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# Watts Wins Seniors

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St. Petersburg's William Watts claimed his first Florida Senior Golf Association title yesterday when Palma Ceia's dangerous final one-third grabbed seven-time champion Dexter Daniels and shook him by the throat just when it appeared Daniels was going to make it No. 8.

Watts, leading by four strokes over Daniels at the beginning of the day, notched a final round 75 for a 146 two-day total and a three-stroke victory over Norton Harris of Key West.

**BUT UNTIL** the fateful 13th, Daniels had things in his hip pocket.

The slender Winter Haven resident ripped Palma Ceia's front nine for a two-under-par 33, deadlocking Watts at the midway point and taking a one-stroke lead when Watts bogied the par-four 12th and Daniels went par-par-par beginning the back nine.

Daniels was short to the right on the 220-yard par-three 13th, pitched over the green, was short on his approach shot and three-putted for a triple-bogie six. He bogied 15 and 16 before sealing his doom with an out-of-bounds drive on 18.

**DANIELS** finished with a first-round matching 75 and a 150 total. His back nine read 42.

Watts, the president of the Florida State Golf Association and general manager of Sunset Golf and Country Club in St. Petersburg, had opened Wednesday's round with a 71.

Thursday's scheduled second round was rained out, cutting the 18th annual tournament to 36 holes and the finale yesterday.



—Staff Photo by Fred Fox

## Grin Shows It

William Watts beams broadly en route to a three-stroke victory yesterday in the Florida Seniors Golf Association tournament at Palma Ceia.

## Seniors Leaders

William Watts, St. Petersburg	71-75—146
Norton Harris, Key West	75-74—149
Dexter Daniels, Winter Haven	75-75—150
William E. Maddux, Miami	79-75—154
Leon Sikes, West Palm Beach	75-80—155
Clyde Haynie, Largo	81-75—156
Dennis D'Arcy, Sarasota	77-79—156
Hugh Hayes, Tampa	77-80—157
Fred Sonneborn, Clearwater	80-77—157
John Connolly, Delray Beach	81-76—157
John Mercer, Sarasota	80-77—157
Adrian McManus, Orlando	77-80—157
Ben Merwin, Naples	79-78—157
James Grode, Clearwater	83-75—158
Col. C. H. Kinder, St. Pete	74-84—158
Frank Prather, Fort Myers	76-83—159
55-59	
Gross — Watts	146; net — Watts. 138.
60-64	
Gross — Daniels	150; net — Kinder 136.
65-69	
Gross — Sikes	155; net — D'Arcy 134.
70-74	
Gross — McManus and Merwin	tied at 157; net — Merwin 139.
70-over	
Gross — Roy Moore, St. Petersburg	169; net — Andrew McKenzie, St. Petersburg 146.