boyd had an outstand-

ing speeding violation from "a few years back." He was jailed briefly and later released on \$2,000 bail. Boyd was ordered to appear in Wrentham District Court today for the violation.

Boyd checked himself into the

University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester last week for a "comprehensive evaluation," including drug tests after a scuffle with local police outside his suburban Chelsea home. He has been in the medical center since July 17 and is still listed as a patient. □ New York Yankees pitcher

Tommy John, who has won 262 major league games with six clubs, was named University of North Carolina pitching coach and will ioin the Tar Heels when the Yankees' season ends.

☐ San Diego first baseman Steve Garvey says he may retire when his contract with the Padres

expires after the 1987 season.

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Basketball:

☐ James and Lonise Bias. parents of University of Maryland basketball star Len Bias, will testify before a Prince George's County grand jury investigating their son's cocaine death but their attorney, Wayne Curry, hasn't been told when.

☐ Julius Erving's agent, Irwin Weiner, told Utah Jazz officials the free agent forward wants a week to consider their

☐ Ex-Sonic Coach Tom Nissalke, one of only three individuals ever named Coach of the Year in both the NBA and ABA, was appointed coach of the Continental Basketball Association's Jacksonville (Fla.) Jets.

☐ A Hackensack, N.J., family court dismissed charges of domestic violence against cocaine-plagued former NBA star Micheal Ray Richardson.

☐ Duke University star Johnny Dawkins, the San Antonio Spurs' first-round draft pick, signed a four-year contract with the NBA team.

Football:

☐ Arbitrator Richard Kasher heard closed-door testimony in Washington from the NFL Players Association in its grievance that the league's new random drug testing plan violates the players' collective bargaining agreement.

☐ Louisiana State University officials accepted blame yesterday for 15 of 26 violations of NCAA rules involving football players. Meanwhile, the NCAA announced it will make additional charges against the school's basketball

program. ☐ Cornerback Vestee Jack son, the Chicago Bears' secondround draft pick out of Washington, signed a series of four

Also noted:

one-year contracts.

☐ Walter Ray Williams Jr: of Stockton, Calif., knocked off Tacoma's top-seeded Brian Voss 237-223 in the title game to win the \$125,000 Hammer Open bowling tournament at Edmond, Okla.

☐ Julian Gorospe of Spain won the 19th stage of the Tour de France at Saint-Etienne in 5 hours, 6 minutes and 10 seconds. American Greg Lemond remained the overall leader and his teammate, runner-up Bernard Hinault, gained two seconds to trail by 2:43 overall.

Local notes:

☐ The SuperSonics hold their second "Make Your Point" public forum this evening from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Fifth Avenue Room of the Westin Hotel. Coach Bernie Bickerstaff and president Bob

Whitsitt will field questions. ☐ After the first day's decath-Ion competition at the USA Junior Olympics in Lincoln, Neb., Damon Laird of Kent is third in the 15-16 age bracket and Aaron Pierce of Seattle was third in the 17-18 group.





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