

Leonard Nips Counter by Stroke for N. W. Open Title

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Sports Hy-Lites

By HY ZIMMERMAN

O'Brien's All Back; Leg Hit Proves It

Johnny O'Brien looks—and sounds—slightly unbalanced. He is neither. The illusion of physical unbalance is created by the football shoe on the Rainier infielder's right foot. The impression of a mental tilt is caused by O'Brien's preference of a single to a home run. One explains the other. Johnny O suffered a twisted ankle shortly before the start of the season. It put him down for two months. When he returned, he was impeded by the weak wheel. Hence the football shoe, which gives him a slightly lopsided look.

One notices it only in the field and on the bases. At the plate, John is untrammelled and leads the Rainiers with a .324 average.

But Johnny's treasured hit is an infield single he got a few nights ago. It was his first leg hit—he beat the throw—and proved that all of O'Brien was back in the ball park. Hence O'Brien's preference for that particular single.

Until he beat out that infield single, Johnny limped a long road of aches, throbs and complete numbness—without a shred of complaint.

When he first returned, Johnny relied on a brace. That impaired his running.

Then, remembering that Monte Irvin once had worn football shoes with the New York Giants and that Jeff Heath had done the same with the Boston Braves, O'Brien tried one. The cleats were removed and replaced by spikes.

A Pro's Pro

It worked. Johnny could run. And he did not feel unbalanced.

But the discomfort remained. It would start slowly, at the beginning of the game, and increase, inning by inning. Toward the end of the game, the confluence of fatigue and throb would cause the whole leg to go numb. It became a struggle to move the limb.

Afterward, came the ache. It took a half hour in the whirlpool bath to ease the pain.

But Johnny, as great a pro as he was a basketball All-American with Seattle University, asked no respite. The Rainiers, beginning to drive, needed his bat and his sure hands at third base.

His manager, Dick Sisler, knew, but Dick acceded to O'Brien's great desire.

His trainer, Freddie Frederico, also knew, and Doc knocked himself out to minister properly to the ankle.

His teammates knew, and they admired his grit and appreciated his sacrifice.

Sisler, despite Johnny's fat average, occasionally dropped him down in the batting order, to save him a time at bat and the resultant running. In late innings, he began taking Johnny out, to minimize the ache and throb.

Captain Courageous

BUT the Rainiers are not quite the same without O'Brien, their stubble-bearded, hustling little leader.

Only Hal Bevan on the Rainiers can match O'Brien's ability to hit to right on the hit-and-run play. Only Bevan, with .314, is near Johnny's plate efficiency. And only Hal, catching nearly every game, approaches O'Brien's physical discomfort.

O'Brien is new to the team this season and even newer to Sisler, who never crossed baseball paths with him.

But Dick quickly recognized Johnny's flair for leadership, his relaxing wit in the dugout, his inspiring chirp on the battlefield.

Thus, on the very day in Palm Springs when O'Brien slid into pain and injury at third base, Dick appointed him team captain.

And, truly, Johnny has been a captain courageous.

By BILL PROCHNAU

Stan Leonard, a fellow who doesn't really need the money, was \$800 richer today after parlaying some casual golf and momentary wizardry into the Pacific Northwest open championship.

Leonard, biding his time, passed young Gene Counter on the final holes yesterday to win by a stroke.

Leonard, former Tournament of Champions winner, added rounds of 69 and 70 for a 72-hole 276, 12 strokes under par at Rainier's tiny, tailored golf course.

But the canny Canadian, trailing through most of the warm, windy afternoon, had to rely on a moment's mastery to cut Counter out of his first major victory. And it was all Leonard needed.

Leonard Rallies

Coming down the par-3 13th on the final round, Leonard trailed Counter by two strokes. Ten minutes later the Canadian led by a stroke.

After getting down in three on the 13th, Leonard sent his drive into the rough to the right of the fairway on the 470-yard, par-5 14th. It was buried, almost out of sight, in fluffy grass more than 200 yards from the green.

It was, as Leonard acknowledged later, a normal 5-iron shot which would have taken the ball out of the grass but left it far short of the green. Leonard unsheathed a 4-wood, asked, "What have I got to lose?" and dropped the ball on the green, 15 feet short of the pin.

Expected Eagle

As Leonard, almost expectedly, sank his 15-foot putt for an eagle 3, Counter missed the 13th green, settled for a bogey 4 and lost his lead.

But the drama was far from over. And Counter was far from out of the running.

The leaders matched each other shot for shot as they headed for the clubhouse, each getting a birdie 4 on the 16th.

On the 315-yard 18th, with Leonard already on the sidelines with his 276, Counter needed a birdie to tie.

Putt Goes Astray

The 26-year-old Glen Acres pro rocketed his drive almost pin high but 75 feet to the right against a hill. He pinpointed his approach shot six feet past the hole. But the putt and the title trickled away.

Counter, whose eight-under-par 64 Tuesday was the best round of the tournament, had a pair of 71's yesterday. His second-place finish earned \$500.

Bill Wright, 24-year-old former national public-links



STAN LEONARD  
Casual but canny champ



GENE COUNTER  
One step beyond

champion, led the amateurs with 281. He had rounds of 70 and 71 yesterday.

Wright, Duden Tie  
Wright's 281 also earned a share of third place with Bob Duden, the 1959 champion from Portland. Duden raced in from far off the pace with a 67 and a 69.

Jim Everham, Earlington amateur, matched a 74 and 70 for 283 and fifth place. tied at 284 were Chuck Congdon, Tacoma pro, and Don Taylor, Ingleswood amateur.

Results (amateurs in bold-face type):  
276—Stan Leonard, Vancouver, B. C., 137-69-70.  
277—Gene Counter, Glen Acres, 135-71-71.

- 281—Bill Wright, Fir State, 140-70-71.  
282—Bob Duden, Portland, 145-67-69.  
283—Jim Everham, Earlington, 139-72-75.  
284—Chuck Congdon, Tacoma, 141-69-74.  
285—Don Bies, Seattle, 144-71-70.  
286—Joe Greer, Yakima, 142-71-74.  
287—Lyle Crawford, Vancouver, B. C., 143-75-71.  
288—Tom Boucher, Rainier, 144-73-72.  
289—Bob McKendrick, Portland, 145-74-70.  
290—Ray Honsberger, Rainier, 143-72-75.  
291—Ockie Ellason, Tacoma, 145-72-73.  
292—Al Pelzman, Tacoma, 145-72-73.  
293—Ron Weber, Kelso, 140-74-78.  
294—Harry Umbreit, Mount St., 145-76-71.  
295—Wendell Wood, Eugene, 150-70-71.  
296—Kermit Zarley, Jr., Bayview-wood, 148-73-71.  
297—George Holland, Overlake, 147-75-71.  
298—Ray Weber, Kelso, 144-74-76.  
299—Alex Rainier, 149-77-71.  
300—Gene May, Rainier, 149-77-71.  
301—Mario Rainier, 144-79-71.  
302—Nixon, Salem, 150-72-72.  
303—Tom Everham, Grays Harbor, 148-74-73.  
304—Les McEwen, Overlake, 145-75-75.  
305—George Puetz, Earlington, 149-76-70.  
306—Bob Doyle, Everett, 145-77-75.  
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308—Dick LaBelle, West Seattle, 143-75-79.  
309—Larry Lamberger, Portland, 147-75-75.  
310—Ken Storey, Ingleswood, 147-78-74.  
311—Ted Denham, Port Lewis, 148-72-78.  
312—Bud Campbell, Rainier, 148-78-74.  
313—Dick Haskell, Seattle, 146-75-78.  
314—Bob Congdon, Rainier, 147-73-78.  
315—Jim Shriver, Spokane, 148-75-78.  
316—Eddie Pearson, Renton Hills, 147-76-77.  
317—Bud Harris, Olympic Hills, 149-76-75.

Money-Winners

Leonard, \$800; Counter, \$500; Duden, \$400; Congdon, \$330; Bies, \$280; Greer, \$240; Crawford, \$163.33; Boucher, \$163.33; McKendrick, \$163.33; Honsberger, \$103.33; Ellason, \$103.33; Feldman, \$103.33; Umbreit, \$75.

Seattle 'Ruth' Nine Gains Semis, 23-0

GLENDIVE, Mont., Aug. 11.—(Special)—The National Division All-Stars of Seattle go into the semifinal round against Portland tonight in the Northwest-regional Babe Ruth baseball tournament.

The All-Stars gained the semifinal last night on the no-hit pitching of Ted Brown. The Seattleites clubbed Alaska, 23-0.

Brown struck out 12 Alaska batters while walking only two. He also collected three hits at the plate. Bob Erickson and Ernest Holmes hit home runs for the winners.

Portland beat Libby, Mont., yesterday, 5-1.

Seattle All-Stars . . . . . 23  
Alaska . . . . . 0  
Brown and Gore, Benedict, Tanaka and Kemp.

Coast Box Scores

INDIANS 17, BEES 10

SPokane	AB	R	H	E	BB	SO
Davis	3	0	1	0	0	2
Roberts	2	0	1	0	0	0
Smith	3	0	1	0	0	0
Smalley	3	0	1	0	0	0
Boj	3	0	1	0	0	0
Scott	3	0	1	0	0	0
Fair	3	0	1	0	0	0
Robinson	3	0	1	0	0	0
Condie	3	0	1	0	0	0
Barrow	3	0	1	0	0	0
Churn	3	0	1	0	0	0
Pepper	3	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	42	17	16	3	0	10
a-Ran for Rags in 9th.						
b-Singled for Pepper in 9th.						
Spokane . . . . . 103 214 141-17						
Salt Lake . . . . . 300 004 003-10						

SOLONS 6, MOUNTIES 1

SACRAMENTO	AB	R	H	E	BB	SO
Petersen	3	0	1	0	0	2
Smith	3	0	1	0	0	0
Bedell	3	0	1	0	0	0
Krueh	3	0	1	0	0	0
Shields	3	0	1	0	0	0
Stitt	3	0	1	0	0	0
Alomar	3	0	1	0	0	0
Hickman	3	0	1	0	0	0
Boyle	3	0	1	0	0	0
Boiger	3	0	1	0	0	0
Diaz	3	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	38	6	14	3	0	1
a-Singled for Hickman in 7th.						
b-Singled for Paine in 9th.						
c-Ran for Oertel in 9th.						
Sacramento . . . . . 010 100 121-6						
Vancouver . . . . . 000 010 000-1						

GIANTS 6, BEAVERS 2

TACOMA	AB	R	H	E	BB	SO
Alou	3	0	1	0	0	2
Farley	3	0	1	0	0	0
Phillips	3	0	1	0	0	0
Prescott	3	0	1	0	0	0
O'Connell	3	0	1	0	0	0
Rhodes	3	0	1	0	0	0
Farlane	3	0	1	0	0	0
Revere	3	0	1	0	0	0
Wierle	3	0	1	0	0	0
Zimlin	3	0	1	0	0	0
Bozman	3	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	32	6	16	3	0	2
a-Flied out for Egan in 7th.						
Tacoma . . . . . 110 000 200-6						
Portland . . . . . 000 000 200-2						

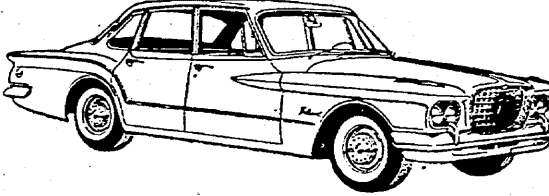
PITCHING

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Emrich (W, 7-0)	5 1/3	3	2	2	0
Churn	3 2/3	3	3	3	0
Jimenez (L, 9-4)	4 2/3	4	7	6	3
Rowe	2	5	3	3	1
Pepper	2	5	3	3	1
E-Baumer, Roberts, Left-Spokane					
9-Salt Lake 4, FBI-Davis, 2, Roberts, Smith, 2, Fairly, 2, Robinson 4, Bonds, 3, Churn, 2, Mitchell, 3, Bright, 2, Stevens, Harmon, Hall, 2B-Davis, Roberts, Stevens, 3B-Mitchell, HR-Bright, Mitchell, Davis, Fairly, Robinson, Smith, SB-Davis, Roberts, Sawdow, Harmon, SF-Smith, A-4, 257.					

Graham Captures Horseshoe Honors

Dan Graham, with a high game of 145 and 69 per cent ringers, took individual honors in the Ringers and Counters Horseshoe League last night at Woodland Park.

Greenwood Bowl 5, Empire Bowl 1; Lamont's Grocery 4, Dora's Grocery 1; Sunset Car Motel 3, Union 3 1/2; Seattle Transit 1 1/2, Sunset 3 1/2; Briggs Pharmacy 0, Les Hanson Cement 4; Walker's Gun Shop 1; Standard Service 3, American Legion 2.



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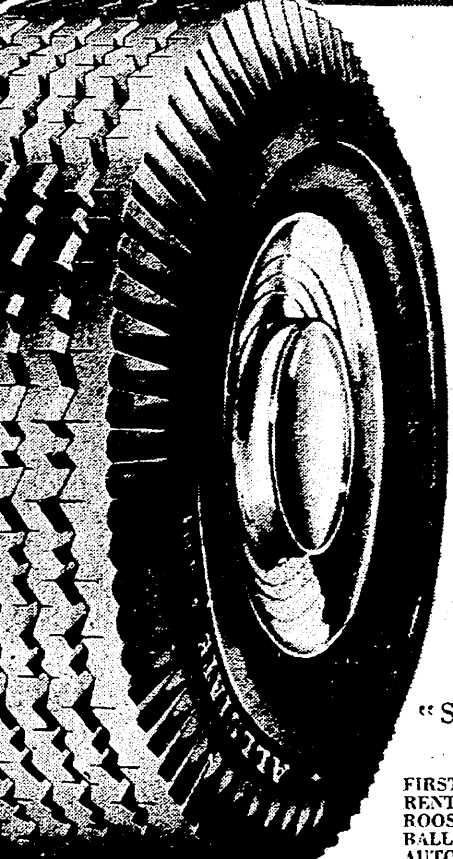
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