

Palmer and Leonard Tie For Lead In Masters Golf Championship

Augusta, Ga. —UPI— Arnie Palmer, dead bent on repeating last year's triumph, and Stan Leonard, gambling as never before to win this big one for the first time, tied for the lead Saturday in the Masters golf championship with 54-hole totals of 212.

Palmer and Leonard's three-round aggregate was one stroke better than the 213 posted by Memphis dentist Cary Middlecoff and three strokes ahead of Charlie Coe, the Oklahoma City, Okla., amateur who electrified a surging gallery of 40,000 by firing a five-under-par 67 that moved him into fourth place with 215.

Middlecoff, who took a 68 Saturday to go with his first two rounds of 73 and 72, had a chance to move into a tie for the lead with Palmer and Leonard, but lost it when he rimmed the cup on a 15-foot putt on the 17th hole and then went two inches beyond the cup on the 18th with a 20-footer, winding up with pars instead of birdies.

Record Crowd Watches

The crowd—the largest ever to witness a golf tournament anywhere—saw pre-tournament favorite Sam Snead take a 72 that left him seven strokes back with 219 and Ben Hogan soar to 76 which put him at 223 and virtually eliminated him from contention.

Five players, including amateur Billy Joe Patton from Morganton, N. C., were bracketed behind Coe with 216's. They were Fred Hawkins, who shot a 68 Saturday; Wally Burkemo, Jack Fleck and Patton, all with 71's, and Billy Maxwell, with a 72.

Porky Oliver, Bo Wininger and Jay Herbert were tied with 217, while Charlie Kocis, Art Wall, Julius Boros, Mike Souhrak and Peter Thomson each had 218.

U. S. Open champion Tommy Bolt was in a group of

eight golfers tied at 219 while PGA champ Dow Finsterwald was among four deadlocked at 220.

For the second straight day, Palmer had to scramble all over the 6,980-yard Augusta National layout to break par with a 71.

"It wasn't a good round," conceded the 29-year-old Latrobe, Pa., pro. "I drove well but my irons were terrible."

Even so he carded a pair of birdies and 15 pars in putting together his 36-35 to go with his first two round scores of 71-70. He is the only golfer among the 41 competitors still left—Byron Nelson withdrew Saturday because of a virus infection—who has managed to better par each day.

Palmer, who won the Masters title with a 284 last year and stood at 211 after the first three rounds, took only 59 puts Saturday and that saved him.

His best holes were birdie throws on the seventh and 18th. On the par four 365-yard seventh his nine iron was three feet from the pin and he got down in one. He sank a 12-foot pressure-packed putt to earn his final birdie and put him below par for the first time in the day.

Leonard, the six-time Canadian PGA champion who was the first-day leader with a 69 and slipped to 74 Friday, abandoned all caution in posting his 35-34-69 Saturday.

Key Shot Described
The "key shot" of his round came on the par four 445-yard 11th where he drove 250 yards and then asked his caddy for a three iron and boldly went for the pin. His shot, played perfectly, landed two-and-a-half feet from the pin and he sunk the putt for one of the four birdies he had all day.

"This is getting a little harrowing," said the 44-year-old longball hitter from Vancouver, B.C., "but I think I can struggle out there again."

I've never led in the Masters before and I had to gamble to get back in front Saturday, but who knows how this thing is going to turn out?"

Most of the crowd followed Snead and Hogan, who played together.

Snead took his even par 72 in stride and even seemed to feel he still had some chance. "I thought I'd get in with a 68..." he grinned. "Then I

thought I'd shoot a 67... and take all the marbles. Now I'll have to shoot a 64, I guess."

Hogan, who three-putted two greens, said simply, "I just hit some bad shots, that's all."

Snead heard him and called across the room: "Ben, we'll never know the difference 50 years from today."

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SPORTS

Medford High Gets 13-0 Victory Split

Medford high baseballers erupted for a 13 to 0 triumph over Roseburg yesterday afternoon after dropping a 5 to 4 nod for a split with the Indians at Roseburg.

Herb Wheeler pitched four innings and Jerry Anderson one, with Wheeler yielding the lone Indian hit, in shutting out the host nine in the second game.

Mike Parsons who hit five

for five for the afternoon, including three triples, got four of his bingles in the concluding mix, slaming three baggers, one with the sacks loaded. George Ice and Bob Quinney contributed to the barrage with two for two.

Burgess smacked the lone safe crack off Wheeler, who struck out three and walked two. Anderson whipped the ball across for two strikeouts.

Medford got 11 hits in the big game, scoring six runs each in the first and fifth innings.

Disputed Play
The Tornado went into the seventh and final inning of the first fust trailing 3 to 5 and came close to tying it up. Durkee was safe on a walk and Parsons tripled him home. Bob Pond groundered to third. The throw to first base was juggled but Pond was thumbed out on the disputed play which marked the third out and ended the game. Had he been safe, Parsons would have crossed with the knotting run.

Medford's Tom Laurance tossed a five-hitter for Medford, fanning three and walking four. Jerry Halladay gave up six hits to the Tornado struck out seven and walked three.

Three Medford runs came in the fourth inning on a walk, a double by Lowell Dean, and a triple by Cal Dean. Roseburg had a three-run second inning on singles by Scott and Burgess and two walks. In the fifth frame Roseburg gained two counters Hink singled, Scott doubles and Kolberg's fly dropped in safely when outfielder Anderson lost it in the sun. Anderson had two hits for Medford in the first tussle.

Linescores:
(First game)
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Laurance and Pond; Halladay and Hiney.
(Second game)
Medford 001 06-13 11 0
Roseburg 000 00-0 1 4
Wheeler, Anderson (5) and Pond, Jensen (4); Lake, Foote (3), Edmond (4) and Shinn.

In doubles Hildebrand and Paul Ryn won from Kirk and Morris Kelly 6-1, 6-4 while Cummings and Dave Ryn turned back Green and Lowe 2-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Klamath's singles winners Friday were Jim Norland over Cummings 6-2, 6-2. Keith Baxter over Hildebrand 6-2, 6-2. Jim Johnson over Dave Ryn 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 and Jan Baxter over John Shaw 6-1, 6-3. Medford's Paul Ryn overcame Duane Fitzsimmons 6-1, 6-8, 6-0.

Norland and Keith Baxter then toppled Cummings and Shaw 6-2, 6-2 and Hildebrand and Paul Ryn won over Johnson and Jan Baxter 6-0, 6-8, 7-5.

OSC Clubs Portlanders

Portland—UPI—Oregon State's baseball team won its sixth straight game here Friday with a 13-4 win over University of Portland.

Gary Moore went the entire distance for the Beavers, yielding only four hits. He struck out 13 batters.

Kim Bradshaw had 4-for-6 for Oregon State and five-run batted in. Jerry Droscher had 3-for-5, all doubles.

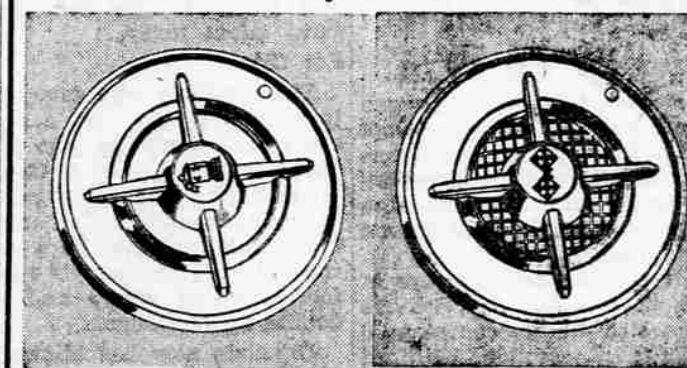
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Ex-Ring Champ Tries To Take Life

Atlantic City, N.J. —UPI— Former welterweight boxing champion Johnny Saxton, an orphanage kid whose piston fists brought him world fame and a quarter of a million dollars, tried to hang himself in a jail cell Saturday after he was caught robbing a 5 and 10 cent store.

The 28-year-old ex-fighter was committed to a mental hospital after he threatened another suicide attempt if returned to a jail cell.

Dr. Carl Surran and Dr. Frank B. Doggett, police surgeons, said he was suffering from dementia praecox and recommended his commitment to the state hospital at Ancora.

Doggett said Saxton was very depressed and unhappy because he was unemployed and because he had "been on top and now has nothing." He quoted the former fighter as saying he couldn't stand being kept in a cell and that if he was returned to jail he would try again to end his life.

Only coincidence thwarted the suicide attempt. The fighter suspended himself by his own socks from a pipe in a city hall cell here only a few seconds before a turnkey had found him on a routine check.

Owes \$16,000 in Taxes
Saxton, broke and owing the government \$16,000 in taxes despite earning an estimated \$250,000 during the past 10 years, was captured on the roof of the variety store early Saturday after he had smashed through a tin ceiling in an attempt to escape.

More than a dozen policemen, including former heavyweight boxer Peter Nelson, 32, had surrounded the store after a passerby reported that someone was playing a flashlight around the counters inside.

Saxton was born in Newark, N. J., on the Fourth of July, 1930, and spent most of his boyhood in an orphanage. At 17, he started his boxing career. He advanced steadily from club fighter through the welterweight lists until he won the title from Kid Gavilan in Philadelphia on Oct. 21, 1954.

He reigned as world champion for six months, sampling the life of a rich man to the fullest, before losing his crown to Tony Demarco in Boston in April, 1955.

Saxton refused to consider his career ended and began a successful comeback, winning back the title from Carmen Basilio on March 14, 1956. Again his reign was short-lived. He surrendered the championship to Basilio again in September of the same year.

Since then, the roller coaster went downhill for Saxton. In his last bout, last Dec. 15, he was knocked out in the third round.

Klamath Falls Edges Crater in Track

Klamath Falls—Crater had the edge in firsts but Klamath Union High school accumulated more points with other placings to win a three-way track tangle here yesterday.

The Pelicans of Klamath totaled 64 points. Crater scored 59 and Ashland 25.

Bob Drace, winning both hurdles and the high jump, and Don Story, taking the sprints, paced the Pelicans with all their firsts. John Burns won the quarter-mile and javelin for Crater and Art Kiser the shot put and discus for Ashland.

Crater Wins Six Events

Crater won six events, Klamath five and Ashland three. Event winners and their marks were:

Story :10.2 in the 100-yard

dash and :32.1 in the 220; Burns :54.3 in the quarter and 1:17.2 in the half mile; Tom White, Crater, 2:13 in the half-mile; Nathan Parish, Crater, 4:57 in the mile.

Drace :20.8 in the 100 hurdles, :15.9 in the high and 5-10 1/2 in the high jump; Kiser 48-11 in the shot and 136-5 in the discus; Jim Eldred, Crater, 10-10 in the pole vault; Brahm Woodell, Ashland, 20-6 in the broad jump and Crater 1:37.5 in the relay.

NAMED STEWARD AGAIN

Indianapolis, Ind. —UPI— Harlan Fenger of Dayton, Ohio, again will serve as chief steward for the 500-mile auto race at the Indianapolis Speedway May 30.

Ducks Nick Linfield

Eugene —UPI— Hugh Springer pitched a six-hit shutout over Linfield here Friday as the Ducks won, 2-0, in their home opener.

Wimp Hastings was the only Duck to get more than one hit. He singled in the first inning scoring on Ron Walp's base hit.

In the fifth inning Hastings singled home Tim Berg who had been hit by a pitched ball.

Oregon's Hugh Springer and Linfield's Fred Herrman, (ex-Crater high) each gave up six hits.

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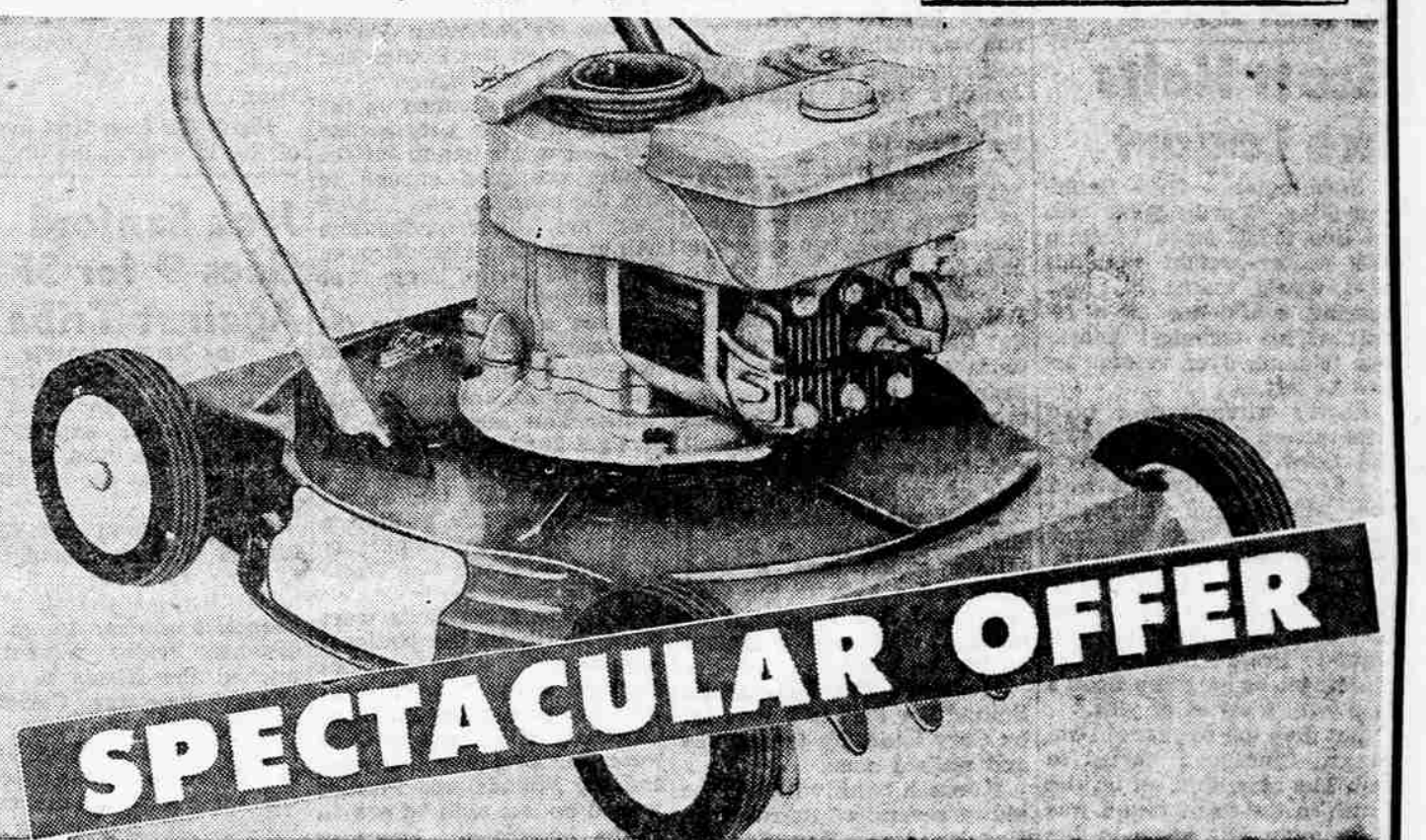
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