

Gene Litter Heads Field In Tourney Of Champions

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Three-time winner Gene Litter tops a field of 26 golf professionals Wednesday on the eve of the seventh annual \$40,000 Tournament of Champions.

As in any other golf show, however, the young California is anything but a clinch in the affair, which has produced its share of surprise winners in its brief history.

Play starts today over the par 36-36-72 Desert Inn Country Club course, 7,000 yards or more in length and toughened up in the last year by the strategic placement of 240 olive trees and other hazards.

Each player had to win a major PGA-sanctioned event in the past 12 months to qualify for this one, dating through the recent masters.

TWO POINTS
Litter's favoritism, slight though it is over such rivals as Art Wall Jr., Arnold Palmer, Cary Middlecoff and others, is based on two points.

He is playing well, having won two events this year, and he achieved the astonishing feat of winning the \$10,000 top prize here three years in succession, starting with 1955.

But slender, cool-playing Wall has won five tournaments in the past 12 months, capped by his great come-from-behind performance in the 1959 Masters.

Veteran Stan Leonard of Vancouver was the upset winner last year. And while he has been close up in several tournaments since, he hasn't won another.

There are others capable of winning, pros such as Mike Souchak, Paul Harvey, Tommy Bolt, Ken Venturi, Julius Boros, Dow Finsterwald and last year's runner-up, Billy Casper Jr.



VICTORY CELEBRATIONS

Peterborough Petes whoop it up in the dressing room after defeating Hull-Ottawa Canadiens in the Memorial Cup final, and acting captain Gary Darling (C on uniform) in first game of seven-game semi-final.

Cepeda Is Well In Front Of His Pace One Year Ago

NEW YORK (AP) — Orlando Cepeda, carrying the brunt of San Francisco's batting attack, is well ahead of his pace of a year ago when he was named the outstanding rookie in the National League.

SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

A VERY FEW MONTHS ago nobody was the least bit interested in grabbing Marcel Bonin from the Canadiens for the \$15,000 waiver price.

Today if the Stanley Cup champions put him on the block, bidders would be knocking each other over to get a grip on him.

Marcel's amazing showing in the semi-finals and finals of the Stanley Cup playoffs has made the difference and it certainly is not surprising that Bonin's stock has soared so high.

TEN GOALS and five assists in eleven playoff games is a most creditable showing for any player, let alone a fellow who was not supposed to set the world on fire. But that's exactly the record of this young gentleman who was shipped down to Rochester for two weeks last December. In order to do this, Canadiens were forced to put him on sale for \$15,000. No club was the least bit interested and Marcel's pride was indeed hurt.

But folks kept raising the roof because of the demotion. Marcel had plenty of friends who were certain he belonged with the great Canadiens' club. They kept up their clamoring and finally Bonin was brought back. With the Rocket out with injuries, he went to left wing on the line with Henri Richard and Dickie Moore. At that time he had four goals and ten assists. When he finished the season he had 13 goals and 30 assists.

THEN CAME the playoffs and his 15 point total, surpassed only by Moore with 5 goals and 12 assists.

It has indeed been a great comeback by Bonin, who for a time this season, must have felt his National Hockey League career was coming to an end. Those folks who kept reminding Senator Molson that Marcel belonged with the Canucks must really feel happy about the whole affair. And you can bet Canadiens themselves are happy they called him back to the fold.

You couldn't have found a much handier guy for those playoffs. Could Canadiens have conquered without his great point-getting?

Well, at least it would have been a lot tougher.

WE READ with a real chuckle where Howie Meeker, former coach of the Toronto Maple Leafs, wired Carl Voss, superintendent of referees in the National Hockey League, to unangle a problem involving penalties in a game in Canada's newest province.

The reason for the chuckle was this: We believe that Mr. Voss has enough problems of his own handling the position he now occupies. Meeker should let the poor fellow alone. After the Red Storey incident and the blasting by Eddie Powers, we would imagine Carl has business of his own that needs attention much more urgently than the Newfoundland affair.

AND SPEAKING of Red Storey reminds us that the latest betting is that the redhead will be asked to return to duty in the NHL. This is a rumor that is supposed to have come from a reliable source.

It would be nice to see the big fellow back in action as an official but we hope if he returns he'll get more front office backing than he did after that fracas in Chicago.

REMEMBER DICK FARRELL who hurled such brilliant relief ball in last year's all-star classic?

Dick, a member of the Philadelphia Phillies, has been having it rough ever since that July afternoon. It was rougher when manager Eddie Sawyer got through with him the other day.

Dick took a look at himself in the mirror of a washroom in a bar recently and apparently didn't like the look of himself. He punched his own image and the glass-breaking brought a \$250 fine from Sawyer who termed the incident "conduct unbecoming to a major leaguer."

Eddie maintains that he's not fooling when he insists there'll be no playboys on his squad this year.

Fines of this size should put an end to such nonsense.

WE HAD A CHAT with Brian Lewis yesterday and he is chuffed full of baseball enthusiasm for the coming season. Brian is the young man who, late last July, took hold of a group of junior baseball players and came up with a real classy aggregation. These lads won the Island junior crown and gave Saint John a real battle before bowing out in the N.B.-P.E.I. playdowns.

Brian and the local Legion, sponsors of that junior team, don't intend to wait until July this season to get going. In fact, Lewis states that workouts should be underway within the next ten days. New uniforms are on the way for the boys and high hopes are entertained for a most successful season.

BRIAN HAS OBTAINED two excellent films which he intends showing to all interested in the very near future. One is 'Play Ball, Son,' and the other is 'Swing King.'

The first touches on all phases of the game and is expertly compiled by Bert Dunn, a former performer with the New York Giants. The second is a Ted Williams explanation of the art of batting and one would look a far piece to get a better qualified instructor than The Splendid Splinter. When these films are shown, every young player should avail himself of the opportunity of viewing them.

THE LEGION AND BRIAN would like very much to be able to bring a mainland team here every Sunday in July and August. They believe—and we heartily agree—that fans here would welcome the chance of seeing competition from the mainland. It will cost money for guarantees but Lewis feels the public will give sufficient support to make the club at least break even.

In addition, Lewis informs us that there is a strong possibility of another junior team being formed in the city. He thinks there is plenty of talent for such a team and is hoping that it will become a reality.

THE KING'S COUNTY JUNIORS, who made such a fine showing last year will undoubtedly be back and there's a better than even chance that Summerside will be represented in junior circles.

One thing is certain and that is the interest this season seems to be a much higher level than a year ago. If this is any indication, then we should be in for a banner year.

Let's hope so.

LACK INDIVIDUAL STARS

Braves To Rely On Hustle In Finals With Petes

WINNIPEG (CP) — Winnipeg Braves, lacking individual stars, relied on team play and hustle to get into the Memorial Cup, and coach Bill Allum says that's the way it's going to be throughout the best-of-seven Canadian hockey final.

"It's got to be hustle, hustle, hustle if we're going to win," said the dapper Allum Wednesday, as he prepared his club for a workout at Winnipeg Arena.

Braves open their Memorial Cup battle against eastern champion Peterborough Petes here Friday night. The first four

games will be played at the arena, with the second contest billed for Sunday. The next two are Monday, April 27, and Wednesday, April 29.

MUST BE GOOD
"I don't know anything about this Peterborough team," Allum said, "but they must be pretty good to beat Hull-Ottawa. But we've got a pretty good team too."

Allum indicated he would have forward Howie Hughes, a replacement from St. Boniface Canadiens, shadow Petes' high-scoring rightwinger Wayne Connelly, who netted 15 goals and had 16 assists in 26 playoff games.

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CANADIAN IS THIRD

Gordon Dickson (17) of Hamilton takes over third place as runners pass through Wellesley, Mass., half-way mark in the 63rd Boston Marathon, April 20. In

the lead is Johnny Kelly (2) of Groton, Conn., followed closely by Eino Oksanen (5) of Finland. Veikko Karvonen (3) of Finland is in fourth position. Oksanen won the 26-mile classic. Kelly came in second and Dickson placed third. (CP from AP)

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Chicago Club Files Suit

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—Chicago Cardinals of the National Football League filed suit Wednesday to keep Auburn's Jerry Wilson from playing in Canada's Western Interprovincial League next season.

The suit was described by the NFL club as the first court test of an agreement between the two leagues to end player raiding.

The Cardinals asked that Wilson be enjoined "from playing for the Edmonton Eskimos or any other professional team than the complainant during the 1959 professional football season."

The Cardinals contend that Wilson, an end, made an oral agreement with them to play in 1959 for \$11,000.

The team said Wilson was paid \$1,000 to seal the deal.

Dunlops Take 2-Game Lead

TORONTO (CP) — Playing-coach Sid Smith and captain Harry Sinden each scored two goals and one assist Wednesday night to spark Whitby Dunlops to a 5-2 victory in the second game of the Allan Cup final.

Whitby, which won the opener of the best-of-seven set by the same score Sunday, takes on the Canadians in the third game Friday. The fourth game is here Saturday. No further dates have been set.

The Dunlops, Allan Cup winners in 1957 and world amateur hockey champions at Oslo in 1958, sandwiched strong first and third periods around a good second-stanza showing by Vernon for the victory.

The Canadians, who won the Allan Cup by defeating Chatham Maroons in the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association senior final in 1956, were sadly outplayed in the first period when Whitby took a 2-0 lead as they peppered Vernon netminder Hal Gordon with 19 shots.

Whitby, which got its other goal from Fred Etcher, playing his first game of the series, led 4-2 going into the third period.