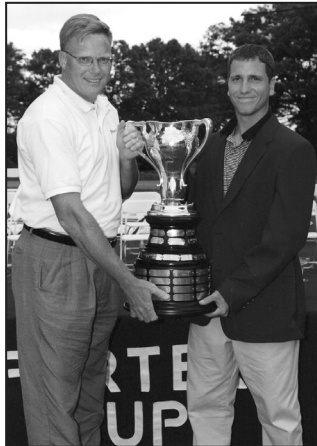


Cassini wins Porter Cup

Georgia graduate fires final round 65

It couldn't have been more exhilarating for Nick Cassini on the 18th hole at NFCC. He knew he was going to win the Porter Cup, the biggest victory of his golf career, because he had a two-stroke lead and his ball was in the center of the green on the tricky par-3 hole.

All the 22-year-old University of Georgia star had to do was par, or even bogey, and the green jacket would be his. Instead, he put a little pizzazz into an already memorable day as he finished off a 5-under par 65 with a 25-foot birdie putt that brought a roar from the crowd as it crept toward the hole and dropped in.



Chris Boron of M&T Bank (left) presents the Porter Cup to 2001 Champion Nick Cassini



Cassini puts an exclamation point on his final round 65 with a birdie at the 18th

"I was trying to get it close with a chance to go in," Cassini said. "At that point, I was more excited than I was nervous. I had three putts to win. I just tried to put a good roll on it and picked a good line and it went in."

The birdie capped off a three-stroke

victory over Sean Knapp, a 39-year-old financial advisor from Oakmont, PA. Knapp burned up the front nine in a 5-under 30 and held the lead by the ninth hole. However, he bogeyed 17 and 18 to fall back.

1	Nick Cassini, Athens, GA	70-71-69-65-275	-5
2	Sean Knapp, Oakmont, PA	72-69-71-66-278	-2
t3	Michael Beard, Palm Desert, CA	68-74-72-66-280	E
t3	D.J. Trahan, Inman, SC	71-73-69-67-280	E
t5	Kevin Haefner, Pittsford, NY	70-69-73-69-281	+1
t5	Michael Sims, Southampton, Bermuda	73-69-70-69-281	+1
t5	Tripp Davis, Norman, OK	70-70-73-68-281	+1
t5	John Engler, Augusta, GA	69-69-73-70-281	+1
t5	James Driscoll, Chestnut Hill, MA	73-73-68-67-281	+1
t5	Lee Curry, Kemptville, ONT	70-71-71-69-281	+1
t5	Chris Wisler, Dover, DE	67-74-73-67-281	+1
t12	Steve Sokol, Oxford, CT	68-72-73-69-282	+2
t12	Bryant Odom, Athens, GA	68-70-72-72-282	+2
t14	David Bennett, Stowe, VT	68-74-72-69-283	+3
t14	Wilhelm Schauman, Sweden	72-69-68-74-283	+3
t14	Chris Mundorf, Raleigh, NC	71-72-73-67-283	+3
t14	Erik Compton, Miami, FL	68-75-69-71-283	+3
t14	John Klauk, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL	72-71-68-72-283	+3
t14	Chris Nallen, Hackettstown, NJ	69-77-67-70-283	+3
t20	Jason Hartwick, Sacramento, CA	75-72-66-71-284	+4
t20	Matt McQuillan, Kingston, ONT	68-70-70-76-284	+4
t20	Matt Krauss, Dumfries, VA	72-69-72-71-284	+4
t20	Adam Groom, Sydney NSW, Aust.	68-76-69-71-284	+4
24	Danny Green, Jackson, TN	70-71-71-73-285	+5
t25	Alan Fadel, Toledo, OH	73-74-70-69-286	+6
t25	Matt Abbott, Endwell, NY	70-75-72-69-286	+6
t25	Jon Mills, Brooklin, ONT	70-71-70-75-286	+6
t25	Hunter Mahan, McKinney, TX	72-67-76-71-286	+6
t25	Kyle Thompson, Columbia, SC	68-73-76-69-286	+6
t25	Brent Wanner, South Chatham, MA	68-70-70-78-286	+6
t25	David Hearn, Holstein, ONT	73-69-71-73-286	+6
t32	Scott Lander, Las Vegas, NV	72-74-67-74-287	+7
t32	Duke Delcher, Bluffton, SC	70-75-73-69-287	+7
t32	Jerry Courville, Milford, CT	68-80-70-69-287	+7
t32	Greg Puga, Los Angeles, CA	73-75-69-70-287	+7
t32	Brock Mackenzie, Yakima, WA	71-75-69-72-287	+7
t32	Wayne Raath, Johannesburg, South Africa	71-76-68-72-287	+7
t38	Jason King, Malabar NSW, Aust.	72-70-72-74-288	+8
t38	Mike McCoy, West DesMoines, IA	72-72-70-74-288	+8
t38	Andrew Pratt, Bartlett, TN	70-72-78-68-288	+8
t41	Billy Harvey, Las Vegas, NV	67-72-77-73-289	+9
t41	Simon Nash, Brisbane QLD, Aust.	72-70-74-73-289	+9
t41	Steve Sheehan, Reno, NV	73-76-69-71-289	+9
t41	Philip Worthington, Reading, England	74-82-63-70-289	+9
t41	Nathan T. Smith, Brookville, PA	71-77-72-69-289	+9
t41	Marcus Fraser, Black Rock VIC, Aust.	72-75-72-70-289	+9
t41	David Sanchez, Charlotte, NC	73-72-77-67-289	+9
t41	Luke Hickmott, Melton VIC, Aust.	71-71-77-70-289	+9
t49	James Oh, Lakewood, CA	71-72-74-73-290	+10
t49	Chez Reavie, Mesa, AZ	71-73-77-69-290	+10
t49	Bubba Dickerson, Hilliard, FL	78-70-70-72-290	+10
t49	Robert Hamilton, Carmichael, CA	71-76-73-70-290	+10
t49	John Harris, Minneapolis, MN	74-71-70-75-290	+10
t54	Chan Wongluekiet, Bradenton, FL	70-75-66-81-292	+12
t54	Andrew Webster, East Malvern VIC, Aust.	67-74-79-72-292	+12
t54	Tom Johnson, Fair Oaks, CA	69-75-70-78-292	+12
t57	Nick Rousey, Pensacola, FL	71-73-79-70-293	+13
t57	Ricky Barnes, Stockton, CA	71-68-76-78-293	+13
t57	Gene Elliott, West DesMoines, IA	71-80-69-73-293	+13
60	Reid Hatley, Spokane, WA	75-78-70-71-294	+14
t61	David Lea, Waterloo, ONT	75-77-72-71-295	+15
t61	Trip Kuehne, Dallas, TX	71-72-79-73-295	+15
t63	Franklin Hatchett, Dallas, TX	74-74-75-73-296	+16
t63	Steven Bowditch, Peresian QLD, Aust.	70-73-75-78-296	+16
t65	Andrew Buckle, Brackenridge QLD, Aust.	69-75-77-76-297	+17
t65	Michael Cocking, Mt. Eliza VIC, Aust.	73-77-74-73-297	+17
t65	Calvin Kupeyan, Tecumseh, ONT	74-76-75-72-297	+17
t68	Rob Oppenheim, Andover, MA	71-78-76-74-299	+19
t68	Michael McDermott, Newtown Square, PA	77-75-71-76-299	+19
t70	Dustin Cone, Bennington, VT	76-74-72-78-300	+20
t70	Jeff Brynski, North Tonawanda, NY	76-79-72-73-300	+20
t70	Tim Hume, Williamsville, NY	75-73-75-77-300	+20
73	Timothy Smith, Buffalo, ONT	78-77-75-78-308	+28
	Matthew Ion Young, Burlington, ONT	73-72-67-w/d	
	James Chan, Hamilton, ONT	74-73-72-w/d	
	Patrick Tallent, Vienna, VA	74-73-w/d	

CHIP SHOT... At age 12, Erik Compton received a heart transplant. There was no guarantee he would see his 13th birthday but he grew up to become the top junior player in the country.

Erik suffered a heart attack last fall and is presently undergoing treatment. Please join the Porter Cup in wishing him a speedy recovery.