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Elliott wins playoff

Ochoa misses 18-inch putt for par to lose Porter Cup



(left to right) NFCC Head Pro John Boss, Tournament Director John Hoffman, 1998 Champion Gene Elliott, Tournament Director Frank Shipman, Golfweek's Ron Balicki

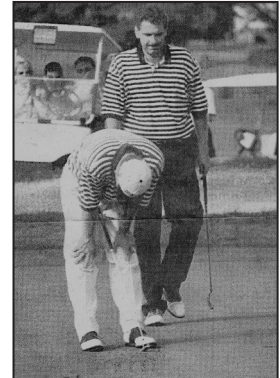
Gene Elliott's Porter Cup victory on the first playoff hole with Alberto Ochoa didn't end with cheers ringing in his ears, but rather the sound of silence. That was the initial reaction of a stunned gallery at NFCC when Ochoa, who moments earlier had nearly birdied the hole, missed an 18-inch par putt that would have kept the shootout going.

The 36-year-old Elliott and 21-year-old Ochoa finished 72 holes tied at 10-under par 270 after both shot pressure-packed 68's.

In the playoff, Elliott pushed his tee shot at the first hole to the right under a tree, then hit a 6-iron from 190 yards to about 15 feet from the hole. Ochoa hit his second shot to the back fringe about 25 feet away. His chip shot headed

directly for the hole - he started to pump his arm in celebration of a birdie - but it lipped out. After Elliott two putted for his par, Ochoa missed his putt.

Ochoa said, "When I set up on the putt, I was nervous. My putter hand was shaking. I should have pulled away, but I pulled the trigger."



Elliott walks up to console Alberto Ochoa after he missed a short putt to end the shootout

1	Gene Elliott*, West DesMoines, IA	65-67-70-68-270	-10
2	Alberto Ochoa, Edinburg, TX	69-65-68-68-270	-10
3	Bill Lunde, Henderson, NV	69-67-68-69-273	-7
4	Terry Noe, Fullerton, CA	70-65-71-68-274	-6
5	Jeremy Parrott, Atlanta, GA	66-69-70-70-275	-5
t6	Hunter Haas, Norman, OK	66-68-68-74-276	-4
t6	David Gleason, Dalby QLD, Aust.	67-70-67-72-276	-4
t6	David Gossett, Germantown, TN	68-69-68-71-276	-4
t6	Edward Loar, Rockwall, TX	68-67-70-71-276	-4
t10	Landry Mahan, Richardson, TX	63-72-69-73-277	-3
t10	Danny Green, Jackson, TN	71-69-68-69-277	-3
t10	Cameron Percy, Cheltenham VIC, Aust.	68-70-70-69-277	-3
t13	Bob McDonnell, Suwanee, GA	67-68-71-73-279	-1
t13	Mike Capone, Cranston, RI	69-68-70-72-279	-1
t13	Trip Kuehne, Dallas, TX	69-71-69-70-279	-1
t13	Tim Jackson, Germantown, TN	69-70-72-68-279	-1
t13	Bryon Schlagenhauf, Walnut Creek, CA	72-69-71-67-279	-1
t18	Adam Scott, Hope Island QLD, Aust.	68-72-67-73-280	E
t18	Doug LaBelle, Mt. Pleasant, MI	71-69-71-69-280	E
t20	Ben Curtis, Ostrander, OH	70-72-67-72-281	+1
t20	Greg Padilla, Del Mar, CA	70-72-69-70-281	+1
t20	John Engler, Augusta, GA	71-71-69-70-281	+1
t20	Jonathan Byrd, Columbia, SC	73-71-70-67-281	+1
t24	Tom McKnight, Galax, VA	70-70-68-74-282	+2
t24	Eric Ecker, Fergus Falls, MN	72-71-67-72-282	+2
t24	Chris Berry, Palm Desert, CA	69-70-73-70-282	+2
t24	John Miller, Bloomington, IN	71-71-71-69-282	+2
t24	Josh McCumber, Middleburg, FL	71-69-75-67-282	+2
t29	Steve Sheehan, Reno, NV	69-68-72-74-283	+3
t29	Mike Christensen, Grand Rapids, MN	69-70-71-73-283	+3
t29	Goeff Ogilvy, Beaumaris VIC, Aust.	72-66-72-73-283	+3
t29	Brian McCann, Mississauga, ONT	69-73-70-71-283	+3
t29	Andy Miller, Napa, CA	68-73-72-70-283	+3
t29	Jerry Courville, Milford, CT	71-67-75-70-283	+3
t29	Julian James, North Gower, ONT	70-71-74-68-283	+3
t36	Hank Kuehne, McKinney, TX	71-68-68-77-284	+4
t36	Duke Delcher, Bluffton, SC	71-69-69-75-284	+4
t36	Jeff Burns, Dallas, TX	69-70-70-75-284	+4
t36	Michael Harris, Troy, MI	76-69-70-69-284	+4
t36	Jin Park, Fullerton, CA	73-71-71-69-284	+4
t41	Charlie Hoffman, Poway, CA	70-72-72-71-285	+5
t41	Buddy Marucci, Berwyn, PA	70-72-72-71-285	+5
t41	Dave Christensen, Elk River, MN	69-70-75-71-285	+5
t44	Ryan Vermeer, Omaha, NE	70-71-74-71-286	+6
t44	Steve Bradley, Lady Lake, FL	74-71-72-69-286	+6
t46	Bo Van Pelt, Richmond, IN	72-70-75-70-287	+7
t46	John Harris, Edina, MN	77-73-70-67-287	+7
t48	Cordes Ford, Charleston, SC	73-71-68-76-288	+8
t48	Ryuji Imada, Tampa, FL	70-75-70-73-288	+8
t48	Robert Gerwin, Cincinnati, OH	71-73-72-72-288	+8
t51	Paul Scaletta, Richmond, VA	71-72-72-74-289	+9
t51	D.J. Brigman, Bedford, TX	70-76-70-73-289	+9
t51	Michael Gil, Coats, NC	73-69-75-72-289	+9

t54	Tim Mickelson, San Diego, CA	72-71-73-74-290	+10
t54	Jeff Klauk, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL	75-70-72-73-290	+10
t54	Rob Kerr, Pointe Claire, QUE	73-76-69-72-290	+10
t57	Mike Slipko, Plano, TX	69-72-73-77-291	+11
t57	Scott Watson, Davis, CA	70-71-74-76-291	+11
t57	Chris Thompson, Lawrence, KS	72-75-69-75-291	+11
t57	Jon Mills, Brooklin, ONT	71-74-71-75-291	+11
t57	Lucas Glover, Greenville, SC	77-71-74-69-291	+11
t62	Chris Wall, Dallas, TX	71-75-73-73-292	+12
t62	John Klauk, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL	73-75-72-72-292	+12
t62	Aaron Friedman, Ft. Washington, PA	76-70-74-72-292	+12
t65	Jason Semelsberger, Newhall, CA	73-69-71-80-293	+13
t65	Andy Barnes, Stockton, CA	76-72-71-74-293	+13
t67	Tom Case, Ft. Myers, FL	69-73-75-77-294	+14
t67	Greg Rohlf, New Rochelle, NY	76-70-74-74-294	+14
t67	Ken Gadawski, Amherst, NY	71-74-75-74-294	+14
t67	Charlie Woerner, Los Altos, CA	77-73-71-73-294	+14
t71	Matthew Ion Young, Burlington, ONT	72-79-76-68-295	+15
t72	Matt Murray, Overland Park, KS	74-79-72-71-296	+16
t72	Billy Varn, Jacksonville, FL	75-75-78-68-296	+16
t74	Scott Miller, Napa, CA	73-71-75-78-297	+17
t74	Carlton Forrester, Gainesville, GA	78-74-71-74-297	+17
76	John Gaffney, Williamsville, NY	79-79-72-72-302	+22
t77	Kyle Elfers, Cincinnati, OH	74-75-75-80-304	+24
t77	Walter Keating Jr., Thunder Bay, ONT	74-78-77-75-304	+24
t79	P.J. Alterio, Lewiston, NY	73-78-77-79-307	+27
t79	Jeff Knox, Augusta, GA	73-75-81-78-307	+27
81	Chris Harris, Edina, MN	75-73-78-82-308	+28

* defeated Alberto Ochoa on 1st playoff hole

CHIP SHOT... Australian Adam Scott has spent over 150 weeks in the top-10 of the Official World Golf Rankings. A houseguest of the Avery family during his two Porter Cup's, Adam was very generous in securing 2004 Masters Tournament badges for patriarch Craig Avery and some of Craig's friends. Thanks, Adam!