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Janet Coles salutes the gallery after her Lady Michelob victory.

Graham Comeback Captures Houston

THE WOODLANDS, Texas (AP) — David Graham's biggest mistake of the tournament turned out to be the biggest comeback of the 1983 pro golf tour.

Graham, winless since making a dramatic comeback to win the 1981 U.S. Open, ignored the trauma of a quadruple bogey on the first hole in Saturday's third round and rallied to a five-stroke victory yesterday in the final round of the \$400,000 Houston Coca-Cola Open.

Graham got his revenge on the No. 1 hole with the first of seven birdies to start the final round and finished with a 7-under-par 64 for a 275 total, 9 under par for the tournament.

It was the biggest comeback on the tour this season, but it was made possible, Graham said, by overcoming his mistake in playing the No. 1 hole on Saturday.

"I kept telling my caddy it would be a hard pill to swallow if I got beat by one or two shots."

As he walked through the first hole on Saturday, Graham said he realized he should have taken a penalty stroke and started over on the first hole.

"That was my fault, I could maybe have turned it into a 6 instead of the 9."

But Graham covered all his mistakes yesterday, as he played almost flawlessly. The third-day leader, Doug Tewell, blew to a final-round 78 and gallery favorite Lee Trevino ended his bid for victory with a 2-over-par 73 to finish in a three-way tie for second with Lee Elder and Jim Thorpe at 280.

Elder shot a final-round 69 and Thorpe had a 70.

Graham started the final round five strokes off the pace and when he reached No. 17 and saw on the leader board that he was five shots in the lead, he couldn't believe it.

Graham's comeback was similar to the 1981 U.S. Open when he

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rallied from three strokes down to beat George Burns and Bill Rogers for the title. But there is no comparing the two comebacks, Graham said.

"It's a different golf course, this course is much easier than Merion (at Ardmore, Pa.). The pressure is different. This is not the U.S. Open.

"But the last two days I really did play well. I hit it long and straight and the big thing for me today was that I made my putts. You can't score in the 60s if you don't make your putts."

Graham earned \$72,000 for his victory and the three runners-up got \$29,867 each.

Coles Leads All The Way

ROSWELL, Ga. (AP) — Janet Coles simply gave no one else a chance.

The 28-year-old Californian who had led after each of the first two rounds completed her task easily, shooting a steady 3-under-par 69 for a six-shot victory in the \$150,000 Lady Michelob tournament.

Coles left little room for excitement, building a commanding five-shot advantage with seven holes to play on her way to the 10-under-par 206 that broke the tournament record of 207 set by Kathy Whitworth last year.

It was only the second triumph of her career and the other was in the same event on the 6,123-yard Brookfield West Golf and Country Club course five years ago.

"This means more than the first one.

"The last six tournaments I've been in contention every week, then finally I won.

"It is good for my confidence."