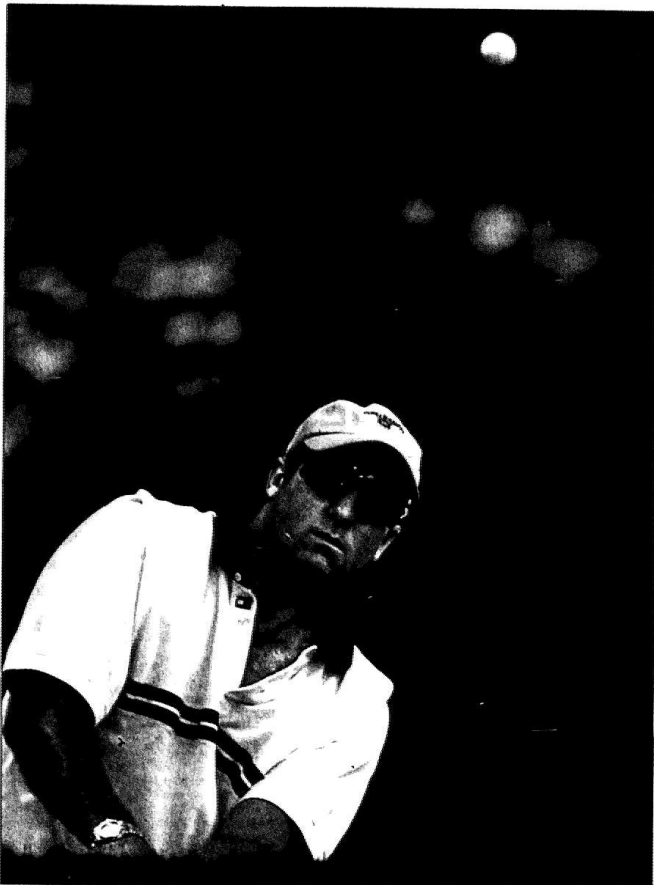




## RIGA STATE AMATEUR

# Warming up at home



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**SWING IN THE SHADES:** Defending champion Charlie Blanchard chips onto the 10th green at yesterday's opening round of the 98th R.I. Amateur Championship at Valley Country Club in Warwick. Blanchard ended the day at 74.

## Returning favorites brave heat, dominate field

BY PAUL KENYON  
JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

**WARWICK** — It was a great day to be a former champion at the R.I. Golf Association Amateur championship. Five of the event's most recent winners got off to a flying start again yesterday when the 98th Amateur began at Valley.

Two earned a tie for the lead in the 120-player field. Four-time winner Paul Quigley and Ben Tuthill, the 2000 champ, both fired 1-under-par 71s to

share the top spot with Jim Stallman and Bobby Fournier.

Mike Soucy, who won in both 1999 and 2001, put together a methodical 72 to tie Metacomet clubmate Bob Schmeck for fifth.

Home course favorite George Pirie, a two-time titlist (1989, 1994), led a group at 73. And defending champion Charlie Blanchard led an even larger contingent at 74.

While the field includes many newcomers to the state championship,

there was no question that the 79-year-old Valley course, with its narrow fairways and greens rolling as quick as they ever have, was best handled by players with experience. Quigley was the most obvious example.

The 57-year-old Rhode Island golf Hall of Famer went out in the afternoon heat and took what the course gave, rather than trying to force anything.

"Not bad for a caddy," he said as his 1-under round was being posted.

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**HE GAVE HIS ALL:** Jeff Morrison chases down a volley during his thrilling match against Justin Gimelstob.

## NEWPORT HALL OF FAME

# Gimelstob tops Morrison in fierce court struggle

New Jersey's Justin Gimelstob and Florida's Jeff Morrison sweat through one of the greatest matches in the history of the Miller Lite Championships, thrilling the crowd at Newport Casino.

BY MIKE SZOSTAK  
JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

**NEWPORT** — It was just a first-round encounter between a veteran seeded seventh, because several higher-ranked players withdrew last week, and a guy who had not played a match since April.

But Justin Gimelstob of Morristown, N.J., and Jeff Morrison of Tampa, Fla., took this potential ho-hummer yesterday and transformed it into tennis theater, one of the most entertaining matches in the 27 years they have been

playing the Miller Lite Hall of Fame Tennis Championships at the Newport Casino.

For 2 hours and 26 minutes, Gimelstob and Morrison fired big serves, slashed angled volleys and ran the court from baseline to net and sideline to sideline. When Morrison's service return on the 28th point of the third-set tiebreaker sailed out, Gimelstob raised his right fist in 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (15-13) triumph.

"It was a dogfight. . . . This is a

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# Yankees refuse to give ground to the Red Sox

An epic pitchers' duel between Pedro Martinez and Mike Mussina is ultimately decided by Todd Walker's error in the bottom of the ninth inning, leaving Boston four games behind New York in the A.L. East.

BY STEVEN KRASNER  
JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

**NEW YORK** — The play originally was ruled a fielder's choice and an RBI for the New York Yankees' Curtis Pride. After the game, it was changed to an error on Boston Red Sox second baseman Todd Walker.

No matter what it was called, it spelled doom for the Red Sox, who suffered an agonizing 2-1 defeat to the Yankees yesterday on the misplay with one out and the bases filled in the bottom of the ninth.

The record will show, meanwhile, that Byung-Hyun Kim, now with the Sox and previously

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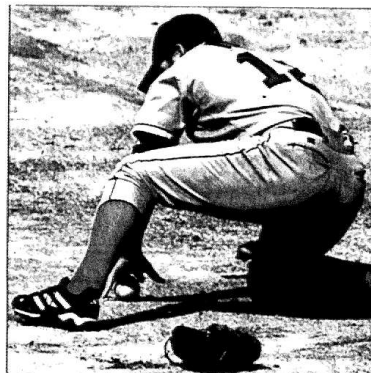
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with the Arizona Diamondbacks, suffered the loss as the Yankee Stadium demons rose up to smother him again, as they did in the 2001 World Series, when he surrendered three homers in back-to-back losses.

But Kim pitched in tough luck yesterday. Walker's luck wasn't much better on Pride's short-hop bouncer with the infield in. And Pedro Martinez (seven innings, one run, five hits, 11 strikeouts) suffered a tough-luck no decision as

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AP PHOTO / BILL KOSTROUN

**BOBBLE HEAD:** Boston's Todd Walker loses his glove while scrambling to get a grip on a ninth-inning grounder by Curtis Pride that resulted in the game-winning run for the Yankees.

## They're right back where they started

**NEW YORK** — They came. They stood still.

Say what you want about the Red Sox' weekend in New York, about their 10 homers in the first two games, about their Fourth of July explosion, about their 20 runs

in the first two games. When Todd Walker finally wrestled Curtis Pride's grounder into submission in the bottom of the ninth inning yesterday in the Bronx, none of it meant anything.

They may not admit it. They have, ever since 1918, been masters of denial. But they know it. And Yankees fans know it, too.

Boston's baseball season ended yesterday, in the Bronx, when the Sox wasted yet another stellar pitching performance by Pedro Martinez.

Instead of winning three of four against their hated, dreaded nemesis, the Yankees, and

The Sox arrived here last week trailing the New York Yankees by four games, and they fell in the exact same position. After winning the first two games, they lost the next two.

But ties go to the leader. In this case, the Yankees. The Red Sox outscored the Yankees in the series, 23-13, but they get no extra credit for their lopsided victories. The standings don't take into account run differential.

In some ways, the Red Sox learned some things about themselves. They learned they can bash even good pitching. They learned that their starters

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## Red Sox, Yankees fans know how this will end

The summer has barely started and, already, baseball season is over.

At least for Red Sox fans. They may not admit it. They have, ever since 1918, been masters of denial. But they know it. And Yankees fans know it, too.

Boston's baseball season ended yesterday, in the Bronx, when the Sox wasted yet another stellar pitching performance by Pedro Martinez.

Instead of winning three of four against their hated, dreaded nemesis, the Yankees, and

picking up two games in the standings, the Red Sox slink across the border into Canada still four games behind New York in the A.L. East.

After decisively winning the first two games of the series by lopsided scores of 10-3 and 10-2, the Sox were in position to grab a share of first place if they could win

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# History-making qualifier Lunke stays steady to the Open's end

SOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINEL

NORTH PLAINS, Ore. — Her father saw this coming when nobody believed it possible, even his daughter.

When Hilary Lunke rolled in a dramatic 15-foot birdie at the 18th hole on Tuesday's intensely waged three-way playoff, her father howled in the clubhouse.

That's where Bill Homeyer escaped to after nine holes with the pressure mounting and Hilary fighting off charges from Angela Stanford and Kelly Robbins on Pumpkin Ridge's Witch Hollow Course. He watched one of the most dramatic conclusions in U.S. Women's Open history on television wondering if the tension could get any thicker when Stanford sank a 24-foot birdie to tie Lunke for the lead at the final hole.

"I got so nervous at the end," Homeyer said. "I was thinking, 'Can this get any worse?'" Lunke gave her father and mother, Penny, the thrill of their lives when she rolled her last birdie right on top of Stanford's to make the U.S. Women's Open her first title as a professional. A short-hitting 24-year-old Stanford graduate with a master's degree in sociology, Lunke is one of the most unlikely champions in the 58-year history of the event. She's the first local or sectional qualifier

to win the title. The \$560,000 first-place check she took home is about eight times more than her career earnings coming into the week (\$69,000).

"She has an unbelievable amount of guts," said her proud father, an insurance executive in Minneapolis.

Lunke shot 1-under-par 70 yesterday to equal Mickey Wright's score in 1964 as the lowest in a U.S. Women's Open playoff. Stanford shot 71 and Robbins 73.

After dropping the final putt, Lunke hugged her husband-caddy, Tylar, then hugged her mother.

"My mom kept saying 'I can't believe it, I can't believe it, I can't believe it,'" Lunke said. "I said I couldn't believe it either."

While the rest of golf might be stunned by her victory, her father wasn't. He told his daughter for the longest time that she was so suited to a U.S. Women's Open setup that he believed her first victory would come in this difficult championship.

"As stupid as it sounds, the tournament she's most likely to win is the U.S. Women's Open," Homeyer remembers telling one of his daughter's caddies more than a year ago. "She can hit it straight, no matter how tight the course, and she has a really good short game."

The caddy, Dennis Mitchell, agreed. "She's like watching paint dry," Mitchell told Homeyer. "She hits every fairway and green, two putts and moves on."

Lunke made it a little more exciting Sunday and yesterday, hitting just 14 of 36 greens but scrambling to save pars. Her putter was the most feared club in anybody's bag this week. She needed only six putts over the first seven holes yesterday to take an early three-shot lead (one putt didn't count statistically because she made it from off the green).

"I didn't have 100 percent of my ball striking this week, but I had 150 percent of my putting," Lunke said.

How short is she? Her driver only carries about 205 yards in the air. Not long ago, she took the 4-iron out of her bag and put in an 11-wood.

"My husband says it looks like a garden shovel," she said.

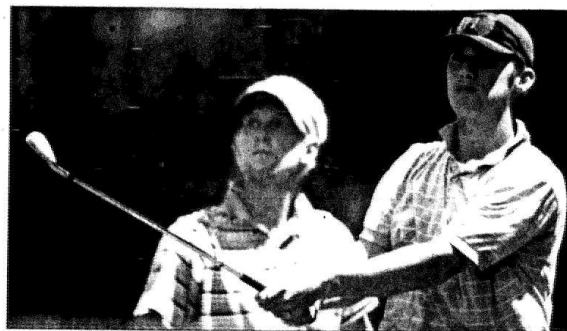
There's also a 7-wood and 9-wood in her bag. With Annika Sorenstam expected to mount a Sunday run, Lunke knew few people expected her to hold on to the 54-hole lead. While Sorenstam folded with an uncharacteristically wild shot at the final hole Sunday, Lunke held up under mounting pressure.

"I don't know if many people knew much about my game or me," Lunke said. "It was just important that I believed in myself, and God pulled me through it. I believed in Him. I didn't need other people to believe in me, though it was nice if they did."

Lunke, who grew up in the Minneapolis area, is the 14th player to make the U.S. Women's Open her first victory. She's the only American other than Juli Inkster ('99 and '02) to win the national title over the last nine years.



IT'S IN THERE: Hilary Lunke reacts to winning the Women's U.S. Open yesterday, after making a 15-foot putt on the 18th hole.



TEED OFF: Brad Valois, above right, and Kirby Robinson watch Valois's tee shot on the 12th hole at the R.I. Amateur Championship yesterday. Below, Michael Caprio looks over a putt on the 12th green.

## Amateur

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While Quigley might be the most fanatical golfer in the state over the past 30 years, winning more state titles than anyone in RGA history (including nine Stroke Play crowns), he entered this year on a different note. He retired from the insurance business and has spent much of his spring and early summer caddying for his son, Brett, on the PGA Tour, with occasional side work for his brother, Dana, on the Champions Tour.

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"There was a five-week period where I played twice," Quigley said.

"Twice," he added for emphasis.

When was the last time that happened?

"Never," he responded. "Maybe when we had too much snow in the winter. But never when we could play." He got himself tournament ready in one week.

"Dana and Brett both had the week off, so we got to play a lot of golf last week," he said.

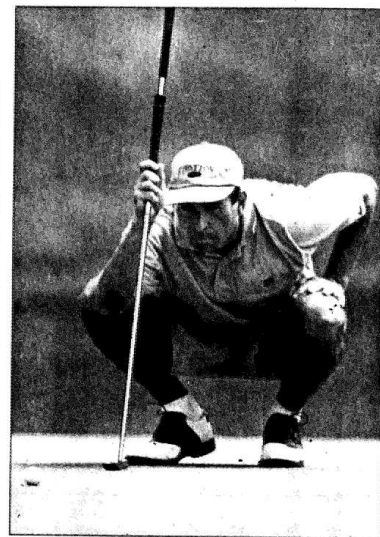
Yesterday, he went along solidly until his 11th hole (the 913-yard, par-5 second) where he bogeyed, just as his nephew, Devon, was arriving to watch him. On the next hole, Quigley had to make an 8-foot putt to save par.

"I had a 20-footer downhill (for birdie). I knew it was going to be fast so I hit it soft and it still went 8 feet past," Quigley said. He made it to save par.

"Then I hit it to 2 feet on the next hole (and birdied) and birdied the hole after that (the par-5 fifth)," he said.

Tuthill was not trying to do anything special, but he did anyway. "I played solid. I tried to play conservatively," said Tuthill, a member of the URI golf team. Competing for one of 32 qualifying spots is different than playing in a stroke-play event, he pointed out.

"I just didn't want to make a mistake," he said. "And I didn't."



Fournier, a Quiddesset member and student at Old Dominion, had four birdies and three bogeys on the way to his 71. Stallman relied on his putting to earn his share of the lead.

"These greens are nice," he said. "They're fast and they hold."

"I putted well," he added. "I was making everything, although I did miss a couple I could have made coming in."

Soucy, who played out of Valley for years, might have been the steadiest of all. He had just two birdies and two bogeys and had numerous opportunities to go low.

"The two birdies I made were this far," he said, holding his hands a foot or two apart. "Those are the only ones I made."

As so often happens in qualifying, there were memorable days for the wrong reasons. Former champion Kevin Clary had two

eights, one on the par 3 sixth when his ball buried under the lip of a bunker. He had 82. Billy Auger, one of the strong contenders, made a run at the top before having back-to-back double bogeys and settling for a 73.

Mike McCampbell had perhaps the strangest turn. The Barrington High star "birdied" a hole to prevent from going into double figures on that hole.

He hit his drive on the par-5 5th out of bounds left. His next went right into a grove of trees. The ball apparently stayed in one of the trees. It was never found. McCampbell had to walk back to the tee and hit his fifth shot from there.

He birdied with the third ball for a nine on the hole. He shot 79.

## Spector holds 2-stroke lead in bid to regain NEWGA title

BY ROBERT LEE

JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

MIDDLETOWN — Two years ago, Abigail Spector, from Intervale, Maine, won the New England Women's Golf Association Tournament. Last year, New Hampshire's Laura Shanahan-Rowe took Spector's title.

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Spector, who played golf at the University of North Carolina, where she graduated in May with a degree in communications, said that she wants her title back. After the first round yesterday of the three-day tournament at Newport National, Spector (31-37-68) earned a two-stroke lead over Rhode Island's Anna Grzebien (36-34-70) and New Hampshire's Kori Goulet (33-37-70).

"I definitely would like to get that back," Spector, who plans to turn pro in the fall, said about the NEWGA title. "Laura is playing well so it's going to be tough. She is a great player. There are other great players here too."

Defending champion Shanahan-Rowe (34-37-71), along with Kristen Davis (35-36-71), and Lisa Anderson (38-33-71), are tied for fourth place ending today's second round, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Spector had a stellar front nine where she shot a minus-4, 31, on a course where she had never played. She parred the first four holes before she birdied the fifth. She also sank birdie putts on the seventh, eighth and ninth holes.

"My putting really helped," Spector said. But on the last nine, just like many others in the tournament, she lost her groove and bogeyed the 12th, 15th and 18th holes.

"I struggled a little bit on the back nine," Spector said. "I hit a couple of bad drives that cost me a couple of strokes but I birdied on the par five (10th hole) so that helped. The back nine is definitely harder than the front."

Though Grzebien, playing out of Point Judith C.C., had the best first round out of the Rhode Island entries, Julie Greene (81), a Rhode Island Hall of Famer, said that the Ocean State's best chance to win the tournament will be in the hands of college sophomore Haley Gildea, a former Wheeler School three-time All-Stater who plays out of Quiddesset C.C. Gildea shot a 34-39-73 and enters the second round five strokes behind Spector. Greene also said that New Hampshire's Laura Shanahan and Spector are at the top of their game.

"They are all very fine players," Greene said. "Haley is on a full-scholarship to Furman University (South Carolina) and I really think that she is very capable of winning this. And Spector was lights out today. That's a great score (68), especially on a new course."

Massachusetts' Gopher of the Year, Tracy Welch, playing in her first major tournament since the U.S. Women's Mid-Am held last September in Eugene, Ore., was paired up with Spector and Welch and finished the day with an impressive 72.

"It was fun being teamed up with Abby," Welch said. "I was happy with my round. There were a lot of bounces. The course runs pretty hard and fast. I thought the greens were beautiful and it was a lot of fun."

Though Spector is ahead by two strokes, Greene said that it is still anyone's game.

"This is a terrific field," Greene said. "There are a lot of great golfers here. I think it's a very fair course but with the course being so new, none of us knew it. Today was an experimental day for a lot of people. The greens are very hard so you have to plan to play like the British and give the ball a couple of bounces and then you're there. The long-ball hitters are really favored here because they can cut out some of the trouble that a lot of us who can't hit the ball as far get into."

Other notable Rhode Island players who shot in the 70s were Ally Caffrey (78), Elizabeth Caffrey (77), Tiffany DiPanni (76), and Marisa White (78).

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## A leg up on the Worlds

As a member of the U.S. Men's National Team, ex-Brown soccer standout Cory Gibbs is closer to his dream of representing his country in the World Cup in 2006.

**BY SHALISE MANZA YOUNG**  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER  
**PROVIDENCE** — Imagine what it would feel like hitting a home run in your first major-league at-bat.

Now imagine hitting that homer off Pedro Martinez.

That's what it was like for former Brown All-American Cory Gibbs late last month, when he made his first start with the U.S. Men's National team in the FIFA Confederations Cup against five-time World Cup champion Brazil, the country that turned out Pele and Ronaldo.

Since finishing a stellar four-year career with the Bears in 2000 and getting his diploma the following spring, Gibbs' soccer career has been a mix of personal accomplishments and professional disappointments.

Shortly after graduating, Gibbs signed with F.C. St. Pauli, then of the German Bundesliga, one of the top soccer leagues in the world. He was also drafted by the now-defunct Miami Fusion of Major League Soccer, less than an hour from his hometown of Plantation, Fla.

But Gibbs fulfilled his dream and went to Europe.

"The opportunity in Europe was my first priority," he said yesterday following a practice and videotape session with the U.S. squad, which is staying in Providence during the CONCACAF Gold Cup tournament, the majority of which will be played in Foxboro. "I wanted to play against the best players, financially it was a better decision, and it's a good environment. It was my dream to play in Europe."

St. Pauli was in the German



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**HE'S RAISED HIS GAME:** U.S. Men's National Team member and former Brown University star Cory Gibbs, right, battles Jose Kleberson for control during a Federation Cup match against Brazil last month in St. Etienne, France.

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### RIGA-STATE AMATEUR

## After taking medal honors, Quigley is in great shape

Ageless wonder and four-time champion Paul Quigley fires a 2-under round of 70 to earn the top seed when two days of match play begin today at Valley CC.

**BY PAUL KENYON**  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

**WARWICK** — Eugene DiSarro was joking, but he was making a point, too.

DiSarro was standing at the scorer's table at Valley Country Club yesterday as second-round scores in the 98th R.I. Golf Association Amateur were being posted. When Paul Quigley came in, DiSarro leaned over his shoulder to glance at his friend's scorecard. He smiled, then turned and started take verbal shots at Quigley.

"Someone should tell him," DiSarro said loudly enough for Quigley to hear,

"that when you get older you're supposed to get worse. You're not supposed to get better."

Quigley finished tabulating his score, a 2-under-par 70 that gave him a 3-under-par 141 total and medalist honors. When he got up, he responded to DiSarro's ribbing.

"The thing is," he said. "I don't know I'm older."

The 58-year-old Quigley, a four-time Amateur champion, might not be playing quite as well as he did in his prime — he has won more RIGA titles than anyone in history — but as he is demonstrating yet again, he's still awfully good.

"I'm playing solid," he said. "I played solid today and I played solid yesterday. I missed two greens today. I hit 15 yesterday." He won the medal despite two three-puffs yesterday. In the two days of

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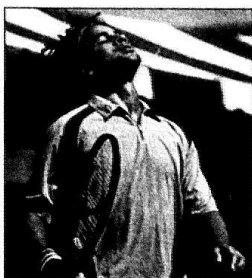


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**BEN'S THERE AND DONE THAT:** Former RIGA champion Ben Tuthill, who qualified for today's start of match play, escapes a second-hole bunker.

**CURSES!** Top seed James Blake reacts after a missed shot during his loss to Gregory Carriz yesterday. Blake's defeat means that for the 26th time in the history of Hall of Fame Championships, the top seed won't win the tournament.

JOURNAL PHOTO / KRIS CRAIG



### NEWPORT HALL OF FAME

## The field's top seeds are unable to take root

Five of the top six players at the Miller Lite Championships are either eliminated, injured or forced to withdraw on Black Tuesday at the Casino.

**BY MIKE SZOSTAK**  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

**NEWPORT** — James Blake won't have to beat Taylor Dent or Marley Fish this year to win the Miller Lite Hall of Fame Tennis Championships. Blake, runner-up to Dent last year and the

top seed this year, is gone, a 7-6, 5-7, 6-4 loser yesterday to Gregory Carriz, a 28-year-old Parisian enjoying a tennis renaissance after missing two years with a back injury.

Dent, the defending champ and No. 2 seed, is also gone. He withdrew yesterday morning with a bruised nerve between the ring and little fingers of his right hand.

And so is Fish, the No. 3 seed. He played poorly and suffered a stunning 7-6, 7-5 upset to Dusan Vemic, a 27-year-old former club pro who qualified Monday for his first ATP tournament this year and fourth of his career.

So much for the ballyhooed young Americans who generated considerable pre-tournament buzz and record advance ticket sales. In singles anyway. Blake and Fish are still here for doubles.

Wait! There are three more casualties to report. Fifth-seeded Raemon Sluiter of The Netherlands, still sick to his stomach two days after eating something that obviously didn't agree with him, retired in the second set while trailing Scott Draper of Australia, 6-3, 3-2.

Sixth-seeded Brian Vanth of Atlanta lost

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## Baldelli's always the talk on this side of town

**WOONSOCKET** — The idea was to look for the "Essence of Rocco."

Realizing that the "Essence of Rocco" could wind up being the name of a stylish men's cologne or — even worse — an item for sale on eBay, I whittled my quarry down more narrowly.

The idea became to go to the

Baldelli Home-land. To talk to the people who knew the 21-year-old Tampa Bay Devil Rays center fielder when he was young. Or at least young. Unless your address is 437 Deep In A Cave Lane, you know by now that Rhode Island's Rocco Baldelli has been magnificent in his first major-league season. He set a rookie record for hits in his first month by ripping 40 in April. For that, he was named American League Rookie of the Month. He liked the title so much, he earned it again in May. He's been idly compared to Joe DiMaggio. Through Monday, he was hitting .309 with five homers, 40 RBI.

So what better time to explore

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# URI's Drennan now big hitter with coaches' association

When Tom Drennan decided to become involved with the Golf Coaches Association of America, he did not go in blindly.

"I knew it was a big commitment," the long-time University of Rhode Island coach said. "But it's turning out to be a lot more."

It's been a tremendous learning experience for him. And it's been a lot of fun.

Drennan, who is in his first year as GCAA vice president, after two years as secretary, takes on his biggest assignment yet this week. He leaves Friday for Los Angeles, and eventually to Japan, where he will head the United States delegation for the 26th annual USA-Japan collegiate matches.

Drennan will have on his team eight of the best men's players in the country, including Clemson's Matt Hendrix, a recent competitor in the Northeast Amateur at Wannamoisett, and four of the best women, including Elizabeth Janangelo, a Connecticut resident who recently completed a tremendous freshman year at Duke.

As is his style, the energetic Drennan is leaving as little as possible to chance. He has been working hard to prepare himself and his team.

"I think it's pretty special," he said. "How a guy from Rhode Island ends up being the chief of a United States delegation to Japan, I'm not sure."

"I've been spending a lot of time coordinating the organizational plans and

working hand-in-hand with representatives in Japan," Drennan said. "I was involved in the matches when they were held last year in Chicago, but with them being in Japan this year I've been putting in a lot of time working on protocol and the proper way of dealing with a different culture. I have to know and the players have to know."

The matches will be played at Verde Sano Country Club in Tochigi, about two hours from Tokyo. They are not just athletic competitions.

"I'm looking forward to the whole experience in the spirit in which the matches were created, that is, to foster a friendship as well as a rivalry between the two countries," Drennan said. The event includes junior clinics and cultural experiences.

"There is an educational aspect for the players that transcends anything they can learn in the classroom," Drennan said. "I know from my experience in Chicago last year that when you are standing there in a jacket and tie for ceremonies, your heart flutters when the flags go up and the anthems are played."

"It meant a lot last year with 9-11 still fresh in everyone's mind, and it will mean a lot this year with Iraq," Drennan added.

The assignment is merely part of Drennan's work with the GCAA. He will be vice president this year and next under Jack Fagan, the Marshall University coach, then will take over the presidency for a two-year term. Finally, Drennan will spend two more years as an active member of the board as immediate past president.

He is involved at a time of major change for the GCAA. The association not long ago hired its first full-time executive director, Gregg Grosz, the former Oklahoma coach.

It has become involved with a television program on the Golf Channel. It also helps run the new Palmer Cup matches that are being played this week at Kiawah Island, S.C., pitting another United States team against a squad from Europe.

"We're just about ready to break onto the national scene with regard to televising our national (NCAA) championship," Drennan said. The GCAA committee's work involves work through the year. When Drennan returns home after his week in Japan, he will stay just one day then head to Chevy Chase, Md., for meetings at the site of the USA Junior Boys' Championship.

Drennan's involvement continues an amazing run by Rhode Islanders in golf. Not only has the state had a tremendous history of producing players for the PGA and Champions tours, but Drennan's URI team, which has gone to the NCAA regionals seven straight years, hosts the Adams Cup, the best collegiate tournament in the Northeast. The state also has the Northeast Amateur, one of the premier amateur events in the nation, and the CVS Classic, which brings 20 of the world's top players to Rhode Island Country Club every year.

What's more, Ron Petro, the URI athletic director, is nearing completion of a term as a member of the NCAA golf committee. The involvement by Drennan and Petro has helped the URI team.

"It's been wonderful. It's opened a lot of doors for us and our program," Drennan said. "We all try and contribute in any way we can. I sure can't do it with my golf game, so I do it politically."

## RIWSGA calls it a day

The 50th anniversary celebration by the R.I. Senior Women's Golf Association last week turned out to be a bittersweet one.

It also will be the last. The RIWSGA has decided to disband after 50 years, in large part because it has become so difficult to obtain courses for events. The group has 100 members this year, headed by president Gail F. Giacchi. It was founded in 1953 to encourage friendly golf competition among senior women.

Champions have included Ellie Taylor, Estelle Wolfson, Clair Asquino, Ruth Lees, Lolly Anderson, Sue Cragan, Paula Granoff, Nancy Chaffee, Lillian Knight and Sue Pfeiffer. Trish Keough won last week's finale at Potowomut.

The organization's seven silver bowls will be archived by the RIGA as part of the state's golf history.

## Credit to the Farrells

Sometimes it takes a while to find out when we make a mistake. This one took a full year.

As the State Amateur was being conducted last year, it was reported here that the Hogan family from Wannamoisett had apparently made history when three of its members, father Mike and sons Mick and Jack, all qualified.

It turns out that three members of one family is not a record. In 1984, four Farrell brothers from Burrillville, Sandy, Jeffrey, Richard and Gregory all qualified and competed in the Amateur. Two, Jeffrey and Richard, also played this week at Valley.

The Farrells' accomplishment is significant. In 1984, any player from an RIGA member club who signed up could play. The Farrells were not members of a club. They had to compete in qualifying for players from non-affiliated courses. Only six spots were available — and the Farrells took four.

## Chip shots

Patrick Horgan's comeback from major injury took another positive step forward when the URI grad made the cut at last week's Nationwide Tour event, the Samsung Canadian PGA Championship. Horgan shot rounds of 73-70-71-72 and tied for 45th.

Another URI grad, Jim Salinetti, also made the cut with rounds of 70-71 and followed with 72-79. Salinetti has been playing the Canadian Tour.

Harrington High All-Stater Drew Harker has earned a spot in the U.S. Junior Championship, to be played in two weeks at the Columbia Country Club in Chevy Chase, Md. Harker qualified at Halifax CC in Massachusetts. He tied for second, with a 146 total, in competition in which only the top two advanced. Harker then won the playoff.

Rhode Island also will be presented in the U.S. Junior Championship, which will be contested at the same time as the boys' event, at Brooklawn Country Club in Fairfield, Conn. Wannamoisett's Ally Caffrey qualified for that event with an 81 at Halifax (Mass.) CC.

Former Rhode Island Country Club member and R.I. Women's Golf Association champion Martha Kirovace has been named captain of the 2004 U.S. Team in the Curtis Cup matches.

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## R.I. Amateur

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qualifying. Quigley played for position rather than worrying about distance. He hit his driver only once.

His 3-under total nipped Quinnesett's Bobby Fournier, a student at Old Dominion, by one stroke for the top seed in match play, which begins with two rounds today. Fournier, a budding golf writer, fired his second straight 71 for his 142 total.

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Billy Auger (70) and Jim Stallman (72) tied for third at 143 and John Drohen (71 with six birdies) was fifth at 144.

The cut fell at 153 and, in a shocking development, those who missed included defending champion Charlie Blanchard.

Blanchard, who swept all five major RIGA events last year, struggled to a 79 for 153 and was in the seven-man playoff for the final two spots. Don Wright, who barely returned in time for the playoff — after playing in the morning he had gone to his office in Attleboro — birdied two holes in a row to take one spot. RIGA Junior champion Brad Valois got the second, going birdie-par-par. Blanchard was eliminated when he parred the first playoff hole while Wright, Jason Pannone and Valois all birdied.

"Bad mistakes, stupid mistakes," Blanchard said of his 79. "I left myself in bad places and three putted (four times)."

Blanchard's fall underscores Quigley's amazing longevity. He has won so many honors he does

not even recall how many times he has been medalist.

"Four or five, I think," he said. He feels there are both positives and negatives to being the top seed.

"It's not so good because you are put at the top of the bracket and you're the first one out (for match play)," he noted. "You don't get time to enjoy it."

The positive is that by being first, Quigley can help set the pace today — and his pace is to move fast.

At 58, he is not just a golf phenomenon — he is a physical freak. For the past two days, he carried his own bag in the heat. When he finished play yesterday, he prepared for a power yoga class.

"I'll be there at 5:15," he said. After retiring from the insurance business, he is caddy for his son, Brett, on the PGA Tour. Even there, his reputation has spread.

"I was with Brett one day and Craig Perks came up to us. He's a good friend of Brett's," Quigley said. "He looked at me and said, 'How does it feel to be in better shape than 95 percent of the players on the PGA Tour?'" Quigley, who takes pride in his conditioning, liked that.

As happens all the time, there are always new challengers. Fournier is the latest.

"I've been playing well for the last two weeks," Fournier said after posting his 71. Fournier was one of those in the four-way tie for the lead after the first round, then began the second round birdie-birdie.

"I wasn't really thinking much



**YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME:** George Pirie looks on in disbelief as his putt on the 10th green refuses to drop.

JOURNAL/ANDREW DICKERMAN

about being medalist," he said. "But when you've got it going, you want to keep it going." He finished with three birdies and two bogeys. It created an unusual situation for him.

"I'm writing about this tour-

namey," said Fournier, who is spending part of his summer writing for the Ocean State Golf magazine. "Should I write about myself?"

## Shanahan-Rowe's 74 good for 3-shot lead

BY ROBERT LEE

JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

MIDDLETOWN — New Hampshire's Laura Shanahan-Rowe, the defending New England Women's Golf Association tournament champion, entered the second round of the 42 Annual NEWGA Championship three strokes behind 2001 NEWGA titlist Abigail Spector.

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On Monday, Spector said she wanted her title back, but Shanahan-Rowe apparently isn't ready to give it up just yet.

Shanahan-Rowe shot a 3-over-par 74 yesterday to go with her first-round 71 to take the lead from Spector, who shot a night-marish second round of 80 (68-80-148). Now, it's Shanahan-Rowe who has a three-shot lead over the field at Newport

National.

"I would love to win it again, but I feel like I have a bull's-eye on my back," said Shanahan-Rowe, who started playing competitive golf only nine years ago. "There are a lot of good players here. It'll be close."

While the sweltering heat and high winds caused many competitors to do a lot worse than they did in the first round, Shanahan-Rowe thrived on the conditions.

"I like it hot," she said. "I've waited all year for this."

Shanahan-Rowe birdied holes four, 11 and 14, while Spector did not birdie one hole after sinking five on Monday.

"I hit a really good shot on the par-5 fourth hole," the 2002 New Hampshire State Amateur champ said. "I putted it in from about 12 feet away. On the par-5 11th hole, I got it right before the green in two hits, chipped it up on the green and then putted it in."

Spector, meanwhile, shot the best front nine of the tournament — a 4-under 31 on Monday — but yesterday she got off to a rough start. After five holes, the Water-

ville, Maine native was plus-7 and no longer in the lead. But somehow, she found a way to relax and stay in the hunt.

"I had a bad start, but after that I leveled off," Spector said. "I just calmed down and refocused. I

didn't have any birdies and I had five yesterday. I'm still going to try to win, but I don't know."

Harrity, representing Massachusetts, is tied with Spector for second place. Harrity fired a 76 yesterday for a two-day total of 148, but said that she could have done better.

"It was OK," Harrity said about her round. "I didn't putt well. I triple-bogeyed on the fourth hole but I hung in there. I played steady the rest of the way. I feel very fortunate to be as close as I am to the leader. Hopefully I can take advantage of that."

Harrity birdied the eighth and 15th holes.

"Things started out well enough for Rhode Island's top competitor, Anna Grzebień, who entered the second round tied for second place. Grzebień was even-par through the first nine holes, bogeying holes three and four and birdieing eight and nine. Holes 10 through 13 got away from her however. She double-bogeyed the 10th, quadruple-bogeyed the 11th, bogeyed the 12, and double-bogeyed the 13th.

"I didn't hit the fairway much and the greens were pretty firm so it was tough to get the ball on the green," Grzebień said.

Of the scheduled 120 competitors, the field has been cut to 70 and the final round of the three-day tournament will begin at 7:30 a.m.

"I haven't played well for two or three years but a 75 today was a lot better than I expected," Locke said. "I had some nice drives and never really got caught in the rough. There were three holes on the back where the ball rimmed in and out, so it could have been better."

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## No offense, but we've seen and heard worse

JIM DONALDSON



ESPN conducted a poll the other night, asking viewers whether they were "offended" by Cubs manager Dusty Baker's controversial comments about how blacks and Latino players were better able to cope with hot weather than white players.

They had to be kidding, right? How is it possible, in the loud, rude, crude, unmannered, in-your-face society in which we live in the early years of the

21st century, to "offend" sports fans?

These are people who like to sit in "friendly" Fenway Park and chant "Yankees (oops, can't print the word in your family newspaper; could that be because it's 'offensive?')"

Those fans like that chant so much, they sometimes do it when the Yankees aren't even playing in Boston.

At basketball games played on the campuses of many of our nation's finest

institutions of higher learning, America's best and brightest college students loudly chant "Bull(bleep)" whenever an official makes a call they don't like.

So, sorry, but it's hard for me to picture some beer-swilling guy wearing a baseball cap backwards and a T-shirt emblazoned with a lewd suggestion and that barely covers his pot belly, turning up his nose at Dusty's quotes, sniffing

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NOW HE'S ON THE HOT SPOT: Cubs manager Dusty Baker has drawn criticism for saying that black and Latin American players handle hot weather better than white players.

CONTRA COSTA (CALIF.) TIMES FILE PHOTO/KARL MONDON

## Sox continue on comeback trail



GLADHANDING OF SORTS: Boston's Manny Ramirez, left, is congratulated by teammate Johnny Damon after scoring what proved to be the winning run.

AP PHOTO / FRANK GUNN

Boston, posting its 13th last-at-bat victory of the season, rallies for four runs in the eighth and another in the ninth to stun Toronto.

BY SEAN McADAM  
JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

TORONTO — There were six outs to go and the Red Sox trailed the Toronto Blue Jays by four runs last night. The situation, however, was hardly bleak. Far from it. Derek Lowe, shelled in his worst start in the last two months, never lost hope as he watched from the dugout. Sure enough, the Sox' ability to stage comebacks, coupled with Toronto's inept bullpen proved a combustible combination.

Rallying for four runs in the eighth and one more in the ninth, the Sox edged the Blue Jays, 8-7, for their 13th last-at-bat victory of the season.

"How these guys keep doing it, day after day I don't know," marveled Lowe after yet another late-inning uprising.

"It's nothing we haven't been seeing a lot of this season," said Gabe Little. "We keep coming back. If that door just cracks open, we've been able to crash through it."

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## For a nice change, the shoe was on the other foot

Toronto's bullpen takes a page out of Boston's book, much to the dismay of the Blue Jays and their fans.

BY STEVEN KRASNER  
JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

TORONTO — Let's play a round of Name That Team.

Here's the scene, as played out last night at SkyDome in a game between the Boston Red Sox and the Toronto Blue Jays.

The manager walks slowly to the mound. He raises an arm and points to the outfield. The fans gasp in trepidation. The bullpen door opens. The fans gasp in horror. A relief pitcher is coming

into the game.

The relief pitcher stands on the mound and delivers a pitch. The fans close their eyes. The batter hits the ball hard. Runners race around the bases. The lead melts. The manager trudges to the mound again. The fans boo.

In comes another relief pitcher. The fans shift in their seats. The lead disappears. The game is down the drain. The fans are quiet. Numb, in fact, having seen this movie more than once before this season.

Okay, time's up. Which team?

No, not the Red Sox. Not this time. On this night, the Red Sox bullpen trio of Chad Fox, Brandon Lyon and Byung-Hyun Kim did their jobs well. The Blue Jays, meanwhile, suffered through a meltdown of early-season Boston bullpen proportions, at times badly betrayed by their defense as they blew a 7-3 eighth-inning lead in falling to the Sox, 8-7.

Fox and Lyon each contributed a scoreless

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### NEWPORT HALL OF FAME

## Aussie junior is serving notice

BY MIKE SZOSTAK  
JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

PROVIDENCE — Remember the name Chris Guccione, tennis fans.

He's the 6-foot-5 redhead with the Australian accent and shy smile walking about the Newport Casino in size 15 tennis shoes. Yesterday, three weeks shy of his 18th birthday, he won his debut in the big leagues of pro tennis.

Fresh from the boys' singles and boys' doubles finals at Wimbledon, Guccione posted an impressive 7-6, 7-6 victory over Stefano Pescosolido of Italy in the final first-round match of the Miller Lite Hall of Fame



JOURNAL PHOTO / C.J. GUNTHER

FINE DEBUT: Australia's Chris Guccione returns a shot from Italy's Stefano Pescosolido yesterday. Guccione, 17, and the youngest player in the event, won in two sets, both by tiebreakers.

Championships. Pescosolido, 32 and the oldest player in the singles draw, is ranked 143rd in the world. Guccione, 17, and the youngest, is 65th.

"It was a little bit exciting, but

it was one match," Guccione said. "I was actually a little more nervous in the Wimbledon junior final. It was a pretty big

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### RIGA STATE AMATEUR

## An unforeseen youth movement

Stunning upsets abound during two rounds of match play, including 16-year-old Brad Valois defeating RIGA Hall-of-Famer Paul Quigley, and 17-year-old David Marino ousting URI star Chad Spencer.

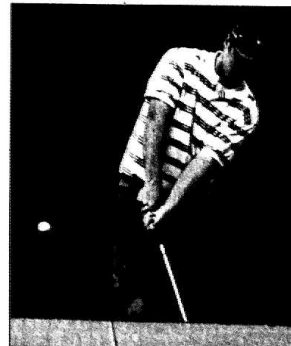
BY PAUL KENTON  
JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

WARWICK — A few familiar faces advanced yesterday in the R.I. Golf Association Amateur championship, as did a couple of new faces and even two young faces.

It was the young guys who stole the show. Teenagers Brad Valois and David Marino both won twice to lead the move to the quarterfinals of the 98th Amateur at Valley.

The 16-year-old Valois, the reigning RIGA Junior champ and a member of the Toll Gate High golf team, got the day off to a rousing start when he went out against Paul Quigley, the medalist and RIGA Hall-of-Famer, in the first match of the day and scored a 3-and-2 shocker.

Valois earned the upset, too. He was 2-under par for the 16 holes. He continued playing beautifully, shooting even par in the afternoon as he beat URI star Chad



JOURNAL PHOTO / ANDREW DICKERMAN

DROPPING AN EARLY BOMB: Brad Valois chips in from 44 feet for birdie on the second hole in his afternoon match against URI's Chad Spencer.







**LAKERS ADD ANOTHER STAR — THIS TIME IT'S MALONE**  
Free-agent forward Karl Malone, left, the NBA's second-leading all-time scorer, will join Gary Payton as new members of the Lakers.  
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## SPORTS ILLUSTRATED IN RHODE ISLAND

### There's something fishy about SI's numbers

#### LOCAL FLAVORS

As part of its 50th anniversary celebration, Sports Illustrated asked Rhode Islanders about their favorite — and least favorite — sports teams. Here are some of the answers.

#### FAVORITE PRO TEAM

Patriots	30%
Red Sox	26%
Yankees	10%
Celtics	6%
Bruins	4%

#### FAVORITE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM

Red Sox	64%
Yankees	13%

#### FAVORITE NFL TEAM

Patriots	63%
Dolphins	4%
Giants	4%

#### FAVORITE NBA TEAM

Celtics	52%
Lakers	5%
No favorite team	26%

#### FAVORITE NHL TEAM

Bruins	54%
No favorite team	30%

#### STATE'S BIGGEST RIVALRY

URI-PC	38%
Red Sox-Yankees	33%
URI-Brown	4%

#### BIGGEST STATE RIVAL

New York	45%
Massachusetts	26%
Connecticut	11%

#### FAVORITE ANNOUNCER

John Madden	16%
Jerry Remy	12%
Bob Costas	10%

#### FAVORITE PARTICIPATORY SPORT

Fishing	13%
Baseball/softball	11%
Basketball	11%
Bowling	11%
Golf	10%
Swimming	10%

#### BIGGEST ENEMY (INDIVIDUAL)

George Steinbrenner	42%
Roger Clemens	17%
Bill Parcells	14%

#### BIGGEST ENEMY (TEAM)

Yankees	71%
Jets	6%
Boston College	2%

Sports Illustrated commissioned poll by Harris Interactive conducted online, of 400 Rhode Island residents who identified themselves as sports fans. Margin of error +/- 4.9%.

Not that I want to impugn the credibility or accuracy of the good folks at Sports Illustrated or Harris Interactive, but I don't put a whole lot of stock in the results of a poll in which more people said they'd rather be fishing or bowling than golfing.

Particularly because, since these are Rhode Islanders we're talking about when they say bowling they mean duck pins, not tenpins. So they're not even talking about real bowling. And their idea of fishing is going out on the opening day of trout season, standing shoulder-to-

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shoulder with fellow anglers, and waiting for the fish that were tossed into the pond the previous day to jump at the bait, thinking it's feeding time at the hatchery.

In other words, there are questions to be asked about the judgment of the 400 folks who were asked the questions.

For instance, they said the biggest rival

of the Biggest Little State in the Union among the other 49 was New York. Now I'm just guessing here, but I'll bet when we read the results of the Empire State's poll, its residents will not list Rhode Island as their biggest state rival.

In fact, if you asked New Yorkers about Rhode Island, I'd expect at least a third of them to say, "You mean Long Island?"

It's hard to have a rivalry if one of the parties supposedly involved doesn't even know you exist.

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## Mr. Robinson's in the neighborhood



JOURNAL PHOTO / GRETCHEN HETI

**SPORTS AMBASSADOR:** David Robinson, newly retired from the Spurs, pretends to slam dunk over Philip Landers, 13, a participant in a Newport Parks and Recreation program. Robinson was touting Newport's status as a Sports Illustrated sportstown.

### One of NBA's 50 Greatest Players visits Newport

BY CAROLYN THORNTON

**NEWPORT** — While other campers continued to run giddily around the Newport County YMCA gymnasium, Kyle Saulnier stood frozen at center court.

David Robinson had just shaken his hand. Several minutes later in the foyer, Saulnier was still speechless.

"I can't believe he touched me," he said. The 9-year-old Portsmouth boy wasn't

even born when the San Antonio Spurs big man had already won the first of his two Olympic gold medals and made the 5th of his 10 NBA All-Star appearances.

Indeed, many of the several hundred youngsters who met Robinson in Newport yesterday were just a twinkle in their parents' eye when "The Admiral" was in the prime of his basketball career.

But they were no less thrilled by the opportunity to meet one of the NBA's 50

Greatest Players of All Time, in town this week to help kick off the Toyota Presents Sports Illustrated's 50th Anniversary Tour, which has named Newport as the top Sportstown in Rhode Island.

"Can you believe how tall he is?" exclaimed gymnastics instructor Bailey Boengesson, who is more than two feet shorter than the 7-foot-1 Robinson.

Surrounded by a sea of beaming young

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## Sox' sweep narrows the gap

In completing their first road series sweep of the season, the Sox pick up another game on the Yankees. Their deficit is now just two games.

BY SEAN McADAM

**TORONTO** — As May turned to June, the Red Sox came to the SkyDome and were soundly beaten and swept by the Toronto Blue Jays, capping a stretch that saw them

lose five in a row while their pitching staff bottomed out.

Six weeks later, the Sox achieved a measure of revenge, knocking off the Jays 7-1 last night for their third win in a row against Toronto, their first road sweep of the season, and a full head of steam heading into their final set of the first half, against the lowly Detroit Tigers.

This is a huge sweep for us, especially at this time of year," crowed Kevin Millar, who had two hits and two RBI. "This whole team is playing great right now. We're playing with a lot of confidence."

With good reason. After stumbling against Tampa Bay to begin their 13-game road trip, the Sox have since taken five of seven from New York and Toronto, their chief division rivals, while moving a season-high 16 games over .500.

Unable to make up any ground on the Yankees over the

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## NEWPORT HALL OF FAME

### Ginepri heading into the quarters

The top seeds have gone home, opening the door to up-and-coming players such as Robby Ginepri, who won on a bad bounce in a tiebreaker.

BY MIKE SZOSTAK

**NEWPORT** — Robby Ginepri's reward for reaching the quarterfinals of the Miller Lite Hall of Fame Tennis Championships was an immediate 20-minute tutorial under the critical eye of his coach, Steve DeVries.

No shower first. No Gatorade. No snack in the shade of the media porch overlooking the lawns of the Newport Casino. Just a march from the stadium to the nearest practice court to hit balls and return serves.

Meaning?

"Steve was a little upset that I got broken in the second set and didn't keep my focus. He just wanted to fine tune some things," the fourth-and-highest remaining seed in the tournament said after beating Dennis Van Scheppingen of The Netherlands, 6-4, 7-6.

Ginepri, of Manetta, Ga. has a great opportunity to win his

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## RIGA STATE AMATEUR

### Grossguth, Soucy derail Amateur's youth movement

The two 40-somethings had to defeat young standouts to get to today's 36-hole finale. Their meeting represents an all-Pawtuxet Valley final.

BY PAUL KENYON

**WARWICK** — Even before the first shot has been hit, a winner can be declared in the State Amateur golf tournament.

It's the region where the event is being held, the Pawtuxet Valley. It has gotten a dream final — a West Warwick-versus-Coventry showdown.

Rob Grossguth, the surprise guy in his first final, will represent West Warwick. Mike Soucy, a two-time champion and frequent contender, will carry the banner for Coventry.

They will go at it over 36 holes for the crown today in the R-I Golf Association's 98th Amateur, just up the hill from Arctic for the West Warwick people, just down Tiogue Avenue for

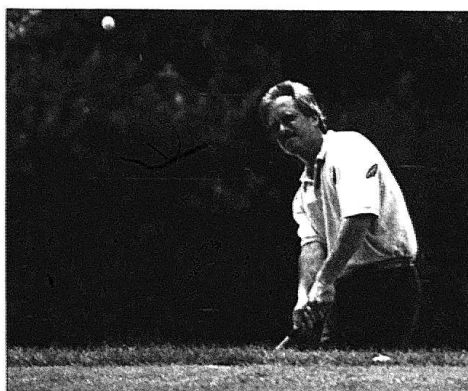
those from Coventry.

It is a perfect final for the home folks. While Valley, which has done a marvelous job of hosting the tournament all week, is on the Warwick side of New London Avenue, it really is more closely tied to West Warwick and Coventry.

Grossguth, who plays out of West Warwick Country Club, and Soucy, who has memberships at both Valley and Metacomb, both had to play well to set up the final. Both eliminated young stars in the semis.

Soucy came from behind to edge 16-year-old sensation Brad Valois, 1-up. Soucy never led until he sank a 10-foot birdie putt on the final shot of the

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**GETTING IT CLOSE:** Rob Grossguth chips onto a green during his semifinal match against Ben Tuthill. Grossguth eliminated the 2000 tourney champ, 3 and 2.



**NOT EXACTLY AS PLANNED:** Ben Tuthill tries to get out of a greenside bunker in his semifinal match against Rob Grossguth, but manages to get the ball only to the rough just outside the bunker.

## R.I. Amateur

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match. Valois earlier had topped Dan Marino, 4 and 3, in the battle of teenagers, while Soucy downed Alpine's John Drosen, 3 and 2, in the morning quarterfinals.

Grossguth got past Eugene DiSarro of Metacom. Up, in a terrific match in the quarters, then came back and beat 22-year-old Ben Tuthill, the 2000 champion, 3 and 2. Grossguth, 40, who works at the state prison, did not hide his excitement.

"I've never been here before. It's unbelievable," he said. "I played well today. I was 2 under for the 34 holes. I was nervous out there, but I think being nervous helps. It slows down your swing."

While he long has competed in state events,

**GOLF** Grossguth does not focus on golf.

"We work a lot of overtime," he said. "I play on the weekends. I've hit balls twice this year." He has won the State Mixed with Becky Mailoux, but has not captured a major title on his own.

Grossguth hits the ball as long as almost anyone. Yesterday, though, it was his ability to make clutch putts with his nearly 50-year-old putter that earned him his spot in the finals.

He jumped to a quick 3-up lead on Tuthill. Tuthill, a dean's list URI student as well as a golf star, got as close as one, but never pulled even. The decisive swing came at 13. There, Tuthill, 2 down at 40, hit his approach within 12 feet. Grossguth's came up 20 feet short. Tuthill had the advantage, but it did not work out that way.

"I had that same putt this morning (in the victory over DiSarro). I knew it didn't break that much," Grossguth said. He canned the bird. When Tuthill's putt slid past the hole, Grossguth had command and was on his way to the final.

"I played well this morning. I know you've got to squeak by a match sometimes when you're not playing your best," Tuthill said. "I hit that this afternoon. I couldn't get by it. Rob played well."

While the title match will be a new experience for the West Warwick guy, it will be familiar territory for the Coventry guy.

Soucy, 49, is bidding to join an elite group with three titles. He won in 1999 and 2001. He had to use all his guile to get past the impressive Valois in the semis.

Valois, who plays left-handed and putts right-handed, outdrew Soucy by more than 50 yards on some holes. Valois hit birdie and 9-iron on the 502-yard fifth hole and driver. He also had birdied the par-4 fourth, thus quickly got Soucy 2-down. Soucy did not get caught up in Valois' terrific play.

## Blake pacing PGA field; Quigley 2 shots back

Associated Press

Jay Don Blake wasn't thinking about taking the lead at the Greater Milwaukee Open when he saved par with a 9-foot putt on his final hole.

"I wanted to shoot a 29 on one side, I wasn't real worried about being on the leaderboard," said Blake, whose 6-under 64 at soggy Brown Deer Park left him at 1st in front of Kirk Triplett.

Blake's back started to turn when he birdied the par-5 18th, his ninth hole. It was one of six birdies in an eight-hole stretch.

"It's kind of nice to write 29 on your scorecard. You don't do that too often," said Blake.

Blake made a 40-foot birdie putt on the 485-yard, par-4 fourth, which used to be a par-5 until a large oak tree was removed this year.

Shigeki Maruyama, who won the GMD two years ago, was at 66 along with Jerry Kelly, Joel Edwards, Brett Quigley and Kenneth Stalon.

Blake went out in the afternoon, when winds picked up and the weather was cool. The five golfers who shot 66s went out in the afternoon.

Kelly almost joined Triplett in second place with a 65, nearly chipping in on his final hole, the par-4 ninth. The ball hit the pin, bounced into the hole and back out.

"I thought that was in from the second I hit it," Kelly said. "It was in. It just didn't say in."

Kelly thought more golfers would better his 66 in the afternoon.

"It was a pretty tough morning. It was so misty and rainy," said Kelly, who had to switch clubs because the ball wasn't carrying well.

**Scottish Open**

Ernie Els posted an early 7-under 64 that held up for a two-stroke lead in yesterday's rain-suspended opening round of the Scottish Open. David Howell, recovering from a broken arm last year and a shoulder injury this year, had a 64 at Loch Lomond where 45 players were unable to finish the round.

**LPGA**

Annikka Sorenstam played six holes yesterday then withdrew from the Canadian Women's

"As my friend Paul Quigley told me once, when they hit it that far, don't look," Soucy said. "I'm not going to stand up there and try to hit with them because it's just not going to happen."

Soucy just kept grinding out pars, which is what he does best. When he hit his approach on the par-4 15th within three feet and made his first birdie of the match, he was back within one hole again. He survived the par-5 18th where Valois crushed another green left and settled for par. Soucy drew even with a par on the 17th, where Valois went over the green and made bogey.

On the 548-yard closing hole, Valois again outdrew Soucy by about 50 yards. Soucy hit a good fairway wood that came up about 25 yards short, but in perfect position in the neck of the fairway. Valois' second was long enough to get home, but went into the bunker left. Soucy chipped to within 10 feet.

Valois' caught his 60-yard bunker shot from a bit thin and it went over the green. He chipped back and had about seven feet left for his par. But he never got the chance to putt. Soucy did not miss the chance to win. Even though he had not made a putt outside eight feet in the entire match, he knew he was due.

"I felt good on that last putt. It was dead straight," he said. "I had been putting well and not making anything. I was making good strokes. I said, 'Hey, just make another good stroke and see if it goes in.'"

When it did, Soucy was in the title match again and Valois' bid to become the first player to hold the RIGA Junior and Amateur titles at the same time was gone.

"I can't believe he came back. That was smart," Valois said of Soucy's rally.

"I work hard. I've got the greatest teacher in Rhode Island in Mike Harbour," Soucy said. "I look at it that I'm fortunate that I can still come out here and compete. Win, lose or draw, you just do the best you can. That's all I try to do."

When he goes at it today, it will be with Pawtuxet Valley pride on the line, as well as the state championship.

### NEARBY VICTORY

Brad Valois, Valley, def. David Marino, Kirkbride 4 and 3. Mike Soucy, Metacom, def. John Drosen, Alpine, 3 and 2. Rob Grossguth, West Warwick, def. Eugene DiSarro, Metacom, 3 and 2. Ben Tuthill, Narragansett, def. Ben Aguir, Cranston, 3 and 2.

### SENIOR PLAYERS

Soucy vs. Valois, 1 up. Grossguth def. Tuthill, 3 and 2.

### MATCH TODAY

Soucy vs. Grossguth, first 18 at 8 a.m., second 18, about 12:40 p.m.

### THE LOCALS

**GREATER MILWAUKEE OPEN**

4-1 Brett Quigley 35-31 - 66 2  
-2 Billy Andrade 33-35 - 68 4  
-2 Patrick Sheehan 34-34 - 68 4

**SENIOR PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP**

-5 Dana Quigley 34-33 - 67 3  
-5 Bryn Adams 37-34 - 71 7  
-7 P.H. Morgan III 40-38 - 78 14

**RESSE'S CUP CLASSIC**

E. Bryn Adams 37-34 - 71 7  
-7 P.H. Morgan III 40-38 - 78 14

Open in Surrey, British Columbia. Sorenstam, the LPGA's top money-winner, has been bothered by a cold since last week's U.S. Open. She teed off at 12:30 p.m., and was 1-over par through six holes. She walked off the course after hitting her second shot on the par-4 seventh into a greenside bunker. Heather Bowser's 6-under 66 leads.

**Seniors**

Former champion Gil Morgan made a 15-foot birdie putt on the final hole yesterday to cap an 8-under 64 that gave him a two-stroke lead after the first round at the Senior Players Championship in Dearborn, Mich. Five players, including Tom Kite and 2001 champion Allen Doyle, had 66s at a tame TPC of Michigan.

# Versatile Newport honored for hitting all the bases

BY CAROLYN THORNTON  
JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

**NEWPORT** — Whether it's sailing or skateboarding, baseball or basketball, the town do or tennis, Newport has got it.

There's also softball and soccer, wakeboarding and water polo, not to mention cheerleading, dance, volleyball and track and field.

In short, the Newport Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department covers just about all the bases in offering a wide range of athletic programs throughout the year, targeting everyone from the very young to the young-at-heart.

And for those who can't afford it, there are scholarships and fee waivers to make sure that they can.

As far as Sports Illustrated and the National Recreation and Parks Association are concerned, Newport not only does it all, it does it best. For its efforts, the town has been named the Sports Illustrated 50th Anniversary Sportsman for Rhode Island.

Sue Cooper, Newport's Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism for the last 13 years, was informed that Newport had been selected about a month ago, but was sworn to secrecy until SI President Bruce Hallett and NRPA President Jonathan Korfage made the official announcement in a ceremony last night at the Newport Yachting Center — the first stop of the Toyota Presents Sports Illustrated's 50th Anniversary Tour.

"I'm absolutely ecstatic," said Cooper, who submitted a 13-page application nominating Newport and accepted the award along with Newport Mayor Richard C. Sardella. "Certainly the credit for

the win goes to my excellent staff [headed by Recreation Administrator Ed Harrigan and recreation supervisors Ray Fullerton and Carol Muredda.] Their heart and soul is in our youth sports programs and their philosophy that every kid deserves to play to whatever level they want to. So there are no barriers in our program."

"An innovative approach toward community involvement helped Newport earn the Sports Illustrated Sportsman distinction," says NRPA Executive Director John Thorne. "Newport is consistently networking and sharing resources with nonprofit organizations, schools and universities and commercial sports partners to create quality programs for the members of its community."

The recreation department, which will receive a \$2,500 grant as part of the award, has joined forces with Sail Newport to offer introductory summer sailing lessons, with the International Tennis Hall of Fame to offer free tennis clinics and with Major League Soccer to provide soccer clinics.

It also cosponsors a water polo program with the Newport County YMCA, a surfing program with the R.I. Surfriders Association and has even do classes with a local studio.

The department occasionally works on projects with Salve Regina University and encourages Rogers High School students to become involved as camp counselors, referees and coaches, Cooper said.

The announcement coincided with the release of this week's Sports Illustrated, which features

a section dedicated to sports unique to the Ocean State and includes a profile of East Providence football star Jamie Silva, who has been selected as the Starter All-American Teen from Rhode Island.

From now until July of next year, a new "Sportstown" will be announced in each issue.

This morning, David Robinson of the NBA-champion San Antonio Spurs will help kick off a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10:30 at the Newport Yachting Center.

The tour includes a traveling interactive site about the size of a football field. The site will make 25 stops across the country over the next year.

Free to the public, the Tour will feature a film highlighting the greatest sports moments of the last half-century. There also will be electronics demonstrations and a number of activities including basketball, baseball, soccer, and football.

Sports Illustrated for Kids' 25-year dash is one of a number of activities that will be held for youth. People will also be able to have their photo digitally reproduced on a Sports Illustrated cover.

Former Boston College star and NFL quarterback Doug Flutie will sign autographs today from 4 to 5 p.m. He will then perform with The Flutie Gang Band on the main stage, where other live entertainment, athletic performances and participation by local youngsters will take place throughout the weekend.

The Tour will be open today from 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m., tomorrow from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

## Robinson

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faces wherever he went yesterday — along with more than a few enamored older fans who heard about his visit through the grapevine — Robinson signed autographs and posed for one group photo after another, while the children chanted "Go, Spurs, Go!" and "NBA Champions!"

Evian Hole of Portsmouth is a Celtics fan, but when Boston was knocked out of the NBA playoffs by the Nets, he sided with San Antonio. He was planning to be up bright and early this morning to see the Today Show broadcast from Newport, but said meeting Robinson would be the highlight for him.

"This is probably going to be the most exciting part right here," said the soon-to-be fourth grader. "He's really friendly, and he's a very nice guy."

With handmade signs welcoming Robinson hanging from the gymnasium walls, the 14-year NBA veteran spoke to the children about the many benefits of participating in sports.

There is as much to be learned on the athletic field as there is in the classroom, he told the kids, recounting some of his many experiences, including what it's like to go head-to-head with players

like Shaquille O'Neal.

"I've learned how to win and how to lose," he said. "I've learned how to persevere and about discipline and how to work hard. Sports are awesome and something you can enjoy at every level."

As much as Robinson, 37, has established a reputation for his accomplishments on the court, he is equally respected for his charitable work. In fact, the NBA has named its community service award after the U.S. Naval Academy graduate. So being named the Sports Illustrated's 50th Anniversary Ambassador of Sports is right up Robinson's alley.

"This is grassroots," he said. "Not many years ago, I'm one of those kids sitting in the gym. A lot of times, all those kids need is a little bit of motivation, something that kind of sparks their interest and says, 'Hey, you know, I can do this.' You see a guy on TV, it's different. But when you see him in person, you see this guy is a real guy and he was just like me a few years ago sitting right in the same spot. Who knows, that could be the one thing that kind of pushes the kids to really want to be something. Gives them a reason, a motivation."

Between visits with the campers, Robinson discussed his decision to retire. He couldn't have asked for a better ending to his final season, helping the Spurs to

the NBA Championship last month, their second title in five years. But Robinson says, this would have been his last season regardless of the outcome.

"It really just kind of came as a result of prayer," he said of his decision. "Physically over the last couple years, I just felt so good. I was getting stronger and stronger. I learned how to stretch and I started doing some yoga and my body just started feeling better. So I knew I could go on and play more if I wanted to. But that's a decision you make with your wife. You sit down and talk with her and decide what's going to be best for your family. Yeah, there's a lot of money out there, but there's... more important things than money."

Like the Robinson's three sons — David Jr., Corey and Justin — ages 6 to 10. Eight months out of every year since the boys were born, he has been on the road with the Spurs and would now like to be more than a part-time dad.

Robinson is also looking forward to trying to raise more money for The Carver Academy, an independent school that he and his wife helped create in San Antonio.

"I've been very lucky to play 14 years in the NBA," he said. "Now I think God's got different things for me to do."

## Donaldson

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Take note, Boston College, which considers Notre Dame its biggest football rival. While the Eagles have gotten ND's attention with back-to-back victories, the Irish still think BC stands for Backup College, and this year's game, despite the revenge factor, ranks no higher than fifth in importance on a Notre Dame schedule that opens with Washington State and features games with Michigan, Southern Cal. and Florida State.

Truth be told, Rhode Island's biggest state rival has to be the next-smallest state in the Union — Delaware.

Delaware. You know, that whole Delaware Blue Hens versus Rhode Island Red thing. A battle of bantams, so to speak. Or, if not Delaware, then New Jersey, which is the only other state that can possibly rival Rhode Island in terms of political corruption and auto theft.

The Delaware Blue Hens were right on in listing R.I.-PC and Red Sox-Yankees as the sporting rivalries that most aroused Rhode Islanders' passions, and there certainly were no surprises among the favorite teams of local fans in each professional sport.

Except, perhaps, for the soccer hoops, who undoubtedly

were shocked that the Revolution finished behind the Patriots (30 percent), Red Sox (26), Yankees (10), Celtics (6) and Bruins (4) as overall favorite.

The fact that the Patriots were ranked ahead of the Red Sox goes to show you what winning a Super Bowl will do. If the Red Sox ever win a World Series — Hey, we can dream, can't we? — then they'd surge far ahead of the Patriots.

It was interesting to note that, unlike their customary positions in the American League standings, the Red Sox finished well ahead of the Yankees as area fans' favorite major league baseball team, 64 percent to 13. Except in Cranston and Johnston, where the percentages were reversed.

What was a bit disconcerting to anyone in the over-50 age group was that the New York Football Giants registered a mere 4 percent — the same as the Dolphins — as distant runners-up to the Patriots as "favorite NFL team."

Everyone was a Giants fan when I was a kid — as Chris Schenkel used to say "What better way to spend a Sunday afternoon?" — and the fact that a team coached by Dave Wannstedt, and featuring Ricky Williams and Jay Fielder, has as many local backers makes me feel old.

On the other hand, it was re-

assuring to see that, when asked to list their favorite NBA team, 28 percent of those polled said they didn't have one, and, when it came to the NHL, that number was 30 percent. That shows American civilization may not be as far gone as the French think. The only thing that would have been if 30 percent said they not only didn't have one, but couldn't even name one.

Naming Yankees owner George Steinbrenner as the "biggest enemy" was a no-brainer — in more ways than one — especially after the Red Sox recent visit to the Evil Empire in which George and Boston ace Pedro Martinez got into a war of words over Pete's plunking of New York stars Alfonso Soriano and Derek Jeter.

Considering that Roger Clemens was listed as Sporting Public Enemy No. 2 would seem to indicate that a preponderant percentage of the populace would not object if the Rocket wears a Yankees cap on his Hall of Fame plaque.

But Bill Parcells as No. 3? How can you not love the Big Tuna?

After all, there used to be a fishing tournament (the R.I. Tuna Derby) named after him in Galilee, and didn't most of those polled say fishing was their favorite participatory sport?



Kidd will stay with Nets for 6 years, \$99 million  
Phish guard Jason Kidd is staying with the Nets, agreeing to a six-year, \$99 million contract.  
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## Melzer advances to Hall semifinals

After a five-hour delay due to rain, Jurgen Melzer prevails over Jeff Salzenstein, and will face Bob Bryan today.

BY MIKE SZOSTAK  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

NEWPORT — When Jeff Salzenstein slipped on the damp turf on a game point at the Newport Casino yesterday, he had had enough tennis for the moment.

Never mind that he was still up a break in the second set of his quarterfinal match against eighth-seeded Jurgen Melzer in the Miller Lite Hall of Fame Tennis Championships. He wasn't going anywhere on the change-over after the fifth game on Centre Court West.

Neither was Melzer or chair umpire Jake Garner, who left his perch to test the grass himself. They had to wait for Gregory Carras to break Justin Gimelstob for a 4-1 lead in the second set of their quarterfinal on Centre Court East before ATP Tour supervisor Tom Barnes could join them for a weather consultation.

Centre Court West? Centre Court East?

It was that kind of day in the City by the Sea.

Heavy rain most of the morning resulted in a five-hour delay in the start of play. By 3 o'clock, three of the four scheduled doubles matches had been postponed. By 4, Ken Ferrebee and his grounds crew had removed the tarpaulin in the stadium, blown the grass dry and set up two courts, a rare tactic at the Casino.

They returned during the 27-minute delay for another tour with their blowers, and their efforts paid off. Despite slippery conditions and persistent wisps of fog blowing across the grounds, Salzenstein and Melzer were able to finish their match.

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## Soccer spotlight on Gillette

The CONCACAF Gold Cup tournament begins today and the U.S. team will be one of six to see action at Foxboro.

BY SHALISE MANZA YOUNG  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

An international soccer tournament begins in Foxboro today as the CONCACAF Gold Cup starts group play at Gillette Stadium, one of three sites for the 12-team tourney.

Lucky for area fans, the U.S. squad, the defending tournament champion, will be one of the six teams in Foxboro. It is part of Group C, which includes El Salvador and Martinique. Group D teams Costa Rica, Canada and Cuba, will also play at Gillette.

Group A — Mexico, Brazil and Honduras — will play its first-round games in Mexico City. Group B — Colombia, Jamaica and Guatemala — plays in Miami. The tournament quarterfinals are in Foxboro a week from today, with the semifinals set for July 23-24 in Miami and Mexico City. The championship will be played July 27 at Estadio Azteca in Mexico City.

The Gold Cup is the signature event for CONCACAF, which is not-so-short-hand for the Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association Football.

Last year, the U.S. beat Costa Rica in the final, 2-0, to capture its second Cup. The Americans

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## RIGA STATE AMATEUR



JOURNAL PHOTO/ANDREW DICKERMAN

HERDING WATER: Mike Santos, center, assistant superintendent, and groundskeepers Steve Lafazia, left, and Jeff Sprague push water toward a pump at Valley Country Club in Warwick yesterday.

## Grossguth, Soucy tied; 3 holes left

BY PAUL KENYON  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

WARWICK — Twelve hours were not enough to decide a State Amateur golf champion yesterday. Mike Soucy and Rob Grossguth will go back to Valley Country Club today to play at least three more holes to determine the title.

Grossguth and Soucy managed to get in 33 of the 36 scheduled holes in the 98th R.I. Amateur final, despite a 5½-hour rain delay. When the last shot was struck in the gathering darkness at about 8 p.m., 12 hours after the first tee ball was hit, the two were right where they began — dead even.

They are to return to the 18th tee at Valley at 8 this morning to play three holes, or however many more are needed, to end a memorable state championship.

Despite the weather, the play was surprisingly good. Both took turns on the lead. Each was on top by two holes at one time. Yet neither gave in. Both hit some of their best shots when they were behind.

And they did it all on a day when, after playing eight holes, they were forced to stop by heavy rain and wait for 5½ hours. They came back at 3:30 p.m. and managed to play 25 more holes before darkness.

The spectators seemed exhausted — about 150 of them were still with the match when it was halted — but the players took it all in stride.

"That was fun," Soucy said as he and everyone else made the long walk back to the clubhouse, many swatting away mosquitoes, who led in the dampness at dusk.

The fact that the match was nearly finished

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SWINGING IN THE RAIN: Mike Soucy isn't happy about this shot yesterday during the rain-delayed RIGA Amateur Championship. Soucy and Rob Grossguth are tied and will play the final holes today.

JOURNAL PHOTO/ANDREW DICKERMAN



## Celtics' roster crowded; Hunter confident he'll fit

BY CAROLYN THORNTON  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

WALTHAM, Mass. — When Brandon Hunter left the Sports Authority Training Center after his workout with the Boston Celtics early last month, he admits he wasn't feeling particularly optimistic.

"To be quite honest, I thought they might have said I stunk," he said, his actual choice of words unprintable here.

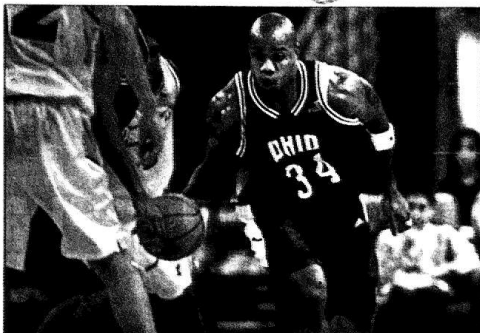
The 6-foot-7 forward from Ohio University had come straight from the NBA Pre-Draft Camp in Chicago, which concluded its meetings just before midnight, hopping on an early-morning flight and grabbing only about an hour's sleep on the plane.

"We got to the airport at like 4-some-

thing (in the morning) left at 6-something, got here at like 10 and was on the court at 11, so I was extremely tired. I mean, extremely tired," Hunter said. "My head was hurting. I was so tired I hadn't slept at all."

Apparently, whatever Hunter showed the Celtics brass that day was enough, as they chose him with their third pick, 56th overall, in last month's NBA Draft. "It was a great feeling," he said, "was saying yesterday following the morning session of the Celtics' mini-camp at HealthPoint. There's a lot of anxiety here and a lot of winning going on here and I think Boston just needs a couple more pieces to beat these teams out in the East."

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JOURNAL PHOTO/BILL MURPHY

HOPEFUL: Former Ohio University star Brandon Hunter knows the roster is pretty much filled, but says that what he does best is what the Celtics need most.

## Sox easily quiet Tigers

Bulpen shines again as Boston makes good on vow not to take Detroit lightly.

BY STEVEN KRASNER  
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

DETROIT — When the Boston Red Sox left Fenway Park on June 30, they were embarking on a four-city, 11-game trip that would end the first half of the season.

And they knew that the journey featured back-to-back stops in which victories figured to be easy to come by.

But the Sox stumbled against Tampa Bay in the first series, losing two of three to the last place Devil Rays, before going 5-2 against tougher American League East rivals New York and Toronto, including a three-game sweep of the Jays.

Last night Boston opened a three-game set in Comerica Park today at Detroit against the worst team in the majors. The Sox vowed Thursday night as they packed up for the flight to Detroit that they would not take the Tigers lightly, as they might have been guilty of doing with the Devil Rays.

They kept their word. Boston took care of business, quieting the Tigers, 5-1. The victory was the fourth in a row for the Sox who snapped Detroit's longest winning streak of the year at three.

"That was fun," said winning pitcher John Burkett, who allowed three runs on four hits in an efficient 78-pitch, seven-inning outing before Alan Embree and Byung-Hyun Kim (fourth save) mowed down the Tigers with a spotless inning apiece.

"We came in here after a good series in Toronto. I thought it was important to win the first one and stay on the roll we're on," added Burkett, who improved his record to 7-4 with the workmanlike effort.

Burkett, who had given up at least one run in the first inning of his last seven appearances, was awarded leads of 2-0 in the first and 4-0 in the second.

"You don't want them to feel that they're in the game," said Todd Walker. "You want to jump on them as quickly as you can. We didn't give them a glimmer of hope."

Walker was a big factor in the Sox getting the jump on the youthful Tigers (24-69). He had a double in each of the first two innings, driving in one run and scoring two in his first two-hit game of the trip.

Shortstop Nomar Garciaparra, who had been slumping, also contributed to Burkett's early cushion, smacking a two-run single in right-center in the second inning.

Overall, it was an efficient enough triumph, but the Red Sox didn't

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was a tribute to Valley superintendent Tim Gerzabek and his crew. It rained through the early part of the match. Shortly before 10 a.m., with play on the ninth hole and Soucy 2 up, Joe Sprague Jr., the RIGA's executive director, ordered play halted.

Much of the ninth, which is on a high point on the course, had become a lake. The hole is built on ledge, the reason the course long was called Valley Ledge-mont. Other parts of the course were even worse.

The 14th, at the low point, was all but under water by the time the rain stopped at 11:30.

"I was out there with the crew and from the pump house (in the 14th fairway) to the 14th green, I really think we would have been able to swim. There had to be two or three feet of water," said Bob Ward, the RIGA tournament director.

Gerzabek's crew had come in early, done its work and gone home. It was called back and went to making the course playable. RIGA vice president Cameron Quinn brought in pumps from his West Warwick Country Club to help. Other pumps were brought by Lou Lombardi, the superintendent at Cranston.

Sprague had told the players play would resume at 3 p.m.

"I went to my office," said Soucy, who owns a trailer park just down the street in Coventry. "I had some work to do."

"I sat around here, then went to my club (West Warwick), then went home for a while," Grossguth said.

Because other events are scheduled today at Valley, RIGA officials wanted to get the match in, or at least as much as possible. The crew reported the course would not be ready by 3, so 3:30 became the target. The course, whose condition has been praised by the players all week, was in surprisingly good shape when play resumed.

Even after already having played six rounds of golf in the previous four days, Grossguth, 40, and Soucy, 49, were sharp when play resumed.

"I think the break actually helped me," Grossguth said. "I



JOURNAL/ANDREW DICKERMAN

**BRANCHING OUT:** Finalist Rob Grossguth navigates his ball around a tree line and toward the green on the 11th hole during his match against Mike Soucy yesterday at the R.I. Golf Association Amateur Championship.

came out and birdied 9 and 10 right out of the chute." That drew the match even.

Soucy responded by winning 11 and 12 to go back 2 up. He was still 2 up after 18.

The players wanted to finish if they could. They moved quickly down fairways, at times beating many of the fans to their balls.

"Mike and I both play quick. That helped," Grossguth said. Play also zoomed along because they played well.

Soucy rolled in a 25-foot birdie putt on two (the 20th), then Grossguth matched that with a 22-footer for bird to win the 21st. Both hit terrific shots on the 159-yard 24th hole, Grossguth to two feet, Soucy to four feet. Both birdied.

Grossguth took his first lead of

### Grzebien, Caffrey qualify

Point Judith's Anna Grzebien and Wannamisset's All Caffrey are on their way to national tournaments.

Grzebien, who earlier this week won the New England Women's Amateur at Newport National, fired a 2-under-par 71 at Oak Hill Country Club in Fitchburg, Mass., to win medalist honors in regional qualifying for next month's U.S. Women's Amateur. The event will be held Aug. 4-10 at the Philadelphia Country Club in Gladwyn, Pa.

Caffrey pulled out a one-stroke victory in the girls' division, with rounds of 73-75 at Brookline, Mass., Country Club, in qualifying for the Westfield Junior PGA Championship to be held next month in Westfield, Ohio. Chris Bushnell of Newport finished in a tie for fourth in the boys' division, with rounds of 74-75. Sara Dickson of Providence was sixth in the girls' division with rounds of 79-82.

the day with a par on the 27th, where Soucy drove into trouble. Grossguth won the 28th, too, thanks to a fabulous bunker shot — he had to take a drop in the bunker because his ball came to rest in water in the bunker, then hit his explosion to 18 inches. His par won the hole as Soucy bogeyed.

By the time the players reached the tee on the 29th, it

was after 7 p.m. and more gloomy than ever. Sprague and Ward went to the players and notified them they could call a halt whenever they wanted.

"I told them if they did not feel comfortable seeing the line, either of them could call a stop," Sprague said. The players kept going.

Soucy was happy he went on. He chipped in from 45 feet for bird to win the 29th and get

## Sheehan, Quigley one shot off lead

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Rhode Islanders Brett Quigley and Patrick Sheehan are within a shot of the lead after yesterday's rainy second round of the Greater Milwaukee Open.

Jay Don Blake holds the lead after going off in the morning and shooting a 68 that gave him a two-round total of 132, 8-under. Sheehan carded a 65 yesterday and Quigley shot 67. They've even with Jerry Kelly, who shot a 3-under 67 and also stands at 133.

Blake was one of only 43 golfers among the field of 131 who had finished their rounds when a downpour struck. The 1-hour, 38-minute delay was the GMO's first rain delay in 16 years.

Kelly's day was tougher than most. He had to use a replacement putter for his final 10 holes yesterday, but shot a 3-under 67 on a rainy, windy day.

Seven golfers — including 2001 winner Shigeki Maruyama — were at 135.

The rain delay proved hectic for Kelly, who grabbed his putter nine minutes before the restart and watched in shock as the head spun off.

"I don't know what happened," he said. "I'm walking to the practice greens getting ready to practice and the next thing I know the thing is turning in my hands."

Rather than risk the epoxy not drying in time, Kelly sprinted to his truck in the parking lot and grabbed a spare, which he accidentally left in his truck after the Western Open last week.

### Seniors

In blustery conditions more apt for a British Open, Tom Watson

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shot an 8-under 64, one off the course record; to grab the second-round lead of the Senior Players Championship. Watson missed a 3-footer for birdie on 18 that would have tied the record at the Jack Nicklaus-designed course in Dearborn, Mich.

### Scottish Open

Ernie Els shot a 4-under-par 67 yesterday that extended his lead to four strokes after two rounds of the Scottish Open.

Els, who will defend his British Open title next week at Royal St. George's, played through a persistent rain and moved to 11-under 131. Welshman Phillip Price and Australia's Terry Price each shot a second-round 68 and were tied for second at 7-under.

### LPGA

Beth Daniel birdied her final hole Friday to cap a 3-under 69 and took a one-shot lead over Janice Moodie after two rounds of the Canadian Women's Open in Vancouver. Only 18 players were under par in the second round on the tight, tree-lined layout.

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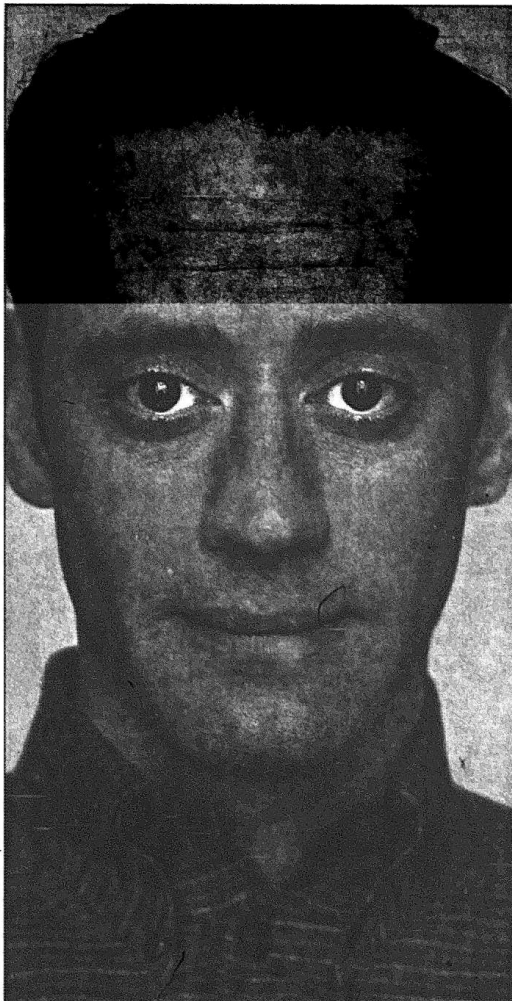
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# Soucy wins 3rd title, edging Grossguth on the 37th hole

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**WARWICK** — Mike Soucy moved up another notch in the annals of Rhode Island golf greatness yesterday, and he did it by winning a memorable State Amateur final.

Soucy captured his third championship, all in the last five years, by outlasting West Warwick's Rob Grossguth, 1 up in 37 holes, in a match that extended over two days at Valley Country Club. Soucy, a member of both Valley and Metacomet, won with a par on the first extra hole.

That came after a dramatic 36th hole where Soucy chipped in from 22 feet to save par, to the roars of the several hundred fans who were up early to take in the final holes of a match that had been delayed by Friday's rain.

The roars had barely died when Grossguth brought on even louder cheers by rolling in an 18-foot uphill putt, sending the contest to extra holes.

"That," said Joe Sprague Jr., the executive director of the Rhode Island Golf Association, "was as exciting a golf match as any I've seen in my 13 years with the RIGA."

It made for a terrific end to the RIGA's 98th Amateur. The match itself was outstanding. The fact that Soucy won it made it that much more memorable.

When Soucy won his second title two years ago, he was 47, the oldest player in the last half century to win the Amateur. Thus, he raised that bar with title No. 3 by two years.

"When I won the second, that was pretty special. There are not many people that have repeated," Soucy said. "To have your name there three times, that's an even more elite group, so this one really is special."

George Pine, Joey Iacofano, Leo Marcotte and Brad Faxon are some of those who have two titles. Soucy moves past them and joins only two others who have won three times since the 1980s, Marc St. Martin and Paul Quigley.

There has been one similarity in Soucy's three victories.

"I never do anything easy," he said. "I can't find an easy way."

He and Grossguth were never more than two holes apart, as they played 33 holes over a 12-hour period Friday, sandwiched around a 5½-hour rain delay. They were even after 33 holes when darkness forced a halt.

Both parred the 34th when play resumed, then both bogeyed the 35th, the par-3 17th, keeping the match all square going to the 36th tee. On the 548-yard, par-5, both drove right into the trees. Both were in trouble all the way down the fairway.

After four shots, Grossguth was on the green, 18 feet below the hole. Soucy was on the left fringe, about 22 feet above the hole, so he had to go first. He had enough fringe to traverse that it called for a chip rather than a putt, which was fine with him.

"A lot of people say maybe you should putt it, but I feel with a chip that I can make it, I have confidence I can do it," Soucy said. One of the turning points in the match Friday had been at the 29th. Soucy had just lost three of four holes and gone from 1 up to 2 down. On the 29th, he used his 52-degree wedge to chip in for bird from 45 feet and win the hole.

For the chip on the 36th, he decided to go with his 58-degree wedge. He at first told his caddy, John Keenan (JK), to leave the pin in.

"I didn't have a lot of green to work with, but it was kind of straight and it was short. I felt good over it," Soucy said. "I said to JK, 'No, take it out.'" The chip was perfect, rolling in like a putt.

Suddenly, Grossguth, 40, no longer had a putt to win. He needed his 18-footer to stay alive. Grossguth, a state prison guard playing in his first final, was not shocked when Soucy's chip went in.

"I kind of knew he was going to do it. He did it to me on the back 18 on 11 yesterday," Grossguth said. "When it went in I knew I had to make it. I just concentrated and made a good putt."

Grossguth's putt looks like a relief, and it is. It's about 50 years old. He's not sure exactly how old the flat-faced Spaulding models.

"I thought it from Amby Ma-

giern (a fellow West Warwick member) in 1985 for \$5," Grossguth said. "It was old then. I don't care what it looks like, it works."

The putter served Grossguth well all week. Previously known as one of the longest hitters in the state, it was his excellent play around the greens that had helped lift Grossguth to his first final. The trusty old putter came through one more time with the

putt on the 36th.

"It went right in the middle. It was great," Grossguth said. "It sent a huge roar up from the many West Warwick fans who had come to watch him. Grossguth admitted the scene got to him a bit.

"When he made his chip, I almost started crying. It was that kind of match. I high-fived him after his chip went in and I saw

he was choking up, too," said Grossguth, holding his 3½-year-old daughter, Jenna, after the match. "I'm thinking this is great. Then, after, when he said 'I'm going, OK, my God, somebody's got to win.'"

Soucy was not shocked by what Grossguth did, either.


"After I chipped in, I stood over there and said to myself, 'Get ready to go extra holes.' You

always expect your opponent to make it. Never take it for granted," he said.

The two high-fived again and went to the 37th. After Soucy drove down the middle on the par-4, Grossguth hit his three-wood into the trees left.

"I got a little excited after my putt went in. I ran to the tee," he said. "I just pulled my three-wood."

He punched out 10 yards short of the green. His chip hit an up-slope on the fringe, falling a quarter than he wanted and leaving him 10 feet short. When he missed his par putt, while Soucy was making routine par one of the more memorable titles matches in recent history was finished. And the state had a new three-time champion.



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