

# Americans share lead at Canadian

OAKVILLE, Ontario (AP) — A long absence from tournament golf had its greatest affect on John Cook's short game.

"My chipping left me. My short game left," he said Thursday after taking a share of the lead after the first round of the Canadian Open with a 7-under-par 65. "I've worked on it more in the last two months than I have in the rest of my 10 years (as a touring pro) put together."

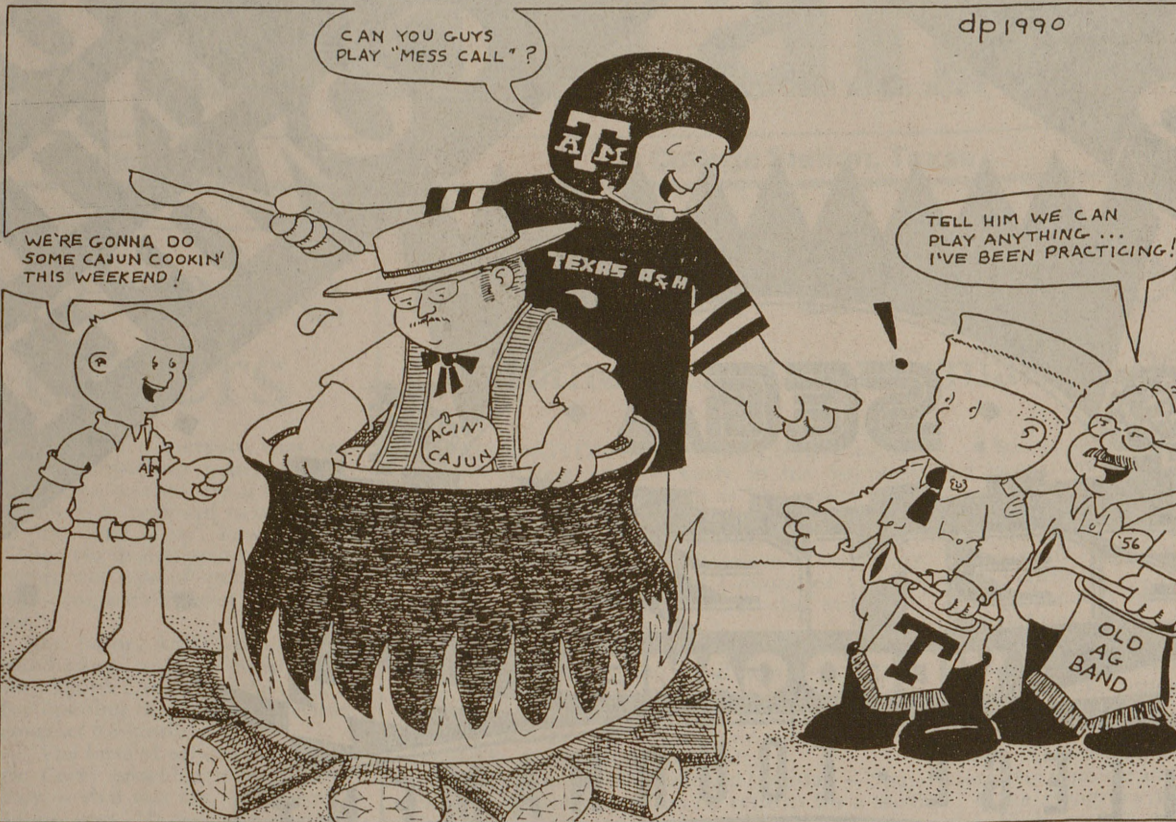
That work paid off in the way of a 75-foot chip-in and a pair of 30-foot putts as the highlights of the opening round for Cook, who missed most of last season after hand and wrist surgery.

He was tied with Brad Faxon, who also used his short game as the key to a bogey-free effort at the Glen Abbey Golf Club.

"Chipping and putting usually are my strong points, but obviously this was a little better than usual," said Faxon, who one-putted 11 times. That included four birdies from 20 feet or more, and a 15-footer to save par and a piece of the lead on the final hole.

While the two Americans shared the lead, a pair of Canadians put themselves in position to become the first home-grown winner of this national championship in 36 years.

Dave Barr was a shot off the lead at 66 and Richard Zokol, who had his career-best finish in a runner-up role three weeks ago, was in a huge group tied for fourth at 68.



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# Reds down Astros 7-5

CINCINNATI (AP) — Barry Larkin's inability to lay down a sacrifice bunt Thursday night led to what manager Lou Piniella called "the biggest win of the year" for the Cincinnati Reds, a 7-5 victory over the Houston Astros.

"We had the bunt on twice and he fouled it off twice," Piniella said. "Then he hit it into the mezzanine."

Larkin's ninth-inning, two-run homer, his sixth, ended a slugging duel in which Houston hit a season-high four homers, and increased Cincinnati's lead to 6½ games over the Los Angeles and San Francisco in the National League West.

"I don't know why I couldn't get the bunt down. It's something I practice every day," Larkin said.

# Aggies

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about this team."

Slocum's concern stems from the fact that the Cajuns utilize the Run-and-Shoot offense, similar to that of the University of Hawaii. The Aggies successfully shut down the Rain-bows' offense, but Slocum said USL possesses a more potent ground attack.

"They're a better running team than Hawaii," he said. "They'll run the option better — Hawaii hardly ran the option at all, but USL has a better guy to run it."

Quarterback James Freeman is the Cajuns' trigger man for their Run-and-Shoot attack. The 6-1, 207-pound sophomore is 18-of-33 on the year, recording 290 yards. He is USL's leading rusher, averaging four yards a carry.

"This guy can beat us," Slocum said. "He's a legitimate runner like Quinn Grovey or some of the OU guys. His intention is to run the ball and he's good at doing it."

To shut down Freeman and the Cajuns' Run-and-Shoot, the Aggies must rely on a young corps of lineman and linebackers.

The A&M defense is decimated with injuries to key players. Noseguard Pat Henry is lost for the

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change.

He said he and his coaching staff have talked to the team this year about showing off — and not just on the defensive side of the ball.

In that same Houston game, running back Darren Lewis broke free down the right sideline for an 84-yard gain. He was headed for an apparent touchdown, but as he raised his arm to celebrate, UH cornerback Mecridric Calloway caught up with him and pushed him out at the Cougar four-yard line.

"When I ran down the side, I thought I had it and raised my hand, but it seemed the goal got farther and farther away," Lewis said after the game. "It's very frustrating to run that far and not get in the end-zone."

The Aggies eventually did for

no reflection on Southwestern Louisiana.

"We just need to try to get them in the game and kind of speed up their maturing process because we're going to need them down the road."

Stokley sees a chance to gain a little national respect this week, but he's wary of A&M.

"They've got a tremendous football team," Stokley said. "Going into this game, we have a big opportunity to gain a little recognition playing one of the top ten teams in the nation."

Stokley said the key to gaining that respect starts by shutting down the Aggies' offense.

"They're going to play smash-ball, hardball, lineup and come after us," Stokley said. "I don't think there'll be anything fancy as far as Texas A&M is concerned."

However, Stokley said he is concerned about shutting down fullback Robert Wilson and tailback Darren Lewis. Wilson amassed 55 yards on 13 carries, scoring two touchdowns in A&M's 28-13 victory over Hawaii.

Lewis gained 117 yards on 24 carries, setting a school record with his 18th 100-yard game. He needs 1,130 yards this year to break former SMU

tailback Eric Dickerson's all-time rushing mark.

"Wilson and Lewis are the best one-two combination I've seen since I've been here," Stokley said. "A&M is going to line up with two tight ends and a flanker and just run the football at us."

USL's defense, which is thin at the linebacker spot, will be tested by the Aggies' running game. The Cajuns lost starting sophomore linebacker William Sims after he suffered an ankle injury last week. Linebackers Clifford Champ and Jonas Francois are listed as doubtful. Both suffered knee injuries during two-a-days.

Still, Slocum said USL has a solid front and experienced defensive backs. And that is why the Aggies coach worries about the Ragin' Cajuns and the possibility of an upset at Kyle Field.

"Our players hear all week long that from people that aren't familiar with USL that A&M will win and that affects their mental preparation," Slocum said. "On the other hand, you've got a few isolated voices in the wilderness — those coaches saying the Cajuns are good."

"I just hope we're heard over those other voices."

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