

Wadkins captures Bob Hope Classic

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PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — Lanny Wadkins had three birdies and an eagle in his last five holes of regulation Sunday to tie Craig Stadler before winning the \$500,000 Bob Hope Desert Classic on the fifth hole of sudden death.

Wadkins captured the opening event on the PGA Tour with a 15-foot birdie putt on the fifth extra hole. It was the fourth straight year the Desert Classic — a 90-hole event — was decided by a playoff.

Wadkins, whose last victory was the 1983 Tournament of Champions, won \$90,000. Stadler, who led Wadkins by three strokes with three holes to play, earned \$54,000.

The two finished regulation with record-scores of 27-under-par 333, tying the mark of 333 first set by Bruce Lietzke in 1981 and later tied by Ed Fiori and Keith Fergus.

On the 163-yard 15th at Indian Wells, which the two played three times Sunday, Wadkins hit his tee shot within 15 feet of the pin and ran down the putt to end the long day.

Stadler's tee shot landed in the right bunker and he made a fine recovery to within 5 feet of the pin. But that was his last shot of the day.

"I don't feel I lost the tournament," Stadler said. "When you shoot a 66 in the final round, you have nothing to apologize for."

"In the playoff, he made the shots and I didn't. I couldn't buy a birdie and you have to get one to win in a playoff."

Wadkins shot a 65 in the final round to make up the one-shot deficit after four rounds. It seemed he might win in regulation but he missed an eagle putt of 12 feet on

the 18th. He also missed a 25-foot putt on the first extra hole which would have won it.

Stadler, meanwhile, was fighting to stay alive. On the fourth extra hole, the par-5 18th, he made a critical 15-foot putt.

"I feel very fortunate," Wadkins said. "I had chances to win it earlier but you never can count on Craig. I've played enough times with him to know what kind of a competitor he is. He'll never give up. If you want to beat him, you have to make the shots."

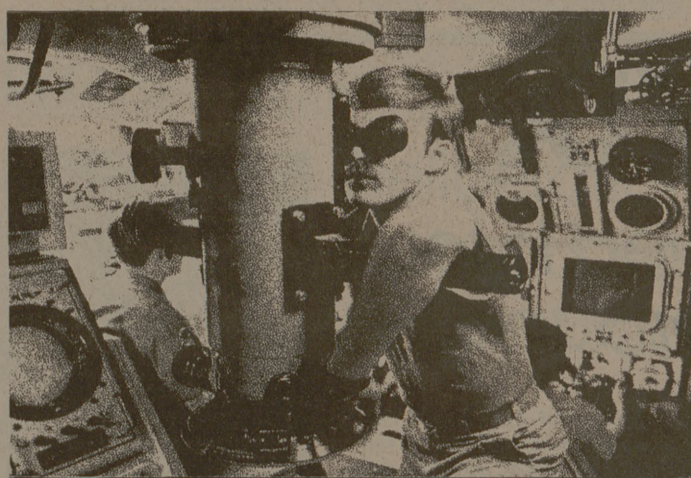
The \$90,000 prize gave Wadkins lifetime earnings of \$1,967,439 and placed him ninth on the all-time list, moving ahead of Arnold Palmer and Ben Crenshaw. Palmer, who has won the Desert Classic five times, failed to make the cut this year, and Crenshaw, the 1984 Masters champion, did not enter.

Hubert Green shot a closing 65 to finish third and win \$34,000 while Ron Streck closed with a 70 to finish fourth for \$24,000. Green wound up 20-under and Streck was 19-under.

Buddy Gardner (66), Ray Floyd (67) and Larry Mize (71) tied at 18-under 342, nine shots behind Wadkins and Stadler.

Defending champion John Mahaffey, Jack Renner and Fiori finished at 343 and Corey Pavin and Chip Beck finished at 344. Jack Nicklaus finished far back at 354.

This tournament is one of 25 PGA events this year to carry a purse of at least \$500,000. Total purses this year are expected to top \$22 million.



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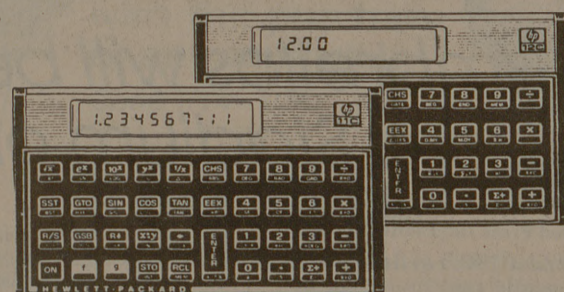
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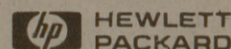
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Florida to pay for illegal recruiting

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Florida Gators lost their appeal to the NCAA Council Sunday and were placed on three years probation, including being barred from bowls and television for at least the next two years.

NCAA President John L. Toner of the University of Connecticut said Florida was being penalized for violations that occurred from 1979 to 1983, violations that led to the dismissal of head football coach Charley Pell after the third game of the 1984 season.

Toner said the third year of probation regarding postseason events and television appearances would be suspended if the university meets "prescribed monitoring conditions that will require written reports and periodic on-site reviews of the university's athletics program."

The NCAA also cut Florida's grants for new players from 30 to 20 the next two years and cut the Gators' total of football grants from 95 to 85 next year and 75 the year after that.

"We deeply regret that the NCAA has decided not to modify its previous decisions on penalties imposed on the University of Florida's football program," said Florida President Marshall M. Criser, who came to Nashville in an attempt to soften the punishment which had been first proposed back in October but delayed by Florida's appeal.

"We feel particularly disheartened that the NCAA has elected to maintain its imposition of the 85-75 caps on football scholarships."

"As we have said in the past," said Criser, "we believe these unprecedented penalties go far beyond the appropriate corrective actions, considering all the factors in this case, and, we believe, will have a chilling effect on institutional self-correction in the future."

In its report to the NCAA Council, the NCAA Committee on Infractions, which recommended the punishment, said the violations at Florida were "the most blatant lack of any effort to assure control" of any case it had handled in recent years.

Anderson's 20 points helps Tech steam Rice

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LUBBOCK, Texas — Quentin Anderson Sunday poured in 20 points to pace Texas Tech to a 78-54 Southwest Conference victory over the Rice Owls.

The Raiders held a 36-25 lead at half, but the Owls pared that to four points four times before Tech pulled away.

In the first five minutes of the second half the Owls outscored the Raiders 8-2 to make it a five-point ball game. But with 9:15 left, Tech caught fire and outscored the Owls 25-7.

Anderson paced Tech with 20. Phil Wallace added 13, and Tony Benford chipped in 10 for the Raiders, who got 29 points from their bench.

Terrence Cashaw led the Owls with 17 points, and Tony Barnett had 12 for Rice.

Tech's win ran the Raiders' record to 9-4, 2-1 in the conference. Rice dropped to 8-6 and 1-3.

The Owls outrebounded Tech 41-35, but had 16 turnovers to only 11 for the Raiders.

For the game, Tech shot 51.7 percent from the field, and Rice managed just 33.9 percent.

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