

**AGE, 13; SCORE, 77**

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Tow-headed Dale Lingenbrink, 13, Tiny Tad Golf Champion of the State of Washington, may grow up into quite a golfer if he subtracts strokes from his score as he adds inches to his height and heft to his stature.

With the Tiny Tad championship at stake in 18 holes of medal play at his home course, Olympic View, Dale scored a 77. That was only six strokes over men's par, beat his nearest Tiny Tad rival by 10 strokes, missed the Tiny Tad record by one stroke, and was good enough to qualify him for the second day's play in the State Junior Championship, held simultaneously with the Tiny Tad affair. Tad age limit is 13; Junior aspirants must be under 18.

Dale is an eighth grader, plays basketball, football and baseball in season, but pursues the golf ball all year 'round.

Professional Ken Putnam, whose junior section captured both the State Junior title (Don Russell, 72-71—143) and the Tiny Tads (Lingenbrink, 77), declares:

"Did you see that gallery of kids following Dale and living and dying on every stroke with him? That speaks better about what kind of a boy he is than anything I could say about him. He's a good little golfer now. He may become a great one."

Dale has played golf 5 years. His best 9-hole score: 37. Recently at Cedarcrest, a par 70, he did 18 holes in 75, his lowest score thus far.

After winning the Tiny Tad title he appeared in a foursome with a junior star, opposing a pair of veterans, former Walker Cupper Harry Givan and former State champion Forest Watson.

What does he do best?



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**Dale Lingenbrink**

"Pitch and putt," says Tiny Tad Lingenbrink. "I'm not big enough to drive 'em yet."

The Tiny Tad tournament and State Junior are long-time promotions of the SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER and Olympic View Golf Club, Seattle. From them have come such players as Bud Ward, former USGA Amateur Champion; Scotty Campbell, Walker Cup player and former Canadian Amateur Champion; current Northwest Amateur Champion Glenn Sheriff (now only 19, he beat former Walker Cupper Jack Westland for the title this year in Victoria). In addition, the Seattle Public Links team of the past eight or ten years and the University team have been studied with young men who first gained headlines as Washington State Junior stars.

### **Caddie Transportation**

Some clubs are short of caddies simply because transportation is too difficult for the youngsters. The Oneida Club in Green Bay, Wis., reports an effective solution in

*Caddie Shots*, a publication of the Western Golf Association. The Club gives each caddie a red cap and instructs him to report to any main road leading to the Club. The members pick up boys wearing the red caps.