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### **NEWS** WIRE

#### CHIARELLI TAKES **BRUINS' REINS**



general general manager in May but had to serve out his term as an assistant GM in Ottawa. was released from his obligations with the Senators

obligations with the Senators yesterday – five days early – and cleared to take over the struggling Original Six firanchise. He is planning to arrive in Boston today and be at work tomorrow. Among the things he wants to do first are study the Bruins' restricted free agents. "I hope to get moving on that pretty quick," he said, adding that he also, needs to fill out new coach Dave Lewier staff and the scouting department. The Bruins hired Chiarelli on May 26, but the NHI ruled that I ruled that 26, but the NHL ruled that Chiarelli couldn't start unti

### Lebron Contract

IN QUESTION
Late Sunday night, ESPN
reported LeBron James will
not be accepting the full
five-year maximum contract
extension worth \$80 million extension worth \$80 million as widely assumed after he announced he'd re-sign with the Cavaliers. Instead, the network reported, he'll sign a four-year deal worth close to \$60 million and have an opt-out clause after the third dealers of the actention, adding a sign of the control of the co opt-out clause after the third year of the extension, giving him a chance to be an unrestricted free agent in 2010. The extension begins in 2007. The report appears both premature and flawed, according to the Akron (Ohio) Beacon Journal.

### # YANKS, METS

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New York's Yankees and Mets
arie the two most popular
teams of tans who follow
Major League Baseball,
according to a nationwide
Harris Poll. The poll has
rated the Yankees as the rated the Yankees as the nation's favorite team every year since 2003. The Mets bumped the Atlanta Braves out of the second spot dowr to third, while the Chicago Cubs and Boston Red Sox round out the top five.

#### SAIVE SAILORS BRING HOME GOLD

BRING HOME GOLD
A United States crew that
included Salve Regina
University sailing coach John
legals of Little Compton and
two students from his sailing
team — senior James
Randall of Minnesota and
junior Michael Komar of
Plymouth, Mass. — claimed
the sold medal at the 2006

Plymouth, Mass. – claimed the gold medal at the 2006 Yngling World Championships in La Rochelle, France, held June 30-July 8. The American 30-July 8. The American squad was among 42 teams that competed in 10 races. The silver medal went to a team the Netherlands, and the bronze was won by a team from Denmark.

### M BARBARO SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

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BATADATE, NewTucky Derby
winner, had a new cast
applied for a sinth time
yesterday — the fourth
change in a week — to his
right hind leg. The latest
development followed three
hours of surgery Saturday
night when doctors replaced
the titanium plate and many
screws and also treated an
infection. Barbaro was back
in his stall in the intensive
care unit, where he's been
since the injuny occurred at the care unit, where he's been a since the injury occurred at the Preakness. "Right now, he's happier." Dr. Dean Richardson said. "He's got a normal heart rate, normal temperature, he's eating like crazy."

### WORLD CUP

The World Cup final earned a 7.0 national rating for ABC, a 180 percentage increase from the 2002 final in Japan.

2006 RED SOX FIRST-HALF REVIEW

SECTION C

# The Sox weren't half bad

ast spring was the same as all previous

When the Boston Red Sox convened for the start of spring training last Febmary, there were question marks surrounding the team

No team is ever set before the first day of stretching exercises. There are personnel decisions to be made. And then there are the inevitable injuries, variables that crop up from time to time, circumstances that are impossible to predict when the players and coaching staff assemble in Fort Myers. Fla.

Somehow, that seems like a long time ago

against the National League in the annual All Star Game, to be played this season in Pitts. burgh

It's the unofficial halfway point of the season. though Boston aiready has played more than half (86 games) of the 162 game schedule. The Red Sox sit atop the A.L. East, three games

ahead of the archival New York Yankees Some question marks that greeted the Sox last February have been answered. Others popped up-along the way. Here is a glimpe at several of the spring concerns as well as where things stand new with Boston bussting a 54-37 record, the third best record in the major leagues.

#### Slow bat; seeing double

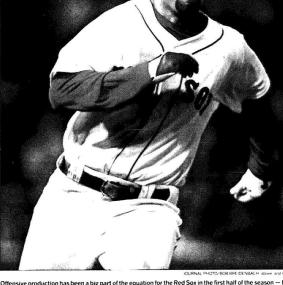
Florida would not part with right hander losh Beck eff man offseason trade unless Boston two Mike. Lowell off is hands relieving the Marlins of \$16 million in salary, spread-over two years to not themselves of the seemingly washed up-offensively challenged. (2 year old third baseman.)

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#### Trade Manny? Whose dumb idea was that?

Manny wants out Manny demands a trade Manny granted permission to report late to camp. The Sox explore trade possibilities to accommodate Manny. These were the bot and heavy spring story lines. Manny Ramirez seemingly treed of living in the fish browl that is Red Sox Nation wanted out of the spot light. The three years and roughly \$50 million Boston was shelling out for his power hitting services didn't seem to engender any loyalty on his side.





Offensive production has been a big part of the equation for the Red Sox in the first half of the season — both the unexpected from Mike Lowell, above, and the expected from David Ortiz and Manny Ramirez, right.

## Behind-the-scenes intrigue makes Sox book a winner



The book is called Feeding the Monster How Money. Smarts, and Nerve Fook a Team to the Top. It swritten by Sets Minosolan, and it is a look inside the palace gates of the Red Sox. A very close look. A very close look. Minosolan, a former senior editor at Newsweek imagazane, was given rithally total access to the Red Sox by owner John Henry, complete

with his own desk and passkey to most of the offices. Henry's obvious plan was to have his ownership group immortalized as the one that Boston for the first time in 86 years just three years after they bought the frunchise. That's certainly the

But that's not the interesting part.
The interesting part is the behind-

the-scenes intrigue Mnookin uncov ers everything from the deterioraers exerxhing from the deteriora-tion of the relationship between Larry, Lucchino and Theo Epstein, to Nomar's pararious and Curt Schilling's self-absorption to the uncoachability of both Pedro and Nomar and other aring of dirty laundry that Feeding the Monster floats in the hereze! In short Gener all Hospital in cleats

Victory in the card for Kendrick

For instance

Bill James conducted a study on how much a player's lack of hustle negatively affected the team Guess who the star of that particular study was:

To the rest of the baseball world, Manny Ramirez looked like a hurting savant who was anchoring a produciously potent lineup writes

### McAndrew's 68 is tops in R.I. Amateur

BY PAUL KENYON

BARRINGTON As someone who has grown up playing golf at Rhode Island Country Club. David McAndrew knows the course plays differently, depending on the time of day. It's always harder in the afternoon when the wind comes up." McAndrew said. "That's just the way it is here."

Yesterday when the course hosted the first round of the 101st R1 Golf Association Amaliese Christians.

round of the 101st R1 Golf Association Ama-teur Championship, was a perfect example. A breeze came in off the bay all day. But it picked up in the afternoon and blew much harder through the second half of the day. "This is even a little bit harder than usual." McAndrew sud of the strong winds as he fin-ished his round shortly before 5 o clock. All of which made the work turned in by

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Rober®Kendrick returns a volley during his match against Vince Spadea yesterday at Newport.

Wild-card entry Robert Kendrick, coming off a surprising performance at Wimbledon, knocks off fifth-seeded Vince Spadea to highlight first-day action.

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### Reynolds

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Mnookin. 'To the Red Sox, he was, with his \$20-million-perwas, with his \$20-million-per year price tag, looking more more like

FROM player making too much money for his aggregate contribution to the

aggregate contribution to the team:

Rampirez's insubordination was the greatest challenge to Grady Little "In 2002 Little made no secret about the fact that he felt Ramirez and Pedro Martinez were essentially uncontrollable".

When Little did not take out a visibly timing Pedro in the seventh game against the Yan Lees in 2003, Henry turned for him right and said, "Can we fire him right may be a second to the seventh game against the Yan Wenne Health and the seventh game against the Yan Wenne Health and the seventh game against the Yan Wenne fire him right perfectly the seventh game against the San Wenne Health and the seventh game against the service of the seventh game and the seventh game and the seventh game against the seventh game



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the point that he once said he thought the team was not tending to the infield in an attempt to make him look bad, and speculated whether the front office was bugging his phone.

When Lucchino was being castigated for his alleged mishandling of the deal that would have brought Alex Rodrigue to Boston in January of 2004, it came at the same time Epstein was being lauded as a great young general manager, a new folk hero.

Lucchino came to believe Ep-

Lucchino came to believe En Lucchino came to believe Ep-stein was one of the people tell-ing the media he had bumbled the A-Rod negotiations. "At that point he thought that Theo had committed, a sin, and he never moved off of that," Mnookin quotes an unnamed Sox official as saving.

as saying.

Their relationship never was

the same.

Curt Schilling arrived in
Boston like an elephant walking
into the middle of the club-

house.
"For a player who made a
point of how perceptive he was,
Schilling failed to take an accurate pulse of his new teammates, and his constant appearances, newly ubiquitous ad campaigns, and self-anointment as the new face of the team rankled many

of Boston's players.
"And no one was more upset by Schilling's arrival than Pedro

by Schilling's arrival than Pedro Martinez."

■ By the end of June, 2004, Garciaparra was in a funk.

"His teammates were telling reporters—on background, of course—that he's become a distraction, always moping around his locker just to the left of the clubhouse door." He had become so unhappy that, when some Sox officials took an informal poll, many of his teammates said it would be better if he were playing for some other

he were playing for some other team.

The Nomar trade intensi-

fied the deteriorating relation-ship between Lucchino and Ep-stein. This time Epstein feeling that Lucchino had "hung him

that Lucchino had "hung him out to dry."

Manny refused to shake Terry Francona's hand when he first met him in spring training in 2004, swearing at him instead. He also screamed at Sox executives, calling them "white devils" for trying to trade him to Texas.

Last year was a disaster, with an assortment of players complaining about a lack of playing time, specifically Kevin Millar, Bill Mueller and Jay Payton. Not that they were the only

ton. Not that they were the only

ones.
"They became the biggest collection of prima donnas ever-assembled," Mnookin quotes one Red Sox executive talking about last year's team. "It's a

about last year's team: "It's a problem with a vetern team especially one that's had some success. And winning the World Series makes it worse."

At Henry's urging, Lucchino and Epstein met last Oct. 11 to clear the air. The meeting backfired. By the end of the month Epstein had resigned.

Epstein later told Henry that the traditional problem with her and too much concern with the Yankees, and too much concern with the Yankees, and too much concern about what the newspapers are saying. Yet Feeding the Monster ends on an upbeat note.

on an upbeat note.

"It's much better," says Henry about the state of the Red Sox.

"It's good."

So is the book.

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Dusty Kinch, left, playing for Cumberland High School in April 2005, waits for the relay to nab a North Kingstown runner. Kinch is one of several All-Staters playing American Legion ball.

### Cumberland is aiming to make R.I. tourney Northeast springboard

We are only 10 days from the start of the American Legion

start of the American Legion state tournament, and just like last year, sitting atop the standings is defending state champion of cumberland, which is undefeated this season with a 12-0. Post 14 is loaded with talent. Cumberland returns nearly its entire team from last year, and i aims to not only with the Bhod Island tournament, but the Northeast Championships, as well. But Cumberland coach Jim

Dawber knows his team will need to continue to work hard in order to accomplish that

in order to accomplish that goal.

There are at least six teams that have a shot of taking Post 14's title, Dawber said.

"The field this year is very balanced, which is good," Dawber said. "There are six or seven legitimate contenders. It's a competitive league abdwe are grateful to be one of the contenders. We six taking nothing the profess. We six taking nothing enders. We are taking nothing

tenders. We are taking notning for granted."

Cumberland has several re-turning All-Staters and first-training All-Staters and first-training All-Staters and six-tineup, including Bobby Swann, Dusty Kinch, Conner Fabey, Luke Abraham, Derek Simao, Ben Wagner, Tom Columbe, Andrew Pfeiffer and Chris Pickering.

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"The strength of our team is defense," Dawber said. "Like with every group, our hitting comes and goes. Our pitching is solid, but what is special about this team is that it's truly a team. They care about one another. They like one another. They keep or one another, and they have fun out there. Hope-fully, we'll wim the state tournament again, but we are just going to take it one game at a time."

Dawber says Shields Post 43,

time "Dawber says Shields Post 43, Gershkoff Auto Body/Auburn Post 10, North Kingstown Post 12, Collette Vacations, R&R Construction and Hossie Cleansers all are dangerous teams.

#### Rebels on the rebound

Rebels on the rebound
South Kingstown Post 39 has
come on strong. Post 39 got off
to a great Start by winning its
first three games, but then lost
seven in a row.
"We ran into a stretch there
where we didn't do so good, but
we are finally coming around."
South Kingstown manager Cliff
Gardner said. "The last couple of games I've seen a lot of im-provement. The kids are really vorking hard. We won our last two games. We are improving

with each game."
Gardner said George Gardner is Post 39's leader on the field George Gardner has been the workhorse for South Kingstown's pitching staff. Chris Bab cock, who went 2-4 with a 4.64 E.R.A. for South Kingstown High last season, has be throwing well. Pat More

## **STANDINGS**

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also has been tough to hit, Gard-

also has been rough of seniors who graduated [in 2005] who have come back and are really helping out — Andy Gildden and Glendon Hoyle. "Gardner said "Tmothy Jackson has been ountstanding, too. He has been coming up with a lot of timely hits."

Jackson batted 295 and scored 12 runs for the Rebels

last season. Gardner also gave a lot of Garuner also gave a lot of credit to his two coaches, who also are former players, for the recent success of Post 39 — Tim Owen and Clay Fields. Fields is an assistant baseball coach at Bryant College. Owen is an assistant baseball coach at Prout

assistant baseball coach at Prott.
"I'm glad to see them back."
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### 16-team tourney

The R.I. American Legion's 16-team tournament, which be-gins on July 21, has a best-of-three format, with the first game to be played at the higher-seed-ed team's home field. The top so comis nome field. The top four teams will square off July 29-31 at Rhode Island College, with the winner advancing to the Northeast Championships, to be held Aug. 10-14 at Cam-panelli Stadium in Brockton, Mass.

panelli Stadium in Brockton, Mass.
"It should be an interesting playoffs," said Ed Correla, a "member of the American Legion executive board." It all boils down to pitching."
Last season, when the Northeast tournament was beld at McCarthy Stadium in West Warwick, Cumbertland reached the semifinals before falling to eventual Northeast champion Branford, Conn., 10-7.
The Northeast winner will advance to the American Legion

World Series, to be held Aug. 18-22 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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## Patrick might switch lanes from the IRL to NASCAR

JOLIET, Ill. — Danica Patrick ould become the next star driver defect from another major rac-ing series to NASCAR.

"I'm trying to get her here [into NASCAR." Said AUTO RACING AUTO RACING AUTO RACING AUTO RACING AUTO RACING RACING

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TJ Patrick,
father of the woman who dazzled
the motor racing world last year
by nearly winning the Indianapoits 500, but has struggled with a
mediocre Indy Racing League
car ever since.
TJ Patrick, who has managed
his daughter's career since her
childhood, was at Chicagoland
Speedway on Sunday, holding
exploratory talks with some Nextel Cup teams and sponsors
about the possibility of Danica
leaving the IRL for NASCAR as
early as next year
Her contract expires with the
IRL's Rahal-Letterman Racing
team, co-owned by TV comic
David Letterman, at the end of
this season. In addition to considering NASCAR, the Patricks are
negotiating with other IRL teams
— and appear unlikely to renew
with Rahal-Letterman racing, declined com-

Danica Patrick's contract with the IRL's Rahal-Letterman Racing team expires at the end of this season.

nent through a spokesperson. The Patrick family is from Roscoe, Ill., but Danica, 24, now lives in Phoenix with her husband and

wasn't at Sunday's U Sheetrock 400 NASCAR race T.J. and Danica's mother, Bev, came to the Joliet track because 'we've had some inquiries" from

NASCAR teams, T.J. said.
Young American open-wheel
drivers have been steering steadiy away from IndyCars and into
NASCAR for the past decadefrom Jeff Gordon to Tony Stewart to, Ryan Newman to Kasey
Kahne.

Kahne,
They come for much more money, fame, what they consider more intense competition, and the sheer volume of racing.

The Patricks were in the Nex tel Cup garage area as guests of the powerful Roush Racing team, which fields Fords for Carl Edwards, Greg Biffle, Matt Ken-seth, Jamie McMurray and Mark

There have been other women in NASCAR.

Janet Guthrie, also an Indy-Car pioneer, was the first, competing in 33 Winston Cup races between 1976 and 1980 with five top-10

Patty Moise of Jacksonville iced in the Busch Series in the

1980s.
Shawna Robinson ran a limited Winston Cup schedule in the
late 1990s. And Erin Crocker is a
promising developmental driver
who competes in the Craftsman
Truck Series.

### RIGA

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McAndrew, Billy Auger, Drew Harker and Jason Pannone that much more impressive. They all played in the afternoon, when

mucn more impressive. Dhey all played in the afternoon, when GOLF | the afternoon, when GOLF | the conditions were the toughest. But they were the toughest But they were the only starters in the 132-player field able to break par McAndrew a recent Barrington High grad who is headed to Stesson University in Flonda, led the way with a 3-under-par 68. Auger, the RIGA player of the year, and Pannone a URI star, both had 698. Harker, another Barrington grad who is coming off a Division III All-American sophomore season at Emory College in Alanta, had a 70. Scores-overal were surprised to the starter of the season of

The second day can't be any more unpredictable than the first. more unpredictable than the first. Early starters came in and spoke about how the course was in terrific condition, how RICC is one of the very best layouts in the state, and how the wind was adding more than enough chal-lenge. Expected contenders such as Hall of Famer Paul Quigley and college star David Manino both had 71s, and Tom Goryl, Eugene DiSarro, Brad Valois,

Drohen and Jeff Kafalas posted 72s. For much of the day, it did not appear as if anyone would break par.

What McAndrew and the others did late in the day defied logic.

did late in the day defied logic. It was unquestionably more difficult. But four players managed to shoot under-par rounds. "You got to 14 [near the water] and hit your second shot, and it was like hitting a wall," Auger said. "Then you crossed the street and you saw how it was really blowing." With whitecaps visible on the water, McAndrew led the after-noon charge.

noon charge. He led the field with six bird-

He led the field with six birdies, the first when he rolled in a
long purt on the pur4-second. He
bogeyed the third, but then had
birdies at 4,5 and 8, reaching the
pur5-eighth with a 3-wood and a
siron. Two more birdies offset
two bogeys on the back side to
give him his 58 and the lead.
Pannone, a former Stroke Play
champion, and Auger both were
enthusiastic after their 68s. Pannone has not played much since
URI's season ended, and instead
has been working on his game at
Potowomut. He has received help
from an unusual source. Scott

Potowomat. He has received help from an unusual source. Scott Cooke, the RIGA president, is a friend from Potowomut. "He's been working with me. He's been great helping me out." Pannone said. While Pannone had a solid season for URI, he said his scores in the low-and

mid-70s were the result of good short-game work. He was not hitting the ball nearly as well as he hopes to.

"Now that I'm finally hitting it has not better." he said. Charlie Blan-chard, John Drohen and Jeff Kafalas

I'm able to score better," he said.

Auger is accustomed to success in RIGA events. But he has not been playing as much this

"I hit the ball very solidly to day, which is amazing," he said. "I played yesterday (at Newport) and shot 88. I just haven't been playing much, so I haven't been consistent at all," he said.

Harker took the strong winds stride. "We play here like this in stride. "We play here like this every day. I guess if you haven't been here before it can be hard,"

been here before it can be hard," he said:
He used a chip-in birdle on 11, and then another birdle on 12 after nearly driving the par-1 to get immunder particular to the said the said the said the said the said to get immunder particular to get immunder particular to get immunder said filled with familiar names such as Quigley, Goryl and Blanchard. Three time champion George Prifer Time Cham

filiated players. His 72 included an eagle on the par5 eighth, where he hit a 7-wood approach within six feet and made the putt. "I hit the 7-wood a lot today," he said. "I hit it great. I kept hitting it close with that club." The cut will be made to the low 32 after today's round for the start of match play.

#### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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### Painful arthritic hip hasn't slowed Landis

BÖRDEAUX, France (AP) -

After seven years of domination
by a cancer survivor, the Tour de
TOUR DE France now has
FRANCE discovered that
one of the favorites to succeed

lance Armstrong, ex-teammate level to succeed Lance Armstrong, ex-teammate Ployd Landis, is riding with an arthritic hip so painful that he plans to replace it with a prosthetic after the three-week race. Landis, second overall with under two weeks of racing left, said yesterday, on the Tour's first of two rest days, that he broke his gifth hip in a crash on a training ride near his home in California in January 2003.

He said the break severed the blood supply to the bone. With-

blood supply to the bone. With

out it, the ball of Landis' hip joint has been gradually dying and collapsing, causing gnawing tit can get," Kay said.

#### THE LOTTERIES

Sunday's winners

Conn. Play Four 6881 Conn. Play Three 299
Conn. Cash Five 1-9-10-26-32
Numbers
Rhode Island 6269 Mass. 2623
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### NEWS WIRE

### ITALIAN DENIES

acknowledged he insulted Zinedine Zidase before the French captain head-butted him in the World Cup final, but repeated his denial that he called Zidane a "terrorist." I did insult him, it's true." Materazzi said in yesterday's Gazzetta delio Sport. "But I categorically did not call him a terrorist. I'm not cultured adegorically did not call him a terrorist. I'm not cultured what an islamic terrorist is." A Paris-based anti-racism group issued zilled Zidane, whose parents, emigrated to France from Algeria. a "dirty terrorist."

BRUINS SIGN



#### RRUINS SIGN BC'S COLLINS

Boston Bruins general manager Peter Chlarelli made his first roster move in his new job yesterday, signing Boston College left wing and Hobey Baker finalist Chris Collins. The finalist Chris Collins. The 22-year-old Collins led Hockey East in scoring and tied with Minnesota's Ryan Potulary in the national, scoring race with 63 points (34 goals and 29 assists), He was the Hockey East player of the year and was honored by the New England Hockey Writers as their Most Valuable Player.

### E CUP GOING TO CAMP LEJEUNE

#### m GRZEBIEN LEADS BY 4 IN MAINE

#### CHINA'S LIU

SETS WORLD MARK
Lbt Xlang of China set a
world record in the 110-meter
hurdles yesterday, breaking
the record he shared with
Britain's Colla Jackson. Libs
firain's Colla Jackson. Libs
Switzerland, was 0.3 better
than the record he matched
in winning gold at the 2004
Athens Olympics. Jackson
ran 12.91 in Stuttgart.
Germany, in August 1993.

### BLAST WINS

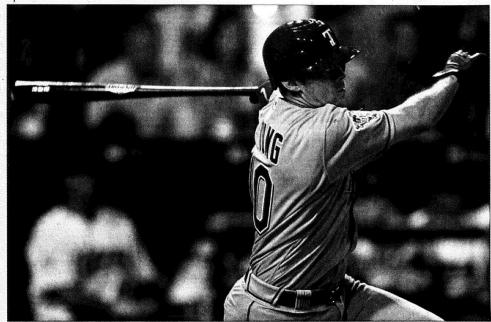
BLAST WINS

VOLLEYBALL BRONZE
The Rhode Island Blast boys
18- and-under volleyball team
won the bronze bracket at
the Junior Olympic
Championships held in
Minneapolis, Minn., last week.
The Blast, which features AllStaters Scott Grandpre (East
Greenwich), Stave Fuller
(Bishop Hendricken), Lames
Rock (Toll Gate), along with
Joe Cataurzan (Scituate).
Craig Harvey (Bevery,
Mass.), and Javed Andreozzi
(Barrington), finished 17th
out of 55 teams in the
national tournament.

M ALL-STAR GAME

2006 ALL-STAR GAME

# American know-how, again





The Red Sox' David Ortiz, center, welcomes the Angels' Vladimir Guerrero back to the dugout after he hit a home run in the second inning. The blast gave the A.L. a 1-0 lead over the N.L.

A two-run triple in the ninth by the A.L.'s Michael Young drives in the tying and winning runs and extends the N.L.'s winless streak to a decade.

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK
ASSCATABLE DESS
PITTSBURGH — The All-Star Game was
all set up for the National League this time.
Trevor Hoffman on the mound, one strike
to go, fans on their feet at Pittsburgh's enchanting ballpark.
But no matter the setting or the season, the
Nationals can't find a way to
close out the A.L.
Down to a final strike, fviithe All the All the All the All the All
You're never going to forget these things
on this kind of stage," said Hoffman, who
has 460 saves. "You feel like you let a lot of
repople down.
Young took home the MVP award — and
the A.L. won home-field advantage in the
World Series for the fourth straight year.
"Nobody wants to make the last out of any"Nobody wants to make the last out of any-

"Nobody wants to make the last out of any-thing, whether it's a regular season, World

Series or an All-Star Game," said Troy Glaus,

Series or an All-Star Game." said Troy Glaus, whose double set the stage for Young. Behind David Wright's homer and some daring, old style baserunning, the N.L. took a 2-1 lead into the ninth. Houston manager Phil Gamer went to Hoffman, who is closing in on Lee Smith's career saves record (478) and has converted 24 of 25 chances this season. After getting two soft comebackers, Hoffman gave up a single to Paul Konerko, who was replaced by pinch-runner Jose Lopez. Then the N.L. nearly caught a break — it hasn't had many since its last victory in Philadelphia in 1996.

SEE A.L., C5

### HOW THE RED SOX FARED

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#### RIGA AMATEUR

### Early bird Pannone catches break, wins medalist honors

BY PAUL KENYON JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

BARRINGTON — Jason Pannone missed a lot of the fun yesterday in the 101st R.I. Golf Association Ama-teur, which meant everything worked out well for him.

worked out well for him.
Pannone, a URI golf star who plays
out of Potowomut, went out early
and put together his second straight
excellent round at Rhode Island
Country Club, a 3-under-par 68. That

gave him both the best score of the day and medalist honors at 5-under 137, two better than first-day leader David McAndrew of the host club. David McAndrew of the host club.

Both Pannone and McAndrew
were long gone by the time the day's
real fun began. The weather changed
in the early afternoon from pleasant
to downingth rasty.

Strong winds came in off Narragansett Bay through the second half
SEE AMATEUR, C3

### Shorter off tee, but long on game

BARRINGTON — Let other guys
write about the flat-bellies, those lean
and fit, long-hitting college boys
who seemingly
can reach the
Jamestown Bridge
with a driver and a
Giron from the
water side tees at

lies that grab my

attention.
Forget about the kids. It's the

Forget about the kids. It's the codgers who interest nie. Particularly when they can't hit a tee ball out of their own shadow, considerable as it may be, yet still manage to shoot 69. Which is the number that 54-year-old George Donnell put up yesterday morning in the second round of qualifying in the 101st R.I. Amateur Championship.

SEE DONALDSON, C3



JOURNAL PHOTO / BOB BREIDENBACH

Andy Murray, who became the No. 1 seed after the three players ranked ahead of him were forced to withdraw, returns a volley to Ricardo Mello in their opening-round match yesterday.

### Top-seeded Murray has great escape

Scotland's Andy Murray outlasts Brazil's Ricardo Mello and, for now, wards off the Curse of the Casino.

BY MIKE SZOSTAK

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JOHNSON, SYMEN WRTHEN
NEWPORT — Top-seeded Andy Murray, down two service breaks midway
through the third set and then facing five
match points in the 12th game, was close
to becoming the 30th victim of the Curse
of the Casino yesterday.
Since the Campbell's Hall of FamMTennis Champoinships, officially joined the
men's circuit in 1977, no top seed has ever
won this event. Murray seemed well on his
way to intermment in this graveyard of
number ones, but the 19-year-old from
Scotland somehow escaped with a 6-1, 1-16, 7-6 (5) first-round victory over Ricardo
Mello of Brazil.

6, 7-b (5) first-round victory over Ricardo Mello of Brazzii.
Mello, ranked No. 139 in the world, only 3-6 in singles this year and playing his first and last tournament of 2006 on grass, served for the match at 5-2, 5-4, and 6-5, but could not make the one shot he needed

SEE FAME, C6

### Amateur

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of the day and sent scores soar-ing. RIGA officials, helped by RICC workers, became amateu-meteorologists as they moni-tored television and the Internet, and even called other courses as they saw and beard reports of numerous electrical storms in the area.

sind event cause of mumerous electrical storms in her area.

"I don't think there's any way it will avoid us," said Bob Ward, the RIGA's tournament director, as he monitored the situation.

Plans were readied to evacute players from the course, as the winds whipped even stronger and the whitecaps on the bay multiplied. In one stretch in mid-afternoon, the wind was so bad that 15 of 18 players who came in had scores of 80 or higher. The lowest score in a two-bour period was a 75 until Bibly Forcier came in with a 73, a total that included a birde on the final hole that gave him a 131 total, the score needed to squeeze into match play. "It was bad on the front nine," said Stroke Play champion Eugene DiSarro, "but then when you crossed the street (for the final four holes) it was bruil at 11 thought 11 had gone to Scotland."

As it was, DiSarro had one of



Jason Pannone, lining up a putt in last year's New England Amateur, shot a 68 yesterday and was the medalist at RICC.

the lowest scores of the final two-thirds of the day with a 73 for 145 to easily advance. "Hitting the 17th green was impossible," said Brad Valois of RICC's signature hole along the water. "It's only 130 yards, but the wind made it impossible. I started it out left of the green and it ended

up right. Every shot I saw ended	YESTERDA'	S RE	SULTS		100			
up right." Valois advanced easily with a 75 for a 147 total.	Jason Pannone	69-68 - 137	Jon Costa	. 75-77 - 152	Kevin Quinn	79-41 - 160	Ted Spencer	84-52 - 1
	David McAndrew	66-71 - 139	Tom Goryl	72 80 - 152	Dom Marcone	79-81 - 160	Ron Battists	\$1.45 1
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stopped. One large storm cell	Charlie Blanchard	71-71 - 147	Tort- Acciardo	14-19 - 153	Larry Devoe	77-83 - 160	Ker/ Mernick	82-85 2
that appeared headed for the	Andrew Clark Eugene DiSamo	71-73 - 144	801 Campbell	79-74 - H3	Steve Royer	82 79 - 161	Erik Manchester	77-90 - 1
course broke up before it ar-	David Marine	71 74 - 145	Skip Hingley Dan Blessling	77-77 - 154 77-77 - 154	Herb Stevens Conor McMahor	84-77 - 161 75-86 - 161	John Barber- Craig Mackenzie	85-63 - 1 67-81 - 1
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scores were better among the	Colby Pacheca	13-74 - 147	Devno Quigley	27-37 - 254	Dan Perk Ryan Kettle	82-79 161 78-81 161	T.J. McCann Karl Augenstein	81-89 - 1 87-86 - 1
later starters. It was the players	Randy Millen	76-71 - 147	Bob Dosrte	75.75 - 154	David Conley	85-76 - 161	Strie Persound	81-91 - 1
in the middle of the pack who	Billy Auger Den Mollicone	砂 79-146	Daniel Cregar Dave Carvara	78-77 + 155 77-78 + 155	Ron Giglindore Nick Clor	82-79 - 161 79-82 - 161	Kurt Budgiony	78-14 - 1
	Tom McCorreck .	72-77 149	Mike Prendergast	75-80 155	Brenden Smith	76-83 161	Forn Caffrey Fire Switts	84 % - 1 83 % - 1
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starters, notably Jeff Kafalas	E.J. Whaley	73.76 - 149	Tom Hebert	80-76 - 156	Greg Morris	80-82 - 152	Wesley Armstrong Mike Higgins	86-93 - 1 92-96 - 1
(146), Randy Millen (147) and	Steve Heath Chris O'Neill	75-74 - 149 71-79 - 150	Thorias Kellogg Neil Swift	72.84 - 156 77.80 - 157	Jeff Kern Jason Barrow	82 85 - 162	Ron Arnado .	16-1
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Play champion two years ago,	Gary McLane Nick Caccia	76-76 192 75-77 152	James Farres Mike Nardottile	84-75 - 159	Mark Battista	R2: #3 165	Stallman, 9:14 - Auger	is. Wholey: 9.
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His only concern was his dri-	"I'm giving a		lot of fe		on Tom McCor-		champion Mil	
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### Donaldson

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That gave him a 36-hole total of even-par 142, good for fourth overall, a shot behind Drew Harker of Emory College, three in back of recent Barrington High grad David McAndrew, and five behind the tourney medalist, Jason Pannone of URI. None of whom, it should be pointed out, are even half Donnell's age, and all of whom can hit the ball twice as far. "I never could hit it too far, even when I was younger," Donnell said yesterday. "Now that I'm almost 55, I have an excusse." That gave him a 36-hole total

Donnell, who plays out of Quidnessett, need not make any excuses for his game. While he's not long off the tee,

While he's not long off the tee he is unerringly straight. He doesn't miss many fairways. Nor many greens, even though he's approaching them with longer irons than most of his compet-itors this week at RICC. He rolis in his share of birdle putts and seldom makes a bogey. Donnell is a very steady play-er, which is why he perennially qualifies for match play in the

Amateur. Although he's never won it, he has won the State Four-Ball, with Ben Tuthill, in 2001, along with the State Mixed, in 2000, with Karen

Mixed, in 2000, with Karen Marcos.

He's a challenge for any young star, as Michael Capone can attest. Now playing professionally overseas, Capone was a standout at Wake Forest in 1997 when he had to play 20 holes to beat Donnell in the Amateur. The following year at Point Judith, Donnell was 3-up on the back nine when Capone raillied down the stretch with bridge on the last three holes, including the 594-yard, par-5 18th. "He was on in two," Donnell recalled, adding, with a chuckle, "I can't get over the cross-bunkers (about 160 yards in front of the green) in two."

The highlight of Donnell's career in golf came five years ago.

The highlight of Donnell's came in golf came five years ago, when he shot a course-record-tying 63 at Pymouth Country Club — equaling the mark set by James Driscoll, who's now on the PGA Tour — on his way to winning the prestigious Hornblower Memorial. That accomplishment becomes even more impressive when you consider that Donnell didn't start playing golf until he

was in his mid-30s.

was in his mid-30s.
A standout pitcher at Tolman High in Pawtucket, where he also played basketball, Donnell only took up golf seriously when he became a member at Segreganset in 1985. He never took a lesson—"I picked up a lot by observing good players," he said—but, by the end of his second year, he was a single-digit handicapper, And, in his fourth, he became club champion. "I do have to say that, in those four years, I played as much goff as a normal person would in 10," Donnell admitted. "Once I got hooked on the game, that was it.
"I love the competition," he

"I love the competition." he

Those the competition, "he said," I got to the point where I couldn't play baseball and basketball any more because you've got to be in shape to play those sports. Once I found a

all sorts of ways of playing it. They can hit it 100 yards past me off the tee, but I still can beat

"I'll tell you a story. I was in Florida a couple of winters ago when a friend invited me to Bear Lakes in West Palm to play a

Lakes in West Palm to play a match against a couple of young guys who played on the satellite tours down there.

"On the first tee, I hit a pretty good drive, but one of the kids sent his drive flying past mine. He turned and said to me: 'That's a Wal-Mart drive.'

"What's that?' I asked him. 'That,' he said, I is when you can build a Wal-Mart between your drive and mine.'"

"As we were walking up 18 at the end of the match, and he was getting his money out of his wallet to pay me, I said: 'I guess

you're going to have to build a smaller Wal-Mart."

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Michelle Wie tees off on the seventh hole yesterday during a practice round for the John Deere Classic, which starts tomorrow. Wie will attempt to make her first cut in five PGA Tour starts.

### Wie taking her next shot at history

SiLVIS, III. (AP) — Michelle Wie feels all grown up now. She looked like she belonged on the PGA Tour, fore sho better than the cut line with momentum on her side last year at the John Deere Classic. Then came a double boge on her 15th hole with two shots into a bunker and three putts from 20 feet. Her next shot sailed far right of the green, smacking off a cart path. And after missing the cut by two shots, it was time to go home. What makes her think she can stick around for all four days this year?

year?
"I made a couple bad decisions
the final holes, but I coming into the final holes, but I was only 15," Wie said yesterday. "I can make mistakes when I'm 15. Hopefully, I learned from those mistakes that I made last year, and hopefully I won't do

them this year."

Her next shot at history starts tomorrow, when she tees it up on the PGA Tour for the fifth time, hopeful of becoming the first woman since Babe Zaharias in 1945 to make the cut on the PGA

woman since Babe Zanarias in 1945 to make the cut on the PGA Tour.

"I feel better about my game," Wie said.
And yes, she feels like she's on the brink of something special.
She keeps coming closer to ber first professional victory, and first of any kind since she won the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links at age 13.

She has finished a combined five shots out of the lead in three IPGA majors this year, lipping out a 10-fost birdle put on the final hole at the Kraft Nabisco Championship to miss out on a playoff. And the last time Wie

played against the men, she made the cut on the Asian Tour, finishing 12 shots out of the lead in the SK Telecom Open. Now, she's back at TPC Deer Run. She's comfortable with the course. And defending champion Sean O'Hair predicted she will make the cut after yesterday's practice round with Wie, Zach Johnson and Jason Day. Johnson said We is hitting the ball farther than last year. And he rest of her game is fine, too. "She's going to have a bunch of opportunities, and she's just a phenomenal talent," Johnson said. "She's good."

And good for the tournament, O'Hair said, With most of the O'Hair said, With most of the O'Hair said, With most of the Distish.

of that said with most of the top golfers preparing for the British Open. We brings attention to an event that probably would slip by quietly, otherwise.

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# **NEWS**

### M BARBARO FACES

"poterbially serious" again yestenday, according to his veterinarian. Deas Bitchardson the chief surgeon at the University of Pennsylvania's New Botton Center, said the colt faced "tought odds" and that doctors were looking at all possible treatments to keep the 3-year-old comfortable, seven weeks, after his catastrophic



BARBARO

### M SAMSONOV SIGNS

Free-agent forward Sergel
Samsonov signed a two-yea
contract with the Montreal
Canadians yesterday.
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Edmonton in a deadline-day
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### SUN STARS HELP

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EAST BEAT WEST
The Connecticut Sun's Katle
Douglas scored 16 points and
Katle Smith had 14 to help
the Eastern Conference cruise
to 1ts first victory in seven
WNBA All-Star games, 98-82,
over the West last night at
Modison Square Garden.
Douglas shot 4-for-7 on 3pointers and had five
rebounds and four assists to
earn MVP honors. Cheryf Ford
added 13 points, and Tal
McWilliams-Frankfix and
Lindays Whalen, both of the
Sun, scored 10 apiece for the
East, which took control with
a 39-13 run spanning halfitme.

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RATINGS UP 15%
Television ratings for Tuesday night's All-Star Game on Foxwere up 15 percent over last season's contest, the largest increase in 24 years. The game 18st flax d 9.3 rating and 16 share with an average of 144 million viewers. Last year's game got an 8.1 rating and a 14 share, the second year in a row that the game had plummeted to an all-time low. The Home Run Derby on Monday, televised by ESPN, had a 10 percent increase. The contest had a 5.4 rating compared to 4.9 last year.

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open up a nine-stroke lead
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at Sunday River Golf Club in
Newry, Maine, Grzebien is one
of two players under par and
the only player to shoot a
round in the 60s. Other local
players in the top 20 are:
Walerte Billes (tied for 11th);
Alexandra Caffrey and (Nibbe
Railly (tied for 12th); and
Katherina Niurplay (tied for
13th).

#### BRAZIL STILL BEST

IN WORLD SOCCER
Brazil remained No. 1,
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to the Cap champion taly
world Cup champion taly
moving up to No. 2. The
United States dropped from
fifth to ISHL Under the new
ranking system, while
the criteria for rating
the world's top teams,
Argentina moved into third
place with France No. 4 and
England No. 5. Except for
Brazil, the other top teams all
moved up several places from
the rankings published before
the Netherland Society
france four and England five.
Rounding out the top 10 were:
the Netherlands, Spain,
Portugal, Germany and the
Casch Republic. IN WORLD SOCCER

# Which way do they go?



Boston's (from left) Alex Cora, the enigmatic Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz share a laugh before Saturday's game against the Chicago White Sox.

### It's Manny's output that really matters

He is our ongoing soap opera, part mythic figure, part cartoon character.
Manny.
No last name needed.
So pardon me if I don't get all excited at the latest little minimater.
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A the latest little minimater that Manny chose not to attend the All-Star Game, claiming a bad knee.
No matter that he was the highest vote-getter by the fans; so SEE REYNOLDS, C4

#### WHAT HAS TO CONTINUE

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  If no one-two, power-packed punch from
  David Ortiz and Manny Ramirez, who have
  combined for 55 home runs and 152 RBI over
  the first 86 games.

  If no on-base excellence of Kevin Youkilis
  and Mark to etta, setting up Ortiz and Ramirez
  for their RBI opportunities.

  B Consistent, solid efforts from the two pitching aces, Curt Schilling and Josh Beckett
  II The uit-right, late-inning dominance from
  closer Jonathan Papelbon.

  If he uit-right whitel defense.

- The superlative infield defense.
- The team's good health, notably for Ortiz, Ramirez, Schilling, Beckett, Wakefield and Papelbon.

#### WHAT HAS TO IMPROVE

- Production from the fifth starter.

  Bullpen dependability leading to Papelbon.
- The bench late-inning thump.

### The Red Sox still have lots of question marks

BY STEVEN KRASNER

Now, the season begins in

Now, the season begins in earnest. The first half was solid for the Boston Red Sox. The first 86 games have put the Red Sox in position for a fourth straight postseason appearance, maybe even their first outright division championship since 1995.

championship since 1995. But now it's time to get serious. The second half begins tonight, with a game against the Oakland Athletics at Fernway Park. Boston enters the game sporting a 53-33 record, which gives the Red Sox a three-game lead over the New York Yankees in the

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American League East.
Each team has 76 games remaining, but it looks like the schedule-makers have tilted the

schedule-makers have tilted the post-All-Star-break action in the Post-All-Star-break action in the Red Sox' favor, if the first-half results are any indication.

Boston has the second-best bome winning percentage in the majors at 73 (27-10), trailing only the Minnesota Twins (30-10, 75 percent) in that category.

SEE RED SOX, C5

### **Ex-Brown star** has been around world and back

Chris Drake, who is playing doubles at Newport Casino, has been on a tennis odyssey that has taken him to Europe, South America and the Middle East.

BY MIKE SZOSTAK JOURNAL SPORTS WINTER

NEWPORT — After playing tennis at Brown University for four years and leading the Bears to their first hy League championship in 2002 and CAA Tournament appearances in 2002 and 2003, Chris Drake took his game to Natick, Mass., and went from college tennis star to junior tennis teacher. "That's what I wanted to do. I was enjoying living in Boston and hanging out with my friends." he said. "It wasn't playing at all. I had played a lot of tennis in college and wanted to take a break." That feeling lasted a year. As the summer of 2004 waned, Drake was eager to play again." "I missed having something worth shooting for. I missed the training, And I didn't feel I had reached my top level. I wantled to see what I could do." So began a tennis odysey that has taken Drake SEE FAME, C3

SEE FAME, C3

### RIGA AMATEUR

### Young guns continue to call the shots

BY PAUL KENYON JOCKNAL SPORTS WRITER

BARRINGTON — The changing of the guard in Rhode Island golf not only continued yesterday; it accelerated. Many of the familiar names that have

Many of the familiar names that have dominated the scene for a generation, players like George Pirie, Paul Quigley, John Drohen and Billy Auger, were sent packing on the first day of match play in the 101st R.I. Golf Association Amateur at Rhode Island Country Chin.

day of match play in the 101st R.L Golf Association Amateur at Rhode Island Country Club.
They have been ushered out by a largely college crowd, players like Jason Pannone, David Manino, Brad Valois, Danny Mollicone, Drew Harker and Bobby Fournier. It is not a total turnover. There is still some veteran representation left as the tournament heads to the quarterfinals, namely Charlie Blanchard and Eugene DiSarro, neither of whom let late-day rian prevent them from winning twice yesterday.
Still, six of the eight quarterfinalists

twice yesterday.

Still, six of the eight quarterfinalists are under 25. They are Pannone, a senior at URL Marino, a junior at the

University of Mississippi; Valois, a sophomore at Johnson & Wales' Miami campus; Harker, a junior at Emory College in Atlanta; Mollicone, a

recent Hendricken grad who is headed to St. John's; and Fournier, who grad-uated from Furman two years ago. SEE AMATEUR, C6



URI senior Jason Pannone, teeing off on the second hole yesterday at Rhode Island Country Club, continues to roll along at the RIGA Amateur, yesterday eliminating RICC's David Patrick and three-time champion George Pirie.

Morrell, Green take top honors in RIPGA Juniors Samantha Morrell's 71 in the girls division is the lowest score among all competitors, and Jim Green finishes first in the boys 15-and-over division.

### BY ROBERT LEE TOURSAL STORTS WRITER

NORTH KINGSTOWN — The boys IS-and-over division of the Rhode Island Professional Golfers' Association Junior Golfers' Golfers' Association Junior Golfers' Go

"I should have played against the boys," Morrell said afterward.

Jim Green, who will be a junior at North Kingstown High in the fall, won the boys 15-and-over division with a 74, edging Barrington High's Jeff Ray, who shot a 75.

"It's nice to win it," said Green, 16. "It's nice to get first place. I'm hoping to play better in some more serious events in the future. Seventy-four is a good number. I'm happy with that."

Ray missed a three-foof put on the part-4, 362-yard fifth bole, which he double-bogeyed, and that came back to haunt him. He said he was satisfied with his score, though.
"I played well," said Ray, 15. "I was one under through my last five holes. I had if good finish."

Green played.

"I was hitting a lot of greens and twoputted from there," Green said. "I made
a lot of pars. I was hitting my drive all
right. I was hitting the fairway and then
the green. I didn't really hit any amazing
shots all was just consistent. Being consistent really helped me out in the end."
Consistency was the key for all three
gollers.
"I was just trying to be consistent,
"I was just trying to be consistent,
"Asy asaid. "I was trying to hit greens and
trying to make pars. I played good. You
have to be consistent,"
"J was consistently hitting greens, and
that was basically the key," Morrell shd.
"I made a lot of up-and-downs. My chipping is getting a lot better and so is my
short patting, and that really contribused a lot. I'm really happy with my score."
Morrell was even par through the first
16 holes, then bogeyed the par-4, 259yard 17th. She fired a 2-over 38 on the

front nine, bogeying the par-4, 385-yard second hole and the par-3, 157-yard eighth. On the back nine, she birdied the par-3, 148-yard 10th hole and the par-4, 260-yard 12th.
Green got off to a rocky start, bogeying the par-4, 354-yard first hole and the par-5, 448-yard first hole more back to 1-over. Green bogeyed the pext hole, however, but birdied the par-4, 343-yard sixth to move back to 1-over. Green bogeyed the next hole, however, but birdied the par-4, 343-yard sixth to move back to 1-over before the turn. He made three bogeys (11th, 13th and 14th) on the back nipe and no birdies.

With the exception of his double

birdies. With the exception of his double bogey on the fifth hole, Ray said he played well on the front nine. He bogeyed the second and ninth, and birdied the sixth. He recovered from a slow start on the back nine, where he bogeyed holes 10, 12 and 13, by carding

a birdie on 18.

Morrell, who finished tied for third at the girls Interscholastic League state tournament last season, has been playing golf for six years and has improved a lot in recent months.

Green's dad was the pro at Quidnessett Country Club, and had Jim on the links at age 5. This was his first major victory.

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See Partie Chrystoff WIEP 8 / 9/.
Sin Green, 74, Jeff Ray, 15, 5 Over Delates.
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17. Is & Sinder Division. John McCarthy, 79: Milke Dilude, 85: Sean Leach 93. Carls Division. Samantha Merrell, 71: Nicole Scola, 90; Jenna Masnyk, 100.

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### Amateur

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Fournier is the old man in that

Fournier is the old man in that group, at 23.

They all survived another wild weather day as a downpour marred aftermoon matches and delayed plot for about 45 min and delayed plot for about 45 min course. Harker against Auguer, the RIGA player of the year two of the last three years.

In keeping with the day's theme, it was the youngster, Harker, who won that match, and 2, leaving Blanchard, who is 41, and DiSarro, 43, as the only veterans left.

"It's a young man's game," Blanchard said.

It's that way in most places, it's just that in Rhode Island, they have played so well for so long that the newcomers often have head to wait for their day in the

that the newcomers often have had to wait for their day in the sun. That day came yesterday,

even if it was raining again.

Pannone, the medalist, set the pace. He now has been under par in all four rounds he has

played in the tournament.
"I was 3-under in each match today," he said after beating David Patrick, 4 and 2, and then

vid Patrick, 4 and 2, and then three-time chamgion Pirie, 2 and 1, in the second round. In keeping with the way he always plays, Pirie, who eliminated defending champion Tom McCormick in the morning, 4 and 3, did not go down easily, 4 easily 4 ea

but Pirte birdied 14 to square it again.

On 15, Pirie narrowly missed an eight-footer for bird, before Pannone made his seven-footer to go back ahead. Pirie bogged 16 after his approached landed in a bunker. That opened the door for Pannone, the 2004 RIGA Stroke Play champion, to advance to the quarterfinals. Pannone will square off against Marino in the quarters. Marino will enter off perhaps his best day yet on the course. The long-hitting bomber sweept past Jake Gaffey of RICC, 6 and 5, and then Kirkbrae clubmate Bob Corio, 5 and 4.

"This morning might have

"This morning might have been the best I've ever played,"

Marino said. "I was 4-under and didn't make a bogey, UPer and I didn't make a bogey. We had rounds where I'we been more under par. but from a consistency standpoint, as far as hitting everything right where I was aming it, that might have been my best round. I never had anything more than a three-footer for par. It's a great feeling." It carried over to the afternoon, when he had five more brides as he powered past Corio. "It was a really good match because holes were won with birdies." Marino said. "He won two holes with birdies. I had five birdies. I made two bogeys but I played well."

"He won 7 and 8 with birdies. I had five birdies I made two bogeys but I played well."

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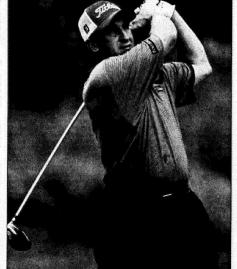
The two most exciting finishes were provided by Fournier and DiSarro. Both were I-own going to Ils in the afternoon rain. Both birdied 18 to stay alive. Then obth birdied 18 to stay alive. Then stopped a great run from Jeff

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taking out Drohen while DiSarro stopped a great run from Jeff Kafalas, an unaffiliated player who was strong through the tournament.

Fournier, who has helped coach the Johnson & Wales golf team this year, will meet Blanchard in the quarters while DiSarro draws Mollicone. Blanchard, who has won every Rafacht title there is to win, held off Colby Pacheco, 2 and 1, in the second round while Mollicone won a back and forth match with Billy Forcier, 2 up.

won a back and forth match with Billy Forcier, 2 up. Harker, the last RICC player remaining, and Valois, the three-time RIGA Junior champion, will time RIGA Junior champion, will meet in the last quarterfinal in a match between two of the most talented of all the young players. Harker got up early and never lost the lead in eliminating Auger in the second round. He ended it,



Eugene DiSarro of Metacomet of Metacomet was one of two veteran players, along with Charlie Blanchard of Wannamoiset to advance to today's the RIGA Amateur at Rhode Island Country Club.

after the rain delay, with a 30-foot birdie putt on the 16th for his 4-and-2 triumph. Valois said he has not felt as if he's playing his best all week, yet he still topped Mike Caprio, 3 and 2.

### France's Dessell is new leader; Landis 5th

PAU, France (AP) — Lance
Armstrong once said there are no
gifts at the Tour de France — a
maxim that a
TOUR
Frenchman
and a
Spaniard
showed still
holds true, even with the seventime champion out of the picture.
Racing toward the finish of
yesterday's 10th stage, having left
the field far behind on hard mountain climbs. Cvril Dessel and Juan

the field far behind on hard moun-ninclimbs, Cyril Dessel and Juan Miguel Mercado talked about which of them should reap the win. Dessel already knew the ride had been good enough to earn him the overall race leader's prized yellow jersey and, as icing on the cake, the polka-dot jersey as the best mountain climber, too.

as the best mountain cinions, too.

Mercado figured that was gloye enough and that Dessel should leave the honor of winning the stage to him. He leaned over and said so—only to be told no.

"You 'don't often get the chance for a stage victory at the Tour de France. I couldn't pass it un." Dessel said later.

you're France. I couldn't pass it up." Dessel said later.
Unable to agree, the pair battled for the win in a finishing sprint—and Mercado turned out to be ever-so-slightly quicker. It was the Spaniard's second stage win in three Tours. His first was in 2004.

win in three Tours, rus man, in 2004.

"I did my utmost but, despite everything, he won and I congratulate him," said the previously unheralded Dessel, who

Three-time winner George Pirie gave Jason Pannone a run for his money yesterday, but was done in when he found a bunker at 16.

AT A GLANCE.

B STAGE: The 10th stage was a winding 18.4-mile rice from the southwestern town of Cambo-lessains to Pau featuring two tought climbs in the Pyrenese, the first mountain stage of this Tour.

Jan Mignel Mercado, of the Agritubel stam, in 4 hours, 49 minutes, 10 seconds. We see the control of the present of t

seconds behind.

IN YELLOW JERSEY: Dessel.

IN QUOTE OF THE DAY: "He's going to live a big, jick go with the yellow jersey. You're never the same man again." AGZPS: team leader, Frenchman Christophe Moreau, on Dessel.

IN MEXT STAGE: The LIB's stage boday takes riders on live lough climbs and the same properties of the limits—along a 2023-3-mile tree, from Tarbes to Pla d'Adet in Spain.

despite his disappointment at be-ing beaten, relished becoming the first French rider to take the

overall lead at this Tour.

"A dream come true," he said.
Their race together at the front
of the field redeemed an otheror the field redeemed an other-wise anticlimactic first day in the high mountains, where top con-tenders to succeed Armstrong sat back and let Dessel, Mercado and other lower-placed riders get

and other lower-placed niders get way ahead.

There was logic to their leth-argy. Expending energy chasing after Dessel's group of 15 escapees would have made little sees, because none is likely to threaten for the Tour title. Instead, the favorites focused on not losing time to each other and saved themselves for yet harder mountain stages to come.

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American Floyd Landis, Ger-man Andreas Kjoeden, Austra-lian Cadel Evans, previous race leader Serhiy Honehar of Ukraine and 70 others finished to-gether 7 minutes, 23 seconds be-hind Mercado and Dessel. Many other riders were farther back.

## Safety causing complacency in NASCAR?

NASCAR has made significant

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NASCAR has made significant safety strides since the death of Dale Earnhardt, and many drivers credit recent innovations for an improved safety record: No deaths and few serious injuries in NASCAR's top three series in the last five years.

But after watching his drivers get wrecked at high-speed tracks three times this season — including Jeff Gordon knocking Matt Kenseth out of the lead at Chicagoland Speedway on Sunday — Roush Racing president Geoff Smith says drivers have been fulled into a false sense of security and are more willing to make risky moves.

"There's an undeserved complacency that's creeping into the racing." Smith said. "To me, there's a time bomb that's ticking there. You've got to stop it."

After winning Sunday's race,

there. You've got to stop it."

After winning Sunday's race,
Gordon didn't deny he made the

After winning Sundays race, Gordon didn't deny he made the aggressive move in part to pay back Kenseth for an Incident earlier this season.

Smith suspects two other incidents this season were intentional and unsafe Kurt Busch's crash with Roush driver Greg Biffle at Texas Motor Speedway, which led to a pit-road confrontation between Biffle's griftined and Busch's fiancee, and the Tony Stewart-Kenseth crash at Daytona.

Busch denied it was intentional But after Daytona, Stewart said Kenseth deserved rough reatment because of an earlier race incident.

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Matt Kenseth (17) and Tony Stewart collide in Turn 1 during the NASCAR Nextel All-Star Challenge in May. Rousch Racing president Geoff Smith says drivers have a false sense of security.

fines," Gordon said yesterday. "But until they truly react in a big, big way, I think that guys are always going to continue to push the limits."

Paybacks and grudges always have been a part of NASCAR. But revenge typically has been unleashed at relatively lowspeed short tracks, not bigger tracks where speeds can exceed 180 mph and consequences can

180 mph and consequences can be more severe.

"It's starting to get in their heads that it's not dangerous anymore," Smith said.

NASCAR certainly is less dan-gerous than before Earnhardt's death. Drivers wear full-face hel-mets and head and neck restraints. Cars sport redesigned cockpits with improved padding, seatbelts and seats. Tracks fea-

ture sprouted impact-absorbing wall barriers.

But racing never will be safe.

"We're not done testing the orinital of what physics can do or not do in this sport," Snith said.

"It's not bumper cars."

It sure looked that way Sunday. After winning the race, Gordon said he was trying to bump Kenseth out of the way, not wreck him.

wreck him.
"He should have expected, if I "He should have expected, if I could get to his bumper, there was going to be some action." Gordon said Sunday. "One, because of what happened in Bristol — and I'm not saying I just was going to wreck him, but you better believe I was going to make life difficult on him. And then No. 2, just' cause we're hungry right now."

### **NASCAR SCHEDULE**



# **SPORTS**



### NEWS WIRE

#### M CELTS' PIERCE OKS EXTENSION



OKS EXTENSION
The Boston Cottless have reportedly agreed to terms with forward Paul Pierce on a three-year contract catension worth almost \$60 million. Terms of the eague approval, weren't released, but the Boston Herald reported on its Web site that the deal will be for three years and almost \$60 million. and that the deal will be for three years and almost \$60 million. Also yesterday, the Cettics said Pierce is scheduled to have minor surgery on his left elbow next month.

### M KESSEL GOING

■ KESSEL GOING

BACK TO SCHOOL?

First-round draft pick Phill

Kessel will not sign with the

Boston Bruins this summer,

according to yesterday's

Minneapolis Star Tribune.

Kessel, the fifth pick in last

month's NHL draft, told

University of Minnesota

assistant coach Milke Guentzel

that he will return for his

sophomore year, according to

the Tribune's Sid Hartman.

The Bruins apparently believe the Tribune's Sid Hartman. The Bruins apparently believe that Kessel will benefit from another year of college hockey, Hartman said. "I don't think any freshman hockey player we have had in recent years had the pressure that Kessel had this past season. He is an outstanding hockey player." Guentzel said. The 18-year-old Kessel had 18 goals and 33 assists for 51 points in 39 games last season.

#### M STEVENSON SIGNS WITH PATS

The New England Patriots signed sixth-round draft choice Dan Stevenson yesterday. The 6-loot-5, 300-pound offensive guard was Notre Dame's top offensive lineman last season.

#### m NEW CAST FOR NFL PRIMETIME

NFL PrimeTime without Chris Berman and Tom Jackson? ESPN confirmed this week that after an 18-year run on ESPY continued this week that after an I Byear run on Sunday evenings, NFL Prime Firme Will move to 6 p.m. Mondays and feature as one cast (States) and feature Sunday games problind SEPN MORES new contract for Sunday games problind SEPN MORES new contract for Sunday games problind SEPN and the Sunday games problind SEPN that Sunday reights. But ESPN has found a clever way around that rule having Berman and Jackson narrate highlights on the 90-minute SportsCenter at 11 p.m. Berman and Jackson their will join Michael Irvin, Steve Young and Chris Mortensen on ESPN's Monday Night Football 90-minute pregame show at 7 p.m.

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#### M AFTER A REST.

### m A.L. BASEBALL Oakland 5, Boston 4 Texas 15, Baltimore 1 Detroit 6, Kansas City 4 Cleveland 6, Minnesota 4

### M.L. BASEBALL Houston 5, Florida 1 Cincinnati 9, Colorado 7 St. Louis 3, L.A. Dodgers 2

ILL. BASEBALL

#### Red Sox turn this one into a complete waste By stranding baserunners galore, Boston is forced to go 5 RED SOX

#### BY ART MARTONE

NEXT GAME 7:05 p.m

extra innings, and then Oakland takes charge

BOSTON And now some num
bers from last night's Red Sox A's
game at Fenwa Park
Number of Red Sox baserunners

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20. Number of Red Sox home runs. 2. Number of times the Red Sox were re-tired in order by Oakland pitching. 1. All those numbers were far more impressive than the one line that ac-

Number of Red Sox runs 4

We just didn't help ourselves
very much tonight sighed manager

timed error by second baseman Mark Loretta and several mental lapses including a ninth inning pickoff of pinch runner. Withe Harrs It all contributed to a 54-411 inning loss to the Ax as the second half of the season got under way. Oakland snipped a 3.1 pe with two

Cakland snapped a 5-3 file with two runs in the top of the 11th off Julian Lavarez: the sixth Sox pitcher of the night on two-out run-scoring hits from Bobby Kielty and Frank

ness is another team's clutch pitching, and for a good long time last pitching in night it appeared the Sex ... RED SOX, D9

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# With desire comes success

### Portsmouth's Sewall doesn't settle for 2nd, even in school

By JOHN GILLOOLY

Usually it's difficult describing a teenager in a few work, especially a teenager as talented as Portsmouth High's Bobby Sewall
But Portsmouth High's Bobby Sewall
But Portsmouth football cosch. Tim
Coon has no problem fashioning a conicse very barrier of two many like him." said
There are not too many student-aibletes like Sewall around Rhode Island the past few years.
He was one of the top all-arxind athletes

in the state. The starting quarterback for the Portsmouth football team since his sophomore year he also was a sensational defensive player earning first team Providence Journal All-State honors as a detensive back in both his junior and senior seasons. The irony is that neither quarterback not defensive back is his best position. He's a great receiver but with his athletes talent we couldn't afford not to have the ball in his hands at all times; "said Coen. Last winter Sewall also played a major role in the Portsmouth boys busketball teams drive to the Division III state championship game.





Portsmouth's Bobby Sewall was one of the top all-round athletes in Rhode Island but also found

### Unbeatable on track, Gawrych kept same pace in classroom

By JOHN GILLOOLY

Indicast severs Warrix

The track resume was common knowledge to any regular sports page reader.

Over the past few years, it seemed you couldn't go more than week without reading how Westerly's Samantha Gawrych had set another high school track record or received some type of state or national recognition.

There were 15 individual state championships in indoor and outdoor track—which is believed to be more than any other Rhode Island high school track performer has even won.

former has even won.

There also were two individual state cross-country titles, a national indoor indi-

vidual track championship and four consecutive selections as the Rhode Island Gatorade Female High School Track Athlete of the Year

And that doesn't even mention the dozen or so All-American awards or her two-time selection as the R1 Words Unlimited Female High School Athlete of the Year

What the headlines never told, however, was that to the people who knew her best, it was an intellectual curiously combined with a sense of humor that made her special beyond her SEE GAWRYCH, D5

### One for the ages leads charge in Newport tennis

BY MIKE SZOSTAK JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

NEWPORT — Day Four of Newport Tennis Week 2006, wet and wild, was one

for the ages.

Middle ages for Wayne Arthurs and

Middle ages for Wayne Arthurs and Justin Gimelstob and teen ages for Andy Murray and Sam Querrey. So Arthurs is 35 and Gimelstob 29, just scratching middle age in the real world. On the pro tennis tour, Arthurs is old enough to receive AARP newsletters\_and Gimelstob, only six months from turning 30, is getting close.

Murray, 19, and Querrey, 18, are legitimate teeps and the earnes', future.

mate teens and the game's future.
Arthurs and Gimelstob led off another

SEE HALL, D3

### Collegians Marino, Valois win spots in final

BY PAUL KENYON

BARRINGTON — Rhode Island's new amateur golf champion will be a college star who hits the ball massive distances. He is a guy who began winning championships as a teenager and was identified then as a specula talent He was pergged as someone with a chance to be the next great player from Rhode Island.

The only question is whether his name is David Marrino or Brad Valous.

RIGA

AMATEUR | Regians made the biggest statement yet about their talent yesterday when both

about their talent yesterday when both won twice in the 101st R.I. Golf Association Amateur at Robel Island Country Club. That gave them spots in today's 35-hole title match.

"If anyone" yearts to see two players who could be players to watch in the

future. (today's) the day to do it, "said Valois." It's going to be an all-out match."

Marino beat Bobby Fournier, 6 and 5, in the semifinals, while Valois topped Eugene Disarro, 3 and 2.

The two — Valois is a three-time RIGA Junior champion and Marino a former inter-scholastic League champ — have become friends through golf.

StrikMATEUR, D4



Brad Valois watches a tee shot during his match against Eugene DiSarro in yesterday semifinals of the RIGA Amateur. JOURNAL PHOTO / BOB BREIDENBACH

# Ailing Barbaro in a life-and-death battle On and off

The Kentucky Derby winner is suffering from an often fatal hoof disease.

an often fatal hoof disease.

KENNETT SQUARE, Pa, (AP)

— He still looks every bit the
champion. Orlly the fiberglass
casts on not one but both of Barbaro's hind legs are indicapers of
something terribly wrong.

"His ears are up, he's bright,
he's looking around," Dr. Dean
Richardson said Thursday "If
you look at this hores, if d' be
hard to put him down."

That precisely is the heartbreaking task that could be
imminent because of a hoof disease so serious Richardson said
the Kentucky Derby winner is "a

the Kentucky Derby winner is "a

long shot" to survive.
"It could happen within 24 hours," Richardson said during a news conference at the Universi-ty of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center. Richardson said Barbaro has a

Richardson said Barbaro has a severe case of laminitis in his left hind leg — a painful, often fatal disease caused by uneven weight distribution in the limbs.

"If, he starts acting like he doesn't want to stand on the leg, that's it. That will be when we call it quits," he said.

Richardson, who has freated Barbaro since the coil suffered catastrophic injuries in the Preakness on May 20, said 80 percent of the horse's left hoof wall was removed Wednesday with the sudden onset of the dis-

Though he looks just fine, that doesn't reflect the true nature of his condition, termed "poor" by

Richardson.
"I'd be lying if I said anything other than poor," he said. "As long as the horse is not suffering, we are going to continue to fry to save him. If we can keep him comfortable, we think it's worth

comfortable, we think it's worth the effort."

Barbaro is being treated aggressively with pain medication and remains in the same stall he's been in some being brought to the intensive care unit at the George D. Widener Hospital for Large Animals.

Until his misstep at the Preakmess, Barbaro's career was nothing short of brilliant. He won his first five starts, including the Florida Derby. His of 1-2-length victory at the Derby was so convincing he was being haled as the next likely Triple Crown champion — and first since Affriend since 1978.

But seconds after the gates swung open at Pimilco, that career was cut short when the colt broke down, his right hind leg flaring out awkwardly because of three broken bones.

Race fans at Pimilco wept and within 24 broat he arises a princip again.

Race fans at Pimlico wept and within 24 hours the entire nation seemed to be caught up in a "Barbaro watch," waiting for any ws of his surgery and condi-

Fans still show support

tion.
And for the longest time, it all



recovery were relatively smooth
despite five hours of surgery
to insert a titanium plate and 27
screws into his three shattered

bones.
Each day brought more optimism: Barbaro was eyeing the mares, nuckering, gobbling up his feed and trying to walk out of his stall. There was great hope Barbaro somehow would overcome the odds and live a life of leisure on the farm, although he'd always have a hitch in his gait.

Richardson, along with own-ers Gretchen and Roy Jackson and trainer Michael Matz, all believed the colt had a chance to

Until last week, when Bar baro's condition steadily wors

The colt underwent three sur The colt underwent three sur-gical procedures and four cast changes on the injured leg, fol-lowed by a hoof-wall re-section to remove 80 percent of his left rear hoof. "I really thought we were going to make it two weeks ago,"

Jockey Edgar Prado holds the reins of Barbaro at the Preakness on May 20 while the horse holds up his injured hind leg. But it is Barbaro's left hind leg that is now afflicted with a severe with a severe that is caused by distribution.

Richardson said. "Today I'm not as confident."

Within hours of the grim update, roses and apples began arriving at the hospital, and hun-dreds of get-well e-mail mes-sages were rosted on a Web site. sages were posted on a Web site set up by the New Bolton Center.

The vet didn't mince words: "It's as bad a laminitis as you can have. It's as bad as it gets.

He said he has discussed the situation closely with the Jack-sons, who have stressed that their main concern is for Barbaro to be pain free.

## the field, they're the tops

BY JOHN GILLOOLY

They live in a world where sports has become a 24-hours-aday fascination.
So it would have been easy for

So it would have been easy for Bobby Sewall, Samantha Gawrych and the other 99 nomi-nees for The Providence Journal Honor Roll Boy and Girl awards to think their athletic successes were the most significant accom-plishments of their high school careers.

But fortunately for America's future Sewall, Gawrych and the other Honor Roll nominees understand that life should dictate sports rather than the other

Each year the principals of every Rhode Island high school are asked to submit nominees from their graduating class for the Honor Roll Boy and Girl awards. Being named Honor Roll Boy or Girl means you are the top Rhode Island male/female stu-dent-athlete in your graduating class.

All of the 101 nominees for the All of the for nonlinees for the two awards are accomplished athletes as well as outstanding students. They are teenagers who understood the value of both

who understood the value of both sports scores and classroom stats. In addition to Sewall and Gawrych they are teenagers like Sewall's Portsmouth classmate Katherine Murphy. Murphy was a two-time girls golf state cham-



KATHERINE MURPHY
Excelled in sports and in class

## Secretariat had it, too

KENNETT SQUARE, Pa. (AP) — The roses on the lobby table were addressed to "Mr. Barbaro Jackson" and the card said best wishes to a champion horse. One girl and her family drove more than an hour to deliver a homemade getwell note and to let Barbaro know they were praying for him. Another sign put on a fence encouraged the Kentucky Dertywinner to "Keep up the Fight". While the public outpouring of support was significantly muted yesterday compared to the first days after Barbaro was admitted to the New Bolton Center, fans were still rooting for the ailing colt to recover from his catastrophic injuries and a potentially fatal disease.
"It's prefty said." said 9-year-old Samantha Layton. "Barbaro is a great racer. He's the only hope leady loot." "It's a very good horse, so we hope for the best," he said: "But I hope they make the decision that's best for the horse."

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Owners Roy and Gretchen Jackson, who live less than 10 miles down the road from New Bolton in nearby West Grove, Pa., said this week the well wishes have slowed, but they remained touched by all the support and encouragement they-verceeived from Barbaro's fans. "It's overwhelming." Gretchen Jackson said in late May. "I don't know how Rey and I could participate in responding to their loving kindness throughout his career."

career."
Instead of sending flowers and pepper-mints, some faithful fans expressed their well wishes on New Bolton Center's on-line message board. "Barbaro..., nobody is giving up! Don't you! Miracles do hap-pen! I keep asking St. Amthony, St. Jude, and St. Francis to get that Miracle to you!" said one note posted yesterday.

NEW YORK (AP) — The painful hoof disease affecting Barbaro is no stranger to horse racing fans: Secretariat, the 1973 Triple Crown winner, was euth-anized because of it in 1989. The disease, called laminitis or founder, involves inflammation and structural damage to tissue that bonds the horse's bone to the inner wall of the hoof. In severe cases, this connection can be so damaged that a horse literally can walk out of its foot, said Rob Sigafoos, a horse expert at the University of Pennsylvania. Laminitis has multiple causes, and

Signatos, arone experiments of the top of Pennsylvania. Laminitis has mediate exactly what prompts the disease, he said. In Barbaro's case, it's blamed on the uneven weight distribution between the rear legs after the rijury to the right hind leg in the Preakness.

"There's no book you go to that says here's laminitis 101 ... put tab A in slot

B. It's not that simple," said Dean Richardson, the chief surgeon who has been treating Barbaro since the colt suffered catastrophic injuries. "It's a devastating problem in horses that nobody has a solution to."

The disease also is seen in horses with systemic infections and mares that retain the placenta. Diet also has been-implicated. When the condition strikes their front feet, horses can be seen trying to shift their weight to their back feet.

fig. to shift time weight of their osci-feet. Laminis is treatable with drugs and special horse shoes, especially in mild cases. A 2000 report by the federal government, "Lameness and Laminitis in U.S. Horses," found laminitis was reported in about 2 percent of horses during a year-long period. That includ-ed new and existing cases. The 28-state survey covered U.S. horse operations with at least three animals.

### Amateur

Samantha Layton. "Barbaro is a great racer. He's the only horse I really loved." At Churchill Downs yesterday, jockey Rafael Bejarano said he still hopes Bar-

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"We've played practice rounds together
quite a bit. I go to Valley or he comes up to
Kirkbrae," Marino said. "We're friends."
They have gone head-to-head in competition three times. Valois won both the
RIGA Juniors and State Am at Valley two
years ago. Marino won the Interscholastic
League championship in a playoff with
Valois four years ago after the two had
tied for the tille. On the first playoff hole at
Cranston, a par-5, Marino got home in
two and sank an eight-foot put for eagle.
Their reputations, though, go far
beyond that. Both played regularly and
excelled in the Rhode Island-based Challenge Cup program. Among the spec-

lenge Cup program. Among the spec-tators yesterday were David Adamonis Sr. and Dave Adamonis Jr., the two men who have run that program for the last two decades. As they proudly pointed out, 8 of the 16 players to reach the second round in the Mass Am this week, and 6 of the 8 quarterfinalists in the Rhode Island Am,

Marino stood out early because of their power and athleticism. Marino just finished a good sophomore year at the University of Mississippi. Valois had an even better freshman year for Johnson & Wales' Miami-based team, where he was the third-rated freshman in the country. Both have displayed their considerable talent this week. Not even an hour rain delay between rounds yesterday could stop them.

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Marino had topped another college star, URI's Jason Pannone, the tourney medalist, 2 and 1, in the morning quarterfinals. He then overpowered Fournier in the afternoon. Marino has been under par in every round he has played at birc's.

RICC.

"To tell you the truth, I wasn't playing that great coming into this," Marino said.
"But I started practicing more, getting more into it and figuring some things out. Everything kind of worked itself out. You gain confidence from that."

Fournier, 23, who spent this year helping coach the Johnson & Wales team organized by Dave Adamonis Sr., the team on which Valois plays, won a terrific quarterfinal match in the morning, eliminating the last former champion, Charlie

Blanchard, lup.

"I've been so relaxed all week," Fournier said. "I spent last weekend at my grandfather's (Raymond Fournier) funeral and it made me put everything in perspective. I've never felt this way at a golf tournament before. My attitude has been so good."

In the semis, though, Fournier hit his first shot out of bounds and Marino never gave him a chance. Marino won the first and then the second with a birdie and led all the way.

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Marino ended any hope Fournier had when he drove the par-4 12th, which was playing at 300 yards, and birdied. That meant Fournier's birdie only gave him a

In the other semifinal, the outgoing DiS-In the other semifinal, the outgoing Dis-arro, the reigning Stroke Play champion, made for a different mood. While Marino and Fournier quietly went about their work, Disarro chatted with Valois and talked with fans as he chain-smoked his way around the course. Valois, who had brided four of the first, six holes in beating Drew Harker, 3 and 2, in the morning, did not mind talking with Disarro. It was easy for him because he was playing so well. He took the lead with

a birdie on the par-4 second and moved to 2-up when he drove the par-4 sixth and two-putted for birdie. He played his best golf of the week.
"I hit the ball a lot better and I defnitely

That the ball a for detter and a definitely putted a lot better," he said. "But I've still got some things I've got to work on." The 14th hole typified Valois' control and DiSarro's frustration. Valois got in trouble and had a 25-foot downhill putt for trouble and had a 25-foot downhill putt for par. DiSarro was on his way to a routine par. He thought that would win the hole, but Valois rolled in his difficult, cutling putt for a halve. DiSarro stared in disbelief as the ball disappaeared, then dropped his putter to the ground.

"What the beck is going on?" he said, drawing a smile from Valois as Valois went to retrieve his ball from the cup. DiSarro kept the match alive with a birdie on 15, but the match was closed out when both parred 16.

pion, a two-time first-team All-State soccer player, the yearbook deditor and a student council representative who academically ranked sixth in this year's graduating class at Portsmouth High. Alexandra Fogarty was the state gymnastic champion and the valedictorian of this year's La Salle Academy graduating class. Meghan McCooey was the girls tennis state champion and one of the top academically ranked students at Mount St. Charles. Cranston East's Ribb Angell was one of the hardest hitting football linebackers in the state for the past two years, but he also knew how to hit the books.

On the basketball court Can-dace Williams was one of the best female players in the state and in the classroom she was the best student in this year's graduating class at St. Raphael Academy. You can't help but feel good boott the future when you read when both parred 16.

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## Wie finds plenty of trouble en route to a 77 in PGA Tour

After yet another errant shot, Michelle, Wie groaned and tugged her baseball hat down

tugged her baseball hat down over her eyes.

GOLY

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There was no escapning the ugliness on her scorecard, though.

Trying for a fifth time to become the first woman since 1945 to make a cut in a PGA Tour event, the 16-year-old instead found trouble virtually everywhere she turned yesterday in the first round of the John Deere Classie at Silvis, III. In the sand. In the water, in the weeds And in the woods—several times.

"It was very uncharacteristic."

In the water. In the weeds And in the woods – several times.
"It was very uncharacteristic," it was very uncharacteristic, she said. "Considering that I had the water hazard penalties, considering that I had for call unplayable, considering that I had with the 50 yards nght, I felt like i played really well.", I ave a bot of confidence going inc. tomorrow."

She'll need it. W. Wall na 6-over-par 77. Wie was 13 strokes off the lead and appears headed for another early trip home. The low 70 and ties will make the cut after the second round today, and 70 players were at 2 under or better, with three still op the course when play was suspended because of darkness. Wie was tied for 148th in the 153-player field, with only Bob May and Mike Springer behind her. "I didn't make the cut shooting

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"I didn't make the cut shooting I under on the first (day), so I under on the first (day), so I under on the first (day) it, said Wie, who missed the cut at last year's Deere Classic despite shooting I under the first day. JP. Hayes, John Senden, Daniel. Chopra and local favorite Zach Johnson were tied for the lead at 7-under 64, Joe Ogitiva and Kris Cox were one strike back at 65. Six players, including one of Wies playing partners, Daisuke Maritvama, were at 66.

Jeff Gove, the third player in Wie's group, was at 3-over 74. Defending champion Sean O'Hair was five shots off the lead after a 69

after a 69.

This is Wie's fifth visit to the PGA Tour, where she is trying to become the first woman since Babe Zaharias in 1945 to make the cut.

Liselotte Neumann didn't mind being far from the center of atten-tion yesterday in the Jamie Farr

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Owens Corning Classic at Sylva-nia, Ohio.
Surrounded by groups that in-cluded Hall of Famers and fan favorites Annika Sorenstam and Nancy Lopez, Neumann shot a 6-under 65 to take the first-round lead.

lead. Sung Ah Yim, Reilley Rankin and Michelle Estill opened with 66s and 18 players were within three shots of the lead, including four-time tournament winner Se Ri Pak.

"This golf course is always great for me," Pak said after her 68.

Neumann brided three of four holes after making the turn and finished her round with a birdle. She was consistent all day and stayed away from any boges. 

1 putted very, very good today and drilled the ball, said Neumann, the 40-year-old Swede who won the last of her 13 LPGA Tour titles in 2004. "There were plenty-of people there to cheer me on."

Sorenstam, making her first appearance at the Farr since 2001, was four shots behind the leader after a 69.

#### Senior Players

Fuzzy Zoeller birdied the final two holes for a 7-under 65 and a share of the first-round lead yes-terday with Ron Streck in the Senior Players Championship at Dearborn, Mich. Jim Thorpe, Bruce Lietzke and Scott Simpson shot 678. leaving them two shot 67s, leaving them two strokes back in the third of five majors — and the second of three straight — on the Champi-ons Tour.

#### Scottish Open

British Masters champion Jo-han Edfors and Scotland's David Drysdale topped the leaderboard at the Scottish Open after shoot-ing 6-under 65s in the first round vesterals. Davien Clade yesterday. Darren Clarke and Miles Tunnicliff were one back after each shot's 5-under 66.

You can't help but feel good about the future when you read the nomination forms and see that most of the nominees have already discovered that people with talent shouldn't limit their energies to achieving personal glory.

Sarah Votolato was the valedictorian of this year's graduating close a Bleigh High and a

saran votolato was the vale-dictorian of this year's graduat-ing class at Pilgrim High and a field hockey star. But ask Votolato what she considered one of the most impor tant accomplishments of her high school career and it's a safe bet she would talk about being the she would talk about being the driving force in the formation of "Pilgrim Pals," an after-school organization dedicated to provid-ing developmentally challenged students at Pilgrim an opportuni-ty to interact on a regular basis with mainstream students. Chris Carney was the valedic-torian at North Smithfield High his year and a three-sport ath-

You can't help but feel good

tonan at North Smithheid High this year and a three-sport ath-lete, but he also became involved in a fundraising effort to help a North Smithfield alumnus who is working in Togo, Africa.

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# NEWS WIRE

### # STEELERS QB SEES LIFE DIFFERENTLY

Ben Roethilsberger has a new outlook on life. He talks to his family more. He appreciates those around him more. He



aminy mode. Fee appreciates those around him more. He even hugs more. Nearly dying in a motorcycle accident last morth certainly has changed even thing to durate back. It was a cardient was kind of God's way of saying. Ben, maybe you need to step back a little bit!" said Roethilsberger yesterday before teeing off at a celebrity goff tournament at Lake Those. "Maybe I was taking things for granted a little bit too much. It's almost like you get a feeling of invincibility." BLACKMON SIGNS

### WITH PACKERS

WITH PACKERS
The Green Bay Packers signed cornerback Will Blackmon yesterday. Blackmon yesterday. Blackmon, a 6-tool. 198-pound player from Boston College, was the 115th overall selection, in the fourth round of the NFL Draft. A former All-Stater at Bishop Hendricken, Blackmon earned all-conference honors in two separate leagues at two different positions, as a wide receiver in the Atlantic Coast Conference and as a cornerback in the Big East.

BIG RAISE

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BIG RAISE
FOR BARNES
University of Texas men's
basketball coach Rick Barnes
was given a hair-million dollar
raise yesterday, to \$1.8 million
in guaranteed annual
compensation, plus new
weeteners that lock in if his
players do well on the court
had been enpected after the
team reached the Elite Eight
in the NCAA Tournament in
March. The former coach at
Providence College, Barnes
now is the sixth-highest-pad
basketball coach in the
nation, said a Fexas official.

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m CRAYBAS IN FED CUP JIM Craybas will lead the U.S. team against Kim Cilipters and Belgium in this weekend's Fed Cup semifinals in Ostend. The U.S. squad is without Venus and Serena Williams and Lindsay Davenport, while French Open champion Justine Heatin-Hardenne was a late Heatin-Hardenne was a lete withdrawal from the Belgian team. Rhode Island's Craybs ranked 70th in the world, opens against No. 122 Kirsten Filphens today.

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#### M A.L. BASEBALL

Oakland 15, Boston 3
Detroit 10, Kansas City 9
Texas 2, Baltimore 1
N.Y. Yankees 6, White Sox 5
Seattle 5, Toronto 3
Minnesota 3, Cleveland 2
Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels

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NY. Mets 6, Chicago Cubs 3
Pittsburgh 7, Washington 4
Cincinnati 3, Colorado 1
Florida 3, Houston 1
St. Louis 5, L.A. Dodgers 0
Arizona 4, Milwaukee 3
Atlanta at San Diego
Philadelphia at San Francisco

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## Thumping by A's gives Sox a sinking feeling

RED SOX

NEXT GAME

Tonight
A's at Red Sox
7:05 p.m.

Poor performances on the mountid and at the plate make it a lost night for Boston, whose lead over the Yanks is cut to 1½ garnes.

BY CAROLYN THORNTON JOURSALL SENERS WEITS.
BOSTON—Josh Beckett's performance last night frankly even let the right-hander baffled:

All signs indicated that he was ready to have a good outing. The

Boston's lead in the American League East to 1/games. "It sounds like a broken record because I feel good. When you feel hat good physically, that's what really gets under your skin. When you feel good, it's supposed to be an easy day. It's a battle sometimes. It was one of the most confusing days for me. I felt good right out of the chute, but it was a struggle for me to slow the game down. No excuses. It was brutal, just brutal."

The fact that Beckett needed 10

pitches to strike out third baseman Antonio Perez — Oakland's last bat-ter with a .097 average — pretty much summed up Beckett's start, which sent the A's on their way to setting a season high for runs scored and matching their season high for his .010.

#### RIGA AMATEUR

# Perseverance pays off big for Valois



David Marino can't believe his putt did not drop on the eighth hole during the RIGA championship final.

The former Toll Gate star takes the lead on the 28th hole and then holds off David Marino for the state crown.

### BY PAUL KENYON JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

BY PAUL KENYON
BARRINGTION — It took Brid
Valois 28 holes to get the upper
hand on David Marino yesterday.
Once he did, Valois never gave up
control.

The much-heralded Toll Gate
graduate, who plays out of Valley,
used his tenactiy as well as his considerable talent to edge Marino, a
and 1, in the title match of the 101st
R.I. Golf Association Amateur
Championship at Rhode Island
Country Club.
Seven times Marino took the lead
in the scheduled 38-hole title match.
Every time Valois battled back to
pull even.
After Valois finally took his first
After Valois finally took his first

Every time Valois battled back to pull even.

After Valois finally took his fixed lead of the day on the 28th, he played smartly, in addition to playing well.

"I knew it was was going to come down to the back nine today," said Valois, who knows Marino well. The two are good friends. They have played together many times.
"The whole point of a 36-hole match is to pace yourself," Valois said.

said.

Both players paced themselves well. In the morning 18, they combined for 10 birdies (five apiece) as Marino shot 68, and Valois 69. Marino shot 68, and Valois 69.

Marino shot 88, and Valois 69. Mari-no was I up at the lunch break. "I thought I had the upper hand at that point, but obviously be found something." Marino said. "He start-ed hitting fairways and greens and making a few birdies. He's a great player. You can't take anything for granted."

Marino took a 2-up lead when



Brad Valois chips out of the rough during his match against David Marino yesterday for the RIGA Amateur championship.

### **Gimelstob nets** semifinal berth against top seed

BY MIKE \$205TAK
JOURNAL SHORTS WATHS
NEWPORT — Is 10 the lucky number
for Justin Gimelstob? The veteran from
New Jersey will find out today when he
plays top-seeded Andy Murray in the
semifinals of the Campbell's Hall of
Fame Tennis Championships.
Making his 10th appsearance here
since 1996, Gimelstob reached the semi-

since 1996, Gimelston reached the semi-finals for the first time by defeating Kris-tian Pless of Denmark, 6-3, 6-1, in only 53 minutes on a sunny, breezy day before a crowd of 2,444 at the Newport Casino.

"Semifinals are a good thing," the eighth seed said with a smile.
Finals are even better, although Gimelstob wouldn't know. The 29-year-

SEE HALL R2



#### a speedy conclusion

Ryan Newman gets a charge out of posting the fastest time during yesterday's qualifying for tomorrow's NASCAR Nextel Cup Lenox Industrial Tools Industrial Tools 300 race at New Hampshire International Speedway. See Page B5.

### Right now, Red Sox are class of A.L. East

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH:

IT his is the Red Sox 'division to lose.
They began the second half of the season three games up on the Yankees, a team whose lineup has been hurt by injuries and whose pitching is suspect. They began the second half five up on the Blue Jays. They have the best remaining schedule, more home games than the Yankees. They have young pitches who have made this a better team than it was two months ago.

That doesn't mean it as a sure thing, it simply means that in a division where the number-up would not be in the playoffs if the season ended today, the Sox right now are the best team in the division. The AL East is theirs to lose.

They began the second half five up on the blue Jays have the best properties of the playoffs if the season ended today, the Sox right now are the best team in the division. The AL East is theirs to lose.

SEE REYNOLDS, B4



Branden Bishop, 15, carries the sign with the latest score yesterday as he follows the players from hole to hole in the RIGA Amateur championship.

### RIGA

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Valois bogeved the first hole in the afternoon, his second bogey of the day on that hole and the second time he was 2 down.

second time he was 2 down.
The 19-year-old Valois, who is
coming off an outstanding freshman season for Johnson &
Wales-Miami (he was the thirdranked freshman in college golf),
did not panic. The three-fine
RIGA junior champion, who
plays left-handed but putts flighthanded, used back-to-back handed, used back-to-back birdies on the fourth and fifth

for the seventh and find (22nd and 23rd) to pull even.

For the seventh and final time; Marino regained the lead with a par on the 25th. The pivotal turn came on the 27th and 28th holes. came on the 2/th and 28th holes. Marino drove in the trees on the 27th and made bogey and took three from the fringe on the 28th and bogeyed again. Valois had pars on each to take his first lead.

Once he had the advantage Valois played steady golf, run ning off six pars and a birdie.
"He played conservative. He

ing the middle of the

said. With the lead, Valois knew

said. With the lead, Valois knew the pressure was on his opponent, who plays out of Kirkbrae and recently finished his sophomore year at the University of Mississippi. Valois went 2 up when he drained an eight-foot downhill patt for birdie on the 30th hole list hand last birdie of the match Marino had several chances for birdies, but could not cash in. "Usually. I'm the one hatting it close and missing everything." Valois said. "It's nice to see somthing like this fibis opponent missing birdie chances) happen." Marino had reason to be proud of what he accomplished. "I played solid. I'm happy with my play," he said. "I just didn't make the plutts when I needed to. This is probably some of the best golf I've ever played. I made no double bogeys through the entire and plus played really consistent golf." interplay, which is huge for me just played really consistent golf."

Valois won three tournaments for Johnson & Wales this year and coach Dave Adamonis, who was at RICC yesterday to watch his player win the Amateur. This one is special. Valois said.

it's a local tournament. It involves my peers, people I know, people I grew up playing with," he said. "It's a lot different than playing in a college tournament. In a college tournament, you just go out and play four rounds and the lowest score wins. Out here, it's more meaningful, more people know about it."

The fact that he has been iden-lified as a potential star, and that

tified as a potential star, and that he was able to win the state's

biggest event, is icing on the cake.
"I can't really describe it right
now. It hasn't really set in yet, but it's definitely a big stepping stone, something I've wanted to accomplish for a while." He said he has never felt any

He said he has never felt any pressure to live up to the high expectations placed on him. "If you think about it that way, usually things aren't going to work out for you." he said. "You've got to take it out there and say. 'If I play well today, I have a chance to win regardless of what people say. ... If you play well, you don't have to worry about anything." He shouldn't have anything to worry about now. He is the state champion.

## Landis remains in the lead

CARCASSON, E. France — American Floyd Landis retained the yellow jersey as the Tour de France's overall leader yesterday, finishing well behind stage 12 winner Yanoslav Popoyych.

Landis' lead over second-place Cyril Dessel remained at 8 seconds. Russian Denis Menchov is third overall, 61 seconds off the lead.
Popoyych's win was a solo effort, and it came on a day when two of his Discovery Channel teammates — Paolo Savoldelli and Benjamin Noval — dropped out of the race. Following a long breakaway with three other riders, the Ukranian took the stage with a solo effort to the line, finishing far ahead of Landis.
Popoyych's win, his first in two Tours, came the day after he and other Discovery Channel riders performed poorty in the hardest stage of the Pyrenees. Discovery has struggled in its first Tour de France without former leader Lance Armstrong.
Popoych finished 27 seconds ahead of second-place Alessandro Ballan and 29 seconds in front of Oscar Freire of Spain.
Popoych covered the 131 mile-stage in 4 hours, 34 minutes and 58 seconds. He rode at an average speed of just over 28 mph, remarkably quick given the hills in the stage, which featured a moderately hard climb early on, and the scorching sun.
Popoych was the second Ukranian to win a stage this year. Sertily Honchar won the first long time trial.
"It is good for morale and, I think, also for our country." Popoych said.
The three leaders had ridden together into the outskirts of the medieval city of Carcassonue.

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■ NEXT STAGE. Saturday is stage in a mostly flat 112-2-iele rich from Bezer's be Mortelfamin in southeastern France.

away from Ballan and Freire and then raced alone to the finish line. They had already shaken off the fourth member of their group, Frenchman Christophe Le Mevel.

aristophe Le vievei. The four of them broke ahead of the main pack of riders, which included Landis, about hal through the stage

Popovych had started the stage in 23rd place minutes behind Landis. He moved up to 10th, 4:15 behind Landis, reviving his hopes of a high finish when the Tour concludes in Paris on July 23.

Discovery was considered one of the favorit win the team title when the race started July 1. Following the team's struggles, however, Popovych

said Discovery is now focusing on winning stages.

Popovych, who last year won the white jersey awarded to the Tour's best young rider, said he hopes to win the race in a few years

"I'll prepare better for the years to come," the 26-

### Barbaro now in stable condition

RENNETT SQUARE, Pa. —
The patient was doing better —
and that alone accounted for
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Dean Richardson's upbeat de-meanor-yesterday.

A day after describing Ba-baro's prognosis for recovery as "poor" because of an often-fatal hoof disease, the colt's chief sur-geon was able to report the Kentucky Derby win-

report the Kentucky Derby winner had a "good night and even ner had a "good night and even lowed a week of distressful updates: surgeries and cast changes on Barbaro's injured right hind leg — the one that suffered three broken bones in a horrific misstep shortly after he left the gate at the Preakness Stakes on May 20, And, perhaps most serious of all, a severe case of dreaded laminitis in his "good" left hind leg.

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Barbaro was in stable condi-tion after a restful night and a peaceful day, with his heart rate and pulse termed "good," ac-cording to statements issued by the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center.
"We are treating his laminitis

aggressively, and be continues to respond well and is acceptably confortable." Richardson said: "Our goal is to keep him as compared that comfort level will be a major indicator for our treatment decisions." The colt, who has fiberglass casts on both hind legs, also has been fitted with a sling to prevent sudden movements and allow him to shift the weight on his limbs. Laminitis is usually caused by uneven weight distribution in the limbs.
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caused by uneven weight distri-bution in the limbs. "Barbaro was out of his sling for more than 12 hours yester-day, and he had a calm, restful night, sleeping on his side for more than four hours," Richard-son said, adding that while his condition is stable, "it remains extremely serious." Sleeping on his side was sig-nificant because it aljowed the horse to rest without putting pressure on his legs. Rick Arthur, a prominent vet-erinarian on the California thor-oughbred circuit, said Barbaro's

oughbred circuit, said Barbaro's oughred creat, sad sabato's upgraded condition offers "a ray of hope."
"When a horse has laminitis, the downs come very quickly and very dramatically, it's almost like

going on a cascade." Arthur said.

"When you get in cases like this, you are looking for anything that can looking for anything that can give you an indication that you have a chance to move forward."

Barbaro was transported to the New Bolton Center directly from Pimilco Race Track and the next day, Richardson inserted a tatanium plate and 27 screws into the colt's injur-ad leg to help fuse the fettock (Alele) joint.

Since that time, Richardson has said the onset of laminitis—was ar major concern. The disasset tends to show up about six-to-eight weeks after a serious leg injury, when a horse has spent a great deal of time trying to balance his 1,000-pound frame or four fragile legs.

Barbaro's left hind leg has only 20 percent of its hoof left after. Richardson' performed a hoof wall resection Wednesday.

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Until recently, the .strapping colt's recovery had gone smoothly. Given the laminitis problem, Richardson and owners Gretchen and Roy Jackson, must be prepared to decide when and if it's unreasonable to try to save him.

### An ill Wie forced to withdraw from Deere, goes to hospital

Missing yet another PGA Tour cut was the least of Michelle Wie's worries.

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"She's fine. She's getting bet-ter," B.J. Wie said when he came

ter," B.J. Wie said when he came out of the course medical trailer. This was Wie's fifth attempt at becoming the first woman since Babe Zaharasi in 1945 to make a PGA Tour cut. But her chances at history were all but over after she opened with a 6-over-par. 77 Thursday, leaving her 13 strokes behind the leaders, and eight strokes oper the projected cut line. She was at 2-over-37 when she withdrew yesterday. Joe Oglivie (67) was the early second-round leader at 10-under 132. Patrick Sheehan, of Warwick, shot a 66 for a 134 total and is two shots behind Oglivie.

for a 134 total and is two shots behind Oglib's. After teeing off on the ninth, sho took a seat on her bag, holding her sides and bowing her head. At one point she sat up straight but put her hand to her mouth, as if she was going to get side. When she stood up, she put her hand to her mouth again and headed toward some weeds next to the tee. She stood there for a



Golfer Michelle Wie is taken into an ambulance, en route to the hospital yesterday after withdrawing from the John Deere Classic in Silvis, III.

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Dr. Benjamin Shuurman checked
on her, walking with her to her ball
and asking how she was feeling.
"With the heat and when you
don't feel well, she was appropriate for what she was going
through," Shnurman said.

### Scottish Open

Darren Clarke had seven birdies and shot a 6-under 65 yester day, opening a three-stroke lead halfway through the Scottish

Open.
The Northern Irishman completed the second round at 11-under 131, ahead of Damien McGrane (66), Charl Schwartzel (66) and first-round leader Johan

(66) and first-round leader Johan Edfors (69). Thomas Bjorn, the inaugural Scottish Open winner in 1996, had a 64. He made putts of 20 and 18 feet on the final two holes to trail

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by five strokes, along with defend-ing champion Tim Clark (67).

Colin Montgomerie (66) and
Sergio Garcia (67) were seven strokes back.

Ernie Els, in danger of missing the cut through the first nine, had an eagle and two birdles over the last seven holes to finish with a 68 (for a 3 under 139 Els. with a 69 for a 3-under 139. Els haşn't missed a cut in Europe since 1999, a streak of 76 events.

### Senior Players Championship

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The TPC of Michigan was ripe
for the picking, and Joe Ozaki
was more than happy to oblige.
The Champions Tour rookie
from Japan made a record-tying
eight birdies in a row and was
atop the leaderboard at 9 under
when rain stopped play during
the second round of the Senior
Players, Championship in Dear. Players Championship in Dear born vesterday

born yesterday.

Ozaki started the string of birdies by chipping in from just off the green at No. 2. He made four putts of at least 12 feet, including a 25-footer on No. 8.

Ozaki said through an interpreter that he didn't realize the magnitude of his achievement until his tournament-record seventh straight birdie on No. 8.

### Owens Corning Classic

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Reilley Rankin had just 30 minutes to practice with her new golf clubs before the start of the Jamie Farr Owens Coming Classic in Sylvania, Ohio.
It may have been the best thing to happen to her.
Rankin, her regular set of clubs lost in travel two weeks ago, shot a 3-under 68 yesterday to get to 8-under 134 and take a share of the lead with Mi Hyun Kim (66) before heavy rain forced the suspension of second-round play until today.
1 vatalie Gulbis was 8 under chrough mine holes before play was stopped.
Se Ri Pak, attempting to match lickey Wright's tour record of five victories in one event, and Annika Sorenstam both were 4 under through 11 holes.
Tournament, director Judd Silverman said 1 was a "longshot" that the cousle would be ready for play today.

### Reynolds

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■ There's no truth to the rumor that if the Celtics

iey'd have a regular-size NBA point guard.

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■ Or that it know island pointes were a sport, it would be the Tour de France.
■ A few minutes of the new "Opie and Anthony" morning show on 790 The Score yesterday is more than enough for me. One more example of the Visigoths at the gates, one more contribution to the cul-

unit leads of the Week. Randy Johnson has startef four All-Star games, three of which were against either current or former Red Sox pitchers. Who are the three? (Answer near the bottom of the column.)

■ Line of the Week comes from White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen on Roberto Clemente: "He is the Latino that opened doors for the rest of the people... One of my kids is named Robert."

■ Line of the Week I Comes from David Wilkner

Jamon that opened doors for the rest of the people.

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Line of the Week II comes from David Wilkner of Pawtucket: "There's been enough bin Laden tapes that the gift set will undoubtedly be out soon."

The Devil Weurs Prada is as predictable as a batting-practice fastball. But it's stylish, moves along, and Meryl Streep is great.

The more run contest at the All-Star Game is great, as long as you're 12 years old.

If they had MVP awards for the first half of the year, Jonathan Papelbon should get it.

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■ There is no one on the planet who thought the Tigers would be where they are this morning.
■ In the early '60s, Bob Dylan sang on a football field in Newport, and now he's scheduled to sing next month on a baseball field in Pawtuckt. What goes around comes around, right?
■ Word out of the Celtics' summer-league team in Vegas is that the best player has been Ryan Gomes, Villanova free agent Allan Ray has been one of the top players, and Rondo's quickness has been impressive.
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■ But give the Celtics credit for signing Ray, who should make the team, and entered last year rated very similar to teammate Randy Foye, the seventh pick in the draft.
■ Are we starting to see the Pedro the Red Sox didn't want to give four years to?
■ "The Big Dig" should be called "The Big Disgrace."

■ Did you see where Hawk Harrelson said last week that the White Sox' Joe Crede was right there with Brooks Robinson as a third baseman? Earth to Hawk: Come back, baby. ■ Sympathies to Lamar Odom, whose six-month-old son died unexpectedly recently in New York.

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■ Josh Holmes, son of the North Kingstown Lacrosse coach; recently had four goals while helping the East team to the high school summer show; as championship in St. Louis. Hendricken's Kevin Murray coached the East team.

■ What were the odds that the University of Louisville would end up with a basketball coach named Petino and a football coach named Petino and a football coach named Petino and a football coach named Petino Gish always has been one of my faves, ever since she co-starred with an unknown Julia Roberts in Mystic Pizza, back when there was little difference between the two.

■ The Toers are like the Titanicabout an hour after it hit the liceberg: they're going, down, and there's nothing they can do about it. About a hour was a known about the National League is that the number-four starter from last year's Red Sox team is one of the top pitchers in the league.





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Did you see where Rick Barnes just got a \$500,000 raise at Texas, pushing his salary to \$1.8 million a year? Who suid he can't run with the big dogs?

Narngansetts 1, Carcieri 0, in the early going.

Quiz Answer. Roger Clemens in 2001, David Wells in 2000, Hideo Nomo in 1995.

There should be a bumper sticker that says, "Hang Up And Drive."

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■ The problem with the Friars' home Big East schedule is that the three featured teams — Syra-suse, Villanova and Cincinnati — all figure to be lown next year. And three of the fop teams — Georgetown, Pitt and UConn — won't be coming in bree at all. here at all.

From the All Roads Lead to Rhode Island
Dept.: According to the New York Post, the Yankees' best pitching prospect, Philip Hughes, "grew
up outside Anaheim, but comes from a family of
Red Sox fans because of his father's Rhode Island

There's no truth to the rumor that Bruce Sundlun really wanted a breed of raccoons named after him, but had to settle for a street.

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