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Unheralded Howard Twitty Wins Porter Cup

Who's Howard Twitty? When asked that, one golfing fan replied, "Wasn't there a singer by that name?" Another answered, "You mean, Twitty-bird?"

Might be, but the Howard Twitty in question is a serious young man who now reigns as the brand new 1970 Porter Cup Champion - one truly worthy of the coveted label.

While a half-dozen or so premier amateur players were involved and ensnared in the daily dogfight, Twitty was steadily improving with age, cutting four strokes off his opening 73 with a solid second-round 69. He came in with a 68 on Saturday to trail by six shots and then charged to victory with a brilliant 4-under par 66 on closing day.

Twitty, a husky 6-5, 200-pounder from Tempe, AZ, slowly but surely took command from 54-hole leader Lanny Wadkins. A birdie at the 10th hole, his 64th of the tournament, gave him a lead he would never relinquish.



1970 Porter Cup Chairman Eddy Joseph (left) presents the Porter Cup to Champion Howard Twitty

1	Howard Twitty, Tempe, AZ	73-69-68-66-276	-4
t2	Lanny Wadkins, Richmond, VA	71-66-67-74-278	-2
t2	Wayne McDonald, Port Credit, ONT	66-67-74-71-278	-2
t2	Bruce Ashworth, Las Vegas, NV	70-67-70-71-278	-2
5	Peter Green, Franklin, MI	69-70-69-72-280	E
6	Fred Clark, West Lafayette, IN	70-64-74-73-281	+1
t7	George Haines, Far Hills, NJ	69-75-69-69-282	+2
t7	Tom Jenkins, Houston, TX	73-69-71-69-282	+2
t9	<i>John Mahaffey</i> , Kerrville, TX	70-77-66-70-283	+3
t9	Vinny Giles, Richmond, VA	72-65-76-70-283	+3
t9	Leonard Thompson, Laurinburg, NC	75-68-69-71-283	+3
t9	Bob Lowry, Huntsville, AL	72-71-70-70-283	+3
t9	Mike Micka Jr., Silver Springs, MD	71-71-70-71-283	+3
t9	Larry Zee, Tonawanda, NY	70-71-70-72-283	+3
t9	Steve Walker, Burlington, NC	71-66-72-74-283	+3
t16	Jim Monkman, Greenville, DE	73-70-71-70-284	+4
t16	Don Allen, Rochester, NY	72-68-70-74-284	+4
t18	Paul Purtzer, Phoenix, AZ	73-72-68-72-285	+5
t18	Mike Slipko, Niagara Falls, NY	73-67-71-74-285	+5
t18	David Haberle, Edina, MN	68-73-71-73-285	+5
t18	Lloyd Liebler, Franklin, VA	75-69-67-74-285	+5
t18	Gary Cowan, Kitchener, ONT	71-71-72-71-285	+5
t23	Jay Sigel, Berwyn, PA	71-73-71-71-286	+6
t23	Allen Miller, Pensacola, FL	73-71-69-73-286	+6
t23	Jim Simons, Butler, PA	72-72-73-69-286	+6
t26	Don Klenk, Glen Ellyn, IL	73-74-68-72-287	+7
t26	Eddie Pearce, Tampa, FL	72-73-67-75-287	+7
t28	Gary Artz, Columbus, OH	73-75-71-69-288	+8
t28	Dave King, Bethesda, MD	73-69-71-75-288	+8
t28	Bob Zender, Skokie, IL	75-69-72-72-288	+8
t31	Steve Melnyk, Brunswick, GA	71-68-79-71-289	+9
t31	Corker DeLoach, McMinnville, TN	75-71-72-71-289	+9
t31	Mike Killian, St. Petersburg, FL	73-70-70-76-289	+9
t34	John Gentile, Fairfield, CT	72-70-73-75-290	+10
t34	John Lynch, Lake Forest, IL	71-71-70-78-290	+10
36	Bill Harvey, Greensboro, NC	75-74-68-74-291	+11
t37	Terry Diehl, Rochester, NY	73-71-76-72-292	+12
t37	Vaughn Moise, New Orleans, LA	69-66-79-78-292	+12
t39	Mickey Van Gerbig, Palm Beach, FL	75-71-74-73-293	+13
t39	Mike Kallam, Winston-Salem, NC	72-74-75-72-293	+13
t39	Bobby Wadkins, Richmond, VA	73-73-73-74-293	+13
t39	Bill Kratzert, Fort Wayne, IN	72-74-72-75-293	+13
t39	John Birmingham, Pittsburgh, PA	72-71-75-75-293	+13
t44	John Govern, Binghamton, NY	75-71-72-76-294	+14
t44	Bob Bourne Jr., Oberlin, OH	73-72-74-75-294	+14

t46	John Calabria, Rochester, NY	75-72-74-75-296	+16
t46	Fred Silver, Niagara Falls, NY	72-79-69-76-296	+16
t46	Rick Spears, Port Jervis, NY	76-69-72-79-296	+16
t49	Bill Tryon, Elmira, NY	73-76-73-76-298	+18
t49	Bruce Ford, Lynn Haven, FL	76-66-80-76-298	+18
t49	Bill Bosshard, Akron, OH	72-73-74-79-298	+18
t49	Ralph Bogart, Kensington, MD	73-74-77-74-298	+18
53	Jack Lowrey, St. Catharines, ONT	71-75-81-72-299	+19
54	Bob Clark, Santa Ana, CA	72-72-77-79-300	+20
t55	David Lind, Glen Ellyn, IL	74-73-77-77-301	+21
t55	Mike Taylor, Meridian, MS	71-76-76-78-301	+21
t55	Bill Bevan, St. Catharines, ONT	71-76-73-81-301	+21
t58	Nick Spondike, Talmadge, OH	74-72-77-80-303	+23
t58	Jim Bostwick, Glen Head, NY	70-78-75-80-303	+23
t58	Lynn Janson, East Lansing, MI	73-76-78-76-303	+23
61	Craig Rickert, Niagara Falls, NY	78-68-79-79-304	+24
62	Leo Bradshaw, Willowdale, ONT	73-73-82-77-305	+25
t63	Greg Poston, Logan, OH	77-72-82-75-306	+26
t63	Pat Welch, Auburn, IN	77-76-72-81-306	+26
t65	Dave Gurley, Highland Park, IL	77-71-84-75-307	+27
t65	Keith Mohan, Grand Blanc, MI	71-75-80-81-307	+27
t65	Jonathan Dale, Buffalo, NY	80-75-75-77-307	+27
t68	Bob Huber, Lititz, PA	75-79-80-74-308	+28
t68	Dave Frost, Niagara Falls, NY	76-76-80-76-308	+28
t70	Kent Engelmeier, Rockville, MD	77-70-84-78-309	+29
t70	Larry Murphy, Wheeling, WV	77-77-76-79-309	+29
t70	Fritz Gambetta, New Hartford, NY	74-79-79-77-309	+29
73	Bill Schumaker, Fort Wayne, IN	75-74-80-82-311	+31
74	Ward Wettlaufer, Buffalo, NY	78-73-77-85-313	+33
75	Jim Whittaker, San Jose, CA	78-79-77-84-318	+38

CHIP SHOT... *John Mahaffey won the 1978 PGA Championship at Oakmont Country Club in a dramatic three-way playoff with Tom Watson and Jerry Pate.*