

DAN O'LEARY, 90, STRONG WALKER

Aged Irishman Attributes His Longevity to His Favorite Exercise on Roads

By FRANK G. SIEGEL
 Napping 90—and still an athlete. Yes, it's Dan O'Leary. Together with Edward Payson Weston, this old-timer ranks as the wonder walker of all time, not where Weston long since has discontinued athletic activity, O'Leary is still doing 16, 20, 30 and 50 mile jaunts.

A remarkable character this O'Leary—frankly because he has carried physical fitness into his 90th year and retains all his mental faculties and alertness as well.

He can chuck off dates, facts, figures, names with amazing rapidity and astonishing accuracy. The entire panorama of his life is vivid to him.

An Irishman is O'Leary—as his name indicates. County Cork was his birthplace. As a kid he liked the hiking stuff and became neighborhood champion. Given into his 20's he was champ of the county. In 1860, when he was 24, he acquired a yearning to see what America was like. He lacked cash, so he entered a walking race—50 miles—from Philadelphia to Cork, won it and his passage money.

Worked as Stevedore
 O'Leary's first job in the U. S. A. was that of stevedore on the coal docks in Boston. He weighed around 140 then. He never weighed more than 145 in his life. He bulked only 120 now.

The Irishman was so intent on making a name and a fortune for himself on the coal docks that he forgot all about walking as a means of enriching himself—forgot it until somewhere in the 70's when Weston got a great deal of publicity by walking from Portland, Maine, to Chicago.

So O'Leary began training. Some time later Sir John Astley, of England, announced that he was going to put on a six-day walking contest open to all comers. O'Leary read about it, read about those

prices—and that's when the coal docks of Boston lost a workman. O'Leary sailed to England in 1877. Weston already was there—Weston the satellite. Sir John was very much excited over Weston's ability. He hoped plenty of those "rail runners" would enter the race, the most of the great walkers in England were afraid to tackle Weston.

Weston Is Beaten
 But O'Leary took him on. The Irishman started off at a fast clip. Weston scuffed at the pace—said O'Leary would kill himself off within three days. But O'Leary kept right on stepping. When the six-days of hiking was done he had beaten the "unbeatable" Weston. Walking 529 miles in 144 hours against 516 by Weston.

That was the real start of O'Leary's fame and from then on he and Weston were deadly rivals. Weston, perched on a tee, sits up. In playing through the fairway the lies are generally closer and the great fear of most players is that they won't be able to get it up into the air. They don't stop to think that the lift on their brasses and spoons will get it up into the air if only they'll hit the ball properly.

In the majority of instances you'll see that the swing they take is far different from the one they use in driving. It is due to that lack of confidence. There is a tightening up of the muscles, accompanied by a lurching and swaying which brings them off balance. The mistake generally made is in rushing ahead of the swing, worrying about the probable outcome of the stroke and accordingly lifting the head and shoulders before the ball is struck.

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Boston Breaks Even With the Senators In Double Header of the Series

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R. H. E.
 Cleveland 2 7 2
 Chicago 3 8 1
 Batteries: Uble and L. Sewell; Blumenthal and Crouse.

Yankees Win From Athletics
 PHILADELPHIA, June 28.—(AP)—The Yankees battered Rube Walberg and George Earnshaw here today to win 10 to 4 for their second straight victory over the Athletics.

R. H. E.
 New York 10 15 6
 Philadelphia 4 10 1
 Batteries: Pipiras and Grabowski; Collins; Walberg, Earnshaw and Fox.

Detroit Beaten by Browns
 DETROIT, June 28.—(AP)—The St. Louis Browns took the opening game of the series from Detroit here today 5 to 2.

R. H. E.
 St. Louis 5 13 2
 Detroit 2 9 2
 Batteries: Gray and Manion; Smith and Wendall.

Senators and Boston Even
 BOSTON, June 28.—(AP)—Boston divided a double header with Washington today, winning the second game 8 to 7 after the Senators had triumphed in the first 4 to 3.

First game
 R. H. E.
 Washington 4 7 1
 Boston 3 6 3
 Batteries: Jones and Kenna; Settlemier, Simmons and Hoffmann.
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 R. H. E.
 Washington 7 13 3
 Boston 8 14 0
 Batteries: Hadley, Marberry and Kenna; MacFadden, Harriss, Morris and Berry, Heving.

Today's Golf Lesson

By Tommy Armour

Brassie Troubles
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when it comes to playing a brassie or spoon shot through the fairway. I suppose that every professional has the question put to him time and time again whether there is any difference between the swing with the driver and that with a brassie. The answer is "no," of course, assuming that the conditions under which the fairway shot is made are normal ones.

I find that with most players who experience difficulty in playing brassie or spoon shots, the trouble is lack of confidence. In playing from the tee there is everything to inspire confidence. The ball, perched on a tee, sits up. In playing through the fairway the lies are generally closer and the great fear of most players is that they won't be able to get it up into the air. They don't stop to think that the lift on their brasses and spoons will get it up into the air if only they'll hit the ball properly.

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main thing for you to cultivate is confidence in playing the stroke so that you will swing normally. In order to get this confidence it is advisable not to attempt a wooden club unless the lie is a fairly good one. In other words, if you are ever in doubt switch from wood to iron.

My advice as to how to acquire confidence in playing brassie shots is first of all to practice keeping the backswing slow. As a precaution against speeding up to see that you relax thoroughly before you start the stroke and don't grip the club too tightly, especially with the right hand. All you require is enough pressure to maintain control over the club. When you grip tightly you tie up the muscles of the forearms and destroy all flexibility—and flexibility is essential!

So start the club back slowly and smoothly and keep it low along the ground. Then, when you reach the top of the backswing, start it down the same way. Guard against hurrying the stroke from first to last. Wait until the hands are almost back down to the level they occupied before the address before you attempt any hitting. As the club head comes into the ball, snap it through with the wrists, but don't stop the forward sweep of the hands. They must continue on

through. Hit on out after the ball and don't try to do any lifting. Copyright 1928, King Features Synd., Inc.

Ruth Hits 29th Homer
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