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Ben Crenshaw clinches Porter Cup laurels

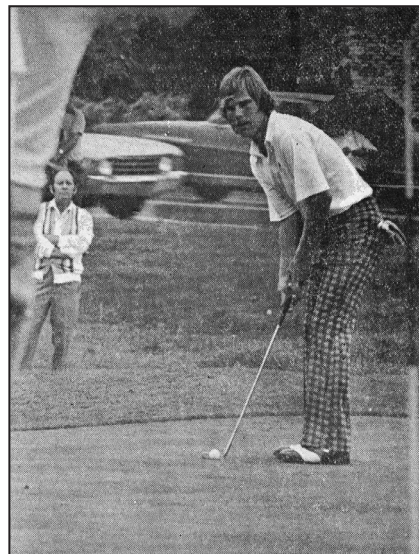


Crenshaw won the Masters Tournament in 1984 and 1995

Regarded by virtually all golf experts as the No. 1 amateur in the world and the equal of many of the pro tour regulars, Ben Crenshaw coasted to a convincing victory in the 72-hole medal-play classic at NFCC.

Despite bogeying the 17th hole every day of the tournament (including the Ham Am!), the NCAA Co-Champion from the University of Texas posted a 4-under-par 276 to best Dr. Gil Morgan by four strokes.

In 1973, Crenshaw would return to NFCC to defend his Porter Cup title, making it his last amateur event before embarking on a successful pro career.



Well known for his prowess with the putter, Crenshaw stares down the line on the ninth green

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| 1 | Ben Crenshaw, Austin, TX | 67-73-66-70-276 | -4 | t46 | Bill Schumaker, Columbus City, IN | 75-72-76-74-297 | +17 |
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| t6 | Raymond Sovik, Boardman, OH | 71-73-73-66-283 | +3 | t51 | Marty West, Washington, DC | 70-75-72-81-298 | +18 |
| 8 | Jay Sigel, Berwyn, PA | 74-70-71-69-284 | +4 | t51 | Fred Goind, Stillwater, OK | 75-75-73-75-298 | +18 |
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| t9 | Mike Killian, St. Petersburg, FL | 73-69-74-69-285 | +5 | t51 | Buddy Marucci, Ardmore, PA | 76-76-78-68-298 | +18 |
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| t9 | Bill Rogers, Texarkana, TX | 73-69-74-69-285 | +5 | t56 | Dale Seaton, Hialeah, FL | 74-80-77-68-299 | +19 |
| t13 | Howard Twitty, Tucson, AZ | 71-71-72-72-286 | +6 | t56 | Bob Lendzion, Granada Hills, CA | 72-75-77-75-299 | +19 |
| t13 | Richard Woulfe, Lansing, MI | 70-76-70-70-286 | +6 | t56 | Charles Murphy, Albany, NY | 77-76-74-72-299 | +19 |
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| t15 | Larry Zee, Tonawanda, NY | 73-70-74-70-287 | +7 | t60 | Paul Rankine, Bethesda, MD | 70-78-78-74-300 | +20 |
| t17 | Joey Dills, Muskogee, OK | 69-75-72-72-288 | +8 | t60 | Joe Burden, Clinton, IA | 73-79-73-75-300 | +20 |
| t17 | Doug Ballenger, Ruxton, MD | 70-73-71-74-288 | +8 | t60 | Ralph Bogart, Kensington, MD | 77-75-74-74-300 | +20 |
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| t26 | George Haines, Far Hills, NJ | 72-73-73-73-291 | +11 | t71 | Les Westlake, St. Catharines, ONT | 78-73-81-75-307 | +27 |
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| t26 | Stuart Francis, Madison, OH | 77-71-73-70-291 | +11 | t73 | Robert Morris, Robinson, IL | 72-79-78-79-308 | +28 |
| t26 | Guy Cullins, Denton, TX | 74-75-71-71-291 | +11 | t73 | Kim Heisler, Aurora, OH | 77-77-74-80-308 | +28 |
| t26 | Keith Mohan, Grand Blanc, MI | 69-77-73-72-291 | +11 | t73 | Dave King, Bethesda, MD | 74-78-78-78-308 | +28 |
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| t39 | Bill Kratzert, Fort Wayne, IN | 70-76-81-67-294 | +14 | | | | |
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CHIP SHOT... Bruce Lietzke was well known for not practicing a great deal and playing in very few tournaments compared to his fellow competitors, electing to spend more time with his family. Despite this, he totaled 13 career PGA Tour victories and never finished below 74th on the money list.