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the LINEUP

ARMSTRONG PUTS HURT ON MAIN FOCUS



Lance Armstrong, above, sets a torrid pace in leading the pack on the ascent to Courchevel in yesterday's 10th stage of the Tour de France. The American regained the overall lead and disheartened his rivals, who couldn't match his pace in the first punishing Alpine stage. **Page C4**

REPEAT COULD BE IN THE CARDS

Greg Raymer, a patent attorney from Stonington, Conn., is making a strong bid to beat the odds and repeat as champion at the World Series of Poker. **Page C4**

ANNA GRZEBIEN BACK IN THE SWING

A month-long layoff is just what the doctor ordered to clear up the tendinitis in Anna Grzebien's left wrist. The Narragansett native, who won the NCAA Women's Golf Championship and led Duke to the team title, looks forward to getting back into action at the U.S. Women's Amateur in Roswell, Ga. **Page C4**

WIE BOUNCES BACK IN MEN'S PUBLIX

A day after shooting a 6-over 76, Michelle Wie rebounds with a 2-over 72 yesterday in the final round of stroke play at the men's U.S. Amateur Public Links tournament to secure a spot in the match play portion of the championship. **Page C4**

TOP THREE SEEDS ADVANCE AT OSWGA

Top seeds Ally Catlett, Valerie Blinn and Jennifer Headrick advance in the opening round of match play in the Ocean State Women's Golf Association State Amateur Championship at Newport National. **Page C5**

GOLDEN BEAR WON'T GO QUIETLY



Jack Nicklaus, above, displays a replica of a five-pound note to be issued in his honor tomorrow to coincide with the beginning of the British Open. Making what he says is his final appearance in a major championship, Nicklaus is trying to block out the distractions of being honored so he can focus on golf. **Page C5**

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2005 ALL-STAR GAME

The American way

A.L. topples N.L. for 8th straight year

BY RONALD BLUM

DETROIT — Old stars, young studs, it doesn't make a difference. When it comes to All-Star games these days, the American League always wins.

Miguel Tejada, Mark Teixeira and their A.L. teammates gave the same old result to a new-look All-Star Game.

Tejada, the game's MVP, homered off John Smoltz to start the scoring. Teixeira added a two-run drive off Dontrelle Willis and the A.L. overcame Kenny Rogers' bumpy inning to beat the National League last night, 7-5, for its eighth straight win.

Tejada got us off to a great start and we

were able to just go with it from there," said A.L. catcher Jason Varitek, one of four players from the World Series champion Boston Red Sox in the starting lineup.

Mark Buehrle got the victory, striking out three during two scoreless innings for an A.L. staff that mostly made Comerica Park live up to its reputation as a pitcher's park in an era of hitters' heavens. The A.L. had a shutout going into the seventh, when Rogers gave up a two-run homer to Andruw Jones, prompting more boos for the Texas lefty, playing while appealing a 20-game suspension.

A.L. manager Terry Francona, who led the Red Sox to their first title since 1918, had an odd turn in the ninth inning. He

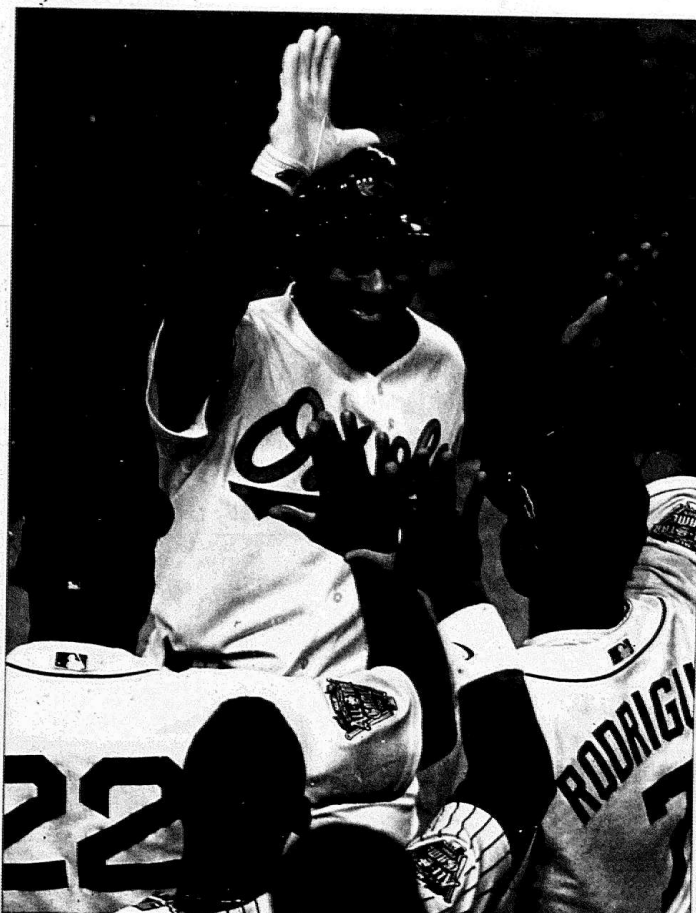
HOW THE RED SOX FARED

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Johnny Damon	2	1	1	0	0	0
David Ortiz	3	0	2	1	0	0
Manny Ramirez	2	0	0	0	0	1
Jason Varitek	1	1	1	0	1	0
	ip	h	r	er	bb	k
Matt Clement	1	0	0	0	1	1

got to bring in Mariano Rivera of the New York Yankees, who ended the game by striking out Morgan Ensberg for his second All-Star save.

"I heard Johnny Damon say something like, 'Come on Mo,'" Francona said.

SEE ALL-STAR, C2



All-Star Game MVP Miguel Tejada is welcomed at home plate by the Tigers' Ivan Rodriguez and Red Sox hitting coach Ron Jackson (22) after the Orioles star homered to put the American League up, 1-0, in the second inning.

AP PHOTO / MORRIS GASH

Tie with Costa Rica goes to the U.S.

The United States wins Group B based on its plus-5 goal differential and now moves to Saturday's quarterfinals.

BY SHALISE MANZA YOUNG

FOXBORO — Their advancement already assured, the United States played to a scoreless tie with Costa Rica in a Group B CONCACAF Gold Cup match last night at Gillette Stadium.

Played in front of a pro-Tico crowd (the

nickname given to the Costa Rican players) of 15,211, it was the first time in 18 Gold Cup group-play games that the United States did not win outright.

But both teams came into the last night's opening-round match with 2-0 records, and with Canada and Cuba both 0-2, Costa Rica and the United States were already assured of berths in Saturday's quarterfinal round.

In the second game, all the scoring came in the second half with Canada defeating Cuba, 2-1. Ali Gerba opened the

scoring for Canada, and Atiba Hutchinson netted the game-winning goal in the 87th minute.

The United States won Group B by virtue of its plus-5 goal differential; Costa Rica's was plus-3. "Both teams played well," American coach Bruce Arena said. "There were not a lot of chances, but the pace of the game was pretty good. It was a pretty good effort considering the fact that both teams could have just sat back and relaxed tonight and

SEE GOLD CUP, C2

R.I. AMATEUR GOLF

Drohen is on a roll early

John Drohen, not known for his putting, is one of a handful of players who can cope with Kirkbrae's fast, sloping greens.

BY PAUL KENYON

JR. RSM. STAFF WRITER

LINCOLN — The celebrating at the centennial Rhode Island Golf Association Amateur Championship was put off yesterday. It was replaced instead by a struggle for survival by the 119 contestants.

Rather than remembering the good times, as part of the 100th state championship, the focus as qualifying began shifted to the sloping and extremely difficult greens at Kirkbrae Country Club.

One player after another came in with horror stories about trying to putt on what might be the most difficult greens in the state. The result made for an odd-looking scoreboard. There were precious few low

SEE AMATEUR, C5

LEADERBOARD

John Drohen	35 - 34 - 69
Jason Pannone	33 - 38 - 71
Conor McMahon	35 - 36 - 71
Jim Colucci	36 - 36 - 72
Charlie Blanchard	38 - 36 - 74
Billy Forcier	36 - 38 - 74
Mike Prendergast	34 - 40 - 74
George Donnell	37 - 37 - 74
Eugene Di Sarro	38 - 36 - 74
David Marino	34 - 41 - 75
Paul Quigley	39 - 36 - 75
Brad Valois	37 - 38 - 75
Dan Blessing	37 - 38 - 75
Chad Spencer	35 - 40 - 75

For Quigleys, streak takes a back seat

LINCOLN — Move over, Fluff Cowan. Step aside, Steve Williams. There's a new celebrity caddy stealing the spotlight.

Although that most certainly was not Dana Quigley's intention when he offered to loop for his son, Devon, in the Rhode Island State Amateur being contested this week at Kirkbrae Country Club.

"This is Devon's show. This is his moment. This is not what I wanted," Dana said, after television cameras trailed him and his son throughout yesterday's opening round.

"When he hit a chip shot on the first hole," said Dana, "there was a

SEE DONALDSON, C5



JOURNAL PHOTO / ANDREW DICKERMAN

Dana Quigley, above, caddied for his son, Devon, yesterday, then pattered around at Burton Hole.

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NHL TO RETURN

Tentative deal struck

The six-year agreement still needs to be ratified, but there is at last hope that the NHL will be back on the ice this fall.

BY IRA PODELL

NEW YORK — Open the arenas, break out the skates and fire up the Zamboni. The NHL is back.

After losing an entire season to a lockout, players and owners ended an all-night bargaining session yesterday by reaching their goal: a tentative deal expected to include a salary cap that virtually ensures hockey will return this fall.

The six-year pact still needs to be ratified by both sides. The players' association has scheduled a members meeting in Toronto next week, while the NHL board of governors plans to gather next Thursday in New York for a vote.

NHL 3

THE NEW DEAL

Highlights of the new contract agreed upon yesterday by the NHL and its players.

- Six-year deal
- Teams required to spend at least \$21 million, but no more than \$39 million, on player salaries.
- Players guaranteed to receive 54 percent of league's revenue.

SOURCE: TSN (Canadian television)

Bruins relieved to have goals back in sight

The likely end to the lockout gives players motivation as they begin offseason workouts.

BY JOE McDONALD

JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

PROVIDENCE — That noise you heard late yesterday morning was the sound of hockey bags all over the globe being unzipped as professional players prepare for the lengthy NHL lockout to come to an end.

For some, it means preparing for work for the first time in more than a year, while others will finally have the chance to realize their NHL dreams as the owners and the players' association reached a tentative deal yesterday.

The new collective bargaining agreement

BRUINS 3



AP PHOTO: RYAN HEMORZ

Bruins goalie Andrew Raycroft, making a save against the Canadiens in the Eastern Conference quarterfinals in 2004, is eager to ratify the tentative deal between the NHL owners and the players' association.

LINEUP

NATS DO IT WITH PITCHING



The second half of the baseball season gets under way tonight, and the unlikely leader in the National League East is the Washington Nationals. Led by manager Frank Robinson, above, the Nats have scored the fewest runs in the league, but have used solid starting pitching and a lights-out closer (Chad Cordero) to post a 52-36 record. **Page D7**

ST. RAPHAEL STAR IMPRESSES AT CAMP

St. Andrew's star Rakin Sanders opened some eyes at the noted Reebok ABCD Camp in New Jersey, so much so that the shooting guard is now considered among the top juniors in the country. **Page D4**

QUESTIONS ABOUND ABOUT EARNHARDT

A miserable year on the track turned around a bit for Dale Earnhardt Jr. this past Sunday with a victory at Chicagoland Speedway, but questions still surround the controversial driver and his ill-advised swap of cars and crewmen. **Page D4**

GOLF HALL HONORS LONGTIME CLUB PRO STAN BALUIK

Hockey was his first love, but Stan Baluik really made his mark on the golf course. Last night Baluik was among those inducted into the Rhode Island Golf Hall of Fame in ceremonies at Kirkbrae Country Club in Lincoln. **Jim Donaldson column, Page D5**

SUN GOES DOWN IN INDIANA



The Connecticut Sun entered yesterday's game against Indiana with the best record in the WNBA, but that didn't impress the Fever, which posted a 64-53 victory. Above, the Sun's Myasaka Salas moves past Indiana's Tanisha Catlings. **Page D4**

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R.I. AMATEUR GOLF

The state's best take command as match play begins

John Drohen is at the vanguard of the new stars, while George Pirie, Charlie Blanchard and Paul Quigley show the veterans can hold their own, too.

BY PAUL KENYON

JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

LINCOLN — The list reads like an honor roll of today's best amateur golfers in Rhode Island.

John Drohen, the reigning Mid-Amateur champion, Jason Pannone, the current Stroke Play titlist, Brad Valois, the winner of the last three state Junior Championships, George Pirie, the defending Amateur champ, along with former Amateur winners Charlie Blanchard and Paul Quigley.

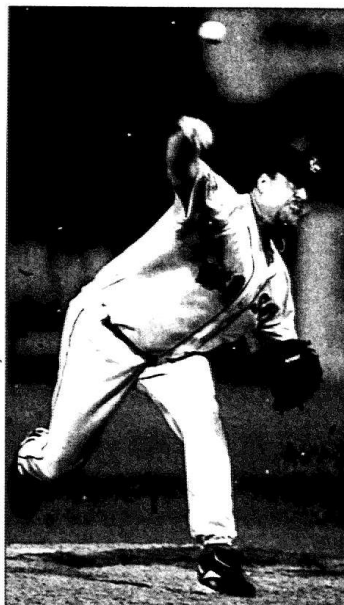
All are, back again, making a run at still another R.I. Golf Association Championship, the Centennial Amateur. The cream not only rose to the top, it filled most of the match-play draw yesterday at Kirkbrae in the second and final round of qualifying for the 100th Amateur. Players who have dominated the state golf scene in recent years did it again. In a week that began with a focus on the past — with all former champions invited to compete and take part in the RIGA Hall of Fame dinner last night — today's stars hogged the spotlight on the course.

Drohen led the way, maintaining his first-round lead by

SEE AMATEUR, D5

LEADERBOARD

John Drohen	69 - 71 - 140
Jason Pannone	71 - 71 - 142
Conor McMahon	71 - 75 - 146
Devon Quigley	76 - 70 - 146
Brad Valois	75 - 71 - 146
Greg Sampson	76 - 71 - 147
Jim Colucci	72 - 75 - 147
Billy Forcier	74 - 73 - 147
David Marino	75 - 73 - 148
Drew Harter	76 - 72 - 148
Mike Prendergast	74 - 75 - 149
Eugene Di Sarro	74 - 75 - 149



JOURNAL PHOTO: RUBEN A. PEREZ

Though they're in first now, the Red Sox won't stay there if Curt Schilling, above, can't fill the closer's role until Keith Foulke's expected return from knee surgery in September.

RED SOX

Where do they go from here?

Boston is in first place at the break for the first time since 1995, but it will be hard-pressed to stay there.

BY SEAN McADAM

LOCAL SPORTS WRITER

As usual, the first half of the 2005 season left us with more questions than answers. Just past the halfway point, the Red Sox cling to a rather precarious two-game lead in the American League East.

It's their best standing at the All-Star break since 1995, when, coincidentally or not, they last won the division. If the Sox are to break the Yankees' stranglehold on the A.L. East title, there are questions that have to be answered.

Here are six of them.

1. How will Curt Schilling do as the team's closer?

Really, all other questions pale in comparison to this one. If Schilling can't make the adjustment to bullpen savior, all other issues might be mute.

The Red Sox are in first place in spite — not because — of their bullpen's work in the first half. If Schilling can't stabilize the late innings, the Sox not only won't

TONIGHT

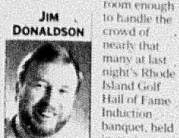
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Baluik has always been a pro's pro

LINCOLN — It was five years ago that Kirkbrae Country Club decided to expand its banquet facility to accommodate gatherings of as many as 500.

Good thing they did, otherwise there wouldn't have been room enough to handle the crowd of nearly 200 people at last night's Inside Island Golf Hall of Fame induction banquet, held in conjunction with the 100th State Amateur Championship tournament taking place this week on Kirkbrae's somewhat quirkily designed, but immaculately conditioned, course.



Part of the reason for the large turnout was that one of Kirkbrae's own, longtime pro Stan Baluik, was among the Hall of Fame inductees, along with Nancy Chaffee, Norman Lutz, and Betty Jean Hurling.

The Rookie of the Year in the American Hockey League in 1960 as a point-producing forward for the Providence Reds, Baluik now is in his 42nd summer at Kirkbrae.

The old auditorium on North Main Street, where he played for five seasons, is long gone, but Baluik is still going strong.

Amateur

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recording a steady, even par 71 for a 36-hole round of 2-under 140. The Alpine standout, who has rapidly earned himself a spot among the state's elite since moving here from Massachusetts a half-dozen years ago, did not try to do anything special.

"I played smart," he said. "I didn't play overly aggressive. I made sure I didn't miss a green. I got it back in the right position."

As with everyone else, Drohen was just trying to be among the top 32 and earn a berth in match play. Unlike almost everyone else, he never needed to worry.

"I only made two bad swings the whole tournament, here on 17 and 18," he said of his last two holes. He still managed to get up and down on 17 to save par. Drohen, who hits the ball as well as anyone in the tournament, is feeling better about his putting since retrieving an old putter he thought he had lost.

"I'm finally feeling comfortable again over the flat stick," he said.

The only player to stay within six strokes of him is Pannone, the Stroke Play champ and URI star. Pannone had a virtual repeat of his first round when he put together a second straight 71 for 142.

"I was 2-under, again, for my first nine, just like the first round, and 2-over again on the back," he said.

Three rising young stars, all in or about to begin college, tied for third at 146 — Devon Quigley, Connor McMahon and Brad Valois. Quigley might have been the happiest person at Kirkbrae yesterday. He tied for low score of the day (with Seth Garthne) with

having years ago become an institution, not just at Kirkbrae, but also among PGA members in Rhode Island, and throughout New England — as evidenced by the fact he was honored as New England PGA Professional of the Year in 2004.

"Stan's a legend," said Norm Albright, the club pro at Agawam Hunt. "He's a good athlete who did his job because he loved the game and loved people. Talk with anybody who's spent time with Stan — he's a big teddy bear."

So it was only fitting that the celebration last night was in Baluik's clubhouse, at his course, with so many of his people in attendance.

"I love to be with people," he said. "I've always tried to treat people the way I'd like to be treated."

"I have to be careful now, though," he added with a chuckle. "Some of the kids of old members are members here now, and some of them are on the board. They may remember how I used to kick them off the putting green."

The truth is that Baluik, always has been ready to help anyone, young or old, with their golf game. He finds the golf swing, in all its infinite variations, truly fascinating.

There are a lot of ways to swing a golf club, he said. "Jim Furyk's dad is a teaching pro."

Some of the guys I know used to laugh at him and say, 'How could you teach your son to swing like that?' But he'd smile and say, 'Every time he swings, the ball goes straight.'"

Baluik developed his swing, in part, through playing hockey. "It's almost like a slap shot," he said. "You have to transfer your weight properly. If you fall back, you get no power."

Baluik didn't play a power game, neither on the ice, nor on the course. He was more of a skill player in both sports — a playmaker in hockey, a shot maker in golf.

"I was decent off the tee," he said, "and my irons were pretty good, but it was my chipping and putting that really saved me. A lot of people don't like to practice chipping and putting, because it's work. They'd rather go to the range and watch the ball fly. But I always practiced my chipping and putting."

That practice paid off in victories in the Vermont Open in 1965 and the R.I. Open in 1971. Hockey was Baluik's first love growing up in Thunder Bay, Ontario, but he also enjoyed spending his summers caddyding and playing golf.

"You got 50 cents a round in those days," he recalled, "and if you lost a ball, they deducted 10 cents. I made sure I never lost sight of a ball."

His sons, Daren and David,

grew up around the golf course and also became club pros.

Daren works as his dad's assistant at Kirkbrae, and David is the head pro at Gloucester.

The Baluik boys aren't the only ones Stan has influenced to make golf their life's work. There are at least 10 club pros who learned the business under Baluik, including Eddie Kirby (Alpine), Rob Baxter (Crestwood), and Chris Hulme (Whitinsville). In addition, Mark "Ziggy" Zyons, a veteran PGA Tour caddy who has looped for Billy Andrade since 1997, got his start at Kirkbrae.

"Stan's the best," said Chris Bohac, who has worked for Baluik at Kirkbrae for more than 20 years. "I don't know of anyone who has anything but good to say about him."

Baluik, who played a total of eight games in the NHL, for the Boston Bruins, had spent his off-seasons working at a nine-hole course in Ontario.

"There was a board member at Kirkbrae who was a big hockey fan," he said. "When he found out I was a golf pro, he asked if I'd consider becoming the pro at Kirkbrae. I thought about it, and decided to take the job. I figured if it didn't work out, I could always go back to playing hockey."

It couldn't have worked out any better.

YESTERDAY'S R.I. AMATEUR RESULTS

77-81 — 158: Peter McBride, 80-78 — 158: Seth Hingley, 81-78 — 158: Seth Garthne, 88-70 — 158: Jeff Kufas, 77-81 — 158: Mike DiPietro, 80-79 — 159: Thomas Kellogg, 83 — 159: Herman Dames, 79-80 — 159.

Chris Nicynski, 80-80 — 160: Stephen Royer, 82-78 — 160: Patrick O'Neill, 81-79 — 160: Chris Buynell, 79-81 — 160: Shawn Tingley, 78-84 — 160: Andrew Resmini, 77-83 — 160: Fred Schick, 83-77 — 160: Steven Hoels, 80-80 — 160: Dave Patrick, 78-83 — 161: Dan Pilkington, 82-79 — 161: Larry Devos, 78-83 — 161: Mark Mazur, 81-80 — 161: Mike Carroll, 82-79 — 161.

Charlie Hayes, 79-83 — 162: Walter Hunter, 85-77 — 162: Charlie Randall, 82-80 — 162: Matt Schimmel, 80-82 — 162: Tobey Lombard, 82-80 — 162: Mark Batista, 83-79 — 162: Herb Stevens, 79-84 — 163: Nicholas Mancini, 84-79 — 163: Graham Walker, 84-79 — 163: Mike Soucy, 80-81 — 163: Marc St. Martin, 81-81 — 163: Nick Goo, 80-84 — 164: Pat Monti, 82-82 — 164: Andrew Galvin, 83-81 — 164.

Rob Aldrich, 86-79 — 165: Chris O'Rourke, 82-83 — 165: Robert Sladen, 85-81 — 166: Bob Bole, 82-84 — 166: Daniel Powers, 88-78 — 166: Rick Bernard, 81-85 — 166: Dan Cronan, 82-85 — 167: Chuck Sullivan, 84-83 — 167: Bruce Werten, 83-84 — 167: David Samache, 84-83 — 167: Ben Cott, 82-87 — 168: Gary Delude, 80-88 — 168: Patrick Hayes III, 84-85 — 169: Robert Saville, 85-83 — 169: David Mellet, 88-83 — 171: Paul Petracca, 86-85 — 171: Zyon, 86-87 — 173: Robert Kornick, 90-84 — 174: Matthew Viana, 88-86 — 174: Peter O'Hair, 87-88 — 175: Kevin Quinn, 90-86 — 176: Scott Teller, 91-88 — 179: Leo Marcotte, 83-90.

TODAY'S MATCHES

7:30 a.m. — Drohen vs. Stallman; 7:38 — Aucilar vs. Calzone; 7:46 — Forcier vs. Goryl; 7:54 — Marino vs. Conley; 8:02 — O. Quigley vs. Auger; 8:10 — Spencer vs. Bled; 8:18 — Valois vs. Wojtowicz; 8:26 — Donnell vs. Conz; 8:34 — Pannone vs. P. Quigley; 8:42 — Pacheco vs. Blanchard; 8:50 — Colucci vs. McCormick; 8:58 — Harner vs. Smith; 9:06 — McMahon vs. Lukowicz; 9:14 — DiSarno vs. P. Campbell; 9:22 — Sampson vs. McCormick; 9:30 — Prendergast vs. Grossguth.

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1-a under 70 to get to 146.

"First time I've ever had a round without a bogey," a beaming Quigley said.

With his father, Dana, the leading money winner on the Championships Tour caddyding for him for the second day in a row, Devon birdied the first hole then ran for his 146. Valois, who made a clutch 6-footer, which was important only to him, on the final

hole to complete the bogey-free day. He was asked if his caddy helped.

"Yeah, he helped a little bit," he said with a big smile as he looked over at his father.

McMahon, who is from Green Valley and just finished his first year at Eckerd College, had a 75 for his 146. Valois, a Toll Gate player who will join Johnson & Wales' Miami-based team in the

advance and play well, but I want everyone else to play well, too, to make it competitive."

"Close matches make it a lot more fun," Hendrick said.

Caffrey received a stiff test from Clarey. On the front nine, Clarey won holes two, five, and seven, but Caffrey won holes 1, 3, 4, 6 and 8 to take a two-stroke lead at the turn.

"If I didn't have that cushioning that I had on the front nine, I probably wouldn't have won," Caffrey said.

That's because Caffrey ran into a bit of trouble on the par-4 10th, where she said she lost her concentration after being distracted by ground keepers.

"From then on I didn't feel comfortable," Caffrey said. "I was getting it off enough, but I just couldn't make the putts. I want 1 finishing. You kind of lose your touch with pure putting and [Clarey] kept firing in."

The two halved the 10th, but Clarey won the 11th to cut Caffrey's lead to one stroke.

The 19-year-old phenom rebounded on the 12th, winning the hole with a short putt. Though Caffrey won the 13th, Caffrey did not let her win another hole.

"I just grounded it out," Caffrey said. Hunt actually shot a lower round than Reilly, 77-78, but Reilly won the holes when she needed to.



Figer Woods plays from a bunker on the 17th hole yesterday during a practice round for the British Open. During his 2000 victory, Woods did the unimaginable by never hitting one of the 112 bunkers over four days at St. Andrews.

Greatest pitfalls at St. Andrews linked to bunkers

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — The names Tiger Woods must master at this British Open are not the usual suspects he faces at other major championships, like Vijay Singh or Phil Mickelson or Ernie Els.

It's Sutherland — not Kevin or David, but the tiny pot bunker that looms large on the fourth fairway at St. Andrews.

There is Cartegate and Coffins, Car's Trap and Lion's Mouth, Kruger and Mrs. Kruger.

And, of course, there's Hell.

The strongest line of defense at any British Open is the wind that whips across links courses, and the usual suspects he faces at other major championships, like Vijay Singh or Phil Mickelson or Ernie Els.

"This figure is not a mistake about the Old Course. It's all about avoiding the brutal bunkers, 112 of them in all, some of which can't be seen until a player gets to the green and looks behind him."

Woods won five years ago at St. Andrews by failing to hit into a single bunker over four days, which helps explain why he set a major championship record at 13-under 269 and finished eight shots ahead of anyone else.

"That's how golf is meant to be played," Woods said. "You have to think about your placement. ... If you don't, there's a chance that you can get some pretty bad spots out here."

Woods will try to avoid them again when the 134th British Open begins today at St. Andrews.

This figure is not a mistake about the Old Course — it's all about avoiding the brutal bunkers, 112 of them in all, some of which can't be seen until a player gets to the green and looks behind him."

As much as he has played the Old Course — this is his eighth Open at St. Andrews — he sounds as though he has developed a close and personal relationship with its bunkers.

"I don't know all the bunkers, obviously, but I know a fair number of them," Nicklaus said. "I guess not many courses have names, but I go through the golf course and I name 15 or 20 bunkers, however they pop out of my head. I would never think of that in any other place."

The bunkers can be so treacherous that Nicklaus and Gary Player, who had nearly a century of major championship golf between them, asked a rules of-

AT A GLANCE

■ **EVENT:** 134th British Open championship.
■ **DATES:** Today through Sunday.
■ **SITE:** The Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland.
■ **LENGTH:** 7,279 yards.
■ **PAR:** 72.
■ **FORMAT:** 72 holes, stroke play.
■ **PLAYOFF (if necessary):** 90 holes, stroke play.
■ **PURSE:** 4 million pounds (\$1 million).

■ **WINNER'S SHARE:** 720,000 pounds (\$1.1 million).
■ **DEFENDING CHAMPION:** Tom Hamilton.

■ **LAST TIME FOR JACK:** Jack Nicklaus is playing in his 164th and final major championship.

■ **NOTEWORTHY:** Woods won his other three majors where Nicklaus played for the last time.

■ **QUOTEWORTHY:** "I'm here as a competitor. And we'll find out whether that competitor can play through Sunday and try to do the best he can."

— Jack Nicklaus

■ **TELEVISION (all times EDT):** Today, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., TNT Sports.

It was in 1955 when he hit his second shot on the par-5 14 into Hell Bunker, a massive sand box with 6-foot walls that feel like a crudely made prison, which might be how it got its name. Nicklaus took four shots to get out of it.

The most infamous incident took place at the most famous bunker on the Old Course — Hell Bunker that fronts the 17th green. Tommy Nakajima was in contention in the 78 British Open and seemingly safe on the green when his first putt was struck too hard and went into the bunker, took him four shots to get out and he fell out of the hunt.

Asked if the lost concentration Nakajima replied, "No, I lost control."

TODAY'S TEE TIMES

1:30 a.m. — Simon Dyson, Rory Sabbatini, Mark Calcavecchia; 1:41 a.m. — Joe Durant, Marcus Fraser, Sandy Lyle; 1:52 a.m. — Rich Beem, Peter Baker, Lloyd Saltmarsh; 2:03 a.m. — Jerry Kelly, Craig Parry, a-Brian McIlhenny; 2:14 a.m. — Retief Goosen, Todd Hamilton, Lee Westwood; 2:25 a.m. — Shaun Michael, Andrew Oldcorn, Peter Hanson; 2:36 a.m. — Kieren Perry, Tim Clark, Brian Davis; 2:47 a.m. — Jack Nicklaus, Tom Watson, Luke Donald; 2:58 a.m. — Stewart Cink, Thomas Levet, Peter Lonard; 3:09 a.m. — Bert Bryner, Soren Hansen, Alastair Forsyth; 3:20 a.m. — Tiger Woods, Jose Maria Olazabal, Robert Alclaire; 3:31 a.m. — Charles Howell III, Stephen Ames, Stephen Dodd; 3:42 a.m. — Bob Tway, Scott Drummond, Chad Schwartz; 3:58 a.m. — Tom Tangich, Tom Lehman, Paul McCrory; 4:20 a.m. — Justin Leonard, Mark Hensley, McDowell; 4:31 a.m. — Tadhg Kelly, Fred Couples, Myung Ju Cho; 4:42 a.m. — Steve Flesch, Joshua Hoggman, Hironaka Fujita; 4:53 a.m. — John Daly, Miguel Angel Jimenez, Stuart Appleby; 5:04 a.m. — Tom Pernice, Thongchai Jaidee, Jean Van de Velde; 5:05 a.m. — Kenneth Ferrie, David Frost, Brad Faxon; 5:06 a.m. — Pat Perez, Graeme Storm, Peter Fowler; 5:07 a.m. — Daniel Chopra, Bo Van Put, a-Robert Shogren; 5:08 a.m. — Richard Barkes, Sean McDermott, Lambert Lauer; 5:09 a.m. — Scott Gutschewski, Thammamon Sornl, John Hsieh; 5:10 a.m. — Robert Coles, a-Edoardo Molinari, Nicholas Pinnegar; 5:21 a.m. — Martin Doyle, Jason Alford, Andrew Marshall; 5:22 a.m. —

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Top seeds Caffrey, Blinn, Hendrick survive scares

BY ROBERT LEE

NEWPORT — There were no upsets in the quarterfinal round of the five-day Ocean State Women's Golf State Amateur Championships yesterday at Newport National, but all the underdogs gave the favorites a run for their money.

Top-seeded Ally Caffrey (Wannamissett), the Colonial Athletic Association Rookie of the Year, edged eighth-seeded Carol Clarey (Segre-gansett), 2 and 1, and Crestwood's Valerie Blinn, the defending OSWGA champion and No. 2 seed, overcame a three-stroke deficit to beat seventh-seeded Marissa Vite (Triggy), 3 and 2.

Jennifer Hendrick (Exeter), seeded third, survived Crestwood's Kay Bullock, 3 and 2. Fourth-seeded Kibbe Reilly (Agawam Hunt), who trailed most of the round, came on late to defeat upset specialist Roberta Hunt (Wannamissett), the 12th seed, 1-up.

The close battles are what it's all about, Blinn said.

"Everybody is always supporting everyone else and always cheer one another on because we want to see everybody do well," Blinn said. "I'm out here to compete and

advance and play well, but I want everyone else to play well, too, to make it competitive."

"Close matches make it a lot more fun," Hendrick said.

Caffrey received a stiff test from Clarey. On the front nine, Clarey won holes two, five, and seven, but Caffrey won holes 1, 3, 4, 6 and 8 to take a two-stroke lead at the turn.

"If I didn't have that cushioning that I had on the front nine, I probably wouldn't have won," Caffrey said.

That's because Caffrey ran into a bit of trouble on the par-4 10th, where she said she lost her concentration after being distracted by ground keepers.

"From then on I didn't feel comfortable," Caffrey said. "I was getting it off enough, but I just couldn't make the putts. I want 1 finishing. You kind of lose your touch with pure putting and [Clarey] kept firing in."

The two halved the 10th, but Clarey won the 11th to cut Caffrey's lead to one stroke.

The 19-year-old phenom rebounded on the 12th, winning the hole with a short putt. Though Caffrey won the 13th, Caffrey did not let her win another hole.

"I just grounded it out," Caffrey said. Hunt actually shot a lower round than Reilly, 77-78, but Reilly won the holes when she needed to.

RESULTS CONTINUED
Championship Division
Ally Caffrey def. Carol Clarey, 2 & 1; Valerie Blinn def. Marissa Vite, 3 & 2; Jennifer Hendrick def. Kay Bullock, 3 & 2; Kibbe Reilly def. Roberta Hunt, 1-up.

Colucci makes it to quarterfinals

BY PAUL KENTON
PROVIDENCE JOURNAL

LINCOLN — Even for a tough guy like Jim Colucci, this was a bit too much.

As he walked off the 18th green at Kirkbrae Country Club late yesterday afternoon, Colucci

fell to the ground.

In put, he was putting on a show for friends who were cheering him for winning two

night matches and reaching the quarterfinals of the 100th R.I. Golf Association Amateur Championship. But he was also making 2 up.

At 44, he can't keep going like this. He has to start listening to his wife and

show down, at least a little.

In a tournament dominated by players who have already won state titles, Colucci provided the closest thing to a Cinderella story as match play began yesterday.

Normally, it would not be good to use Colucci's name in the same sentence as Cinderella. As a hockey defenseman at Mount St. Charles and Providence College, then briefly professionally, the ruggedly built Colucci

excelled as a tough guy.

He had to be tough yesterday in surviving challenges by two college stars from Rhode Island Country Club. First, Colucci edged URI's Mike McCampbell in 19 holes, then he won the final

hole to squeeze past Emory's Drew Harker 2 up.

"I got tired just walking to their shots, they hit it so far," Colucci said.

Colucci, who plays out of Wannamissett, was tired. But it was his own fault. After qualifying for match play Wednesday, he headed to Triggs, his old home course.

"I still play in a league there Wednesday nights," he said. He and his partner, Tony Pontarelli, lost

Colucci went home briefly to Scituate — "I brought my wife dinner," he said — then headed out again.

"I had a hockey game at 10 o'clock," he said. He plays in an "over-15 league at North Smithfield."

"All our old guys who think we can still play go up there and bang it around," he said. "We got beat there, too." It was 1:30 p.m. by the time he got back home.

"My wife started yelling at me, saying 'Don't you have an important match tomorrow?'" he said.

Colucci got a few hours sleep, then had the longest day of any of the players, going 37 holes.

While Colucci has equaled his best advance ever in the tournament, virtually every other survivor already has an RIGA title.

The honor roll list of survivors reads like this: Defending champion George Prie, medalist John Drobner, three-time Junior champion Brad Valois, former players

of the year and multiple winners Charlie Blanchard and Billy Auger, home course favorite David

Marino and new Public Links champion Tom McCormick.

McCormick has had a wild week, too, but also a rewarding one. He won the Tuxlinx title Sunday at Triggs, the course where he



Jim Colucci watches his putt go in the hole on the 12th green yesterday at Kirkbrae Country Club in Lincoln.

learned the game with his dad, Mike, for many years one of the state's best players. Mike McCormick died of cancer in April.

"This has been the most emotional time for me," Tom McCormick said. "It's been a whirlwind."

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Reilly's putting game too much for Caffrey

BY ROBERT LEE
PROVIDENCE JOURNAL

NEWPORT — It took 22 holes, but 49-year-old Kibbe Reilly (Agawam Hunt) managed to pull

off an upset over 19-year-old medalist Ally Caffrey (Wannamissett) yesterday in the semifinals of the Ocean State Women's Golf State Amateur at Newport National.

With Reilly on the green prepared to putt for birdie on the final hole, Caffrey ran into trouble. She failed to get the ball on the green on her first three shots,

so she conceded and awarded the match to Reilly.

"It was gracious of her to concede the match," Reilly said. "I don't think I would have three putted from the green. She is a terrific kid and really an elite golfer. The strong suit for me today was the putting. That was probably the most fun match that I've ever had in my life."

Reilly, the fourth seed, will meet second-seeded Valerie Blinn in today's finals. Blinn (Crestwood) scored a 4-and-3 victory over Jennifer Hendrick (Exeter).

Reilly and Caffrey were tied heading into the 11th hole which Reilly birdied to win and go 1-up. Caffrey evened it up by sinking a birdie putt for victory on the 12th, but Reilly buried a 15-foot birdie putt on the par-3 13th to go back up by a hole. The two then both birdied the par-5 14th.

"At that point we were both playing really good golf," Reilly said.

Reilly took a two-hole lead when she won the 15th hole with a putt for par, but on 16, Reilly hit the ball into a bunker and bogeyed the hole. Caffrey birdied it to cut Reilly's lead to one.

"On the 17th hole, I had a putt for birdie that I should not have missed," Reilly said. "That would have ended the match. She had an exquisite par on that hole from jail. We halved the hole."

On the 18th hole, Caffrey clipped in an eagle to win the

hole and send the match into extra holes.

"We both had our opportunities in those last holes to close it out but didn't," Reilly said.

Unlike the quarterfinal round where Blinn struggled at the start of her match with Marissa White and trailed by three holes after four holes of play, yesterday Blinn was focused right from the start. She needed to be because Hendrick was 1-under through the first nine holes. Blinn, however, was 3-under.

Blinn won the first hole by sinking a short putt for par, but after the two holes the second hole, Hendrick tied it up when she rolled in a long birdie putt on the par-4 third.

The score remained deadlocked until the fifth hole which Blinn won when she buried a short birdie putt, but she double-bogeyed the par-3 sixth, and Hendrick took advantage, winning the hole with a short putt for par.

"After I made that double-bogey, my swing and everything just started clicking," Blinn said. "I started hitting the ball better, knocking down my targets a little better, and started to narrow in on the pins. I felt like the golfer in me came out today."

Blinn recovered nicely on the par-5 seventh which she birdied to win the hole and go 1-up. That was the beginning of the end for Hendrick. Blinn won holes 8-10, and 12 to take a commanding five-hole lead and though Hendrick won the 14th hole which Blinn bogeyed, she would not win another hole.

"The nice thing for me is that nobody expects me to win," Reilly said about her matchup with Blinn. "Nobody expected me to win today either. It's kind of a nice position for me to be in. I just have to go out and play my game and keep putting well. I really think that's the key."

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Round of 32
John Drobner def. Jim Stallman, 2 and 1; John Augier def. Andy Lukowicz, 3 and 1; Tom Goryl def. Billy Forcier, 3 and 2; David Marino def. John Conley, 3 and 2; Billy Auger def. Devon Quigley, 2 and 1; Chad Spencer def. Dan Blessing, 1 up; Brad Valois def. Chuck Wolfowitz, 2 and 1; Bob Corio def. George Donnell, 1 up; Paul Quigley def. Jason Pannone, 3 and 2; Charlie Blanchard def. Colby Pecheco, 1 up; Jim Colucci def. Mike McCampbell, 19 holes; Drew Harker def.

Brenden Smith, 19 holes; Connor McMahon def. Jamie Lukowicz, 4 and 3; George Prie def. Eugene Dismore, 3 and 2; Tom McCormick def. Greg Sampson, 3 and 2; Mike Prendergast def. Rob Grossguth, 2 and 1.

Round of 16
Drobner def. Augier, 2 up; Marino def. Goryl, 1 up; Augier def. Spencer, 3 and 2; Valois def. Corio, 7 and 6; Blanchard def. P. Quigley, 2 and 1; Colucci def. Harker, 2 up; Prie def. McMahon, 7 and 5; McCormick def. Prendergast, 2 and 1.

Quarterfinals
8 a.m. — Drobner vs. Marino; 8:09 — Auger vs. Valois; 8:18 — Blanchard vs. Colucci; 8:27 — Prie vs. McCormick.

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Two share lead in B.C. Open

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Rookie Matt Hendrix had quite a day in just his fourth PGA Tour event. Glen Day did, too.

Playing on his only sponsor exemption of the year, Hendrix shot a 9-under-par 63 yesterday, tying Day for the first round lead at the B.C. Open at Endicott, N.Y.

Mike Springer, Jason Bohn, Ben Crane, and South Africa's Brenden Pappas are a stroke back.

Sweden's Mathias Gronberg, Omar Uresti, Mark Wilson, Chris Smith and Arjun Atwal were tied for seventh, another shot back. Hank Kuehne, coming off a tie for second at last week's John Deere Classic, was at 66, along with David Edwards and Harrison Frazar.

Hendrix's finish atop the leaderboard was miraculous, considering his disastrous start. His first drive landed next to a tree. He punched his second shot into a water hazard, and finished with a double-bogey 6 at No. 1.

"From there, I don't know," said the 24-year-old Hendrix, a former All-American at Clemson. "I was just trying to be wise and make a par on 2 to stop the bleeding."

LPGA

Janice Moodie's thoughts quickly shifted to her late father after her opening round yesterday in the Canadian Women's

Open in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Minutes after recording a tie for the final hole to take the outright lead at 6-under 66, the 32-year-old Scot broke down in tears in the media center when she tried to answer a question about her busy transatlantic playing schedule.

"I have probably racked up in the last month, I don't know, 20-something thousand miles. My dad passed away, so it's been a lot," Moodie said before she was overcome by grief that left her unable to finish the interview session.

Her father, John Moodie, died last month. He was a lecturer in shipbuilding engineering at Anniesland College in Glasgow.

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Women's Public Links

Co-medalist Mari Chun, a 17-year-old from Hawaii, survived two close matches yesterday and advanced to the quarterfinals of the U.S. Women's Amateur Pub-

Open in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Minutes after recording a tie for the final hole to take the outright lead at 6-under 66, the 32-year-old Scot broke down in tears in the media center when she tried to answer a question about her busy transatlantic playing schedule.

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Women's Public Links

McCormick, Auger shock favorites on way to final

BY PAUL KENYON
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

LINCOLN — What had been an orderly and predictable centennial celebration by the Rhode Island Golf Association turned wild and crazy yesterday.

After three days in which form was virtually nonexistent, McCormick and Billy Auger flipped the 100th Amateur on its ear as both staged a pair of outstanding victories at Kirkbrae.

McCormick, who feels as if he is playing with an angel on his shoulder — his father, Mike, one of the state's best players died in April — only continued an improbable run, he built on it. He shocked two of the state's very best, George Pirie and Charlie Blanchard, to earn a berth in today's 36-hole title match.

course, first upset Pirie, the defending and three-time champion, 2-up, in a morning quarterfinal. As if that was not enough, in the afternoon he rallied from 2-down with three to play. He won each of the last three holes and ousted 2002 champ and three-time player-of-the-year Charlie Blanchard, 1-up, in one semifinal.

The 2003 University of Rhode Island grad, — he was a hockey player, not a golfer at URI — had never before won a match in the "Amateur." In one memorable day, he beat two players who have won six Player of the Year awards between them.

"I don't even know what to say right now. I'm as shocked as you guys are," McCormick said after rolling in a clutch, 4-foot par-saving putt on the 18th green that gave him the decision over Blanchard.

"The Publix gave me confidence that I can play with these guys. I've never had that before. Charlie Blanchard and Doc Pirie? I used to think I can't play with those guys. They're unbelievable players."

Yesterday, he not only played with them, he beat them. Both of them.

While McCormick has come out of nowhere, Auger is less of a surprise. The 29-year-old from Crestwood has been among the state's premier players for several years. He is a former Stroke Play champion and was the RIGA player of the year two years ago. However, he had never made it out of the quarterfinals in the Amateur.

It is the way he earned his berth in the title match that was so surprising. Auger had one of the most dominating days any player has had in years, first winning seven holes in a row on the way to 5-and-4 triumph over three-time Junior champion Brad Valois in the morning. That turned out to be

merely a warm up.

Auger then won six of the first seven and never looked back as he routed John Drohen, the medalist and dominant player in the tournament all week, 7 and 6, in the semis.

"I had a heck of a day," said Auger. "It was one of those days when I got all the breaks."

In what is a rarity in the small circle that is Rhode Island golf, the finalists have never played together before.

"We just know each other from saying 'Hi' to each other," Auger said.

If they want to, they could exchange can-you-top-this stories about how they got to the final. McCormick makes no bones about how he has even surprised himself. He was a top player at Pilgrim, but focused on hockey in college.

"I didn't play much while I was in college. I was working out during the summer, lifting weights," he said. He moved to Florida after graduating in 2003, but returned home after six months when his father was diagnosed with cancer.

"Last year, I played one tournament, the Burke (the season opener)," McCormick said. "My head just wasn't in it. My father was sick. I just said, 'I'm not doing it.'"

"This year, I feel like I've got somebody to play for," McCormick said. "I decided to play a full schedule and see what happens." On Sunday, he spoke about how he felt his father's presence as he won the Public Links. Yesterday, strange things happened again. Against Pirie, he thought he had driven out of bounds on the final hole, but the ball stayed in by inches. But it was in the deep rough a little hole.

"I hit probably the best 7-iron of my life," he said. The shot went over a tree, hooked and ended up on the green. He parred and won the hole and the match.

Against Blanchard, he fell 2-down with three to play when he lost 15. On 16, Blanchard mysteriously pull-hooked his tee shot, hitting a tree less than 100 yards off the tee.

"I had the wrong club. I knew it was too much club. I tried to ease it and I pulled it," Blanchard said. McCormick won that hole, and the next two, as well, with pars as Blanchard did what he almost never does — bogey three in a row. This was from the same player who had begun the match with birdies on each of the first three holes. McCormick, though, birdied two of those holes himself and hung in, then pulled out another upset.

"This has been the weirdest couple of days. I haven't been nervous at all. It's like I don't

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

QUARTERFINALS
John Drohen, Alpoia, def. Dave Marino, Kirkbrae, 4 and 3; Billy Auger, Crestwood, def. Brad Valois, Valley, 5 and 4; Charlie Blanchard, Warramsett, def. Jim Calucci, Warramsett, 3 and 2; Tom McCormick, Triggs, def. George Pirie, Valley, 2 up.

SEMIFINALS
Auger def. Drohen, 7 and 6; McCormick def. Blanchard, 1 up.

TODAY'S FINAL
Auger vs. McCormick, first 18, 7:30 a.m.; second 18, 12:30 p.m.

even know where I am," he said. "It's a weird feeling."

Auger had a weird feeling, not because he won but because he advanced so easily.

In the quarterfinals, Valois birdied the first two holes and won each. But Auger birdied the third and never caught fire.

"It was a combination of things," Auger said. "When he made par, I made birdie. When he made bogey, I made par." Auger won seven in a row and moved to victory.

That brought on Drohen, the medalist. Drohen was 4-under in beating Dave Marino, 4 and 3, in the morning.

"I played great. I never hit a bad shot," he said. Through 90 holes on the week, he was 7-under.

In the semis, Auger won 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, three with birdies.

"I got out of my game plan," said Drohen, who played with his left foot heavily taped because of blister problems. "I'd love to blame it on something, but I just played bad."

"I've never seen him play like that," Auger said.

Auger, meanwhile, was precise throughout and finished in style, hitting a new rescue club from 220 yards to within 20 feet on the par-5 12th and draining the putt for eagle and the victory.

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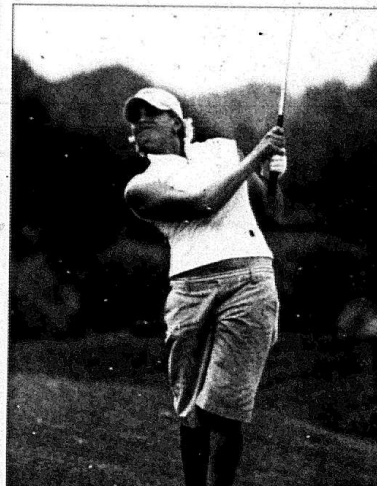
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Valerie Blinn plays the 14th hole, which she conceded after hitting out of bounds. She rebounded on 15, halving the hole with Kibbe Reilly to win her third straight OSWGA State Amateur title.

OSWGA

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Blinn miscue on the par-4 5th hole, which Blinn double-bogeyed. Reilly won the hole to cut Blinn's lead to one, but Blinn, who fired a one-under 35 on the front nine, won holes 7 through 9 to take a four-hole lead at the turn.

Blinn sank short putts for par on holes 7 and 9, and she rolled in a birdie putt on the par-5 8th hole.

"I was putting good strokes on them and reading the putts well," Blinn said. "I found my putting stroke yesterday out here so today I felt good about my reads and about my stroke."

Reilly couldn't say the same after losing the three holes.

"That was a little discouraging, and again that was the putting, because I couldn't make a putt for whatever reason," she said. "When I'm out there, I'm just trying to think about fundamentals and it just didn't work today. I don't really mind losing to Val. She is a great kid and a terrific player. ... She really is the best player who played in this tournament this week, no question. She deserved to win."

Despite her commanding four-stroke lead after nine holes, Blinn said that she still didn't feel comfortable.

"Four-up isn't really that big of a deal because it only takes four

bogeys to let them back in it so you just try and halve the holes to close out the match and not try to do anything crazy," Blinn said. "You don't have to be a hero out there to close out the match."

Sticking to that strategy, Blinn and Reilly halved the 10th hole and Blinn won the par-5 11th, which Reilly bogeyed. And though Reilly rolled in a short putt for par to win the 12th hole, Blinn won the 13th hole to go 5-up with five holes remaining, putting Reilly in a must-win situation over the final five holes.

After hitting the ball out of play on the 14th hole, Blinn conceded the hole and the two halved 15 to give Blinn the victory.

"I can't complain about a thing," Reilly said. "It was a great round, a great match, and the better player won."

"It's a lot of work and the field is a strong field, you just have to wake up and play your best," Blinn said about winning three state amateurs in a row. "I thought I played well. I hit the shots that I needed to hit. I made the putts that I needed to make and that's what made the difference."

Blinn and Reilly will both play in the Rhode Island Women's Golf Association Championships next week.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Championship Division
Wendy Blinn def. Kibbe Reilly, 4 and 1.
First Division
Cheryl Kelly def. Julie Greiner, 5 and 4.
Second Division
Nancy Mendicino def. Ann Olson, 7 and 5.

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the LINEUP

TWELLMAN DONS THE HAT TRICK



New England's Taylor Twellman, rear, lights FC Dallas defender Steve Jolley during the first half. Twellman scored a hat trick, netting his final two goals in the last two minutes, to propel the Revolution past FC Dallas, 3-2. **Page D13**

VICKERS EARNS POLE AT LOUDON

Brian Vickers will be on the pole at the start of today's New England 300 auto race in Loudon, N.H. The 21-year-old, who earned the spot in qualifying yesterday, has never won in 59 career starts. **Page D21**

PALMEIRO KEEPS LOOKING AHEAD

His historic 3,000th hit in the books, Baltimore slugger Rafael Palmeiro looks ahead to the challenge of getting to his first World Series. **Page D2**

AUSSIE WINS POKER TITLE

Australian Joseph Hachem, a former chiropractor, endures the longest final table in the history of the World Series of Poker to win the tournament's richest prize. **Page D27**

TRADING SKATES FOR A WHISTLE

Brendan Walsh, the former Providence Bruins tough guy, is making the transition from pro hockey player to college assistant coach at Northeastern University. **Page D25**

ARMSTRONG HITS OVERDRIVE



Lance Armstrong, above, pedaling alone after his teammates could not keep up the pace, out-climbs his challengers and extends his lead in a key stage of the Tour de France. **Page D15**

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The future? It's present and on the Honor Roll

JOHN
GILLOOLY



Every year the principals of every Rhode Island high school are asked to submit nominations for the Providence Journal Honor Roll Boy and Girl — the awards that symbolize the top male and female senior student-athletes in the state.

I have written more than once that when I see those completed nomination forms it gives me a booster shot of optimism for the future of both the state and the country. Every year those nomination forms are filled with tales of tal-

ented, disciplined, caring young people. They're teenagers who, in addition to having amazing athletic and academic achievements, have shown they already understand that it's important for people with talent to share their good fortune with others.

A few months ago when this year's nomination forms were being sent out to the principals, I noticed two stories in the Journal about a former Honor Roll Boy and a former Honor Roll Girl. The stories weren't in the sports sec-

tion. They were in news sections. Some people would say these are the "real" sections of the paper compared to sports.

First there was the story of Theresa Moore, the former East Providence high-track star and the 1982 Honor Roll girl. Moore, now an executive with ESPN, had just received the 2005 Black Achiever in Industry Award from the Harlem branch of the Greater New York YMC A.

GILLOOLY, D17

INSIDE TODAY: PROFILES OF THE HONOR ROLL AND A WORTHY WINNER IN ACTION

R.I. AMATEUR GOLF



Tom McCormick of Triggs tees off during yesterday's final round of the R.I. Amateur Championship at Kirkbrae Country Club. McCormick defeated Crestwood's Billy Auger, 4 and 3, in the 36-hole match.

A fairy-tale finish

Just days after winning Publinx, McCormick captures Amateur

BY PAUL KENYON
JOURNAL SENIOR WRITER

LINCOLN — In the 100 years the Rhode Island Golf Association has held its Amateur Championship, there have been few better feel-good stories than the one produced by Tom McCormick at Kirkbrae over the last five days.

The emotion was palpable as McCormick completed an improbable march through the tour-

namment yesterday, topping 2003 player of the year Billy Auger of Crestwood, 4 and 3, in the scheduled 36-hole final.

McCormick's victory would have been a wonderful story on its own.

Here is a 25-year-old who had never won a match in the tournament before, who had qualified for match play only once previously. Here was a young man brought up

in a golf family who appeared to be a star in the making — he was the RICA Junior Champion in 1997 — but who all but gave up the game to concentrate on hockey at the University of Rhode Island. Here was a guy who played in only one golf tournament all last summer and stopped playing because, as he said, "my head just wasn't in it."

What made his performance

SEE AMATEUR, D8

Tiger's struggles allow pack to close in

BY DOUG FERGUSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Tiger Woods hit the ball so hard that he felt the shaft in his putter flex over so slightly. Starling 50 paces away on the 18th green, his caddy removed the flag.

backed away from the cup, then turned and raised his fist in a rare celebration yesterday at the British Open.

The ball stopped inches away from a birdie that allowed Woods to break par.

Better yet, it gave him a two-shot lead going into the final round, a position that looked to be in doubt during a surprising struggle at windswept St. Andrews.

"I'm very happy to be in the lead," Woods said. "The conditions got a little bit difficult today. To have the lead all day, and actually end up with the lead, it's pretty sweet."

LEADERBOARD

Tiger Woods	66-67-71-204
Jose Maria Olazabal	68-70-68-206
Retief Goosen	68-73-66-207
Colin Montgomerie	71-66-70-207
Sergiy Garcia	70-69-69-208
BRAD FAXON	72-66-70-208
Mikail Campbell	69-72-68-209
Vijay Singh	69-69-71-209

A pivotal par save on the Road Hole, followed by his tap-in birdie on the 18th, gave Woods a 1-under 21 and left him two shots clear of Jose Maria Olazabal.

But on a day when the cheers were for everyone else — Woods even heard some throaty booing while paired with Scottish hero Colin Montgomerie — he brought an elite list of players back

SEE BRITISH, D9

RED SOX

Clement, Sox dig too deep of a hole

Matt Clement spots the Yankees an early 6-0 lead and Boston can't capitalize on a golden opportunity.

BY SEAN McADAM
JOURNAL SENIOR WRITER

BOSTON — If the Red Sox were looking to make things especially difficult for themselves yesterday, they started the right way by spotting Randy Johnson and the rest of the New York Yankees a 6-0 head start.

Then, just when it seemed like the Red Sox might make good on their comeback effort, they ran — quite literally — into trouble in the fourth inning.

Twice in some bad luck, a costly error and an ill-timed balk, and by the end of a long, hot and steamy afternoon, the Red Sox landed exactly where they looked to be heading earlier in the day — on the short end of a 7-4 decision.

Starter Matt Clement, looking less like

SEE RED SOX, D3

From here on, division race is Sox vs. N.Y.

BOSTON — Obviously, it was only one game that was played at Fenway Park yesterday afternoon.

But it wasn't just any old game. It was another installment of the Boston Red Sox-New York Yankees rivalry, another opportunity to place each team under the microscope, examining

strengths and weaknesses, trying to determine how the rest of the 2005 season will play out for them as they pursue the American League East crown and possible postseason glory.

So to that end, several observations could be made after the Yankees held off the Red Sox, 7-4, ensuring themselves of no worse than a split of the four-game series at Fenway Park.

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