The Daily Collegian Monday, June 20, 1977-7 Green holds on to win U.S. Open with one stroke

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Hubert Green, who led or shared the lead all the way, turned back the last of varied challenges with a four-foot putt for bogey on the final hole and won the United States Open golf tournament yesterday. He called the victory "my personal goal, my personal lifetime ambition."

Green, unflinching in the face of growing pressure, achieved the first major title of his career - the one he needed to confirm his credentials as tone of golf's best players — with a ginal round of 70, par on the deceptively difficult 6,873-yard Southern Hills Country Club course.

For years, while he was acquiring his 11 tour titles, Green kept insisting: "I am not a great player. You can't be a great player if you don't win in the majors. That's where you stand up to be counted. And when it's come my turn to stand up, I've sat down."

He changed all that with a onestroke triumph in the world's most prestigious tournament. He had a 72hole total of 278, two under par.

A chip on the 569-yard, par-five 16th gave him the margin he needed to overcome a shaky finish that only added to the drama. He flipped the chip to less than 18 inches to the right of the flag, tapped in for a birdie and moved two strokes in front with two holes to go.

Lou Graham, the 1975 Open champion, made the last big challenge with a run from the pack on a string of three consecutive birdies. He closed to within a single stroke at one time and had his one-under-par total on the scoreboard while Green had three holes to play.

Graham could have put even more

trees on the 17th hooked around a bunker and trickled to within four feet of the cup. Graham had that to go two-under-par with his fourth con-secutive birdie, but pulled the putt.

Green's birdie on the 16th gave him a little breathing room, however, and Graham, with a closing 68 that included a 31 on the back nine, had to settle for second at 279. He played the last 36 holes in 136, matching the tournament record.

"I predicted a month ago that Hubie was going to win the Open," said Graham. "He deserved to win it. He's a super guy."

The relaxed, softly-drawling Graham was in the press room joking with writers when Green played the last two holes.

"How's he doing?" Lou asked. Told

pressure on the front-running Green. His magnificent trouble shot from. that Hubert led him by two, he grinned and said: "I hope he don't play 18 safe."

Graham got his wish. Hubert went for the green on the toughest hole on the course and got it in a bunker. He blew it out far past the pin and left his par putt from three to four feet short. He had to have that putt to win it.

And, using his ancient greenhandled putter and his crouched putting stance, Green rolled home the winner.

Tom Weiskopf, who had to rally from a ragged start, also birdied three in a row coming home, got to within two strokes with two to play, but finished par-bogey, his shoulders slumped and a sad, wistful expression on his face when he missed the par putt on 18.

He was third alone at 281 with a closing 71.

GM's play 'Let's Make a Deal' Trades made and a crystal ball

Baseball trades are always nice because invariably they peel away the out-front rhetoric of clubs really feel about a given player. A guy that a team "really needs" suddenly becomes expendible, while a player that a club has "no interest in" one day finds himself playing, by way of the trade, on that very same "uninterested" team the next day.



This fact of the baseball world became evident once again this past week with the rash of deals made just before the trading deadline. Onetime golden boy, Tom Seaver, once considered an "untouchable" on the New York Mets, is now a Cincinnati Red. The Phillies' Tommy Underwood, who manager Danny Ozark said was one of hisfavorite ballplayers, is now a St. Louis Cardinal. And the New York Yankees, after management said no, it did not want another catcher to back-up the Yankee battery corps, picked up Cliff Johnson from the Houston Astros, a former catcher.

But after the dust clears, one or two teams usually appear to have stolen all the quality players available, or at least, that's what the fans think. The following is a review of some sleepers and dog trades made this past week with a closed-eyed prediction for the following months.

SLEEPERS — Although Met fans bemoan Tom Seaver's passing to the distant wilderness of Cincinnati, the Mets may have landed the hidden talent of this year's swaps. He's Steve Henderson, a hardhitting outfielder that many scouts feel would be playing right now if it was not for the Reds' overabundance of talent. The New York writers call in him than Mike Vail or Bruce Boisclair, two skimpy, questionable infielder.

current Met outfielders. The acquisition of Seaver seals the Dodgers fate general managers and reveal what the respective in the National League West. Reds should be out-ofsight by mid-August.

The aforementioned Johnson will also greatly help the Yanks. Although Johnson has defensive trouble, he'll fill in nicely as designated hitter for the New Yorkers and should feast on American League pitching. With Johnson the Yanks should repeat, although the Martin-Jackson-Munson feud will keep things tight in the American League East. TOSS-UP TRADES — Both of the much-ballyhooed Phillies' deals fit in this category. Frankly, all clubs involved gave up questionable

players, good at times but sometimes disap-pointing. The Phils will miss Underwood and Rick Bosetti in the years to come, but Wayne Twitchell and Dane lorg proved dispensible this year. If Bake McBride stays healthy this season, he'll

hit .300, steal 20 or more bases and contribute greatly to the Phils' outfield speed. But his knee is still in uncertain condition and the Philly scribes, big biddies of the talkative Underwood and Bosetti, are groaning.

Yet, when another fan favorite, Willie Montanez, went to the Giants for Garry Maddox, the writers again moaned, saying Maddox was injury prone and wasn't worth it. Maddox proceeded to win a Gold Glove and hit over .300 while playing just about every day.

The crystal ball says the Phils still have the horses to win the pennant without McBride. But in the National League East, all the top clubs can hit. It will be the front line pitching that wins the flag. The Cubs and Cardinals will drop out in the hot weather. Look for Chuck Tanner's managing ability to keep the Pirates right there to the wire. But the Phils are still the team to beat.

DOG TRADES — Or, a big name gets traded, again! Like Jim Fregosi who still cannot hit National League pitching. A former Met flop at third base, Fregosi could be a convenient fill-in. Bucs gave up Ed Kirkpatrick in a I-don't-want-himyou-can-have-him-he's-too-fat-for-me deal. Bucs him a minor leaguer but he's got more major league could have used another pitcher rather than another

Major

Ken Brett leaves the Chicago White Sox for the California Angels. Next stop for Brett is Tokyo. Bad left wing has hindered Brett from the start of his major league career and teams have taken turns unloading him on other clubs. White Sox get Don Kirkwood and two minor leaguers. Yawn.

Dock Ellis, who proves that yes, you can make a living on throwing a no-hitter once in the big leagues, goes from the Oakland A's to the Texas Rangers. If Ranger manager Frank Lucchesi thinks Lenny "Punk" Randle was bad, wait until he and Dock square off. A's get cash, a steal for Oakland.

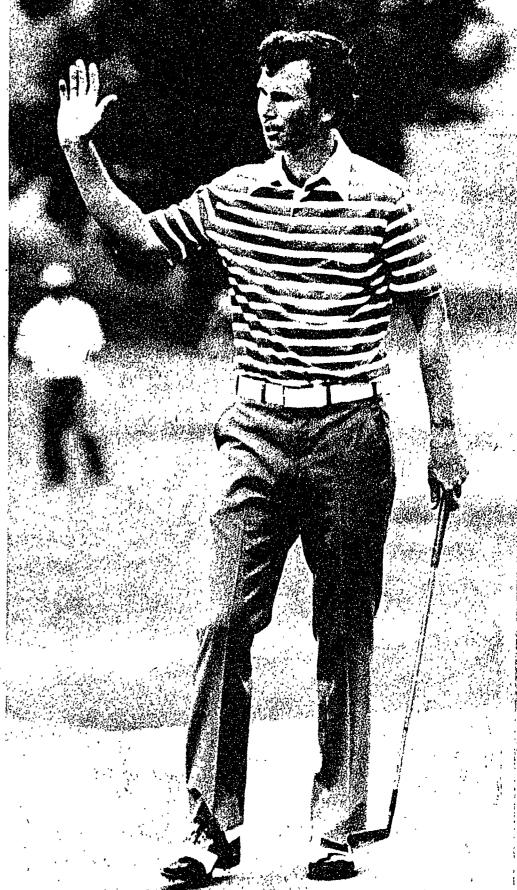
A's also get the services of one Willie Crawford, former Dodger and Houston Astro. Crawford's best years are behind him. Dennis Walling goes to the Houston club.

Finally, two players that really should see a site before it's too late. Rawly Eastwick must dislike picking up World Series checks because he didn't want anything to do with Cincinnati this year. It seems the Reds weren't paying him enough. Eastwick also will not sign with the Cards, the team he was shuffled off to in exchange for minor leaguer Doug Capilla. Eastwick also will not receive a World Series check this year. Eastwick teams with the "Mad Hungarian," Al Hrabosky, in the Car-dinals bullpen for a looney, but tough, one-two reliever punch.

The other candidate for the couch is Dave "King Kong" Kingman who was sent to San Diego for Bobby Valentine and Paul Siebert. Frankly, if Kingman hadn't played in New York, you'd never hear from this clown. But, hit a few home runs in the Big Apple and watch the head swell. Kingman wanted millions for his limited talents, which includes a lifetime batting average under .250 and a pair of hands made at U.S. Steel.

Valentine ran into a wall playing for the Angels a few years back and hasn't been the same since. Siebert's a pitcher and the Mets have plenty of those. They need hitting.

One final prediction. A division winning team of last year will fire their skipper before October. Early candidates are Billy Martin and if the Phils falter badly, Danny Ozark.



Hubert Green waves to the gallery after sinking a birdie putt for par four on the fourth hole in yesterday's U.S. Open final round. He kept up the relaxed atmosphere through yesterday's match, in spite of the threat on his life. A woman informed the FBI office in Oklahoma City that three of her friends were planning to shoot Green on the 15th green. The golfer was informed of the threat by security and tournament officials after putting on the 14th green. He shrugged off the incident and said after the tournament that the threat did not affect his play. Armed street-clothed policemen accompanied Green to the awards ceremony and the press conference that followed.

Weekend baseball

Robinson axed

Cleveland Indians, ending months of speculation and internal turmoil, fired Frank Robinson yesterday and replaced major league baseball's only black manager with bullpen coach Jeff Torborg.

The announcement was made jointly by team president Ted Bonda and General Manager Phil Seghi, who themselves had fought a fierce running battle over Robinson since late last season when Seghi first recommended the manager be fired.

LOS ANGELES (AP) --Lee Lacy homered and doubled and Don Sutton scattered four hits as the Los Angeles Dodgers defeated the Chicago Cubs 3-1 in a game marred by a bench-clearing brawl in the third inning.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -The San Francisco Giants extended their winning streak to five games by sweeping a doubleheader from the Pittsburgh Pirates 8-0 and 8-6. Left-hander Bob Knepper pitched a five-hitter for his first major-league shutout in the opener and Darrell Evans' two-run homer highlighted the nightcap. The Pirates have now lost six in a row and 11 of their last 14 games.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) -Steve Carlton fired a sixhitter and struck out nine to record his 100th win with Philadelphia, leading the Phillies to a 4-2 victory over the Atlanta Braves yesterday.

SAN DIEGO (AP) - Dave Winfield and Mike Champion drove in two runs apiece to lead the San Diego Padres past the St. Louis Cardinals 6-² yesterday for a sweep of their three-game weekend series,

MONTREAL (AP) Gary Carter and Andre Dawson belted two-run homers and Ellis Valentine hit a three-run ishot in a seven-run fourth inning as Montreal hammered the Cincinnati Reds 8-

CLEVELAND (AP) - The The loss snapped a sevengame winning streak for the Reds.

> NEW YORK (AP) Bruce Boisclair surpassed last year's slugging statistics with a tie-breaking, three-run homer and Craig Swan tossed a six-hitter as the New York Mets defeated the Houston Astros 8-2 and ended Joaquin Andujar's six-game winning

streak. BOSTON (AP) — Denny Doyle drove in three runs with his first homer since 1975 and Fergie Jenkins pitched a strong three-hitter as the Boston Red Sox completed a

sweep of a three-game series with an 11-1 victory over the New York Yankees.

KANSAS CITY (AP) ---John Mayberry doubled home George Brett from first base in the ninth inning yesterday to give the Kansas City Royals an 8-7 victory over the Minnesota Twins and a sweep of their three-game series.

TORONTO (AP) — Dave Lemanczyk scattered five hits and his Toronto teammates pounded out 14 hits as the Blue Jays downed the Orioles 7-1.

CHICAGO (AP) — Jorge Orta's solo home run Minnesota Chicado triggered a four-run fourth Chicago Texas inning leading Chicago to a 5-1 victory and a doubleheader sweep of the Oakland A's, and vaulting the White Sox into first place in the American League West.

MILWAUKEE (AP) -Bobby Bonds' three-run double capped a seven-run first inning and Frank Tanana fired a six-hitter for his 11th win of the season as the California Angels blanked the Milwaukee Brewers 7-0.

CLEVELAND (AP) - Jim. Bibby survived nine walks as he fired a four-hitter to lead the Cleveland Indians to a 4-0 shutout over the Detroit capping doubleheader sweep of the (Knapp5-3), n Tigors in the Texas (Marshall 1-1) at Minnesota Tigers, managing debut of Jeff Torborg.

league standings



NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia 4, Atlanta 2 New York 8, Houston 2 Montreal 8, Cincinnati 4 San Francisco 8-8, Pittsburgh 0-6 Los Angeles 2, Chicago 1 San Diego 6, St. Louis 2

Today's Games 1 (Richard 5-6) at Montreal (Brown 4-4), n Cincinnati (Norman 7-2) at Philadel-phia (Keat 1-5), n Atlanta (Leon 2-2) at New York (Matlack 3-7), n Pittsburgh (Jones 2-2) at San Diego (Shirley 66), n Chicago (Burris 8-6) at San Francisco (Barr 8-5), n St. Louis (Falcone 2-5) at Los Angeles (Rhoden 9-3), n

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