

# Leonard Says Under-Par Golf Needed For Victory

VANCOUVER (CP)—Gold trail golfers toured Point Grey course in practice rounds Tuesday and said last week's par-shattering spree at Edmonton's Mayfair course isn't likely to be repeated in the \$47,800 Centennial Open which starts here Thursday.

Only homegrown pro Stan Leonard, who knows Point Grey like the back of his hand, predicted that an extra-low score will be needed to take the top prize of \$6,400.

Leonard said it will take a 16-under-par 272 to win the Centennial, richest golf tournament in

Canada's history. Others gave estimates ranging up to 277.

"With the weather the way it has been, this course is like a racetrack," said Leonard.

**TOUGHER THAN MAYFAIR**

But others agreed the course hard by the Fraser River is much tougher than Mayfair, where Texas Wes Ellis took the Canadian Open with a 267, 13 under par.

Jay Hebert of Sanford, Tex., who finished one stroke off the pace at Edmonton, said Point Grey calls for "more premium" on drives.

"The bunkers are really deceiving," he said. "And it always looks shorter than it is on the fairways."

Joe Conrad, former British amateur champion, ventured: "There's going to be a lot of trouble on these fairways. You have to manoeuvre around the traps. You have to hit the ball straight to avoid the trees."

"It's going to take a 276 to win. This is a good course."

Dow Finsterward of Tequesta, Fla., refused to predict a winning score.

Arnold Palmer, top pro money-winner this year, said: "Oh, a 277 should do it — better make that 275."

Several of the top liners were well satisfied with early practice rounds.

Jay Hebert's brother Lionel mentioned a four-under-par 68 as he dropped a 12-foot putt for an eagle three on the 18th.

Don January of Eastland, Tex.,

who shared the first-round lead at Edmonton, also had a 68. Ken Venturi of San Francisco, third leading money money winner this season, shot a pleasing 67.

Fifty of the 120-odd pros entered in the Centennial team up with celebrities and local amateurs today for an 18-hole curtain-raiser.

It will be mainly another practice round for the pros, with the low scorer picking up \$250.

There will be minor prize money for the top pro-amateur teams.

**WELL-KNOWN NAMES**  
Celebrities in the amateur field

include film stars Johnny Weismuller, Gordon McRae and Buddy Rogers; baseball notables Bob Lemon, Ralph Kiner and Del Webb, co-owner of New York Yankees; hockey players Andy Bathgate and Gordie Howe and former world welterweight champion Jim McLarin.

The serious business gets under way at 8 a.m. PDT Thursday, when the first pro tee off in the 72-hole Centennial.

With only six of the top 33 money-winners missing from the tourney, nobody's mentioning a favorite yet.

**Tigers' Manager Inks '59 Contract**

DETROIT (AP)—Detroit Tiger General Manager John McHale announced Saturday that Bill Norman has been signed as manager for the 1959 season.

McHale said he talked with Norman before Saturday's game at Baltimore and settled with him that he would be back again next year. No contract terms were disclosed.

There had been speculation whether Norman would return. The Tigers skidded near the bottom of the standings last month. Norman took over from Jack Tighe June 10 and piloted the Tigers from last place to second.

**GOLD RUSH**

Gold was discovered in California in 1848, nine days before Mexico ceded the territory to the United States.



**TOP HARNESS DRIVER**

Clarkie Smith of Hunter River is a member of one of the island's best known harness racing families. His father Cyril Smith and his brother Elmer Smith are also two highly rated drivers.

Clarkie, only 21 years old, was the top driver during the recent concluded Old Home Week meet. He scored 81 points to lead all rivals. He drives for Stanley Mayhew.

## DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

The writer had the pleasure of attending the races at Sackville Downs Raceway, near Halifax, Saturday night. And with some several thousand others, we saw a really fine race program.

During the afternoon in company with Jack Cruikshank, manager of the plant, we walked through the stables, shook hands with driver acquaintances, caretakers, and got a good idea of the whole setup. The owners of Sackville Downs do not intend to stand still, but will keep on making improvements which include the providing of more parking space. They have an ideal location for that as they own surrounding land capable of parking several thousand cars. The track is 12 miles from the city of Halifax, but that difference doesn't seem very much in a car over the good road.

**DRAWN**

The big event of the night was the \$2,000 Colonel Dan Free-Form Pace, which had six starters; but one of them—Newport Chief—had to be drawn from the final dash. The battle was between Frenchman that had set a track record of 2:06 a short time previously, and Dave Grattan in the first heat, with Frenchman winning in 2:07 2/5. Frenchman is owned and driven by James Given, Halifax. Dave Grattan (D. Walsh) 2, Jolley Lad (E. Smith) 3, Newport Chief (J. MacGregor) 4, Jet Master (L. Walker) 5, and Slicker Tass (D. Hutchford) 6.

In the second heat of the event it was Jolley Lad, driven by Elmer Smith, that battled with Dave Grattan to the finish with Dave winning by a length. Jet Master was third, Frenchman fourth, and Slicker Tass fifth. Newport Chief was drawn. The time was 2:07 1/5.

**FINE RECORD**

Dave Grattan, owned by the L. & G. Stable, Halifax, and driven by Doug Walsh, was the winner of the trophy with the best summary of the two-heat event. Driver Walsh is considered one of the most capable reinsmen at Sackville Downs. He was born in Truro, N.S. on July 31, 1938, so is in his 21st year. Last year he made 107 starts, was 18 times first, 16 times second and 17 times third, winning \$2784.

Other winners on the program were: Races 1 and 4—Abner McGraw (J. Campbell) 1-4. Just Raia (D. Walsh) 5-1, Betty French (F. Daniels) 2-2, Leon Spangler (E. Smith) 4-3, four other starters, time 2:13 4/5 and 2:14 1/5; Abner McGraw owned by Dr. G. C. Bishop, Charlottetown. Just Raia owned by the Cruikshank stables, Halifax.

Races 2 and 6—Waychamp (D. Walsh) 1-1, Royal Onyx (J. MacGregor) 3-2, Fleming Way (L. Leitcher) 3-2, Wait For Me (More-dale) 4-4 three other starters, times 2:13 2/5 and 2:14 2/5. Waychamp owned by Gordon C. Cruikshank, Halifax. Race 5—Avalon Gal (L. Austin) 1, Dusty Velvetter (K. Kaye) 2, Windsor Volo (G. Gaudet) 3, five other starters winning owner, Miss Barbara Love, Halifax. Race 8—Texas Hal (H. Walsh) 1, Ruthie's First (C. Smith) 2, Helen Hooster (L. O'Brien) 3, five other starters, time 2:18 Texas Hal owned by Donald MacAulay, Pughwash.

**FOUR WINNERS**

At Truro on Saturday night Clayton MacLeod drove four of the eight winners, taking races 1 and 6 with Lorna J., Bombs Ahead (J. Conroy) 2, 2 1/2 other starters, time 2:16 2/5 and 2:13 2/5. Lorna J. owned by Frank Daniels, Truro.

## SPORT ECHOES

BY NORMAN MACDONALD

Summerside's MacLellan's Pontiacs won a pretty important game in Charlottetown Sunday. In winning, the established two significant facts. One, that Roger MacLeod, the Capital City's starry young southpaw, can be scalped by those Pontiacs after all. Some of the local boys have suggested that we help ourselves to a repast of those pessimistic word we uttered last week. All we said, however, was that with MacLeod losing the slug for Charlottetown Legionaires, there were two strikes on the Pontiacs. But no really up-and-at-'em club is ever licked with two strikes against them. They just up and knock that would-be third strike down the opposing pitcher's throat. Anyway, we think you can help a team more by giving them the grim facts than by telling them how wonderful they are. If you throw too many bouquets, they begin to mistake all those flowers for a wreath. So they lie down and play dead.

from Bantam boys we seem to have another boy who is ready to take his place. Summerside bantams beat Charlottetown 6-0 at Summerside Saturday, and Donnie Schurman struck out 19 boys in seven innings. That is certainly quite a feat and augurs well for Donnie's future in baseball.

Charlottetown Little Leaguers, on the other hand, are still showing the superiority over our boys which they so clearly demonstrated last year. So far, that is. We're still hoping the Summerside All-Stars will come up off the floor as the Pontiacs did. Charlottetown did all the damage in the first two innings. After that, our boys settled down and held the visitors even. Maybe they'll make a better showing away from home.

At last a Summerside umpire has thrown a player out of a ball game. Up to this point, players were safe here as long as they did not expectorate in an umpire's eye. (You couldn't legally interfere with an umpire's vision because he had to be able to tell a strike from a ball, you understand.) But throwing bats, gloves and sarcasm were all part of the game's color apparently. We like it better when a player who gets out of hand gets the old heave-ho. Nice going, Elmer.

The other significant fact is that John Bethel, young as he is, can hold his own in junior company after all. We were always high on this kid's ability but figured he might need a year or two of seasoning before he would be really effective against junior stickmen. While you're at it, waiter, you might as well pass us those words too. Bethel showed everyone that he is no pushover in junior ball. As time goes on, we expect him to be as sensational in that division as he was last year among the bantams.

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### Aussie Miler In Fast Time

BROMMA, Sweden (AP)—Herb Elliot, Australian mile marvel, coasted to a 3:41.7 clocking for the 1,600 metres Monday in an outing on a playground track in a Stockholm suburb. The time was equivalent to a four-minute mile.

It was Elliot's first race since he set a fantastic mile record of 3:54.5 at Dublin two weeks ago. The world record for the distance, recently approved, is 3:38.1, made by Stanislaw Jung-wirth of Czechoslovakia in July, 1957.

There were only five in the race run in semi-darkness and in a slight drizzle.

### WEATHER OUTLOOK

The term forecast was invented in 1860 when the first estimates of future weather based on weather maps were made.

race secretary and chairman of the harness racing committee at Exhibition Park, to whom is attributed the rise of Coldbrook track to its prominent position in the Maritimes. Mr. Alexander was one of the greats in Maritime racing and he promoted the sport of harness racing at the old Moosepath track and at Sussex speedway, giving generously of his time and spending a lot of money to bring in good horses so as to make the sport more interesting for spectators.

Those were the lean days, before the advent of the pari-mutuel, and it took a lot of enthusiasm and love of the sport to make it prominent, and it is to these qualities and his personal, friendly and attractive manner that a great deal of the prominence of the sport today can be attributed.

### GREAT HORSES

Among the great horses that Mr. Alexander brought to the Maritimes, we will name a few: Betty S. 2:07, who set up track records, two of which still stand. And he, in partnership with others, raced such great horses as All Grain 2:06 1/4 (record taken at Charlottetown); Barney Hanover 2:07; Billy Bondeur 2:09; and some 25 or more others.

The writer and Mr. Alexander were firm friends for many years, and he always brought his horses to our races when we were connected with the sport here.

### DOING WELL

Racing on the Grand Circuit in the U.S.A. is tougher than usual. The fields are large and there seems to be a wealth of fast performers. Joe O'Brien is doing quite well, and in the list of leading Grand Circuit driver up to August 15, Johnny Simpson was out in front with 16; Billy Haughton second with 15; Joe O'Brien next with 14, and Del Miller fifth with 13.

Here are a few of Joe's recent standings: Review Futurity, three-year-old Pace, purse \$14,500—Raider Frost (O'Brien) 4-3, time 1:59 2/5 and 2:03 1/5. Big Five Trot, purse \$5,000—Butch Hanover (O'Brien) 5-1, times 2:01 2/5, 2:02 4/5. Big Five Pace, purse \$5,000—Razze Dazze (O'Brien) 3-2, time 2:00 1/5 and 1:59 2/5. Three-Year-Old Pace, purse \$2,000—Shadow Wave (O'Brien) 1, time 1:59 3/5, which is a new record for the three-year-old.

### ALEXANDER MEMORIAL

The "Alexander Memorial Pace" purse \$2,000—the feature event of Exhibition Week at Saint John, N.B.—will be raced there tonight. Invitations have been extended to free-for-all horses in the Maritimes and Maine, and it is expected that this will be one of the best contests of the year.

The race is named in honor of Cecil M. Alexander, former

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