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<u>In '78</u> 'Lucrative' the word for Green

Hubert Green experienced his best year financially in 1978, and, had a couple of "almosts" come through, it would have been even better.

Both of Green's 1978 victories came relatively early in the season. At the Hawaiian Open, he took the lead at the mid-way point with rounds of 69 and 66. He extended the margin to three with a third-round 68, but finished with a 71 and was tied by Bill Kratzert, who shot 68. Green claimed his 13th PGA tour victory with a par on the second playoff hole.

The next win came in March, at the Sea Pines Heritage Classic. Green trailed by five strokes after three straight 70s, but a final 67 gave him a three-shot triumph over Hale Irwin and his second Heritage title in three years. The \$45,000 winner's check made Green the 16th member of the PGA tour's "Millionaire Club."

Green's two biggest disappoint-ments came in the Masters and the World Series of Golf. At Augusta he fired a sparkling 65 - seven under par - in the third round to go with previous efforts of 72 and 69. He entered the final 18 with a three-shot lead, but fell victim to Gary Player's



HUBERT GREEN

record-equalling 64. On the final green, after a brilliant 8 iron to within three feet, Green's putt slid by to the right. A birdie would have forced a playoff. His par left him tled for second with Tom Watson and Rod Fun-

At the World Series, Green shot 70-67-71-70 — 278. A birdle on the 72nd hole put him in a playoff with Gil Morbut he lost a chance at the \$100,000 first-place prize by threeputting the first extra hole. Green led by two after the second and third rounds, extending the margin to four with birdies on the first three holes of the final round. There were no more birdles, however, until the 18th, and three-putt greens on holes eight and 12 accounted for half of his bogeys.

In 1977 Green did not match his achievement of a year earlier, when he won three consecutive tournaments the Doral-Eastern Open, the Greater Jacksonville Open and the Heritage Classic. However, he netted the biggest prize of his career, winning the U.S. Open.



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