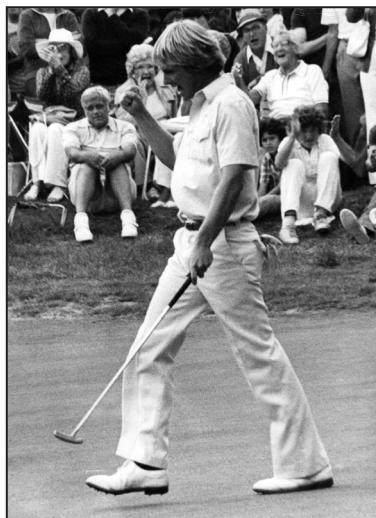


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Cook calmly captures PC thriller



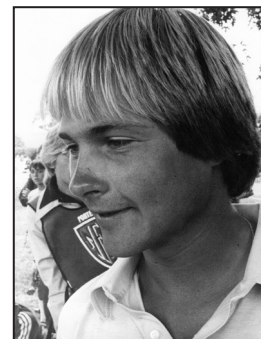
John Cook, 21, of Dublin, Ohio exalts following his victory-clinching birdie at the 18th hole

It was surely playoff time at the Porter Cup Golf Tournament at NFCC, but Bobby Clampett had a feeling about John Cook's 12-foot putt on the 72nd and final hole.

"I knew he was going to make it, the feeling was there," the defending Champion said. He was right as Cook, a senior at Ohio State, calmly converted the birdie putt to win the 21st annual classic in one of the most breathtaking finishes ever.

Cook, in winning his fourth amateur tournament of the summer, carded a clutch final round 66, erasing a three stroke deficit to Clampett over the final three holes.

A large gallery came to see the vaunted final round battle among the three top amateurs in the United States and they couldn't have asked for better entertainment, as Cook, Clampett and NCAA Champion Gary Hallberg traded places at the top all afternoon.



Cook took his only lead on the very last shot of the tournament to win the championship

1	John Cook, Dublin, OH	71-72-71-66-280	E	37	Gary Neuschel, Tonawanda, NY	69-76-75-77-297	+17
2	Bobby Clampett, Carmel, CA	71-69-73-68-281	+1	t38	Jodie Mudd, Louisville, KY	72-70-79-77-298	+18
3	Gary Hallberg, Barrington, IL	74-69-69-70-282	+2	t38	William Buttner, Plymouth, MA	74-75-73-76-298	+18
4	Ken Green, Danbury, CT	73-71-71-68-283	+3	t38	Wayne DeFrancesco, McLean, VA	74-70-81-73-298	+18
5	Corey Pavin, Oxnard, CA	73-69-72-71-285	+5	t38	Steve Maddalena, Jackson, MI	75-75-75-73-298	+18
6	Scott Hoch, Raleigh, NC	72-70-72-72-286	+6	t42	Lennie Clements, Poway, CA	74-74-75-76-299	+19
t7	Rafael Alarcon, Guadalajara, Mexico	68-66-83-70-287	+7	t42	Rocky Miller, Mt. Vernon, OH	72-77-76-74-299	+19
t7	Frank Fuhrer III, Pittsburgh, PA	71-73-74-69-287	+7	t42	Bob Kramer, Pembroke Pines, FL	73-74-79-73-299	+19
t9	Jay Sigel, Berwyn, PA	74-71-70-73-288	+8	t45	Bob Dickerson, Dallas, TX	77-75-70-78-300	+20
t9	Tom Knox, Greensboro, NC	72-74-71-71-288	+8	t45	Joe Hodge, Tampa, FL	75-78-71-76-300	+20
t11	Joey Sindelar, Horseheads, NY	71-69-74-75-289	+9	47	Jim Kane, San Mateo, CA	74-80-74-73-301	+21
t11	Robert Wrenn, Richmond, VA	67-71-78-73-289	+9	t48	Jim Roy, Syracuse, NY	72-72-80-78-302	+22
t11	Dick Von Tacky, Titusville, PA	68-70-80-71-289	+9	t48	Doug Clarke, Carlsbad, CA	72-74-73-83-302	+22
t11	Mark Brooks, Fort Worth, TX	70-74-75-70-289	+9	t48	Craig Steinberg, Los Angeles, CA	73-70-76-83-302	+22
t11	Bob Tway, Marietta, GA	74-72-73-70-289	+9	t48	David DeSantis, Tucson, AZ	76-78-71-77-302	+22
t11	Willie Wood, Stillwater, OK	69-72-78-70-289	+9	t48	Warren Choate, Williamsport, PA	76-72-78-76-302	+22
t11	Mark Wiebe, Escondido, CA	70-74-77-68-289	+9	53	Joseph Walter, Baltimore, MD	75-75-75-78-303	+23
t18	Mark O'Meara, St. Charles, IL	77-70-70-73-290	+10	t54	Dick Gregory, Eau Claire, WI	73-77-77-77-304	+24
t18	Jeff Sluman, Rochester, NY	68-72-75-75-290	+10	t54	Paul Erhardt, Salem, NJ	73-74-79-78-304	+24
t18	Joe Rasset, Turlock, CA	70-76-75-69-290	+10	t54	Gary Battistoni, East Aurora, NY	69-75-85-75-304	+24
21	Hal Sutton, Shreveport, LA	71-73-75-72-291	+11	t54	Grant Turner, Chelmsford, England	75-81-73-75-304	+24
t22	Wayne Player, Johannesburg, South Africa	74-69-77-72-292	+12	t54	Tom Lehman, Alexandria, MN	77-73-82-72-304	+24
t22	Brent Murray, Portland, OR	71-72-74-75-292	+12	t59	Steve Hart, Tequesta, FL	70-77-83-75-305	+25
t24	Fred Silver, Lewiston, NY	73-73-74-74-294	+14	t59	Wayne Smith, Albany WA, Aust.	74-78-79-74-305	+25
t24	Bob Wolcott, Dickson, TN	73-74-74-73-294	+14	t61	Nathaniel Crosby, Hillsborough, CA	79-76-76-75-306	+26
t26	Richard Borg, Worthington, OH	70-72-76-77-295	+15	t61	David Peoples, Orlando, FL	83-73-76-74-306	+26
t26	Tony DeLuca, Vienna, VA	71-73-77-74-295	+15	t63	Mark Balen, Lackawanna, NY	76-74-78-79-307	+27
t26	Tom Cleaver, Tampa, FL	72-72-77-74-295	+15	t63	Bill Harvey, Greensboro, NC	77-76-78-76-307	+27
t26	Bob Mase, East Lansing, MI	75-76-70-74-295	+15	t65	Frank Darby, Fresh Meadows, NY	79-76-76-78-309	+29
t30	David Brilliant, West Newton, MA	71-72-75-78-296	+16	t65	Donald Hurter, Honolulu, HI	80-73-81-75-309	+29
t30	Downing Gray, Pensacola, FL	69-72-78-77-296	+16	t67	John Ervasti, London, ONT	74-76-83-77-310	+30
t30	David Abell, Fort Pierce, FL	71-71-74-80-296	+16	t67	Terry Roberts, San Diego, CA	78-73-86-73-310	+30
t30	Ned Weaver, Orrville, OH	74-74-74-74-296	+16	69	Bob Rawlins, Dallas, TX	79-73-76-83-311	+31
t30	Rick Smalridge, Columbus, GA	71-78-73-74-296	+16	t70	Dick Horne, Mt. Pleasant, SC	77-77-78-80-312	+32
t30	Vinny Giles, Richmond, VA	74-74-75-73-296	+16	t70	Bruce Berdock, Toronto, ONT	80-79-77-76-312	+32
t30	Charles White, Los Alamitos, CA	71-71-82-72-296	+16	72	John Ryan, Pittsford, NY	78-77-79-79-313	+33
				t73	Tom Cornelia, Hilton Head, SC	74-76-82-82-314	+34
				t73	Robert Fossum, Okemos, MI	75-80-82-77-314	+34
				75	Timothy Dodson, Quincy, FL	76-78-76-86-316	+36
				76	Roberto Gomez, Sao Paulo, Brazil	75-83-82-77-317	+37
				t77	Cameron Quinn, Providence, RI	80-77-78-83-318	+38
				t77	Albert Paonessa III, Lewiston, NY	75-81-82-80-318	+38
				t79	Tom Faulds, London, ONT	77-83-79-81-320	+40
				t79	Les Westlake, St. Catharines, ONT	76-80-84-80-320	+40
					Mike Hulbert, Ithaca, NY	72-71-82-w/d	
					Rick Banish, Warren, OH	77-77-80-w/d	
					Julian Taylor, Youngstown, OH	77-80-w/d	

CHIP SHOT... In the last six holes of the tournament's third round, leader Rafael Alarcon went from 5-under par to 7-over par, a loss of 12 strokes to par. His rough finish included a quintuple bogey 9 at the 17th hole and a triple bogey 6 at the par-3 eighteenth. "It was the worst six holes I've played since I learned to play golf," Alarcon said. Alarcon presently serves as the swing coach for LPGA star Lorena Ochoa.