

# Two-under 68s by Grossguth, Blanchard pacing field

Today's final medal-play round will determine the 32 qualifiers for match play. Billy Auger survives a 10 on one hole to remain among the contenders.

BY PAUL KENYON  
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**PAWTUCKET** — Two guys shot 68, four more had 70 and six others posted 71 yesterday in the first round of the 97th R.I. Golf Association Amateur Championship at Pawtucket Country Club. But it was a guy who shot

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72, Billy Auger of Wampanoag, who drew the most attention.

Auger posted what might be a first in the state championship: He had a 10 on one hole, yet he played well enough to keep himself very much in contention to qualify for match play.

It was not the five birdies Auger recorded that made his round so special. The novelty was that someone could make 10 and still shoot 72.

When he reached the tee on the 451-yard, par-4 12th, Auger stood at 2-under for the day. He had gone out in 33 and then started the back nine bogey-birdie.

The 12th is one of the toughest holes at Pawtucket, the No. 2 handicap hole. The one thing players need to avoid is hitting their drive right. Anything right can sail into the backyard of one of the houses on Newman Avenue.

Auger learned that. Twice.

"The first one, I pushed right. I knew it was out-of-bounds," he said. "The second one I hit down the right side. I'm waiting for it to hook in the middle of the fairway. And all of a sudden it turns this way," Auger said, motioning with his hand how his ball turned right instead of left. It ended up in somebody's yard, too. So now he was hitting five from the tee. The third time he made sure he stayed inbounds.

"I pull-hooked the next one," he said. It left him in a tough lie. He could not get to the green. So he pitched out with his sixth shot and got on in seven. Then he three putted for his 10, missing a two-footer for a nine.

He was 6-over on one hole. He had gone from 2-under to 4-over in the 36-hole qualifying in which the low 32 scores among the 112 players after today's second round will advance to match play. And how did Auger respond to his disaster?

He birdied the 186-yard 13th to give him a three-hole run on his scorecard unlike any other — 3-10-2.

Auger maintained his poise from there, too. He had one more bogey (17) and one more birdie (18) for his 72, leaving him in a tie for 13th.

The leaders are two of Rhode Island's best, Charlie Blanchard and Rob Grossguth.

Those two played in the same threesome. Combined with Jim Stallman (who shot 71), it was easily the best group of the day. The



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**CHARLIE BLANCHARD:**  
Co-leader with his 68

threesome got off to a flying start as Blanchard birdied one, two and four, and Grossguth birdied three and four. By the time they made the turn, all three were under par.

"It kind of carries you along," Grossguth said of playing in a group in which all play well. "You just want to keep up."

Grossguth, a former Mixed Champion with Becky Mailloux and a regular contender in the Amateur, did his part and so did Blanchard. Blanchard is the reigning player of the year and this year already has won both the Burke Memorial and combined with Billy Lunnie to win the Four-Ball. Blanchard also fin-

ished 14th in a national field at the Northeast Amateur.

It is a sign of how well he is playing that he was less than thrilled with his 68.

"I bogeyed five and six and kind of lost my momentum," he said. Blanchard had played a practice round at Pawtucket last week and fired a 64.

With the course playing true — the club, which is celebrating its centennial, is an ideal test. Players praised the greens and complained only about the rough being thick.

While Grossguth and Blanchard were the only players to break par (69), the foursome at 70 was made up of Metacomb's Pete Szok, Kirby Robinson of Sakonnet, George Donnell of Triggs and Jason Pannone of Potowomut.

Defending champion Mike Soucy led the group at 71. Soucy said he played solidly and had his day marred only by a couple three-putts on the back nine. He was joined at 2-over by Stallman, Jamie Lukowicz of West Warwick, Eric Ahlberg of Warwick, Jim Colucci of Triggs and Mick Hogan of Wampanoag.

Hogan is part of a tournament rarity, one of three members of his family who qualified for the event. His brother, Jack, had a 76 and his father, Mike, shot 77.

Three former champs, two-time winner George Pirie, three-time titlar Paul Quigley, and Ben Tuthill, the winner two years ago, were part of a strong group at 72 with Auger.

Norm Lutz, the 18-time Paw-

tucket club champion who was the first player ever to receive a special exemption into the Amateur, is in good position to make the cut after opening with a 75.

As part of the centennial for both Pawtucket and the RIGA, special ceremonies will be held today. A number of former champions, headed by 1948 titlar Fred Campanelli and 1961 winner Angie Santilli, will take part in a nine-hole exhibition at about 2 p.m.

## RESULTS YESTERDAY

Rob Grossguth, West Warwick	68	71	70	72
Charlie Blanchard, Wampanoag	68	71	70	72
Pete Szok, Metacomb	69	71	70	72
Kirby Robinson, Sakonnet	69	71	70	72
George Donnell, Triggs	69	71	70	72
Jason Pannone, Potowomut	69	71	70	72
Jamie Lukowicz, West Warwick	69	71	70	72
Jim Stallman, Metacomb	69	71	70	72
Eric Ahlberg, Warwick	69	71	70	72
Mike Soucy, Metacomb	69	71	70	72
Mick Hogan, Wampanoag	69	71	70	72
Jim Colucci, Triggs	69	71	70	72
Billy Auger, Wampanoag	69	71	70	72
Ben Tuthill, Wampanoag	69	71	70	72
George Pirie, Triggs	69	71	70	72
Joe Fogarty, Valley	69	71	70	72
Paul Quigley, Metacomb	69	71	70	72
Bill Lunnie, Wampanoag	69	71	70	72
Don Wright, Potowomut	69	71	70	72
John Kestner, Kiskadee	69	71	70	72
Jonathan Dymally, Beaver River	69	71	70	72
Steve Schumacher, Cranston	69	71	70	72
Robert Schumacher, Metacomb	69	71	70	72
Andy Canine, Triggs	69	71	70	72
Larry Davis, Laurel Lake	69	71	70	72
Don Leegan, WCC	69	71	70	72
Tom Accardo, Wampanoag	69	71	70	72
Keith Francis, Cranston	69	71	70	72
Johnny Davis, Westerly	69	71	70	72
Eugene Dillman, Metacomb	69	71	70	72
Robert Scobie, WCC	69	71	70	72
Peter Angellone, Triggs	69	71	70	72
David DeSantis, Agate	69	71	70	72
William Walsh, Warwick	69	71	70	72
Crilly Pacheco, Laurel Lake	69	71	70	72
Jim Mahoney, Front Street	69	71	70	72
Mike McCormick, Triggs	69	71	70	72
Michael Caputo, Wampanoag	69	71	70	72
Sean Mulligan, Potowomut	69	71	70	72
David Carver, Cranston	69	71	70	72
Joe Santamaria, Pawtucket	69	71	70	72
James Thomas, Kiskadee	69	71	70	72
Mark Devine, Warwick	69	71	70	72
Karl Augusten, Triggs	69	71	70	72
David Apuzzo, Wampanoag	69	71	70	72
Charles Karlovic Jr., Lincoln	69	71	70	72
Greg McHard, Wampanoag	69	71	70	72
Norm Lutz, Pawtucket	69	71	70	72
David O'Malley, Pawtucket	69	71	70	72
Karl Robinson, Beaver River	69	71	70	72
David Borden, Agate	69	71	70	72
Adam Berman, WCC	69	71	70	72
Brad Cotta, Metacomb	69	71	70	72
Tom Spencer, Agate	69	71	70	72
Chris Buelter, Cranston	69	71	70	72
Larry Lafont, Metacomb	69	71	70	72
Ed Duffy, Cranston Abbey	69	71	70	72
Brad Edgerton, Wampanoag	69	71	70	72
Jack Hogan, Wampanoag	69	71	70	72
Tom Pannone, Beaver River	69	71	70	72
Don Robinson, Kiskadee	69	71	70	72
Paul Barber, Potowomut	69	71	70	72
Herb Stevens, Potowomut	69	71	70	72
Chuck Whitcomb, Montauk	69	71	70	72
Billy Maguire, Cranston	69	71	70	72
Ricky Kunkler Jr., Metacomb	69	71	70	72
Chris Jeffrey, Wampanoag	69	71	70	72
Matt Lynch, Triggs	69	71	70	72
John Barber, Potowomut	69	71	70	72
Chris Hayes, Front Street	69	71	70	72
Tom Dwyer, Wampanoag	69	71	70	72
Mike Hogan, Wampanoag	69	71	70	72
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Chris Torrey, Warwick	69	71	70	72
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Rock Robinson, Triggs	69	71	70	72
Steve Rice, Valley	69	71	70	72
Ray Lavin, West Warwick	69	71	70	72
Mike Lombardi, Valley	69	71	70	72
Mike Robinson, Montauk	69	71	70	72
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Andrew Holman, Cranston	69	71	70	72
Frank Zagorski, Laurel Lake	69	71	70	72
Craig Gardner, Wampanoag	69	71	70	72
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Mark Lavin, West Warwick	69	71	70	72
Ben Caffrey, Triggs	69	71	70	72
Don Kestner, Wampanoag	69	71	70	72
Ken Hebert, Cranston	69	71	70	72
Chris Mulligan, Cranston	69	71	70	72
Mark Santilli, Potowomut	69	71	70	72
Steve Garabedian, Beaver River	69	71	70	72
Steven Heath, Beaver River	69	71	70	72
Shawn Mansfield, Beaver River	69	71	70	72
Mike Nardolillo, Triggs	69	71	70	72
Ben Amadio, Cranston	69	71	70	72
Jack O'Brien, Triggs	69	71	70	72
Stephen Dwyer, Metacomb	69	71	70	72
Chris Wiggins, Triggs	69	71	70	72
Dan Deverell, Triggs	69	71	70	72
Chris Morris, Triggs	69	71	70	72
Chuck Stenker, Wampanoag	69	71	70	72
Mark Sorel, Wampanoag	69	71	70	72
Chris Hayes, Pawtucket	69	71	70	72
E. J. Wherry, Triggs	69	71	70	72
Steve Furland, Montauk	69	71	70	72

## TENNIS HALL OF FAME



JOURNAL PHOTO/GREG TICHENERT

**GETTING IT BACK:** James Blake returns Gabriel Trifu's shot during their first-round match yesterday at Newport.

## Erratic Blake gets it together and ousts Trifu

The winner, seeded No. 1 in the tournament, matches five aces with five double faults.

BY MIKE SZOSTAK  
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**NEWPORT** — So it wasn't pretty, a thing of beauty or an artistic success.

But it was still a win, and James Blake wasn't complaining about his 6-4, 7-5 dismissal of Romanian Gabriel Trifu yesterday in the first round of the Miller Lite Hall of Fame Tennis Championships.

"I'm happy I won. I'm definitely happy I made it through it," Blake said after delighting a matinee crowd of 1,539 at the Newport Casino.

"I don't think I've gotten to the point where I think any tour event match is easy. I never go into a match thinking it's going

to be easy. I've played Gabriel before, and I know he's a good player."

Trifu, who lost to Blake in Knoxville last year, demonstrated how good in the first game, when he broke Blake's serve. It was the third consecutive first round here in which Blake lost his opening serve.

But Blake broke back to 3-3 in the sixth game and won the first set when Trifu double faulted at set point in the 10th.

"I definitely think this is a good win just because I didn't feel like I served extremely well. It was a little erratic," Blake said. Blake had five aces and five double faults. He made 59 percent of his first serves. Trifu hit nine aces and six double faults. He made 54 percent of his first serves. He's very-quick and covers the court well.

Blake entered the stadium

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## RIGA STATE AMATEUR

**LEADER'S SMILE:** Charlie Blanchard hasn't any reason to frown as he waits to tee off on the 18th hole yesterday at the R.I. State Amateur Golf Tournament at the Pawtucket Country Club.

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GLENN OSAMUNDSON



## A second 18 holes determine final 32

The day belongs to the past, however, as 10 former champs play in a special exhibition marking the centennial of the RIGA and Pawtucket Country Club. Match play starts today.

BY PAUL KENYON  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

**PAWTUCKET** — For Charlie Blanchard, who won medalist honors, and Mike Soucy, the reigning champion who easily qualified to defend his title, it was simply business as usual. They led qualifying yesterday in the 97th annual R.I. Golf Association Amateur Championship at Pawtucket Country Club.

On this day, though, Blanchard, Soucy and the other 110 competitors were upstaged by a group of grinning, smiling, former champions.

Ten former champs, repre-

senting every decade from the 1940s on, took part in special centennial ceremonies arranged by the RIGA. The former winners played an exhibition match in the afternoon, then were guests of honor at an evening dinner.

Fred Campanelli, who won the Amateur in 1948 and '64, and his longtime — four-ball — partner, Angie Santilli, the 1955 and 1961 triest, led the return of former champions. They were joined by Ed Mauro (1965), Phil Jones (1969), Peter McBride (1969), Stan Abrams (1972, '75), Kevin Clary (1978), Marc Battista

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## 2002 ALL-STAR GAME

# Game halted in 11th



AP PHOTO/CHARLIE NEUBERG

**STARTING CALL:** Boston's Derek Lowe uncorks a pitch in the first inning for the American League All-Stars last night. He gave up one run in his two-inning stint.

## Sox give good account of themselves

Lowe is shaky as the A.L. starter, but gives up only one run to an All-Star cast. Ramirez, Damon get hits.

BY STEVEN KRASNER  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

**MILWAUKEE** — When Derek Lowe took the mound as the starting pitcher for the American League in last night's All-Star Game at Miller Park, he was trying to uphold a recent Red Sox tradition.

The last two Red Sox pitchers to start in the Midsummer Classic not only earned the victory, but also the Most Valuable Player Award. They were Roger Clemens in Houston in 1990, and Pedro Martinez at Fenway Park in 1999.

Lowe, however, wasn't so fortunate. When Lowe was lifted after two innings, he was on the hook for the loss, though his A.L. teammates saved him from the defeat by rallying for the

lead in the seventh inning.

The right-hander gave up a run on two hits, and it was his balk that helped set up the National League for its first run in the second inning.

It could have been worse for Lowe, but Minnesota center fielder Torii Hunter robbed Barry Bonds of a homer with a leaping, over-the-fence grab in right-center to end the first. And Red Sox teammates left fielder Manny Ramirez and third base-

man Shea Hillenbrand combined to gun down Sammy Sosa trying for an extra base in the second inning.

"The buildup was something I had never experienced before, but once you get out there, you're fine," said Lowe, who pitched a scoreless inning of relief in 2000 in his only other All-Star appearance.

"I'll tell you what, it was a lot of fun," said Lowe, who at 12-4

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## Garciparra, Damon patent their moves

Damon's sliding outfield catches and Garciparra's midair throws from the hole are techniques they can't explain, but have perfected.

BY STEVEN KRASNER  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

**MILWAUKEE** — They would not have been selected All-Stars if they didn't have several top-notch skills.

And for the most part, it was on their offensive numbers that the Boston Red Sox Nomar Garciparra and Johnny Damon earned their spots in last night's All-Star Game at Miller Park.

But good, solid defense is as much a part of their games as their ability to swing the bat. Each has a signature play, a spectacular type of play that they tend to make look routine.

For Garciparra, that play is the grounder in the hole. While

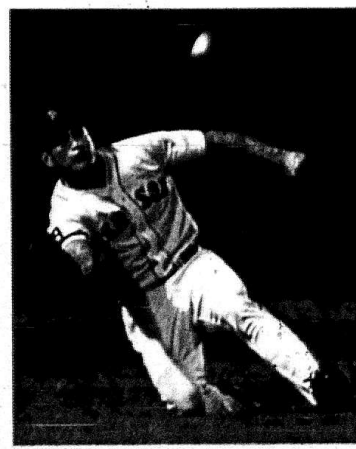
there are several great shortstops in the American League these days — indeed A.L. manager Joe Torre made history by naming four shortstops — Garciparra's athleticism and strong arm make him arguably the master of the position's most difficult play.

In Damon's first half season, he has taken the sliding catch and turned it into an art form. The Sox center fielder has made countless such catches on the dead run straight in, but he also has hauled in many blasts hit to his right or left with a leap and a dive, saving hits and runs.

This is not to say that either one is the best at each defensive aspect of his respective position.

Garciparra, for instance, isn't quite as strong going to his left as he is going to his right. And he is prone to feldling slumps, with errors piling up quickly. Damon does not have much of an arm.

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**NO FLUKE:** Sox center fielder Johnny Damon has turned in a ton of these sliding grabs in the first half of this season.





## TENNIS HALL OF FAME Charge! 5 U.S. players advance

They're part of a group called The Young Americans, battling to succeed Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi as the country's leading stars.

**BY MIKE SZOSTAK**  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER  
NEWPORT — They're hyped as The Young Americans, and yesterday five of them charged into the quarterfinals of the Miller Lite Hall of Fame Tennis Championships. Marty Fish, 20, of Vero Beach, Fla., started the parade on the stadium court of the Newport Casino by beating the third seed, Julian Knowle of Austria, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4. In an all-American second rounder, Taylor Dent, 21, of Huntington Beach, Calif., followed with a 6-3, 6-4 triumph over Jeff Morrison, 23, of Tampa.

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## RIGA STATE AMATEUR Grossguth, Lukowicz put WWCC in spotlight

West Warwick Country Club, once a major producer of golf talent, has two of its members in the RIGA quarterfinals.

**BY PAUL KENYON**  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER  
PAWTUCKET — In this historical season for the R1 Golf Association, it is fitting that Rob Grossguth and Jamie Lukowicz have put West Warwick Country Club back into the spotlight. Through much of RIGA history, West Warwick was one of the state's most prominent clubs in producing talent. The nine-hole course was home for the great Ronnie Quinn, an RIGA Hall of Famer. Bruce Morin, Amby Magiera, Pat DiPadua and a host of others learned the game there, too.

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## URI griddier hit by bullet on visit home

**SOUTH KINGSTOWN** — University of Rhode Island officials are hoping that quarterback Ray Barker will be ready to compete for the starting position when training camp opens next month. Barker, a redshirt sophomore from Camden, N.J., suffered a gunshot wound to the throat in an incident last month.

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**FEEDBACK:**  
All-Star game spectator Dave Jepson, of Milwaukee, didn't like it when the tie game was called after 11 innings. Commissioner Bud Selig says that will never happen again. See Page C-9.

AP PHOTO / CHARLIE NEUBERG



## A tough call, but the right one

**MILWAUKEE** — From a baseball standpoint, there really was nothing else that commissioner Bud Selig could have done. Once you run out of pitchers, rather than risk injury to right handers Freddy Garcia or Vicente Padilla, or incur the wrath of their respective combustible managers Lou Piniella and Larry Bowa, the 73rd All-Star Game held in Miller Park Tuesday night had to be called after 11 innings.

**STEVEN KRASNER**

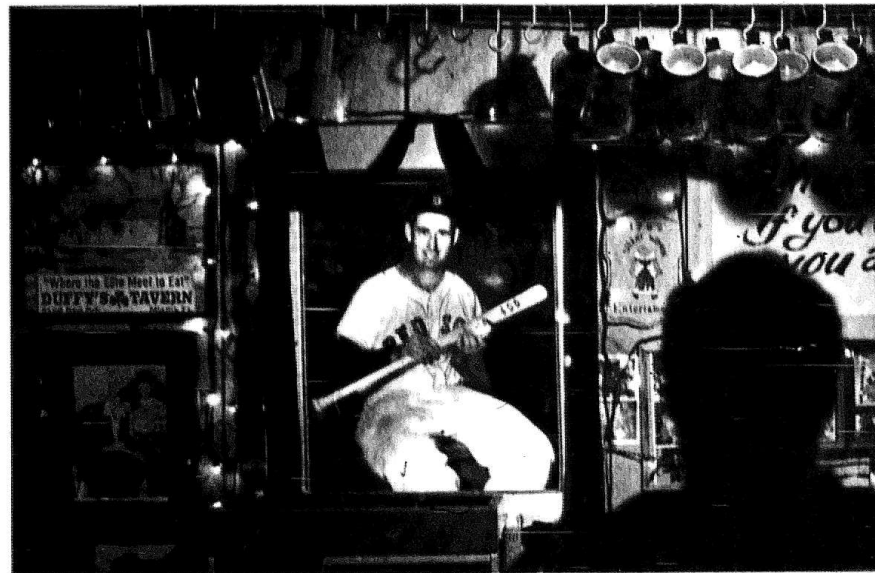


Piniella and Bowa are counting on their aces for the second half of the season, which begins today. They couldn't have wanted Garcia or Padilla to overextend themselves in what, in essence, is an exhibition game.

But while there was no winner on the field, with the American League and the National League officially ending the highly entertaining game in a 7-7 draw, Selig, at particular, announced up front, raised eyebrows in the crowd of public opinion.

See here they honor the memory. KRASNER, C-5

# Memories of Williams



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IN MOURNING: Black bunting hangs over a Ted Williams photo at Duffy's Tavern in Wickford, where his surprise stopover in 1968 is fondly remembered.

## At Duffy's, Ted's long-ago visit lives on

**NORTH KINGSTOWN** — Even now, after so many years, Frank Cain vividly remembers that summer afternoon.

**BILL REYNOLDS**  
It was 1968. A Saturday. Cain was in his late 20s then, tending bar at Duffy's Tavern, the longtime speakeasy that long ago had become a local institution. There were about five people at the bar, a timeless afternoon on what promised to be a slow day.

All of a sudden a Rhode Island state trooper came through the door. "Ted Williams will be here in an hour and a half," the trooper said. "Ted Williams," Cain asked. "Ted Williams," the trooper said. So Cain called the owner, the five guys in the bar started calling people, and soon Duffy's Tavern was packed, maybe 70 people in all. Soon after, in walked Teddy Ballgame, holding a trophy he had won in a fishing tournament in Point Judith.

"He was just big," recalls Cain.



**HE WAS THERE:** Frank Cain shares the story of that day 34 years ago when he was bartending at Duffy's and Ted Williams dropped by to chat.

"Big smile. Big voice. He shook my hand and my hand disappeared in his."

Williams was wearing a white shirt, his eyes hidden behind dark glasses. He was 50 then, had been retired for eight years. The next year

he would become the manager of the Washington Senators. So what was Williams doing in Duffy's Tavern? "Seems the owner, then a man named Norman," Duffy Lamoureux, was friendly with Joe Lardo, the Uniontown man who had

befriended Williams. Lamoureux also had done a lot of work for the Jimmy Fund, the Boston organization that long had been Williams' favorite charity. Connect the dots, and there was Williams standing in Duffy's Tavern on a summer afternoon in 1968.

See here, as central in the end years, say Ted Williams's tales. Story, Page C-4.

He talked with everyone, he signed autographs, and he even played the ring game. Cain says. The ring game was a Duffy's Tavern staple: the ultimate hand-to-eye coordination bar game. There was a hook on the wall. There was a string attached to the ceiling. On the end of the string was a little hook. The idea was to throw the ring onto the hook.

We had been doing it for years, says Cain. They could even do it over their head.

Williams came out to do it. It took him 20 tries.

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## All signs point to a solid second half by the Sox

Pedro Martinez is healthy, Manny Ramirez is healthy, and Rey Sanchez's hamstring is healed.

**BY STEVEN KRASNER**

JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

**MILWAUKEE** — When the Boston Red Sox opened the 2002 season, there were a few question marks. The biggest one hovered over ace right-hander Pedro Martinez, who was able to make only 18 starts in 2001 because of fraying in his right rotator cuff.

Though Martinez did a lot of off-season conditioning work, the question whether he'd be able to hold up remained, especially to ward off the All-Star break when his shoulder and his arm have begun breaking down the previous three seasons.

But Martinez has been thriving in his 11-2 record and 2.72 earned run average indicates.

So as the second half dawns, with Boston visiting Toronto to night for the opener of a four-game series against the Blue Jays and the start of an 11-game road trip, the Red Sox have to feel confident about their position in the standings and their playoff hopes.

Boston enters tonight's game with a 10-13 record, leaving the Sox two games behind the New York Yankees in the American League East. Boston will get a chance to meet up with the Yanks

next weekend, when the road trip, which includes two games against Detroit and two against Tampa Bay, winds up with three games in Yankee Stadium.

As the first half wound down, the Sox were struggling a bit as, possibly offensively. But if history means anything, All-Star Manny Ramirez should begin to heat up. He missed 21 games because of a

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## THE R.I. STATE AMATEUR

# It'll be a classic shootout



JOURNAL PHOTO: MARY MURPHY

**SANDY SWEETNESS:** Jamie Lukowicz hits out of a bunker on the 13th hole at Pawtucket Country Club yesterday in his quarterfinal victory over Mick Hogan. Later in the day, however, Lukowicz lost his semifinal match to Charlie Blanchard.

## As usual, Faxon's right on the mark

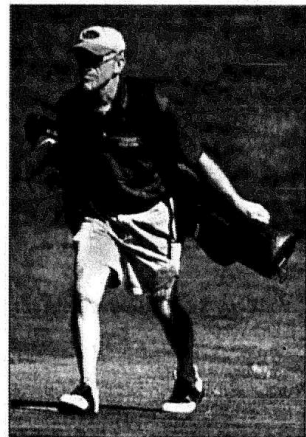
Among the many reasons to like and respect Brad Faxon is that he has opinions and isn't afraid to state them.

Although, as any newspaper columnist could point out to him, publicly proclaiming your stance on an issue only seems to result in people liking and respecting you if they happen to agree with you.

But Faxon isn't seeking public approbation when he makes public pronouncements, as he did Wednesday at a press conference prior to the Scottish Open at Loch Lomond, when he said three of golf's all-time greats — Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Gary Player — were "ridiculous" for suggesting that Tiger Woods isn't facing

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## Blanchard's in his prime, but Quigley is the king



BY PAUL KENYON  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

**PAWTUCKET** — It is the dream match for amateur golf in Rhode Island. The longtime king, who refuses to give up his crown, going head-to-head with the would-be king, the top contender to the throne.

It's not just a dream. It will happen today at Pawtucket Country Club in the title match of the 97th R.I. Golf Association Amateur.

Paul Quigley, the man who has won more RIGA titles than anyone in the association's 100-year history, is back again, at age 57. Awaiting him is Charlie Blanchard, the reigning player-of-the-year, the guy who already has won each of the first two tournaments this year and the medalist in this tournament. At age 36, Blanchard is just hitting his peak after being a pro-lacrosse player in his 20s.

Can the king live on? Or will a new talent for Titled, as the case may be, ascend to the throne? It doesn't get any better than this in amateur golf in Rhode Island.

"It's old school versus new school," is the way Joe Sprague, the RIGA's executive director sums it up.

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**FIT AT 57:** Finalist Paul Quigley carries his own golf bag during his victories yesterday in the quarterfinals (over John Auclair) and semifinals (over Pete Sozek).

## Dent and Ginepri make quick work of foes

The two will meet in tomorrow's semis after disposing of their opponents yesterday in straight sets.

**BY MIKE SZOSTAK  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER**  
**NEWPORT** — If you have tickets for the semifinals of the Miller Lite Hall of Fame Tennis Championships tomorrow, don't linger over a late lunch, no matter how tasty the clam chowder or lobster roll.

Be there for the 2 o'clock start. If Taylor Dent and Robby Ginepri lead off the day's card and play the way they did yesterday, their match could be over before

everyone gets comfortable.

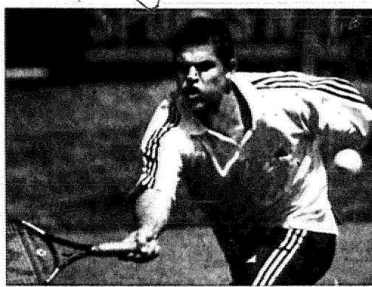
Dent, the 21-year-old son of former pro Phil Dent, needed only 58 minutes to dismantle fifth-seeded Alexander Popp of Germany, 6-3, 6-2.

Ginepri, the 19-year-old who turned pro last year, was even more efficient, disposing of Martin Lee of Great Britain, 6-3, 6-1, in just 44 minutes.

Ginepri couldn't recall another match in his young life that went so quickly.

"Not two sets. Maybe a set. Actually, I played Henman at Queen's, and I think I could have lost in about 58 minutes," Ginepri said. "He beat me pretty quick. It

SEE HALL OF FAME, D-2



**ALL BUSINESS:** Taylor Dent returns a volley in his 58-minute win over Alexander Popp in Newport's Hall of Fame tourney yesterday.

## Red Sox, Ramirez come out swinging

With Manny Ramirez and Rey Sanchez back in the lineup, Boston gets off to a good start in the second half of the season.

BY STEVEN KRASNER  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

**TORONTO** — While gloom and doom hover menacingly over Major League Baseball these days, the Boston Red Sox are making it their mission to ignore the issues when they're between the lines.

**RED SOX**  
**10**  
**BLUE JAYS**  
**3**

**NEXT GAME**

Today  
at Toronto  
7 p.m.

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The first positive note was the final score, with Boston whipping its Toronto "cousins" by a 10-3 margin, thanks in part to a five-run outburst that broke the game open the fifth inning.

It was the Red Sox' 11th-straight win against the Blue Jays this season since an opening day loss, the longest such string of successes against a team since Boston took 11 in a row from Tampa Bay last year.

But there was more encouraging news as well.

Manny Ramirez, who missed 39 games because of a fractured finger, hit his first home run since May 1 and also repped a double. Rey Sanchez, who had missed 31 games because of a groin injury, went 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored, and even swiped a base with some creative baserunning.

Every starter with the exception of Shea Hillenbrand and Trot Nixon had an RBI. The top six batters in the order scored at least a run apiece. Brian Daubach had a double and two singles, pacing the 12-hit attack, which featured six doubles.

And John Burkett (8-5) struggled a bit with his control, but the heavy offensive support enabled him to win for the first time in six starts, dating back to June 4.

All in all, it was a very good start to the second half for Boston, which had entered the All-Star break featuring the third best record in the American League. The victory left the Red Sox two games behind the New York Yankees in the A.L. East.

"I think we saw everything we wanted to see out there," said Boston manager Grady Little, who used the blowout to get in as many players as possible as per his post-break plan.

"A lot of guys had some timely hits, Burket got a win and it was great to see Manny get one over the fence," said Little. "And we've been missing Rey. He means a lot to this ballclub, not to take anything away from Lou Merloni or the other guys who played over there."

SEE RED SOX, D-4

## Iverson facing assault and gun charges

The Philadelphia 76er guard is expected to voluntarily turn himself in to police.

BY MICHAEL RUBINKAM  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

**PHILADELPHIA** — NBA All-Star Allen Iverson will be charged with forcing his way into a cousin's apartment with a gun and threatening two men while looking for his wife, authorities said yesterday.

The announcement came the same day police searched his suburban mansion and his uncle's home, looking for the gun Iverson was accused of carrying the night he showed up at the apartment.

The NBA All-Star, no stranger to trouble on and off the court, will be allowed to surrender to police Tuesday morning after his lawyer returns from vacation, police Commissioner Sylvester Johnson said. Iverson must remain inside his suburban Philadelphia mansion until then.

"If Iverson is seen on the street or out partying, we will arrest him," Johnson said. Iverson will be charged with criminal trespass, simple assault, firearms threats and gun offenses, Dist. Atty. Lynne Abraham said. Four of the counts are felonies.

"I don't expect Mr. Iverson will be treated any different than anyone else," she said. "We had two complaints we felt were credible. Detectives did a very thorough, complete and professional investigation," Johnson said.

SEE IVERSON, D-6



IVERSON



# Record-setting Irwin leads Senior Players Championship

**ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
Hale Irwin set nine-hole and first-round records yesterday in taking a two-shot lead in the Senior Players Championship at the TPC of Michigan in Dearborn. Irwin, who birdied six of the first seven holes, shot a 7-under 29 on the front nine and finished with an 8-under 64 to continue his trend of playing well at the fourth and final major on the Senior PGA Tour. Stewart Cink was at 66, while Mark McCumber, who took Nicklaus's place after he withdrew with muscle spasms on

Wednesday, shot a 67 as did Tom Jenkins. Three others were four strokes behind Irwin.  
Irwin, who won here in 1999, has finished second twice and has been tied for fourth or better five of the last six years. He has shot in the 60s in 18 of 29 rounds and owns the tournament record with a 68.86 scoring average. Irwin, who leads on the senior money list this year and all-time, won three of the first six senior events he played in 1995, but has not won since March. He was tied for second at the Senior PGA Championship last month.  
Defending champion Allen Doyle, who

played with Irwin, shot a 3-over 75. What made Irwin's round even more impressive was that he didn't birdie the two par-5s on the back nine and bogeyed two of the last seven holes.

## OTHER TOURNAMENTS

**SCOTTISH OPEN:** Justin Rose got off to a fast start while others dodged the rain yesterday and took a one-hole lead after the first round of the Scottish Open in Luss, Scot. Rose, winner of four tournaments this year, was 5-under at the turn and, after bogey at 11 and 12, added three more birdies for a 4-under 65. Miles Tunnicliffe, winner of the Great North Open three weeks ago, and Freddie Jacobson were tied for second, while former Masters and British Open champion Sandy Lyle had a 4-under par 67.

In the fourth, two-time U.S. Open champion Ernie Els was in a group of 18 that also included Americans Brad Faxon and Dean Wilson, with European Ryder Cup captain Sam Torrance. Defending champion Retief Goosen, the 2001 U.S. Open champion, shot a 1-over 72 with two bogeys and a double bogey. Sunny Sako after rallied with a series of short, sharp showers on the Loch Lomond course, already soaked after weeks of rain.  
**TESKE PACES LGPA:** On a day when everyone else struggled with the wind, Rachel Teske strung together four birdies to shoot a 45 and grab the two-round lead yesterday at the James F. Koepfer Classic in Sylvania, Ohio, winning by a 10-hole margin. She was 10-under after three rounds, but lost a putt on the 18th hole to finish at 10-under 138. Teske, who lost a playoff to Annika Sorenstam five years ago at the Fazio, turned a humdrum round into a good one with a hot streak to finish the back nine.

## THE LOCALS

**GTR. MILWAUKEE OPEN**  
GTR  
+/- Yesterday lead  
+/- Brett Quigley 39-39-74 11  
**SENIOR PLAYERS CHAMP.**  
+/- Dana Quigley 37-35-72 8  
**SCOTTISH OPEN**  
-3 Brad Torrance 34-34-68 3  
**DAYTON OPEN**  
-3 Brad Adonis 34-35-69 3  
+4 Patrick Sheehan 39-37-76 10

## Amateur

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"Charlie has won just about everything except this one, the biggest of our events," Sprague said. "And now, if he wants to win, he has to take on the player with the greatest record of any player in our history."

Blanchard and Quigley both had to call on all their skills to reach the 36-hole title match.

Blanchard, a long hitting lefty, twice had to come from behind. He was 2 under 10 at Potomac's Don Wright in the quarterfinals before rallying for a 2-and-1 decision. He then followed almost exactly the same script as he trailed West Warwick's Jamie Lukowicz by two holes after six before coming back for a 2-and-1 decision in the afternoon semis.

Each time, he did it with excellent play around the greens rather than the power that is his forte.  
"I didn't hit the ball very well today, but I was grinding it out," Blanchard said. "I made some great pars. I got up and down from some pretty tough spots."

He won his semifinal against the 28-year-old Lukowicz with just such a par. He and Lukowicz had gone back and forth with Lukowicz providing the birdies and Blanchard the string of pars. Blanchard, who already has won the Burke Memorial and combined with Wannamoisett clubmate Billy Lunn to take the Four-Hall this year, was 1 up as they reached the 432-yard 16th.

There, Lukowicz hit a perfect drive, put his second 20 feet behind the hole and rolled his birdie putt over the edge, setting for a par. Blanchard's drive hit a tree.

"I hit a bad tee shot and I got a good break," he said. His shot bounced off the tree into the fairway. He had just over 200 yards left and, in his still angry, hit a terrible iron. "The shot left

him 60 yards short of the green in the right rough. His pitch almost went in. It rolled over the edge and stopped four feet away. After Lukowicz narrowly missed his birdie, Blanchard converted his par save to maintain his 1-up lead.

When he won the 17th with a par, he was in the final for the second straight year. And he had his chance to challenge the longtime king.

"I'm glad I'm playing him," Blanchard said of Quigley. "He's a great player."

Last year, Blanchard was beaten by Mike Soucy in the final. In the process, Soucy became the oldest man ever to win the title — he was 47. He broke the mark Quigley had set when he won in 1991 at age 46.

Now, 11 years later, Quigley is still trying to win again. He has won the Amateur three times (he also won in 1986 and '87), has captured the Stroke Play nine times and has 17 RIGA titles in all, more than anyone else in the 100 years since the RIGA was organized. Last winter, he was among the charter inductees in the association's new Hall of Fame.

A health fanatic who does power yoga and in-line skating, Quigley not only has played six rounds in the past four days (a total of 102 holes), he has carried his own bag every step of the way.

Quigley was sharp in the morning when he stopped Kirkbrae's John Auclair, 4 and 3, in the afternoon, he jumped out to a quick 3-up lead over his friend from Metacomet, Pete Sozek. But Sozek, a 51-year-old who spends more time fishing than he does playing golf, surged back and won 7, 8, and 9, the ninth when he rolled in a 40-foot birdie putt.

In the morning, Sozek had won his second straight 20-hole match, edging West Warwick's Rob Grossguth, who then spent the afternoon caddy for Lukowicz. It looked as if Sozek might be headed to caddy. So has their extra-hole match when he



**TOURNEY TALK:** Charlie Blanchard, right, talks with caddy Kevin Keefe on the ninth green during yesterday's quarterfinal match.

won the 16th against Quigley with a scrambling par out of the trees. That pulled him even again.

But Sozek three-putted 17 to give Quigley the opening he needed to get back in the title match again.

One question for Quigley is whether to continue to carry his own bag in the title match. The plan had been to have his nephew, Devon, the son of his brother, Senior Tour pro Dana Quigley, tote for him this week. But Devon did not make it.

"Not that I blame him. After he's caddied for his father playing with [Lee] Trevino [Arnold] Palmer and [Jack] Nicklaus, he probably figures why should I carry for my schlep uncle. I'm not going to learn anything from him," Quigley said.

Paul's wife, Geneva, has offered to caddy. So has their daughter, Sage. Even Soucy,

last year's champ and a friend from Metacomet, has offered to help.

"I don't think I've ever carried my bag in the Amateur in all the years I've played, and I think I've played every year since '71," Quigley said. He insisted he is thinking of toting for himself again today.

"I finally got a caddy that I don't disagree with," he said.

It's another reason the final is such a dream match: Blanchard plays left-handed. Quigley just acts left-handed.

**QUARTERFINALS**  
Charlie Blanchard, Wannamoisett, def. Don Wright, Potomac, 2 and 1; Jamie Lukowicz, West Warwick, def. Mike Hogan, Wannamoisett, 1 up. Pete Sozek, Metacomet, def. Rob Grossguth, West Warwick, 28 holes. Paul Quigley, Metacomet, def. John Auclair, Kirkbrae, 4 and 3.

**SEMIFINALS**  
Blanchard def. Lukowicz, 2 and 1; Quigley def. Sozek, 1 up.

**FINAL**  
First 18, 8 a.m. Second 18, 10 a.m.

## Donaldson

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the caliber of competition they did when they were battling each other to win major championships.

Nor is Faxon, who's competing this week in Scotland in preparation for next week's British Open at Muirfield, trying to be controversial when he says such things.

He isn't looking for attention. He neither craves, nor needs, the spotlight. When it turns on him, however, he doesn't try to hide in the wings.

If Faxon has something to say, he says it. When he's asked a question, he answers it — handily, thoughtfully, articulately.

That is why he is held in such high regard by those who cover golf, not just in the United States, but around the world.

Members of the media flock to Faxon for his thoughts on important issues, not because he's likely to say something inflammatory, but because he'll say something intelligent, something cogent.

Faxon's opinions also are respected by his peers, as evidenced by the fact that he twice has been selected for the PGA Tour policy board.

Some athletes do not deign to talk to the media at all. Many others talk, but have nothing to say. It's always worthwhile, however, to listen when Faxon talks.

"I laugh at these guys like Nicklaus, Palmer and Player, who say we don't have enough good players that are stepping up to Tiger," he said. "I think if you're playing when these guys were playing, Jack wouldn't have won 18 majors, and Arnold and Gary wouldn't have as many as they do, because (Woods) is better than anyone who has ever played."

The first thing you need to know is that Faxon has the utmost respect for Nicklaus,

Palmer, and Player — all of whom have come to Barrington to play in the CVS Charity Classic hosted by Brad and Billy Andrade at the Rhode Island Country Club.

But respect isn't the same as reverence.

"I have great respect for Faxon, but that doesn't mean I don't occasionally poke fun at him, or even criticize him, in print."

Brad thought the Big Three were wrong in regard to Tiger and the current crop of Tour pros he has been dominating. Faxon was right.

The amazing thing about Woods is not how good he is, but how much better he is than everybody else.

"Where it used to be," Faxon said, "that you could knock a handful of guys every week who could win, now you can pick 50. For Tiger to be so dominant now is way more impressive than somebody who was dominant (in the era of Palmer, Nicklaus and Player)."

"So I laugh at those guys. I'm not taking away anything they have done. What they did was spectacular, and I mean that. But the level of competition now is better."

Woods is well on his way to establishing himself as the best golfer ever.

Nicklaus can lay claim to that title until Tiger surpasses him in the number of majors won. But that's only a matter of time. And probably not much time. At the rate Tiger's going, he could eclipse the Golden Bear in another four or five years.

It's good to see Nicklaus, Palmer, and Player giving the young guys a hard time about their inability to challenge Tiger, especially in the majors. They have a point, and they're convinced they're right.

It's even better to see Faxon stand up to those living legends when he thinks their criticisms are unfair, their opinions off base.

Keep calling 'em the way you see 'em, Brad.

## Bruins join hunt to sign free-agent Amonte

JOURNAL WRITER BRIAN

The Boston Bruins are an unexpected late entry in the hunt to sign unrestricted free-agent right-winger Tony Amonte.

With free-agent Bill Guerin having signed a five-year, \$45-million contract with Dallas, and free-agent Teemu Selanne remaining in San Jose with a new two-year, \$14-million deal, the move to replace Boston's scoring void at right-wing is logical. Particularly at a time when Bruins season-ticket holders are considering whether they should go for an average \$10 increase per seat a game next season.

Amonte hopes to make his final decision by the end of the week. His choice, according to the Lawrence Eagle-Tribune, is between the New York Rangers, New York Islanders, Dallas Stars and the Bruins.

Bruins' general manager Mike O'Connell confirmed that he has spoken to Amonte's agent, former Bruins' player and ex-O'Connell teammate Mike Gillis. Amonte would be willing to accept the Bruins' terms of a two-year contract, but he would want a premium for doing so — estimated at \$15 million over two seasons.

Born in Hingham and raised in Braintree, Mass., Amonte scored 27 goals and 60 points with Chicago last season and took 232 shots on net, playing all 82 regular season games for the Blackhawks. He has 352 NHL career goals and

## BOSTON BRUINS' 2002-03 SCHEDULE

OCTOBER	Nov. 10	Nov. 11	Nov. 12	Nov. 13	Nov. 14	Nov. 15	Nov. 16	Nov. 17	Nov. 18	Nov. 19	Nov. 20	Nov. 21	Nov. 22	Nov. 23	Nov. 24	Nov. 25	Nov. 26	Nov. 27	Nov. 28	Nov. 29	Nov. 30
Ph. 11 at Minnesota 8:30	Tue. 10 at Montreal 7:30	Wed. 11 at Toronto 7:30	Thu. 12 at Buffalo 7:30	Fri. 13 at New York 7:30	Sat. 14 at Montreal 7:30	Sun. 15 at Buffalo 7:30	Mon. 16 at New York 7:30	Tue. 17 at Tampa Bay 7:30	Wed. 18 at Buffalo 7:30	Thu. 19 at New York 7:30	Fri. 20 at Tampa Bay 7:30	Sat. 21 at New York 7:30	Sun. 22 at Tampa Bay 7:30	Mon. 23 at Tampa Bay 7:30	Tue. 24 at Tampa Bay 7:30	Wed. 25 at Tampa Bay 7:30	Thu. 26 at Tampa Bay 7:30	Fri. 27 at Tampa Bay 7:30	Sat. 28 at Tampa Bay 7:30	Sun. 29 at Tampa Bay 7:30	Mon. 30 at Tampa Bay 7:30
NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Sat. 1 N.Y. Rangers 7:30	Tue. 3 St. Louis 7:30	Thu. 4 Colorado 7:30	Fri. 5 at Colorado 7:30	Sat. 6 at Colorado 7:30	Sun. 7 at Colorado 7:30	Mon. 8 at Colorado 7:30	Tue. 9 at Colorado 7:30	Wed. 10 at Colorado 7:30	Thu. 11 at Colorado 7:30	Fri. 12 at Colorado 7:30	Sat. 13 at Colorado 7:30	Sun. 14 at Colorado 7:30	Mon. 15 at Colorado 7:30	Tue. 16 at Colorado 7:30	Wed. 17 at Colorado 7:30	Thu. 18 at Colorado 7:30	Fri. 19 at Colorado 7:30	Sat. 20 at Colorado 7:30	Sun. 21 at Colorado 7:30	Mon. 22 at Colorado 7:30	Tue. 23 at Colorado 7:30

724 points.

What makes the late Bruins move surprising is that he already has turned down a three-year, \$21-million offer from Chicago. Insiders insist that Dallas, the Rangers and New York Islanders have been dangling three and four-year possibilities in his direction, jockeying salary figures between \$24 million and \$34 million.

**ROUNDUP**

**CARPENTER JOINS DEVILS STAFF:** Former New Jersey first Bobby Carpenter, part of two Devils Stanley Cup championship teams, is returning as an assistant coach under Pat Burns. Carpenter, 38, spent last season as coach of the Albany River Rats, the Devils' top minor league club. He was on the Devils' Stanley Cup winner in 1995, and was an assistant coach under Larry Robinson when New Jersey won again in 2000. "Bobby Carpenter has been with our organization for nine years, six as a player and three with our coaching staff," Devils general manager Lou Lamorello said yesterday. "During that time, he has proven himself in each of his capacities. We are confident that he will contribute to a

## Armstrong's comfortable staying back in the pack

The race's fifth stage is won by Estonian Jani Kirsipuu, with Armstrong expected to make his move next week.

**ROUEN, France (AP)** — On a day when two riders were hospitalized after a crash, Lance Armstrong played it safe and remained in third place in the Tour de France.

Armstrong, bidding for his fourth straight Tour title, finished in the pack trailing Jani Kirsipuu of Estonia yesterday, who broke out early and later raced to a sprint finish in the fifth stage.

"It was a good day for us, we didn't have anybody in the crash," said Jogi Muller, press spokesman for Armstrong's U.S. Postal Service team. "Our strategy is to stay out of such trouble and keep Lance out of the line." Kirsipuu, riding for AG2R, was timed in 4 hours, 13 minutes, 33 seconds for the 120.9-mile trek from Soissons to the Normandy city of Rouen. He crossed the line just ahead of Denmark's Michael Sandstod of CSC-Tiscali and Belgian Ludo Dierckx of Lampre.

A group of riders crashed near the 105.4-mile mark, with Marco Pinotti of Lampre temporarily losing consciousness. He was forced to quit the Tour to receive treatment at a hospital for a broken nose and severe facial bruise.

Armstrong's team, the U.S. Postal Service, was also involved in the crash, was able to finish the race, more than 13 minutes after Kirsipuu. But he was taken to a hospital afterward to be treated for a shoulder injury.

The race got off to a quick start. With several groups pushing the pace as they tried to muster breakaways, the main pack of riders covered 29.8 miles in the first hour along the flat course.

The main pack, including overall leader Igor Gonzalez Galdeano of Spain and Armstrong, finished 33 seconds later. Armstrong was in third place in the overall standings, 7 seconds behind Gonzalez Galdeano.

Armstrong plans to keep close to the overall leader in the early, flatter stages, then make a move for the lead when the race moves into the mountain stages next week.

## AT A GLANCE

**STAGE:** A 120.9-mile course from Soissons to Rouen in Normandy.

**WINNER:** Estonia's Jani Kirsipuu, of the AG2R team, in 4 hours, 13 minutes, 33 seconds.

**HOW OTHERS FARED:** Spain's Igor Gonzalez Galdeano, of Once, and three-time champion Lance Armstrong of U.S. Postal Service finished in a pack of 182 riders 33 seconds behind the winner. Gonzalez Galdeano retained the overall leader's yellow jersey. Armstrong is third, seven seconds behind.

**QUOTE OF THE DAY:** "My legs gave out on me, and at the end, it was no longer my abilities as a sprinter that gave me the win, but pure courage," Kirsipuu after his victory.

**NEXT STAGE:** A 120.9-mile stretch from Forges-les-Eaux to Alencon.

hond Gonzalez Galdeano.

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## THE R.I. STATE AMATEUR

# Blanchard's the best



**TROUBLE SHOOTER:** Charlie Blanchard hits out of a bunker yesterday on the 8th hole at Pawtucket Country Club in his match against Paul Quigley

## Yoga-tuned Quigley's frame outshines game

PAWTUCKET — Oh-mmmmmmm... oh-mmmmm... oh-mmmmm...  
Oh-mmmmmmm goodness, was that 57-year-old Paul Gugley, playing in his seventh State Amateur final yesterday at Pawtucket Country Club?

**JIM DONALDSON**



Get yourself into the lotus position and meditate on this. At an age when most guys are content to drive around in golf carts and play from the senior tees, Quigley not only walked 131 holes over the last five days, but also carried his own bag for the first 142

And it wasn't until yesterday, when he faced the state's best golfer — 30-year-old left-hander, and former professional lacrosse player, Charlie Blanchard of Wannametsett — that Gulgley came across anybody who could keep up with him.

REF: DONALDSON, C-15



**IT'S OUT:** Paul Quigley watches his ball soar out of the sand on the 7th hole.

## He finally wins the big one, beating legend in process

**BY PAUL KENYON**  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: WASHINGTON

**PAWTUCKET** — Images can change quickly in sports. Consider what is happening with Charlie Blumhard.

A week ago, Blanchard was a candidate — perhaps the leading candidate among active players — for the title of best player never to win the big one in amateur golf in Rhode Island.

After what happened in the last five days at Pawtucket Country Club, that's gone forever. Now, Blanchard is in a very different position. He has a chance to put together the best season any player has ever had in amateur golf in the state.

The long-hitting lefty from Wannamoisett completed an unprecedented triple yesterday when he won the 97th R.I. Golf Association Amateur at Pawtucket Country Club. And he won it with a flair as he powered his way past Rhode Island golf Hall of Famer Paul Quigley of Metacomet, #4 and 7.

In becoming only the second lefty to win the title—Frederick Hancock did it in 1920 and '26—Blanchard was 4 under par for the 29 holes he needed. He led, 3 up, at the lunch break, then never lost another hole as he recorded 8 pars and 3 birdies in the 11 holes in the afternoon.

The 57-year-old Quigley, who has won this event three times and has 17 RICA titles in all, had two birthies all day. But he did not win either of those holes, the 15th in the morning and the 8th in the afternoon, because Blane hard-mate beat him by rolling in his tie nuts on top of him.


"I played pretty good today," Blanchard said in a huge understatement. "I made some big putts on him, which really helped."

AMATEUR, C-15

## All-Star players don't care, so why should fans?

**FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH**  
 ■ Enough, with all the furor over the All-Star Game ending in a tie

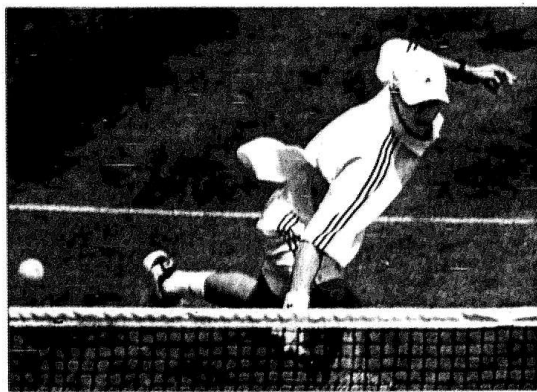
**BILL REYNOLDS**



Nure, Major League Baseball didn't help itself by deciding to stop the game, but let's keep things in perspective here. The two leagues stopped trying to win a long time ago. Or wouldn't it make sense for the best players to play more than two innings if you were really trying to win?

The All-Star Game is a show. It's entertainment. It's baseball's version of the Oscars, a chance to parade its stars. Where once it had a certain suspense over which league was actually better, interleague play has essentially rendered that moot. Now it's all about making a brief appearance and not getting hurt. Actually, what if you win? How contended is that?

REYNOLDS, C-2



**DOUBLES ACTION:** Mike Bryan returns a running volley in his match yesterday in Newport. He and his brother Bob defeated Gabriel Trifu and Glenn Weiner to gain a spot in the semis.

## HALL OF FAME TENNIS

## All-American bid falls to Frenchman

BY MIKE SZOSTAK

**NEWPORT** There will be no all-American semifinal today at the Miller Lite Hall of Fame Tennis Championships.

Mardy Fish, the 20-year-old from Vero Beach, Fla., had to win his quarterfinal match yesterday to complete the first all-American semifinal in the 24-year history of the Hall of Fame tournament and the first on the men's circuit since Jack Rose in 1965.

For a while, it looked good. Fish called for a sluggish start, dominated Frenchman Michael Eliastra in the second set and had a break point in the first game of the third.

But Loefer isn't ranked No. 100 in the world for nothing. He saved the break point — actually Fish drove a running forehand into the net after reaching a pinpoint volley — and followed with two service winners to hold serve. Then he broke Fish in the second game and rolled to a 4-1, 1-6, 6-1 triumph before 2,500 spectators in another spectacular evening afternoon at the Biscayne Center.

**HALL, C-9**



## Hurting Player pulls out of British Open

**PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (AP)** — Gary Player withdrew yesterday from the British Open qualifying because of a rib injury, ending his record of 40 consecutive appearances in golf's oldest championship.

Player, 66, is no longer exempt in the British Open because it has an age limit of 65 for past champions. He won the Open three times, the first one at Muirfield in 1959, and is one of only five men to have won the career Grand Slam.

Player said he pulled rib muscles by working out too hard in his attempt to become the oldest man to make it through the 36-hole qualifier, which begins tomorrow.

"Muirfield was the site of my first major championship win, and not to compete there this year is truly heartbreaking," he said.

## Green leads by three at Senior Championship

Associated Press

Hubert Green tied the course record with a 9-under 63 yesterday and took a three-stroke lead after the second round of the Senior Players Championship at the TPC of Michigan.

Hal Irwin, who began the day with a two-stroke lead after setting nine-hole and first-round records, shot a 1-over 73 and fell into a three-way tie for second with Howard Twitty and Mike McCullough, who both shot 68.

Jay Sigel, Stewart Ginn, Mark McCumber and Tom Jenkins, who won the Canadian Senior Open last week, will begin today's third round four strokes behind Green.

McCumber, who got into the tournament when Jack Nicklaus withdrew with muscle spasms Wednesday, bogged three of the last four holes. He made a 20-foot putt at 16 to save par and to prevent a total collapse.



**RECORD ROUND:** Hubert Green, driving on the 15th hole, finished with a 9-under 63, which equals the course record.

Green followed up a solid opening round with a spectacular one during the fourth and final major on the PGA Tour. Green shot a 1-under 71 Thursday and seemed to carry some momentum into the second. He birdied Nos. 17 and 18 Thursday.

then birdied the first 13 holes yesterday and 7 of the first 13.

Green hit 16 greens in regulation and admitted he was lucky on a couple holes. At 14, his drive landed in the water, but he recovered by hitting a 5-wood onto the green and saving par with a 4-

footer. He missed the fairway and the green at 18, but holed a chip shot from about 60 feet.

### OTHER TOURNAMENTS

**BRITISH OPEN:** Tiger Woods played his best round in British Open by shooting a 67 to get to 10 under 183 at the European Club, British Isles, on the east coast of England. Woods played the 7,300-yard course yesterday, and he shot his best round in the country's largest insurance and financial services organizations' support of a year-end tour for the under-25 players for a year that has been a starting point for players like Ernie Els, John Daly, David Duval and David Toms. Nicklas will play a 21-hole consolation.

**GREATER MILWAUKEE OPEN:** Nick Faldo shot a 7-under 64 for a career best to take total of 130 and was tied for the lead of the Greater Milwaukee Open with first-round leader Tommy Armour 16 and Jeff Bluman, who won the GMAO in 1998. Bluman shot a 56 Friday, while Armour had a 57. Brett Quigley fired a 61 to get to 8 under 183, 11 strokes off the lead.

**SCOTTISH OPEN:** Ian MacGregor shot a 6-under 64 yesterday for a four-stroke lead after two rounds of the Scottish Open in Leven, Scotland. MacGregor had eight birdies, including five straight starting at No. 3, for a two-round total of 111 under 131. Former Masters and British Open champion Sandy Lyle followed an opening 61 with a 1-under 68 for a 126 total of 135.

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64- Patrick Sheehan	65- Tom Jenkins	66- Jeff Bluman



**THE FINALISTS:** Paul Quigley, left, and Charlie Blanchard look over their shots on the 11th green at Pawtucket Country Club.

## Amateur

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"I just didn't have any bullets today for Charlie," Quigley said. "Charlie played well and I didn't apply any heat. In match play you have to apply a little heat."

Blanchard knows that all too well. While he is the reigning player of the year, and while he had won each of the first two RIGA events this year, the Burke Memorial and the Four-Ball (with partner Billy Lunn) he had yet to win the Amateur. He made it to the title match last year and lost to Mike Soucy by the way, caddied for Quigley yesterday, freeing Quigley of the work he had done for himself all week.

The match against Quigley began as a carbon copy of Blanchard's match against Soucy last year at Metacomb. Last year, Blanchard led, 3-up, at the lunch break and his lead as high as 5-up before Soucy charged from behind and won, 1 and 2.

This time, Blanchard led by four as he had lunch. He was not about to let another one slip away.

"Last year in the finals, I kind of lost my focus. I hit some bad shots and Mike made some great ones. I couldn't let that hap-

pen again," he said. "This year I tried to stay focused. I didn't talk to anybody. I didn't talk to my caddy. I didn't talk to Paul. I didn't make the same mistake twice."

Quigley felt he had a chance. When he won his last Amateur in 1991, he was as many as 7 down to Patrick Sheehan before rallying for a 1-up decision.

"It's golf. Anything can happen," he said. "But Blanchard never gave him an opening. He kept the pedal to the metal all the way."

Blanchard won the 19th and 21st hole with pars. When he did miss a green, on the 22nd, he got up and down from a bunker (as did Quigley). Blanchard birdied the 24th to build his lead to 7 up. Quigley rolled in a downhill 20-footer for bird on the eighth (20th) hole, but Blanchard then drained a 12-footer to match it.

Despite his big lead, Blanchard used his driver on the 11th yard 11th (20th) hole. He nearly drove the green and chipped

within two feet for an easy birdie and the victory.

That was my whole philosophy," he said. "I was going to hit driver everywhere. That puts a lot of pressure on [the opponent]," he said.

He has the ability to be the dominant player in the state for some time.

As Quigley himself pointed out, he did not win his first Amateur until he was 40. Blanchard is a young, 16 in golf years, since he spent most of his youth playing lacrosse, up to and including playing professionally.

He is not practicing quite as much these days as he has in the past because of business and family obligations. He works in the family metal finishing business run by his father, Cliff, in North Providence. His wife, Sheri, son, Drew, 4, and daughter, Allie Rose, 2, helped him lug around the awards he won yesterday.

But he works enough to keep his game very much on an up-and-down curve. Just this year, he

learned to hit the ball higher for more control landing on firm greens. In addition to winning all three RIGA events in which he has played this year, he also finished in a tie for 134th at the North-east Amateur against the best amateurs in the country. In that one he shot 67 on the final two rounds, tying 133. Truhan, the No. 1 ranked player in the country, far more on the weekend.

In the Amateur, which went off beautifully thanks to the cooperation of RIGA officials, who are celebrating their centennial, all superb conditions provided by superintendent Mike Whitehead. Blanchard not only won, but was medalist, as well.

His image definitely has changed. He has become the Tiger Woods of Rhode Island, the guy everyone will have to get through if they hope to win a title. Blanchard does not plan to make it easy.

"I want," he said with a wink, "to win them all."

## Donaldson

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Just minutes after Blanchard had put a finishing flourish on their 36-hole final by nearly driving the 311-yard, par-4, 11th hole, and then chipping and putting for the birdie that gave him an 8-and-7 victory and his first State Amateur title, Quigley was jogging — yes, jogging — down the 12th fairway.

Winner of three previous State Amateur championships, not to mention more RIGA tournament titles than any man in history, Quigley was anything but depressed about losing in the finals for the fourth time. No sooner had Quigley shaken Blanchard's hand and walked off the green, than he was teasing octogenarian Angie Santilli, himself a former State Amateur champ, about trying out his driver.

"I know you've been eyeing this thing all week," Quigley said with a smile. "Go ahead, Angie. Hit a few."

Santilli good-naturedly snatched a couple of drives down the 12th fairway, not seeming even the slightest bit tired after a grueling week of golf that could have drained much younger men, both physically and mentally.

"It's the yoga," he said. "I'm a lot more flexible than I ever used to be. Plus, it's given me much more energy."

There are golfers devoted to the teachings of David Leadbetter, Butch Harmon, or Jim McLean. Others believe in the golfing gospel according to Bob

Rotella. Quigley has become a devoted disciple of power yoga. "I hit here at 4:15 the other day, after playing 33 holes, and made it to the 5 o'clock class," he said. "I felt lousy when I walked in. When I left, after an hour-and-a-half of exercise, I felt fantastic."

The sessions are yoga in fast forward. There's no sitting in quiet meditation, reading Siddhartha, or contemplating Buddha's navel. No slow, graceful movements performed to soothing, Oriental music.

"You're moving the whole time," Quigley said. "It's hard to explain unless you've done it." It was Quigley's wife, Geneva, who convinced him to do it. "She's been doing yoga for years," he said. "It took her two months to get me to go once. But, once I went, I was hooked. I've been going three times a week now for eight months."

He's got lots of other people going, too — his son, Brett, who's on the PGA Tour, Brett's longtime girlfriend, Amy Hulse, and longtime friend Brad Faxon, who'll be teeing it up next week in the British Open.

"Brad's an exercise nut," Geneva Quigley said. "He was eager to try a new way to exercise, and now he loves it."

The benefits to Quigley were obvious to Blanchard. "He's in better shape than I am," Blanchard said. "He looks like he's 27, not 37."

Although Quigley may never

have felt better, he has played better than he did yesterday, when he struggled to hit greens with his approach shots, even with short irons.

"I've been fighting my swing all week," he said. "My alignment is horrible."

But he insisted his problems had nothing to do with fatigue. When I lost to Billy Andrade in the finals in '83, my legs were dead in the afternoon round. I left a lot of shots out to the right.

"This was the first time I've ever carried my own bag in this silly thing, because it's such a marathon. But, I'm being a dead honest, I'm not tired now."

Unfortunately, Quigley's game yesterday wasn't in as good shape as he is.

"I never put any heat on Charlie early," he said. "In match play, if you don't apply pressure, your opponent gains confidence."

"I got 4-down early, got it back to two, then bogeyed 16 and 17. That put him 4-up after the morning round, and he was flying."

Someone said to Quigley that, if he'd won, even out-of-shape sportswriters might be convinced to give this yoga business a try.

"Is that offer good for next year?" he asked.

Oh, mm-mm. Oh, mm-mm. Quigley just might pull that off.

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