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Halfway home, Sox get what they need to lead

BY STEVEN KRASNER JORGAL SOUTH WITT'S IT'S not the exact midpoint of the 2007 baseball season. That date passed a week or so ago for the Boston Red Sox, when they played their filst game. But with the All Star break upon us, it's time to reflect on the figu-rative first half of the year, a portion of the schedule that was so success-ful for Boston that the organization of the schedule that was so success-ful for Boston that the organization is being represented by six players in tonight's All-Star Game in San Francisco. Francisco. The Red Sox enter the break featuring the best record in baseball. At 53-34, Boston's winning percent-age of .609 has earped the Red Sox

a whopping 10-game lead in the American League East. Indeed, Boston is the only team over 500 in the drivision. The amazing part of the Soci first-half success is the manner it was achieved. There was no long string of dramatic, this-has-to-be-they year late-inning heroics. The staple of this team has been consistently outstanding starting pitching and air-tight relief in the eighth and nintb⁰innings. Little won-der that the Soci Josh Beckett (22-2) was a candidate for tonght's starting od while the AL. bullgen will in-clude Hideki Okajima (0.83 earned-in a vernage) and Jonathan Papelbon (20 saves in 21 chances).

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Vince Spadea dispatches Justin Gimelstob, who after his 11th appearance in Newport,

reveals that he'll soon retire.

BY MIKE SZOSTAK JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

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he pain he still endures is too great to continue. "I was basically told that my career was over," he said. "I lost 80 percent of he strength in my leg after the surgery. I had major nerve damage in my right leg. It's not nearly as strong as it needs to be; I work on it as much as I can, but here's only so much you can do. I don't have near the explosiveness that I need, and that's saying a lot considering. I'm not a physical dynamo as it is. "Playing against great tennis players in a compromised state is not an easy ituation. I'm tring to do the best I can. I'll keep going, but I have no delusions." he said. Gimelstob lost to Andy Roddick in he for transfer al Wimbledon

In new poing, our make no densions, and the first round at Winbledon this year. Ginelstob to at 10 addy Reddick in the first round at Winbledon this year. Ginelstob was runnereventile to the load to Mark Philippoussis in straight sets. He and Jeff Coreze loss to Robert Ken-drick and Jurgen Melzer in straight sets in the doubles final, making his 10th vis-it to Newport the most memorable. He has won 13 carreer doubles titles and \$2.5 million in prize money and has been ranked as high as SG1 in singles and 18th in doubles. Mark Stenning, Hall of Fame chief

Mark Stenning, Hall of Fame chief executive and tournament director,

SEE HALL, C3



All-Star pitcher Josh Beckett, with a 12-2 record, has become the Red Sox' ace, as the team had hoped.

NEWS WIRE

FIORENTINO WINS BOXING TITLE

Cranston's former two-time world champion Miasy Florentine (16-1-0, 6 KOs) earned a unanimous decision (79-73, 79-73, 79-73) over (19-13, 19-73) over previously unbeaten Clandy Serrano (15-11, 7 KOs), of Brooklyn, N.Y., on Sshurdsy of Brooklyn, N.Y., on Sshurdsy of Hie. She is now the World Boxing Council super featherweight thos. I contender and is hoping to face WBC champion Jeans Mirtglerow(20-2, 11 KOs) (20-2, 11 KOs) later this year.

WEIS IS HEADED BACK TO COURT BACK TO COURT Jury selection is scheduled to begin Friday in Suftok, Mass., Superior Court in Notre Dame football coach Charfie Wise' malpractice suit against two Massachusetts General Hospital surgeons. The first trial ended dramatically liad summer when a juror collapsed, the doctors nished to his aid and the judge doctared a mistrial. West claims that the surgeons botched his care after gastrib bypass surgery in 2002.

ANGELS WAIVE

HILLENBRAND The Angels yesterday waived infielder-designated hitter **Shaw Hillenbrand**, a disappointment for Los Angeles after signing a \$6.5-million, one-year contract in December. The 31-year-old Hillenbrand batted. 254 with three homers and 22 RBI in 53 games with the Angels.

D.C. JURY RULES AGAINST IVERSON

AGAINST IVERSON A federal jury awarded \$260,000 yesterday to one of two men who sued NBA star Allen hverson after: they said they were beaten by his entourage at a Washington nightclub in 2005. The jury's decision against liverson and his bodygurd, Jason face, covers bur patton, Marin Godrey's bouys bar patron Martin Goursy medical bills and pain and PATRICK SAVS

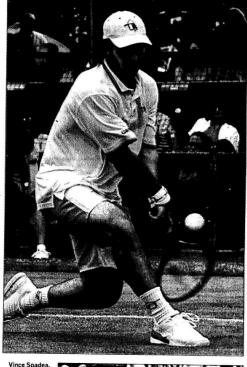
HE'S LEAVING ESPN

Dan Patrick is leaving ESPN after 18 years, insisting there is no acrimony but saying he was beginning to take his job for granted. The former granted. The former SportsCenter anchor announced his decision on his fadio show yesterday and said his final show will be Aug. 17. Patrick said he hoped to continue working in radio.

SUN PLAYERS ARE ALL-STARS

Asjha Jones and Katle Douglas of the Connecticut Sun were named reserves yesterday for Sunday's WNBA All-Star game. Jones, who will be playing in her first All-Star game, is the second leading scorer on the team, averaging 16.4 points, Douglas, averaging 16.9 points, is making her second straight appearance in the All-Star game. She earned Most Valuable Player honors in the 2006 contest.

CAMPBELL'S HALL OF FAME TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS It's an opening farewell





McAndrew grabs the early lead at the R.I. Amateur

David McAndrew, who recently won the R.I. Four-Ball with Drew Harker, shoots an opening 66, good for a one-shot lead over John Drohen. BY PAUL KENYON JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

JOUNNAL STORTS WATER WARWICK — The last time Jason Pan-none played golf with David McAndrew, it cost Pannone a state championship when McAndrew made a slew of birdies. When McAndrew towether again, westerday, they played together again yesterday, McAndrew and Pannone benefited when the birdies again started flying. McAndrew and Pannone played in the

same threesome in the opening round of the 102nd R1. Golf Association Amateur at Warwick and they finished the day first and third on the scoreboard, respectively. McAndrew, a Rhode Island Country Club product who just finished a good freshman year for the Sterson University, golf team, earned the lead with a 3-unger 66. Pannone, a recent URI grad where he was one of the leaders of the Borns' golf

team, had a 68. The only player between them was Al-pine's John Drohen Playing in the after-noon, when conditions became more diffi-cult. Drohen had a 67 despite being 3-over on his first five holes. Trags: John Pellegri-no and James Ferrea, a Portsmouth High grad and Assumption College junior, matched par at 69. While qualifying is competition for the 32 match-play berths, McAndrew and

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ALL-STAR GAME

Vladdy edges **Rios** in Derby

The Los Angeles Angels' Vladimir Guerrero tops-the Toronto Blue Jays' Alex Rios in the annual Home Run Derby

BY GREG BEACHAM Associated Piess

BY GREG BEACHAR BASCHOLD PASS SAN FRANCISCO — With Hary Bonds sliting out, this der-tro was an Francisco's home tro was an Francisco's home transformer and home transformer and home home transformer and home tra

slugging. But the four semifinalists sent But the four semifinalists sent balls into every other corner of a park that's usually a nightmare for any hitter not named Bonds. Guerrero, who managed just two homers in his only previous derby appearance back in 2000,

SEE DERBY, C4

Our values don't hold any worth

There were two excellent stories about steroid abuse i stories about steroid abuse in yesterday's Journal sports sec-tion. One dealt with steroid testing — or the lack thereof — at the high-school level. The



for see shows drag ically how parents, educators, and socie failed "miser

tors, and socie-tors, and socie-ty as a whole have failed "miser-ably." Tonight, in what I'll describe as either a bold assumption or a as either a bold assumption or a wild guess. I'm predicting that Barry Bonds receives a standing ovation when he's introduced to the crowd at AT&T Park for the All-Star Game in San Francisco. And, if that's the case — and I'll bet it is — then what is the

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BY HIKE SZOSTAK JEURCAI SWERTS WEITS NEW ROWS MORE ABOUT TO HE HAIL OF KARWA AND HE LISS YEAR-OLD PLAY-her any other 23 year-ol

fin at Los Angeles and quickly became India's No. 1 Davis Cup player. His ATP ranking dipped from 200 to 900 — it's No. 418 now— as a result of a left wirst injury (tendinitis) that kept him off Jhe four for seven months and re-quird every treatment short of surgery. The vas really scary. I was sort of depressed," he said. "I wasn't sure I was going to play again. Coming back now, Ive played the best tennis I've played. I'm more mature. I think the injury helped me in a way, appreciating glad this moment has come early." Vijay gave his son inside infor-mation for his second visit to Newport. "Absolutely. He tells me all the good restaurants to go to." Pra-kesh said was born in St, and my andder J was born in St, and my more show the laid me in St." "Respondent the times in Newport. She just called and told me Marking and the ambi-

won in '84." Prakesh is savoring the ambi-

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Continued from Page CI was ready to give Gimelstob a wild card to this event, but he earned a spori in the main draw as a result of withdrawals last week by Philip-poussis and Stefano Galvani, and earlier with-drawals by Mario Ancie and Kristian Pless. "This is a special place for me." Gimelstob said. "Mr. Stenning has been very generous to me, and obviously have functedible memorizes from last year. So I wanted to come here one more time. I want to play the US. Open one more time. I want to play the US. Open one more time. I want to play the US. Open one more time. I want to play the tho to pass it up when I have the opportunity to do it one more time.

time." Gimelstob's personal farewell tour has in-cluded tournaments at Indian Wells, Houston, Bermuda, Paris, London, Nottingham and Wimbledon,

Wimbledon. "I have too many other things I think L can do well to torture myself out here," he said. "I low playing tennis, and it's disappointing, but I was looking at this year as an opportunity to be a professional tennis player one more year. Horew that this would most likely be my last



Prakesh Amritraj of India is excited about playing in Newport, where his father Vijay was a three-time champion.

ence that his father so gajoyed when he was winning here. "It's been a special place for him. He's always held i close to his heart, and for some result. He's held's and for some result. The han a lot of the was different than a lot of the was traditional feel to it, and that helps me. It like the old schemen is hows up this week." he said they mellow the tournaments that have been around for a while." He has overcome his injuries

And his first-serve percentage was an unim-pressive 52 percent, which allowed Spadea to wind up and swing away at his second serves. Spadea won 16 of those 29 points and broke Gimelstob's serve twice in each set. "Justin's always a dangerous player. He has a good game for grass, and he's a hard worker. I'm happy 1 got through in straight sets." Spadea said. "I stepped up on his second serve and took it early....When he gets to the net, he has a wide wing span." A wing span that will carry him into the doubles draw and then retirement. The only other seeded player in action yes-terday, eighth-seeded Michael Berrer of Ger-many, defeated Claris Guccione of Australia, 64, 7-6 (5).

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year unless I was able to defy expectations and the odds even more than I have. T diove to be a professional tennis player inoger. I love prac-ticing and training, but when you wake up ev-ery single day in back pain and you're limping around, right now my goal is to be able to play with my lokk, walk and lead a productive life phytically. That's severely compromised ev-ery single day in back pain and you're limping around, right now my goal is to be able to play with my lokk, walk and lead a productive life phytically. That's severely compromised ev-ery day typing to get better and be as now: every day typing to get better and be as now: every day typing to get better and be as now: indicating the severely compromised every day that the severely compromised every day that the severely to be the best you can be, push yourself. "You know, it's been a long career, phys-ically and mentally. My body has taken a beat-ing," he said." Gimelstob is considering writing or televi-sion work when he push is racket away. He also plans to return to UCLA to earn his de-gree because "It's important to finish things you start." Gimelstob had his morents of gloy yester-day. In the fifth game of the first set, he stretched and his abachkan down the line for a winner, service break and 3:2 lead. In the 10th game of that set he made a diving for-hand volley for a winner that saved a set point. But he also had his morents of againsh. When he ventured to the net, he had trouble retrieving lobs and intercepting passing shots.

Federer-Nadal rivalry worth shouting about

ASSCATTED DESS WIMBLEDON, England — The best tennis rivalar in years blossomed a little more in the Wimbledon final, and even Roger Federer was happy about it. He answered the latest chal-lenge from WIMBLEDON | nemesis Ra-fael Nadal beautifully.

fael Nadal beautifully. Federer matched Bjorn Borg's modern record of five consecutive Wimbledon men's titles Sunday, beating Nadal in the final for the second year in a row, 7-6 (7), 4-6, 7-6 (3), 2-6, 6-2.

7-6 (3), 2-6, 6-2. "He's a fantastic player, and he's going to be around for so much longer," Federer said, "So I'm happy every one I get now, be-fore he takes them all. He's im-proving so much."

The s a tantastic player, and the signific to be around for significant proving so much." To for over 100 weeks together, it is the building up to one of maybe the game's dominant player, and not only on grass. Yesterday marked his 1801 week in a velocity and the tarket sheet all the sink building up to one of maybe the game's dominant player. The same shared mis 1801 week in a velocity of the same shared mis 1801 week in a velocity of the same shared mis 1801 week in a velocity of the same shared with the sink building up to one of maybe the game shared with so that we way that the same shared the same shared with the same shared

Bruins coach Julien has his future in front of him

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und from Puge Cl Pannone feit they helped each other simply by playing togeth-

er. "We fed off each other," Panwe led off each other," Pan-none said, "He started off strong and I did, too. Then he pulled away. I bridied three of four to get close before I bogeyed the last hole." For Paneses

Rel tobe Deuter E Dogeged are last hole:" - For Pannone, it was more fun - For Pannone, it was more fun - Han their meeting in the title match of the RIGA Four-Ball match for the RIGA Four-Ball - Championship earlier this sum-mer at Cranston. In that one, Championship earlier this sum-mer at Cranston. In that one, Drew Harker, beat Pannone and Drew Harker, beat Pannone and his patture: Eugene Disarro, 6 and 5. Harker and McAndrew won two matches on the final day in that event and in the proc-ess were a combined H-under for the 25 holes they needed to win.

win. McAndrew picked up yester-day where he left off in the Four-Ball, although it obviously was a different type of competition. different type of competition. "You have a partner in the Four-Ball. Out here you're more on your own and the course can get you a little more," he said. He has come so far, so fast that he is a legitimate contender this week.

he is a legitimate contender this week. Thit if really well," he said. "I didn't put that well. It was stea-dy, just what you need when you are qualifying." McAndrew, whose brother, Mark, is ione of the stars of the Brown basketball team, had four bridles and only one bogey. The bogey came at the par-4 lifth where he missed the green left and could not get up and down. Pannone had his. 68 despite bogeys on 9 and 18. Pannone al-ready has won the RIGA Stroke Play title twice, in 2004 and 2006. He had a nice career at URI but, unlike so many others, le is not thinking about playing professionally.

URI but, unlike so many others, he is not thinking about playing professionally. "I very much enjoy business and some of the opportunities I have now. I'm going to keep pursuing them," he said. 'I want to play goit when I want to, in-stead of when I have to." While McAndrew and Pan-none are among the new wave, Drohen has become one of the leaders in the veterans' camp. The former Mid Amateur cham-pion is limited in his time on the leaders in the veterans' camp. The former Mid Amateur cham-pion is limited in his time on the course because of family and business requirements, and business requirements, and business requirements, and business requirements. The former Mid Amateur cham-pion is limited in his time on the course because of family and business requirements. The register that the subscription that the sale on period the said vesterday. He his a couple of what he called "ba-nan balls" early and was 3-over after five. That included a dou-ble on the par-4 fourth "when I almost whifted a shot. I was in worse shape than before." The goit hisself squared away beautifully, going S-under from there, beginning with briefs on 8, 9 and 11. What made it even more impressive was that he did it late in the day. The majority of the leaders (8 of the top 1) played in the mor-ing, which was not samprising considering the way the day





David McAndrew continues to play like the man to beat.

of how courses along the water can be so much fun. It was as if there were two different days. The early starters had what are likely to be the easiest condi-tions of the week. The day began bright and with only the genilest of breezes. What's more, Bob Ward, the RIGA's new executive director and Jim McKenna, the new director of rules of Spraque Jr. In setting up the course fairly easy for the first day. The second mill of the field teed off, everythall of the field teed off, everyther a genite was a genite across the bay disappeared. The bay disappeared. The bay disappeared. The bay disappeared. The bay disappeared the bay eacross the bay disappeared. The bay disappeared the bay eacross the sound of their foghorns con-stantly going off – in the after-nov. . The one constant was the fuelting en the greens, John bay and the greens speeds at just under 12 as play was begin ing making the greens as fas as they are for most PGA Tour events. . They're quick, but they're fair, "Kachardeve said, "You put the ball on line and it's staying

Defending champion Brad Valois, another of the early start-

Valois, another of the early start-ers, is in good position after an opening 72. The 130-player field will be cut to 32 for match play after to-day's second qualifying round. The field flips today, meaning those who had to play in the af-ternoon yesterday get the early start, and vice versa.

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the Wimbledon final a year ago, which Federer won in four sets. "He's playing phenomenal ten-nis," Federer said. "He has defi-risk improved nis," Federer said. "He has defi-nitely improved et again. I hink He had more of a game plan this year than he had last year. I think last year. I think last year in think we had had he had year. I think has had had he had hard bad he had he had he had hard bad he had he had had he had he

hard but didn't know vity. This year around, he has changed his game a little bit, plays maybe a bit more aggressive, nows the game of grass much better. That's why i think he's not by just a good clay couter, he's and a sidt the player. Mada said the player. Mada said the player. The formative stages, noting her's no comparisons between the formative stages, noting here, who at 25 is four years of-derer, who at 25 is four years of-derer. Nada said. 'But, well, I am young I am improving every sa-on and try continuing improving every day. Today was tough for the same time, it's good to watch me playing one final like this against the best of the world on grass, playing at similar level.

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See our latest Player Silde Show. The subject Dustin Pedrola

Sort through all the key numbers from the first half of the season on Projo Stats.

NEWS WIRE

REPORTS: BROWN **RETURNING TO PATS** Troy Brown, 36, will be back with the New England Patriots Although the Patriots have not



reporting last night that the team's all-time

BROWN the contract is still being worked out and no terms were announced. Brown has spent the last six months rehabing after here surgery to repair a torn kner surgery to repair a torn patellar tendon. This season will be his 15th with the franchise, behind only **Steve Grogan**'s 16. Brown had 43 catches for 384 yards (8.9 avg.), playing in all 16 games last season.

PASSAGE: BUCKO' KILROY

"BUCKO" RILKOY Franch "Bucko" Kilroy, a former New England Patriots executive who was known throughout the league as a top talent scout, died yesterday, the team announced last night. He was 86. Kilroy was a six-time was 86. Kilroy was a six-time All-Pro guard for the Philadelphib E Soles during a Philadelphia Eagles during a Philadelphia Eagles during a 13-season playing career in the 1940s and '50s. During a 64-season NFL career; including 36 years with the Patriots, Kilroy also worked in player personnel 36 years with the Patriots. Kilroy also worked in player personnel and scouting for the Eagles. Washington Redskins and Dallas Cowboys, and mentored others who went on to lead NFL scouting departments. Kilroy joined the Pats as personnel director in 1972. He was New England's general manager from England's general manager from 1979-1982, and vice president from 1983-1993.

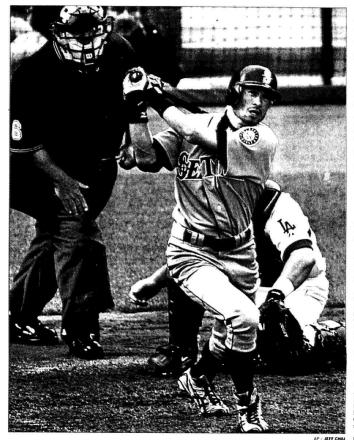
PC TO PLAY IN FAME GAME

IN FAME GAME The Providence College men's basketball team will be one of four teams competing in the second annual Basketball Hall of Fame Challenge, a one-day doubleheader on Saturday, Dec. L at the TD Banknorth Garden in Boston. The Finars will face Boston College in the second game at 6 pm. Connecticut and Gonzaga will play at 330 pm. Both games will be televised by Both games will be televised by ESPN. The event is a fundraiser for the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass/

FORMER CELTIC VICTIM OF ROBBERY

Miami Heat and former Bostor Cettics forward **Antoine Wall** was robbed in his offseason Chicago home on Monday, the player's agent said. The police and witnesses said two offenders held Walker and at least one of his relatives at gunpoint and took a car, cash and jewelry, Chicago broadcasters reported. "He' OK," said Mark Bartelstein orted. "He's Walker's agent. "There was a robbery. It's a scary thing. He's trying to get himself back together." Walker was not available for comment. The vehicle taken in the robbery was found, abandoned, in Chicago yesterday morning. The police have not announced any arrests in the case

ALL-STAR GAME Still the American way



Seattle Mariners outfielder Ichiro Suzuki, who was named the MVP of last night's All-Star Game in San Francisco, connects for a two-run, inside-the-park home run in the fifth inning.

A.L. makes it 10 straight over the N.L. BY RON BLUM

SAN FRANCISCO — On a night of tricky hops, Ichiro Suzuki and the American League also bounced back to wan

Instead of a Barry Bonds splash Instead of a Barry Bonds splash shot, the defining hit at last night's All-Star Game was Suzuki's inside the park home run, the first in the game's history ago-ahead, two-run drive off the nght-field wail in the fifth inning. Carl Crawford and Vic-tor Marinez later hit conventional shots and the Americans made it 10 straight over Na-

straight over Na

AL straight over Na-toonak holding on for a 5-4 victo YUN 1 when 1 first hit it 1 thought 1 - hit it out of here." Suzuki said through a translator, "but ' was still an inside the-park hom: run" After Alfonso Soriano's two-out, two-run homer in the ninth, the NL coded the bases. Angles closer Fran-cisco Rodriguez then retired Aaron Rowand on a routine fly to right for a Rowand on a routine fly to right for a

Windia servers and the servers of the servers of the servers was honored with a touching tribute before the game. In the Say Hey Kild's day, the NL niled All-Star games but not anymore. The ALL closed to 40-36-2 and improved to 5-0 since the All-Star winner re-ceived homefield advantage in the World Serves.

50 since the All-Star winner re-ceived homefield advantage in the World Series. In a decade of dominance, the no-toroous 2002 ue at Milvaukee was all that interrupted the AL's run. The only longer streak was when the N.L took 11 in a row from 1972-82. Sornano made it close with his homer off J.J. Putz. After the Seattle closer walked J.J. Hardy, Rodriguez relieved and walked Derrek Lee on a full court – AL manager Jim Ley-land screamed at first-base umpire Chartie Reliford about a check wang.

orlando Hudson also walked, loading the bases before Rowand's fly ended it

SEE ALL-STAR, C4

Narragansett girl's disease puts triathlete in high gear Cranston's Liz McDonough sets her sights on raising money for the 3-year-old by competing in a full Ironman Triathlon.

BY CAROLYN THORNTON JOURNAL SPORTS WIRTER

JARNA SWIEWBURK CRANSTON — Having just put in a successful triathlon season, winning her age group at the September 2006 FirmMan Half Ironman in Narragan-sett, Liz McDonough decided last fall that it was time to take her training to another level.

If was time, she decided, to pursue her childhood dream of completing a full Iron-man Triathion. McDonough, 31, of Cranston, immedi-ately set her sights on this year's Ford Ironman USA Lake Placid Triathion, set to take place July 22 in the Adirondacks of upstate New York. But that wasn't going to be enough, she

said to herself Multic completing a 2.4 mile swarn, 11.2, mile bike ned and 262-mile run m success orgonimental United Sates would certainly be a pachevement. McDonough wanted the experience to mean reven more. How mought, ifshe could frain and race in how or of a young child facing his or her ows several months ago, McDonough found

McAndrew, Drohen among those ready to meet RIAM matches

BY PAUL KENYON

Joinson Steirn Warma WARWICK — For the last two days, neither David McAn-drew nor John Drohen have cared about being the medalist of the 102nd RI. Goff Association Amateur Championship, Now, though, both have plenty of reason to want to win the trophy given to the lowest scorer in qualifying for the match-play portion of the event. That's because when two players tie for low scorer in the 36-hole qualifying, the medal goes to whichever player sur-vives the longest in match play. And that's the position Dro-hen and McAndrew find themselves iil. Bit totak in evolving the model Both computed sum area [18 totak in evolving the model.

Both compiled even par 138 totals in qualifying. McAn7 drew did it with a 72 in yesterday's second round, and Dro-

drew did it with a /2 in yesteruay a accore active hen with a 71 meet time layer of the year Char-Former champion and three-time player of the year Char-lie Blanchard (70) and Billy Maguire (70), a recent Johnson & Wales (Miami) grad, tied for third at 140. The elimination excitement did not wait for today's start of match play. It took a score of 149 to be among the 32 qualifers,

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Aisam-Ul-Hag Oureshi of Pakistan returns a volley during his upset victory yesterday over top-ranked Mardy Fish.

Qureshi has Fish to fry at the Casino

BY MIKE SZOSTAK

NEWPORT - The Curse of the Casino

NEWPORT — The Curse of the Castro-continues. Top-seeded Mardy Fish became the 31st victim since 1977 when unheralded and un-known Aisam-Ui-Haq Qureshiof Pakistan, a qualifier, served and volleyed and chapped and charged his way to a stunning 6-3. 64-victory yesterday in the first round of the Campbell's Hall of Fame Tennis Championships. No top seed has won the Hall of Fame since the tournament joined the pro tour 30

sho top seed has won the Hail of Fame since the tournament joined the pro tour 30 years ago. Top-seeded Vijay Amntraj took the inaugural in 1976, when the event was a 16-man exhibition. "I didn't know too much about it until the

Unheralded qualifier Aisam-Ul-Haq Qureshi knocks off top-seeded Mardy Fish at the Campbell's Hall of Fame Tennis Championships in Newport.



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Now the NFL can

play the game

Norman prevails in giant matchup BY MIKE SZOSTAK

BY MIKE SZOSTAK JURGU SVERTS WARDS NEWPORT — A few years ago, Dick Norman of Belgium was the tallest tennis player on the ATP circuit, towering 6 feet, 8 inches over the asphalt, clay and grass-ourts on which he toiled. Today, Norman is only the thirdstallest, but HALL OF FAME JOURNAL is the oldest for the supparted him as the tallest when he joined the tour full-time in 2003, and John Ismer (69) in ched into second place when he

ched into second place when he joined the ATP after leading Geor-gia to the NCAA championship in

Joined the ATP after leading Geor-glia to the NCAA championship in May. **Andre Agasa**'s retirement last September at the U.S. Open left Norman as pro tennis's elder. Norman and Isner met yester-day in a battle of giants in the first vound of the Campbell's Hall of Farme Tennis Championships, and the yeteran, defying all tradi-tional modes of preparation, drawing on those 17 years of expe-rience and winning 32 of his last 63 service points, prevailed, 7-6 (3), 6-3, for his first victory in five rises at the Newport Casino. "I flew in last night," Norman sid. Thad no practice. I had the jet lag. Lwas very tired. I had two nights of four hours sleep. 1 was

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'I had no idea. In a way I'm glad "Thad no idea. In a way I'm glad I'm keeping the culture alive," Qu-reshi, ranked No. 214, said with a smile. Qureshi, 27, grew up in Lahore, Pakistan, swimming and playing

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and five players tied for the final

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Dick Norman returns a volley during his match against John Isner yesterday. Norman prevailed, 7-6 (3), 6-3, for his first victory in five tries at the Newport Casino.

ning here with no expectations This stadium opener turned on the fourth game of the first set. Isn-er, 22, had just hit three aces for a 2-1 lead and had three break points but failed to capitalize. Nor-man saved each, gamed the ad-vantage and held serve with an erec.

with saved tach, gamed the ado-vantage and held serve with an acc. "If he would have broken me at 2-1 in the first set, it would have been almost vere." Norman said. "He would have gotten more con-dence and less stress because it's his first tour event. So I was very happy to get to two-all, three-all, and even in the tie-breaker 1 hough my chances were small." But Norman won five of the last six points in the tiebreaker and took the first set. He broke Isner at 15 for a 3-1 lead in the second set. "I knew that was my chance," Isner said of his break points in that fourth game. Isner left Georgia with more grass.

cricket. He started playing tennis Cricket. He started playing tennis at 14, the grass-court game in his blood. His mother and first coach, Noshwen lhtisham, is a former 10-time national champion, and his maternal grandfather, Kwaja lfük-hat, was the All-India champion before Pakistan split from India in 1047. A floredinability for N Tin the

before Pakistan split from India in 1947. After clumbing to No. 7 in the world as a junior, he turned pro in 1999. "He's not an unknown to us," Fish stid. "He might he an un-known to you guys, but I spoke with Andy Roddick last night ad loid him who lwas playing, and he said. "Oh, he's really good on grass."

grass." Fish arrived from Wimbledon with an ATP ranking of No. 38 de-spite not having won a match since April, the longest slump of his career.

his career. "I'dlike to have another crack at it when I'm confident and playing well, 'he said of The Curse. 'Tve been working really hard... and can't really pinpoint why haven't won for a, while. On the grass I've had a couple of tough draws in (Ivo) Karlovic and Nadal. Aside

victories in singles (142) and dou victories in singles (142) and dou-bles (133) than any player in Bull-dogshistory. He led the Dawgs to the NCAA team championship and lost to Somdev Dewaman of Vingnia in the individual singles final. He made his pro debut at a Futures tournament in Shingle Springs, Calif., this month and won.

ter Michael Lodra, the Wimble-don doubles champion, withdrew. B was a tough day for wild cards. In addition to Isiner, Nicolas Klefer of Germany loss, **Paul Cap-deville** of Chile defacted him, 7-6 (6), 4-6, 7-5. Afrentican Scoville Jenkins was the only wild-card winner, beating **Daniele Bracciali** of Italy, 6-2, 6-1. Non. Isner is here courtesy of a wild card from **Mark Stenning**. Hall of Fame CEO and tournament direc-tor. This is his first experience on A career for Gimelstob Justin Gimelstob played his last match at the Newport Casino yesterday. The veteran of a record 11 Hall of Fame tournaments trained with **Fodd Perry** of Aus-tralia in doubles and fell to broth-ers **Sanchal and Sonchar Rativa-tana** of Thailand, 2-6, 6-4 (10-8).

Qualifiers at their best It was a great day for qualifiers at the Hall of Fame. Alsam-Ul-Haq Qureshi of Pakistan upset top-seeded Mardy Fish of Tampa, 6-3, 6-4. Prakesh Amritraj of India Willed for a 3.6 6-53, 653 triumph b-3, 0-4. Prakesh Amittraj of India rallied for a 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 triumph over Illa Bozoljac of Serbia, and Antony Dupuis of France beat Konstantinos Economidis of Greece, 6-4, 6-3. The fourth qual-

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from that I'd like to consider my-self apretty good grass-court play-er and maybe beat one of those guys. I'm not so sure. I'm going to have to maybe go back to the drawing board." Fish did not play with the confi-dence of a man ranked in the Top 00 in the world now and No. I? on-by three years ago. His first serve was ertaitic, he made only 51 per-cent. His backhand was scatter-shot. And for much of the l-hour and 20-minute match he looked as if he did n't have active as to what to do.

if he didn't have a che as to what to do. "I didn't do anything to pup pres-sure on hin. I didn't really feel like I had much of a game plan. Just kind of serve, get a few returns in and hopefully you win. That's just not the right mindset to go into a match." Fish said. "Constantly, I was wondering what he was do-ing, whether it be serving and vol-leying on his second serve or not." Qureshi came in brimming with confidence. He had qualified and won his first-round match at Halie, Germany, and at Wimbledon. He beat Richard Gasouet of France at

his Wimbledon loss to Safin. "I gave him too much respect and did not want to repeat that mistake," he said. Qureshi will play another qual-ifier, Nathan Healey of Australia, in the second round. mszostak # projo.com/(401) 277-7340

ifier, American Jesse Levine, lost to Nathan Healey of Australia, 6-1, 6-0, a day after beating him to get into the main draw. Healey made the main draw as a lucky loser af-ter Michael Llodra, the Wimble-don double schemping with don:

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Halle, a Wimbledon tune-up. He had won singles titles in Futures tournaments in Kuwait and Unit-ed Arab Emirates this year and had won five doubles crowns on

had won twe doubles crowns on the Futures circuit. "The Q (Qualifier) next to his name he doesn't deserve, (based) on how he plays on grass, Fish said. "He's a tough draw in his own right. With him playing his attack-ing style and me a little bit tenta-tive, it sets up for a pretty bad re-sult for me."

tive, it sets up for a pretty bad re-sult for me." Qureshi lost in the second round of qualifying here a year agoto Brendan Evans and wanted to do better this year. He beat Evans in the third round of qualify-ing to get to the main draw the main draw yesterday was the more aggres-ive player. a lesson he fook from his Wimbledon loss to Safin. "I are him too much respect and did

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the sping reacte mish still be a USFL. The model worked And it can work again. With the backing of the NFL, which now has its own TV network and could use the network and could use the

riot. Just like they Just like they do at their soccer matches. So it was a bad idea from the start. And so is sending the Miami Dolphins and New York Giants to London in late October to play a regular-season game. I mean, why? Why bother? Why put the players through the hardship of an unnecessary road trip to Eu-rope? Why take away a home game from the Dolphins? Why of sirupt the season for a game that means so much over here and means nothing over there? To us. it's a game that could, ulumately, decide a playoff berth. It's on esist-teenth. Ji't the season. To them, it's a novelty, am NPL, which now has its own TV network and could use the live programming such a league would provide, it can work better. Surely, there are markets that would welcome, even embrace, the minor-league franchises. Td start with some of the old USFL stops that still don't have NFL teams. Orland, O, Memphis, Birmingham, Portland, Oklahoma City and San Antonio. (Los Angeles was in the league, too, but Tm sure the NFL has bigger plans there.) The NFL also could look at places like Raleigh, Sacramento and Salt Lake' City, maybe even Anchorage and Honolulu.

and Honolulu. But wherever the teams play, people will watch. They'll tune in, regardless of whether the games are on free TV, ESPN or the NFL Net-work. Even in the spring and summer. Even though it's minor-league football. Because we're Americans. We love football. Europeans don't.

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McNair gets cleared in Nashville DUI case

The do do the right thing, what he thought was the right thing in this situation, without knowing that it was a violation of the situation of

May said. McNair was arrested on DUI McNair was arrested on DUI charges once before in Nash-ville in 2003, when he also was charged with illegal gun posses-sion. But a judge dismissed those charges a year later, rul-ing the police didn't have suffi-cient reason to bull over McNair.

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than inland, especially on the holes nearest the water. As it was, fog rolled in about 8:30 a.m., an hour after play had begun, and be-came thick enough hat HGA off-icals holdled to debate whether to halt play. "You could see the ninth green from here," said Bob Ward, the RH-of As' execution to the green about 60 yards away. "Bat you couldn't see the bushes behind he green. "It came in, went away and then the bushes behind he green. "The off at action was more that-the the start of the start of the start the to the first tee to the start of the bushes behand he green about 60 yards away. "Bat you couldn't see the bushes behand he green about 60 yards away. "Bat you couldn't see the bushes behand he green about 60 yards away. That you couldn't see the bushes behand he green about 60 yards about for the top soot. It was a contest neither particularly cared about Both insisted it is not a priority. "It doesn't matter," McAndrew

and five players tied for the final spot. However, only four took part in the playoff. He had played in the playoff. He had played in the playoff. He had played in the orining wave, shot 73 for his 149, and returned home to Barnington. He was unable to get back to the course in time for the playoff. Still another of the state's greats, George Prine, qualified for the playoff but he lost, too. David Patrick of Rhode Island Country balt of the bay the lost too. David Patrick of Rhode Island Country balt of the playoff the The others who lost in the playoff there Mark McCambell of RICC and Jared dams of Crestwood who, at 15 years old, was bidding to become one of the younges players even to reach match play. a priority. "It doesn't matter," McAndrew said. "I qualified. That's all that matters. The slate's wiped clean

One of the youngest payers sever to reach match plag. It all made for a fun day, one that nearly included a fog delay. While much of the rest of the state was fighting the heat, the temper-ature at the bayside course was nelesismi, at least 10 degrees cooler matters. The same a constraint of the medialist anyway." Drohen said after finishing his round: "When you're the medalist, everyone, comes at you with his 'A' game."

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Drohensaid that at least partial-by tongue-in-cheek. He was among the early finishers. At the enough to win the medal. The for-mer Mid Amateur champion, who might be the purest ball striker in the state, has had two very similar days. In the first round he was 3-over after six holes. In the second was 3-over after seven. "I'm thinking to myself, 'Here we go again,'' he said. 'Then 1 birdied my eighth and ninth holes. Just like 1 did (Monday). It had bird, ie chances on the back, too, but 1 McAndrew, the first-round back was not overly pleased, cit-"informstine." the Suscent birdied in the first round."

leader, was not overly pleased, ei-ther. "Interesting." the Stetson Uni-versity sophomore said of his day. "I didn't have any birdies all day. It was frustrating. It's hard to shoot under par when you don't make any birdies." If there was a medal to be given for there don't the service service

If there was a media to be given after two days, the course itself would be a leading candidate for it. The layout, which was heavily redone several years ago, with

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So did Nick Caccia, a Bryant star who is making waves as a ma-jor contender for long-ball king. Drew Harker, the Four. Ball cham-pon with McAndrew last month, Garrett Mederos and James Far-rea, anong others. It makes for a wide-open, match-play portion that will in-clude two rounds each today and tomorrow, then a 36-hole final Fri-day. pkenyon#projo.com/(401) 277-7340

playoff berth. It's one-six-teenth of the season. To them, it's a novelty, a chance to drink beer at Wem-bley Stadium on a Sunday might, an opportunity to sneer at our game and tell us that their rugby players are tough-er because they don't need heimets and shoulder pads. We can only hope this ex-periment fails miserably, be-cause the NFL front office already is looking at putting another regular-season game in Germany in 2008. Then what? Italy? France? Mussia? ettal. There, at least, we share the same time zones. Look, creating a develop-mental league — let's call it what it really is: minor-league

trees removed and changes made to restore it to the way Donald Ross designed it, has drawn raves. As it was, 256 rounds were played in two days, only three in better than par. Yet the 32 quali-fiers include all types of players. Two brothers, Jason and Jonathan Panone, one of whom just gradu-ated from (RH and the other who in still playing there, were both in the top 10 at 142 and 143. Former champions Blanchard, Find Valois (144), Tommy McCor-mick (148) and Ben Turhill (146, Including a 96 in the second round, which tied for low score of the day) earned betths in match play. An existing the second second

brother-in-law Jamie Cart-wright. Cartwright refused to take as breath test and was charged with drunken driving. The po-lice said he acknowledged drinking two beers, smelled of alcohol and failed a field sobrie-ty test. Cartwright will serve two days in jail within a month, pay a \$\$50 fine and attend DUI school. school.

a solo line and attend DUI school. Because Cartwright's DUI charge was dropped with his plea bargain, the charge against McNair was dismissed. A woman who got on the McNair recognized the quarter-back and started taking pictures with her camera phone. The player's lawyer. Roger May, said his client in this case



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Spadea bounces back

The ATP Tour veteran overcomes a rough start and defeats Paul Capdeville in the second round of the Hall of Fame tourney.

BY MIKE SZOSTAK

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Bucko knew players, and how to laugh, too



Health of Sox key to season

With a 10-game division lead, Boston hopes to avoid the rash of injuries that crippled the team last August.

BY STEVEN KRASNER

Health. That, more than anything, will be the key ingredient in deter-mining whether the Boston Red Sox will be able to maintain

Sox will be able to maintain their cushy logame lead in the American League East and waltz into the playoffs. But even before the first pitch of the post-ALI-Star break has been thrown – the Sox resume the schedule tonight at home against the Toronto Blue Jays – already there is a health issue that could blossom into a major obstacle to Boston's division-tile espirations and ouest for a postaspirations and quest for a post-season berth after a one-year absence from the playoffs. That, of

Tonight Boston vs. Toronto 7.05 p.m. Toronto 7.05 p.m. Toronto Toronto

the Boston Herald at the All-Star Game in San Francisco that Ortiz, who has been known to -have problems with his right -quadriceps and right hamstring, also has an issue with his right have stronger crossific that the word "surgery" has been men-tioned.

word "surgery" has been men-tioned. It's not necessarily a major injury. And it's possible that whatever specific medical prob-lem it happens to be that Ortiz will be able to play through the disconfort and hold off surgery until after the season. But the information sheds better likht on the fact that at th

But the information sheds better light on the fact that at the break Ortiz had only 14 home runs, a pality total for the Red Sox designated hitter, who set a franchise record with 54 homers a year ago. Now it makes more sense as to why the long balls haven't been jumping off Ortiz's bat. It hasn't been about the pitching. It hasn't been about the pitching.

hasn't been about the umpires³, wide strike zones. It hasn't been about cold weather and unfavor-able wind pattems. The bottom line is that if Oriiz has pain when he tries to shift his weight from his back leg to his front (right) leg, a major component in driving a baseball, it's extremely difficult for him to generate any more power in the generate any more power in the SEE RED SOX, C4

'Unknown' Pozez a quarterfinalist in R.I. Amateur

BY PAUL KENYON

WARWICK - Someone came over WARWICK — Someone came over to check out the scoreboard as the first day of match play in the 102nd R.I. Golf Associ-ation Amateur Championship was winding dokin yesterday at Warwick Country Club. Hé looked over the results and paused for a second before turning to an official. "Who is that Mitchell Pozez guy?" he asked.

asked. The official shrugged before responding, "He's from Carnegie Abbey. That's all I

The strong scheme strong stron then not only played, but reached the quar terfin

As the guy at the scoreboard noted, his ame looked out of place. The others still live read like an honor roll of the state's



Bucko Kilroy, shown here in 1978, was instrumental in drafting standout players as personnel director for the Patriots during the 1970s.

It was only last month that a group of sports writers who'd covered the Patriots for many years were eating fined clams at the Red Wing, on Route 1, just north of Gillette Stadium in xboro, and swapping Bucko Kilroy

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game, his steady return forced Cap-deville into foor unforced errors and a service break. Spadea trokes the sixth game, which turned on consecutive points. At 30-15 Spadea crushed a re-turn that the linesman called out but the chair umpire ruled in At 30-30 Capdeville punched a volley just wide. After complianting about both calls, he hit a forehand into the net. Spadea capitalized on Capdeville's momentary lapse, held serve for a 5-2 lead and served a love game to take the set. At 1-1 in the second set Spadea at-tacked Capdeville's serve and hit a crosscout thackhand return winner, a net crawler return for a winner and a, winer and service break.

But he gave it right back with a few

AP FILE PHOTO



Vince Spadea — serving to Paul Capdeville during the second round of the Campbell's Hall of Fame Championships yesterday — will face Wesley Moodie in the quarterfinals.

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SWITCHING SCHOOLS Former Duke lacrosse player Collin Finnerty, cleared of faile rape charges after being sidelined from the sport for more than a year, will transfer to Loyola of Maryland and play for the Greyhounds next season."I am excited to be returning to school and look forward to finishing my college career at Loyola," Finnerty said in a statement.

MOSS HELPS I.L. TO VICTORY

I.L. TO VICTORY Former major-league outfielder Timo Perez had three hits and two RBI to lead the international League to a 75 victory over the Pacific Coast League in the Triple-A AI-Star Game last night at Albuquerque, N.M. Perez, Jayaing at Toledo in the Detroit Tigers' system, had a double and two singles and was chosen as the game's MVP. Perez's Toledo two singles and was chosen as the game's MVP. Perez's Toledo took advantage of Albuquerque's mile-high atitude in the first inning and hit back-to-back homers. Moss, whose 59 RBI in the first hall ranked fourth in the league. homered into the bulloen league, homered into the bullper behind the left field fence to put the I.L. up 4-0. Bryan Builingto of Indianapolis, the I.L. starter, pitched two innings for the win.

GO-KART TEAM **FINISHES FIFTH**

FINISHES FIFTH Driving for Team USA 1, Jordan Genga of East Greenwich, and Matthew Ostigary, formerly of East Greenwich and row of San Diego, helped their team to a fifth-piace finish out of 21 karting teams in their class and a field of 40 karts overall at the 24 Hours of Le Mans Endurance Kart Race, held last weekend in Le Mans, France, Competing in the "For Hite" racing class – in which Hire" racing class — in which karts are provided for the team — and racing in their first event outside of the United States, the 17-year-olds went up against teams from throughout Europe, including England, Ireland and

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WIRE WALKER REMAINS

Former Boston Celtic and current Miami Heat forward Antoine Walker said yesterday that he remains shaken after an armed robbery at his Chicago home. "When your life's threatened, it's objects the some obviously going to take some time to get over it," Walker said in his first public comments since the robbery. "I'm not Superman." Walker and a relative were bound at gunpoint while multiple at gunpoint while multiple robbers took a car, cash and jewelry from his residence Monday evening. "I'm happy that I'm unharmed and safe, and so is my family," the three-time NBA All-Star told reporters a this suburban summer basketball camp. Walker said he probably would move out of the plush from thost neighborhood where the attack occurred.

Hall's mystique enamors Santoro

BY MIKE SZOSTAK JOUSBAN SWERN WHTR NEWPORT — Born in Tahiti, raised in France, residing in Swit-zerland and working the globe, Fabrice Santoro is a citizen of the world. And a student of history. Tennis history. In his 19th year on the men's pro lour, Santo-

In his 19th year on the men's pro tour, Santo-rofinally made it to the Newport Journal. It to the Newport Casino, the cra-dle of tennis in America, birth-place of the U.S. Championships. The first thing he did upon arriv-ing was visit the International Ten-nis Hall of Fame Museum on the second floor of the historic Casino. "Amazing." he said yesterday after defeating Alexander Peys of Austria, 64, 61, in the final first-round match of the Campbell's Hall of Fame Championships. " had heard a lot about this tournament, this club, the Hall of Fame. I said before I stop, I want to go."

Santoro has a collection of vin-tage tennis rackets and would like to open a-museum at some point. He couldn't follow a better model

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Continued prior Page (1) loope points: a backhand to the net here, a forehand wide there, a lob long. Undaunted, - however, he broke ahead in the fifth game. His lob for a winner gave him a double-break point, and his crosscourt forehand return that crosscourt forehand return that awe him the break. Candenile idd, zior screenth

Capdeville did not succumb ² Capdeville did not succumb quiety, Hougek, Spadea played a sloppy service game in the 10th, making four unforced errors, and lost his one break advantage. But again, he bounced back for the deciding break in the 11th game he hammered a backhand return winner for a 0-15 lead and hit a big backhand return that hand-

than the Hall of Fame, which trac-es tennis history through artifacts and memorabilia and interactive displays "I like the history of the game."

he said. Santoro's father, a soccer goal-keeper in



SANTOR wall He became familiar with France's Four Musketers — Rene Lacetes, Jean Bortra, Hen-Incotes of the victorious French Davis Cap team. Santoro has worn Lacete's crocodile line of clothing for 27 years. Santoro's game is something out of the pages of tennis history. Hé slices a lot from both sides, plays the angles, sets up points. At 5-foot-9 and 170 pounds, he doesn't posses the power of to-day's young pros so he doesn't sit

cuffed Capdeville at the service line for a 15-40 advantage. Cap-deville saved those break points with a pair of service winners but then netted a forehand and double-faulted, losing his serve. Spadea held at 15 in the 12th

Spade held at 15 in the 12th game and won the match. Spade are remained focused throughout, even when the chair on which a heavyset service li-nesman was sitting crumbled be-tween the sixth and seventh games of the first set. "I had just gotten up a break so I was more worried about how I was going to consolidate and ex-tend my lead. Hopefully he didn't get injured," he said. The linesman collected the pieces of the broken chair, grabbed a new seat and returned to his position. "Back on the honse to watch the Spadea serve," Spadea said

on the baseline and hammer

on the baseline and hammer away. Santoro has thought about playing Newsport for the last five years but was usually exhausted after a schedule that took him to the Sony Ericcsson Open in Mia-mi in March through the Europe-and the brief European grass sea-son ending at Wimbledon. But this year, he made it and was seeded fourth, based on his pre-Wimble-don ranking. Ranked in the Top 100 for the last 10 years and still ranked 68th at the age of 34, Santoro isn't sure hears indoors (Oct. 29-Nov. 4). [11 see if I want to play next year,"

Fil see if I want to play next year," he said.

Norman bounces Berrer Dick Norman, of Belgium, at 36 the oldest player on the ATP cir-cuit, upset eighth-seeded Michael Berrer of Cermany, 62, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (6), and advanced to the quar-teginals after having lost in the first round in his four previous vis-its to the Hall of Fame Champion-ships. Norman shouted in relief as

with a laugh. Spadea ended up serving fair-ly well for the match, hitting 64 percent of his first service points. He won 29 of 60 return

Points. "Return is one of my better stats," he said. "I returned well and got to break him a few times."

times." The bounce on the stadium The bounce on the stadium courts is not true, he added, mak-ing it difficult "to get a perfectly sound shot every time. So it was a little bit of a tough battle on the service games. I had a good match overall. It was good to come back mentally, and I hung in there when I didn't serve it out. And he had a big win yesterday, so I knew he had some confi-dence."

Amateur

Continued from Page CI best. Defending champion Brad Valois won twice to advance, as

Valois won twice to advance, as did former champions Charlie Blanchard and Tom McCormick. Bianchard and Join McCormick. Tourney medalist John Dro-hen and John Auclair, two of the most frequent contenders in all state events, are in the final eight, too, as are young stars Ricky Au-dette and Jonathan Pannone. And there's Poze

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BY CAROLYN THORNTON

gave him life," Corrente said. "He made pars from places you can't believe. That was one of the best putting demonstrations I've clude the 2002 Amateur and clude the 2002 Amateur and three player-of-heyear crowns, pulled away on the back nine to beat Garrett Medeiros, 3 and 2, in the aftermoon. He will meet Poto-womut's Jonathan Pannone, Pannone, who has spent the last two years at URI but is transfer-ing to South Carolina in the fall, ousted Foster's Andy Falcone, 3 and 2, in the aftermoon. Drohen and Auclair, two of the most frouent contenders. best putting demonstrations I've ever seen." Pozer hit a tree off the tee on he par-1 lith and ended up only 90 yards from the tee. Yet he made par ty sinking a 30 footor. He hit his tee ahot on the par-3 17th only abbout 120 yards to up and down from 97 yards to win the hole. On the par-4 18th, he was short and in the left rough in two and had a difficult chip over a bunker to a sloping green. He hit a good shot to get within 15 feet. And then he made the par putt to win the match. "I was gagging it pretty good

Drohen and Auclair, two of the most frequent contenders, will go head-to-head in the semis. Alpine's Drohen has been in the quarters four straight years. Kirkbure's Auclair is a quarterfi-nalist for the sixth time. Drohen topped former cham-pion Ben Tuthil, 4 and 3, in the second round. Drohen, who trailed early, felt the key came on the 10th.

Berrer's final return sailed long and ended the 2-hour, 22-minute tussle on the outside Court 1. Norman will play a first-time ATP quarterfinalist, Aisam-Ui-Haq Qureshi of Pakistud in the next round. Qureshi, a qualifier who upset to pseded **Mardy Fish** on Tuesday, defeated lucky loser **Nathan Healey** of Australia, 4-6 (2), 5-7, 6-4. South African Wesley **Moofie** advanced to the quarterfi-nals by beating **Roko Karanusic** of Croxina, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

Tourney's a good draw

Attendance for the first three days of the tournament has been solid: Monday, 2,340; Tuesday, 1,949; yesterday, 2,312. Attendance usually picks up on Attendance usually picks up on Friday so it should be strong again tomorrow. The Hall of Fame intomorrow. The Hall of Fame in-duction and semifinals on Satur-day and the finals on Sunday are sold out. The Hall of Fame Classic on Sunday morning featuring 2007 inductees Pete Sampras and Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario is also sold out.

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qualifying, 3 and 1, and then top-ping Bruce Heterick, 5 and 4. "My short game saved me," McCormick said.

Ny short game saved me, McCornick said. His opponent today, Audette, is a Metacomet product who graduated from Belmont Abbey This is only the third time I've played in this tournament," said Audette. "When I was in college, I'd always forget to get the appli-cation in while I was in school and it would be too late when I got home."

and it would be too late when I got home." Audetite beat two-lime Stroke Play champion Jason Pannone, Jonathan Pannone's older broth-er, 2 and 1, then had too much for Crestwood's Bruce Heterick, 5 and 4, in the afternoon.

RESULTS YESTERDAY

in the balanced scoring for the Sun. Lauren Jackson scored 24 points for the Storn (11-9), who had won four of their previous five. Iziane Castro Marques add-ed 13 points. Seattle played its fourth straight game without All-Star guard Sue Bird, who is reco-vering from knee surgery last week. "A lot of them [Storm players] didn't want to run with us today" Sales said. Sales said

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TODAY'S QUARTERFINALS

7.30 - Drohen vs. Auclair: 7.40 - Valuis vs. Piszez: 7:50 McCormick vs. Audette: 8.90 - Blanchard vs. Pannone. Semifinals in the afternoon.

102. 102. 103. And 18 YEAR-OLD BOYS - Michael Hamilton 72. [nc: Mitchell, 75, Nei Fartada, Mic John Fuglaue, 86: GRUS DIVISION - Solet Vonghoum, 54: Jeona Masnyk, 96; Janette Vonghoum, 59.

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Well-rested Sun outshine Storm ASSCRIPT DESS SEATTLE (AP) — Despite a poor shooting game, Connecti-cut was still able to overcome a fatigued Seattle squad. Katie Douglas scored 17 points, and the rested Sun beat the Storm, 76-63, \$esterday af-ternoon.

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ternoon. The Sun (8-11) had not played

urem. If we have that little bit of extra charge you have to use hits our advantage." Nykesha Sales added 15 points and Evina Maltsi added 11 in the balanced scoring for the Sun.

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AP room The Seattle Storm's Lauren Jackson shoots over the Sun's Kristen Rasmussen, left and Le'Coe Willingham vesterday

Thursday, July 12, 2007

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ternoon. The Sun (8-11) had not played since Saturday in Los Angeles and had waited for the Storm in Seattle the past two days. In the meantime, the SUN Storm played n Los Angeles in Los Angeles on Tuesday in a 82-47 rout of 6-3 THE Storm Storm NEXT GAME was not thers, That abergy bat the energy bat on the energy ba

SUCOTION and back to back games "are definitely difficult with a game identicity difficult with a game duction to be add in there." The combine the first WNRA team to oppose the second 63.9 percent in orgofeculty games. They shot a transformer of 63.9 percent in their 10.89 victory over the sparse of the second 63.9 percent in boom the first WNRA team to add the second 63.9 percent in their 10.89 victory over the sparse of the second 63.9 percent in their 10.89 victory over the sparse of the second 63.9 percent in the second 63.

The hist hall, came within three points on a 14-footer by Wendy Palmer with 3:22 left in the third quarter. But the Sun closed the quarter on a 12-5 run — includ-ing a 3-pointer by Sales — for a 61-51 lead. The Storm pulled to 64-57 early in the fourth but Compacti-

ad won four of their previous ver Izianc Castro Marques adi d 13 points. Seattle played its curt straight grame without Alt tar guard Sue Bird, who is reco-reng from knee surgery last "Alt of them [Storm player] "Alt of them [Storm player] idn't want to run with us today" alse said. Storm coach Anne Donovan

Lewis, Hill trade spots in hunt for NBA title

JOLROAL WIRE REPORTS Rashard Lewis went to Orlando, Grant Hill headed out. And both think they moved closer to an NBA title

The swingmen changed ad-

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But he was largely healthy and

But he was largely healthy and played well last season, averaging 14.4 points in 65 games. Hill will have a chance to start foots floward agneed to a two-year deal worth about \$1.8 million for the first year, with a second-year player option for about \$2 mil-tion. The Pistons gave the 2004 NBA Finals MVP a \$205 million, 5-year contract that is worth \$46 million guaranteed over four years and in-cludes a team option for the fifth year.

cludes a team option for the fifth year. Billups' preference was to stay in Detroit, but Lewis was eager to leave Seattle to play with Howard in Ortando. The money certainly heiped: He was able to get a sixth year with the teams agreening to the sign-and-trade, bringing the value of his contract well over \$110 mil-lion.

ion. Also yesterday, the Portland Trail Blazers bought out the re-maining two years of Steve Fran-cis' contract and completed a deal with Phoenix from draft night. The Blazers acquired James Jones and the draft nghts to Spanish guard Rudy Fermandez, the 24th overall pick in the NBA Draft, for S3 mal-lion. Francis was acquired from the Knicks on draft night along with

Francis was acquired from the Knicks on draft night along with Channing Frye in the deal that sent Zach Randolph, Dan Dickau and Fred Jones to New York. The Toronto Raptors signed Ja-son Kapono, who led the NBA in 3-point shooting last season for Mia-mi.

NORTH HINGSTOWN - Sev-eral weeks ago, Jeff Ray was help-ing the Barrigott High School goff team regain the Rhode Island Interscholassic League state title, while also earn-ing his first all-division selec-tion in just his second year of playing for the Ea-ters.

binases, birte of him 1-ynder at the time of the point of the form at the time of the point said. "Then 1 made a couple miss, takes, but 1 birdled nine, which kept my momentum going. Then 1 made a lot of good pars on the back with a lot of 6 and 7-footers and saved the round." Meanwhile, Vonghoumy, who just finished the eighth grade at lincoin Middle School and began playing golf four years ago at But-her round. In fact, she planned to stop by the driving range on her was not and off," the 14-year-oits and of her game. The second, then i just fourth, it was OK, and then i just fourth, it was OK, and then i just fourth, it was OK, and then i just fourth, it was OK. second year of playing for the Ea-gles. The I6-year-old added to that already successful golf season yesterday, taking medialist honors with an even-par 70, en route to winning the 15- and-16-year-old boys division of the Rhode Island Professional Golfers' Association Junior Championships at North Kingstown Municipal Golf Course. Course. Meanwhile, Juliet Vonghoumy gave herself a nice 14th birthday present, capturing the girls' crown with a score of 84. The runner-up in his debut at this tourney last summer with a

then I just lost my concentration. I couldn't hit the ball straight at all."

score of 75, Ray, who plays out of Crestwood, shaved five strokes off his score with the help of four birdies, three of them on the front nine that put him 1-under at the turn.

Ray, Vonghoumy nab medalist titles Nevertheless, Vonghouny played well enough to hold off howitine Lincoln High All/Stater Jenna Masnyk who finished sec-ond at 88, and Vonghoumy solder sister Junette, who earned sec-ond team All-State honors in her rookie season at Lincoln and took third yesterday with a 99. Hearing about the RIPGA tour-nament from his high school cuach, Michael Hamilton, a cap-tain on Lincoln's code golf team said the recent Lincoln graduate, who is bound for Florida Atlantic University where he plans to play for the golf team as a walk-on. "I made one big mistake on [hole] seven _: Uried going for the green in two and shouldn't have. That was a briefhole that turned into a double bogey. So I should be that work of 35 on the front. I knew Jeff Ray shou 35 on the front, so I knew I needed to make up something. I shou 34 on the front, so I knew I needed to make up something. I shot 34 on the back, so that's not bad. Jeff played well. He desenves (medal-ist honors)." Making a birdie on 14, a 185-yard par3, Michael Delude — an incoming freshman at Bishop Peehan — freed an 88 to win the 13-and 14-year-old division. B-Mol 14-and Colors Metal-back, fit can be able 14 Advancement, B. and Kane, De wat Same M. Shopping, Barback, D. Watchard, T. 7. Advas 1-and 2005 Metal-back, B. Watchard Same M. Shopping, Barback, B. Watchard, S. 7. Advas 1-and 2005 Metal-back Watchard Same M. Shopping, Barback, B. Watchard, B.

hancen from the liquid school of doub, Michael Hamilton, a cap-tain on Lincoln's coed golf team list season. Hought it sounded like "an awesome deal" with a mere \$15 entry fee providing the junior golfers with range balls, lunch at the turn and a chance to play on a quality golf course. He also ended up earning a gift certificate to the pro shop. Card-ing bridles on the fourth, sixth and lith holes and shooting the sec-ond lowscore of the day overall, Hamilton took first in the 17-and-18-year-old division with a 2-over-par 72.

"I got off to a pretty good start and was 1-under through six," sthorn#proje.com / 401-277-7340

Newport's final 8, like rankings, has real French flavor

BY MIKE SZOSTAN

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French Tennis Federation

The Wimbledon semifinalist, Richard Gasquet, is the highest-ranked Frenchman on tour with a No. 7. Paul-Henn Mathieu is 28th. They reached the quarterfi-

Singles (Trust and Gate Nonthis (57th) Arnaud Clement (33rd) and Michael Llodra (87rd) upset the Bryan brothers. Mike and Bob for the doubles championship at Wimbledon and besame the first French team to win that title in the Qi n Era Llodra was so excited that he three his clothes and racquests in to the crowd and had to borrow a shirt from Clement's brother for the trophy presentation. He was

to the crowd and had to borrow a shirt from Clement > borther for the trophy presentation. Hé was scheduled to plas the Hall of Fame tournament this week and was the third seed but be with-drew after winning the Wimble-don doubles. The joke here at the beginning of the week was that he had no racquets Monday nght for his first ap-pearance in Newport in his 19th word of the men's circuit Monday nght for his first ap-pearance in Newport in his 19th word of the men's circuit and played this week. French min would have been seeded nore, in 2004, when Gregory Car raz was fourth and Dupais Frenchmen here occurres fourt regith Cyril Sauliner was fourth in 2005. Llodra seventh in 2002, Dupuis fourth in 2001 and Ste-phane Simian seventh in 1996 to other Frenchmen have been seeded in this tournament since is meetion in 1976.

No other Frenchmen have been seeded in this tournament since its inception in 1976. Dupus qualified this year giv-ing the French three players in the main draw and the bleu, blanc et rouge tricolor reason to wave prominently atop the New-port Casino grandstand "Yes. I'm proud." Mahut said of the success he and his country-men are envorme

men are enjoying The French Tennis Federation

The French Tennis Federation manages five national training centers and works with promis-ing players as young as 12 or 13 "We support our young play ers. The federation does a great job," Santoro said BANKRUPTCY ⁵800 Flat Fee Attorney David B. Hathaway Former Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustee 401-738-3030

nals at the Swiss Open with Marc Gicquel (41st) and Gael Monfils (57th)

[The French Tennis Federation dobs] a lot for the match," Mahut said

young players, the juniors. That's why we have many players in the Top 100 right now "

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"They take the best 20 players under 14, and they practice every day with the trainer and the tern inscreace. From 13 to 18, "Mahut sud. He started through that ays terns. Fundes," at 11 and to 10, the second second to 10, the second second to 10, the second second taxet of the second second taxet of the second second the second second second second second second the second second second second second second the second second second second second second second the second second second second second second second second second the second secon

at Wimbledon and lost to Gas-quet He had lost to Gasquet in the first round at the French Open in May and had also lost to Frenchmen Marc Grequel at Ca-sublanca and to Matheeu Mont-court at a Challenger in Besan-con, France, this year "After my final at Queens, and the tournament Before I was thinking maybe I can play quarterfinal. Now I know I can play final and win the tourna-ment," he said. ment," he said.

pay into and win the tourna-ment, the said win the tourna-ment, the said the said of the said Dupuus, 14 turned pro in 1992 There are a lot of talented guys in France," he said Dupus and Mahul are frends off the court They practice and hang out together during the day and go out to eat at night. Yester-day, they warmed up together be-fore their match.

"I don't like to play against friends. He's a good friend of mine it's never easy to play against a Frenchman. We stay all week together. We amotion its gether When you have to play the match, you have to fight Mentally it's very difficult You have to say you have to win the

Good weather plus top tennis make for great 3-day weekend kins of the U.S., 6-4, 6-3.

BY MIKE SZOSTAK

Internal Neteris Werns NEWPORT — What a weekend is in store for tennis fans who have tickets to the Campbell's Hall of Fame Championships and Hall of Fame Classic at the Newport Casino. **NEWPORT** JOURNAL today Hall of Fame induction and semifinals tomorrow Hall of Fame Classic

tomorrow Hall of Fame Classics exhibition Stunday morring Finals Sunday afternoon And the wather forecast is fa-vorable Sunny, dry, 800 What's not to like about all that? The quarterfinals today will match second-sected Vince Speede of Boca Raton, Fla., igainst South African Wesley Moodle Spadea, a 14-year-veter-an, won his first two matches in straight sets Moodle needed three sets toget by Roke Karanusic in the second round.

ststörgetb, Roko Karanusic inthe second round. Dick Norman of Religium and validier Alamme U-Hak Quresh of Pakstan will meet in another quar-terinal, the first for 27 year-old Quresh u on the ATP tour and the second for Norman, the 36 year-old vieteran and oldest player on the tour Norman played three the breakers in his two matches, Qu-resh one: Touth-sected Fabrics Santorg, Al of France will play 19 year-old Mischa Zverev of Germany San-cevic of Canada yesterday, 67 (6). 3. 64, and Zverev beat Danal Ucomchole of Thuland, 62, 5.7. 746(3)

Fifth-seeded Nicolas Mahut of run-seeced Nicotas Mahut or France will pay qualifier Prakash Amitraj of India. Mahut eliminat ed countryman Antony Dupuis, ed. 67 (5). 61, yesterday, and Am-nirui, son of three-time Hall of Fame champion Vijay Amitraj, defeated wild card Scoville Jenmatch, Manui Said Santoro, 34, is the elder states-man of this French foreign le-gion, and he showed the 22 year old Dancewic that he can still sluce and dice his way to victory on

grass. "In the second and third sets he was returning way more re-turns and getting the ball in play. Once he gets the ball in play, it's tough to come to the net. He's re-ally crafty." Dancevic said

Santoro slices his forehand as well as his backhand, hits the ball deep and strikes short angled passing shots Dancevic, who hits the ball a lot harder, recalled their first meeting at the Cana-dian Open when Dancevic was 16

dian Open when Dancevic was 16 The tuned me up prefty good that time. The sud with a smale Today I had my chances On these courts he's really tough to play He hits with a lot of under-spin I seems like one extra ball comes back every time That's why he's stayed in the Top 50 for years. It'll be interesting to see how he does the rest of the week. He's an experienced player He knows how to play the right points at the right time." It Santors and Mahut win their quarefinals today, they will re-turn for the semifinals tomorrow. Bastille Day, the French Fourth of July "Dne more match."

"One more match." Vive la France!

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The Providence Journ It'll be lefty vs. lefty for golf title

Charlie Blanchard and Brad Valois go at it today BY PAUL KENYON

Joi BNAL SNORN WATTE WARWICK – It took 97 year for a left-hander to win the Rhod Island Amateur golf champior ship Now the lefties are acting as they own the event

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Valois, who is transferring from Johnson & Wales to URI for his juntor year of college "Tim look ing forward to tomorrow". For him, it is not just that he has reached the tille match for the second year in a row it is that he is playing his best golf since last summer "Thit my irons twice as good as I have in the last six or seven He and Drohen put on a terrif-iem atch that featured seven bird-ies, five by Valois (at 4, 9, 12, 14 and 15) As well as Valois hit ball. Drohen felt putting made the difference

and 15) As well as Valois nit the ball. Drohen felt putting made the difference. "The key was at il where I had an easy [six foot] birdle putt. I pulled it." Drohen said. "That would have gotten me back to even Then he took advantage and birdled the next hole to get back to 2-up. "I had a good run I thought if was going to be my year." said Drohen, the medalist this year and a quarterifinalist for the fourth year in a row "But you've tot to make putts. I didn't do it this aftermoon." As well as Valois played, Blan-chard had even better numbers in the quarters. Jonathan Pan-none was ahead of him by one hole through six. Blanchard rolled in a 15-foot birdle putt on the parts seventh and that seemed to light a fire He was 6-under over the final rune holes as he won, 4 and 3 On the back

under over the final rune holes as he won, 4 and 3. On the back nine. Blanchard went birdle-birdle "par-birdle-par-eagle "Twe been hitting it good all week." the 41-year-old business-man said. "The first few days." was rolling them over the edges or hitting at a little too soft. Today they started going in." In the afternoon semis, he there mitted the first hole. But he

Emergen endetsen planned The Hall of Fame induction err from yt morrow would an umwalk be heighlight of the weekend of annat the greats of the game will be free Sampras, the 14-time Grand Slam singles champion and distance the samples and the sample samples the samples and samples being the samples of the 1990s. Aranta Sanchez-Visaon of Samples being the samples and the samples samples the Borks and being provide the samples and being provide the sa they started going in " In the afternoon semis, he thad four birds with only one bo-gey as he steadily pulled away to beat Ricky Audette, 6 and 4 "I wish I could have played bet-ter." said Audette, a Hendraken product who graduated from Bel-mont Abbey last year "But all in all. I had a good week." Blanchard is a three-time RI-GA player-of-the-year. In 2002, he became the only player to sweep all four RIGA majors. But has cut back on his playen to sweep all four RIGA majors. But while the said the set of the start aumy startess obligations and a cump startess obligations and sa firmat senson five years age, he "Pretty comparable yes," he "Pretty comparable yes," he "Autor the same. Fd say, htting it-wase"

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signed a \$90-million, 5-year contract extension yesterday, three days after he was the he was the unanimous MVP of the All-Stat game The deal ensures Seattle, enjoying its best season in four years, will not lose its franchise cornerstone to free tranchise cornerstone to free agency this fall. Instead, the Mariners will keep the seven-time All-Star and perennial Gold Glove outfielder under contract until age 39.

E CUBAN MAY RID FOR CHICAGO CUBS Add Internet billionaire and Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban to the list of potential Chicago Cubs buyers. Interested parties must submit an application to Major League Baseball to examine the team's finances. Cuban told the Chicago Tribune he sent in the application last week.

VUITTON LEAVES AMERICA'S CUP

AMERICA S CUP French luxury goods giant Louis Vuitton is ending its sponsorship of the America's Cup over concerns the sailing event has become too commercial. Vuitton has been a main sponsor of the America's Cup — international sport's oldest competition — since 1983, when the challengers' series became known as the Louis Vuitton Cup.

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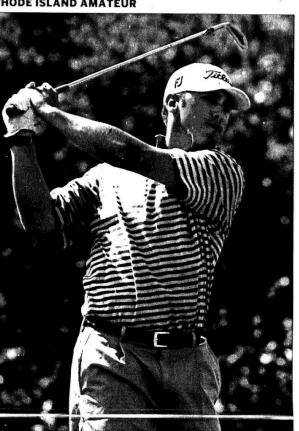
A 22-year-old Internet player from Texas temporarily took the lead yesterday at the World Series of Poker's main event in Las Vegas, where legends of the game continued to hang on in the hunt for the \$8.25-million top the hunt for the \$8.25-million top prize. Josh Evans vaulted into the top spot with 1.9 million in chips after capturing several massive pots. In one he flopped to a set of three 105 against a player holding pocket aces, and in a later hand called an all-in bet with three twos versus a player who missed on a straight. Evans later sipped to third as Adam White moved into first with 2.8 million chips and Jon Kalmar was second with 2.2 million.

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Brad Valois follows his tee shot on the ninth hole of the finals of the R.I. Amateur golf tournament, at Warwick Country Club, yesterday.

Back-to-back champ

Brad Valois, 20, wins his second straight R.I. Golf Association Amateur, joining some pretty elite players.

some pretty elite players. ciofano in 1997-98, Paul Quigley in 1986-87 and Brad Faxon in 1981-82 have been able to win two years in a row What makes Valois' accom-plishment that much more remark-able is that he has spert much of the past year changing his game. He en-tered the week not playing as well as he did a year ago. "Considering the summer I've had, this really does feel good." said the champion, who played at John-son & Wales in Miam the last two years but is transferring to URI this BY PAUL KENYON WARWICK — Brad Valois' new golf game has led him to the same spot as his old one. That is, to the top of the Rhode Island amateur golf

world. The 20-year-old from Valley Country Club joined elite company yesterday when he won hus second straight R1 Colf Association Ama-teur, 5 and 3, over Charlie Blan-chard at Warwick Country Club. In the last 30 years, only Joey Ia-

HALL OF FAME TENNIS

A first final four for Norman

Today's semifinal match against Nicholas Mahut will be an ATP tour career-best for 36 year-old Dick Norman.

BY JOHN GILLOOLY JOR RNAL SHOKTS WRITER

Jocoso, Storio Wirn's NEWPORT — Maybe it's only fitting that on the day when one of the legends of men's tenus will be inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame, the oldest gay on the ATP tour will be playing his first semifinal match in a tour tourna-ment

ment Dick Norman, a 36-year-old Belgian, earned the first ATP semifinal appearance of his 13-year pro-career yesterday as he posted a three-set victory over Pakistan's Assim-Ul-Haq Qureshi in the first of four quarterfinal round matches of the Campbell's Hall of Fame Championships at the Newport Ca-



fall "This gives me a lot of confi-dence for the rest of the summer and the rest of the year With what Ive gone through the last six or sev-en months. this is a big validation" Valos, who hits the ball left-handed but putts nght-handed, hakes no secret that he wants to play at the highest level. As well as new as playing a year ago. he felt he had to make changes to better him-self in the long run. He works with teacher Marvin Lerman. "When you're doing a lot of swing changes, vou lose your tournament

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AP / ELISE AMEN Prakash Amritraj of India lunges for a volley against Nicolas Mahut of France during their quarterfinal Hall of Fame match yesterday

Blue Jays clip Sox at Fenway

Toronto's timely hitting and an ineffective Boston starter lead to a Sox loss

BY STEVEN KRASNER

BOREN. Stread Witthe BOSTON The Red Sox had the lead twice against te Blue Jays last night, but couldn't make it three and lost 6-5 decision in the second game of a four-game set gainst Toronto

against Tomon to second gaine of a flott gain set against Tomon to be second gaine of a flott gain set The Soca put the tying and winning runs on base in the ninth Julio Lugo led off the inning against Jays closer Jeremy Accardo with an opposite field single to right Wi-by Mo Pena struck out on three pitches bringing up Dust-in Pedrona eventually worked Accardo for a valk Two on and one out for the inni of the Sox' order, but David Oriz flew out to right center and Manny Rammer. Jined out to right and the comback – and the game – was over RED SOX 5

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one run The trouble started when Kyle Snyd-NEXT GAME I coals to coa

6-5 Tavarrez, meanwhile did not figure in the decision but that's because he only lasted one batter into the fourth imming in his second straight cluriker. The ngth-hander finished the first half by getting blast-ed in Detroit to the tune of 10 hits and eight earned runs in only 4% immigs. He took the loss, which was his third in a row, and said that some teammates thought he was tip-ning his oliches. ping his pitches In his first start of the second half. Tavarez again was

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Red Sox catcher Jason Varitek tags out Toronto's Aaron Hill who tried to come home on a double by Gregg Zaun in the third inning last night.

Rhody's fleetest heading down to Hershey, Pa.

Nathan Balcom, 11, of Smithfield is among several young runners who will compete at the Hershey's Track & Field Games next month.

BY CAROLYN THORNTON

As Nathan Balcom prepared to take the starting line at the Rhode Island Hershey's Track & Field State Championships Last Saturday he admits he was feeling some butterfles. Competing in the boys 11- and 12 year-old Tom Sinthfield knew Race Catendar, july aga-old Tom Sinthfield knew Race Catendar, july aga-old Tom Sinthfield knew Race Catendar, july in results and a sidesthow from the Rhode Island Hershey's Track and Field State Hershey's Track and Field State Sintheet Sinthee To search projocom's new Race Calendar, plus full results and a slideshow from the Rhode island Hershey's Track and Field State Championships, go to

meet Once Balcom took the starting line, though, he says, "I looked straight at the finish line and ran my hordes!

With that the soon-to-be seventh-grader from Gallagher Middle School covered the 100 meters in a personal best 13.6 seconds, edging Jackson by one-hundredths of a second to win the race The gold-medal performance not only earned Balcom the

Johnson misses cut at Deere Classic; Green takes lead

Association Plane Masters champion Zaich Johnson boped to jump into contention at the John Deere Classic in Silvis, III. Syster-day Instead, he mussed the cut Johnson, a local star from nearby lo-wa, shot an even-par 71 for a 36-hole to tal of-141. II behind leader Nathan Green and one off the cut. leaving the event without its main at-traction

GOLD and the term without its main at traction GOLD GOLD Traction of the lead with a sec-ord round 63 that had him one stroke in front of Jason Duffner (66) and Carl Pettersson (64). First-round leader Neal Lancaster (65) was two strokes back. Green an Australian seeking his first four victory, grabbed the lead on 17 when he knocked in a 4 foor puri for bridle – his eighth of the day – to go 12 under under

really enough playing that was the reason for the break. The the transformer of the tran

champion John Senden of Australia (7 over) Johnson ended the round with a flour-ish, sending a 155-yard approach within a few feet of the cup to set up a birde on the part-181k But overall, this was not a good week. Although he grew up just over an hour away in Cedar Rápids. Jowa, and considers this his home event. Johnson had never finished higher than 20th. And the form that carried him to a shocking victory at Augusta was no-where in sight.

where in sight After shooting a 70 in the first round. Johnson got off to a good start yesterday when he made a 7-footer for birdle on

the first hole, drawing a roar from the gallery. The momentum stalled with a bogey on two, and things really crumbled on the back nine, when he bogeyed 11, 12, and 14.

bled on the back nine, when he bogeyed II. 12 and 14 His tee shot on 14 landed in a bunker, and things were about to get worse Johnson flipped his club in frustration after he knocked the ball over the green and into the woods, and his third shot went only a few feet "Obvousky disappointing." Johnson "Obvousky disappointing." Johnson stad. This is one of those jobs, if you will, that you've got to get over pretty quick. I'm accustomed to that I never like missing cust, especially by a shot, especially being close to home."

Champions Tour Craig Stadler's golf game isn't where he'd like it to be For one day, though, it was good enough to put him atop a lead-erboard

Stadler shot a 3-under 69 yesterday to tie Scott Hoch and qualifier Rod Spittle for the first-round lead at the inaugural Dick's Sporting Goods Open in Endicott.

around 80 under partly cloudy skies. But gusting 25-mph winds in the alternoon helped prevent low scores on the narrow 6.974-9 ard course. Only 20 players broke par, but 17 of them were within two shots of the lead.

And Bruce Vaughan, Massy Kuramoto, Ed Dougherty, Bruce Fleisher, Tim Simpson, Tim Conley and Jack Ferenz were tied for fourth just one shot back.

LPCA Tour Se Ri Pak was solid, but hardly spec-tacular for a change at the Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic in Sylvania, Ohio Still, her 3-under 68 yesterday was

Still, her 3-under 68 yesterday was good enough to give her a five-stroke lead after two rounds. The four-time tournament winner is at 11 under 131. She was satisfied with her second round after going 8 under on the first day, say-ing she was content to just limit her mis-takes. "I don't have any complaints," Pak said "Th no trying to go really low ". She birdled two holes on the front mine and hi tou of a left-side bunker on the loth hole to within a feet of the cup to save par Pak rolled in a 22 foot put on

After a one-year hiatus, professional golf returned to En-Joie Golf (lub on a perfect summer day, with temperatures 16 after posting her only bogey of the

team, the members of the girls re-lay have qualified multiple times in their young track careers Abbott, Brayboy and Dacruz al-so earned invitations as 10- and 12-year-olds Marrow was part of the 11-12 girls station relay with Erica Johnson. Dakota Dailey-Harris and Tyesha Forbes that placed sixth last year with a time of 56.7 seconds.

seconds. "For a lot of the kids, this is their "For a lot of the kuds, tins is mean first time flying, and that's an exper-pence in itself, outside of the track meet." said Cobras coach Thom Spann "That's the fun part about it Hershey's focus is on making it a fun expense for the kids with something for everyone."

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streen (Dennia Beckert, Ella DiFippo, Rachel (accaes, la Murray) 53.98; 2, Providence (Sierra Leone Curving) Kyana Matins, Keira Pierre, Taylor Williams) (5.76; 3,

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my 68s into 65s. That was the ulti-mate goal, but to get to that goal it takes time. You're not going to be there in one day." While he has a big time power game, his driving was still a bit shaky in the tile match. "I had a case of the pulls," is sthe way he put it. Blanchard, who was in the fi-als for the hund time dhe way on

way he put it. Blanchard, who was in the fi-nals for the third time (he won in 2002 and lost to Mike Souey in 2001) hir the ball better than Va-loss off the tee and had more chances. Blanchard mussed only two greens in a weird moming 18 in that round, Blanchard had 16 fours and two threes. He led, Lup, through seven But while he was making one raiter another, Va-loss began making birdles and laking advantage of the tew mis-takes Blanchard made Birds on Land 14 height Value Value 2 and 14 height Value Birds on Land 14 height Value Value and 16 height Value Value and 16 height Value Value 2006, where Blanchard was back within 2006, where Blanchard was as the 2006, where Blanchard Value Statistics 2007, where Blanchard Value Statistics 2008, where Blanchard Value Statistics 2007, where

"That putt on two was probably the biggest putt of the tourna-ment," Valois said. "Charlie

Warnsch (Grus Pacinis, Lantoa Packantonco, Grain Pietz, Millery Soyto (Sk.2). L. zennter Hany, S.7. S. J., Ennly McClarmo, S. J. Richard Renz, S. 4.25. SOFTSML THROW: L. Rei vey Marchten, 21.3.0. Z. Ennly McClarmo, 217.4. 1. Kernie Debbers, 206.1.

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wasn't able to make too many putts today If you make a bird like he did that wins a hole, sometimes you can get momentum and build confidence That's something you

you can get momentum and build confidence That's something you don't want your opponent to get." Valoss rolled in his put it to match Blanchard's bird and keep the lead. The advantage went to 2-up on the next hole when Valois' chip hit the stock and gave him a conceded par when Valois' thigh the the stock and gave him a conceded par when Valois' like that all de trouble and bogeyed. Blanchard had several good birdies chances to close his deficit, but couldn't make a put! It was like that all day for him. T that a lot of good putst, they wannanoisett member said. "In his type of competition you ve got to make birdles to win 1 think I his type of competition you ve got donything about it."

do anything about it." Valois, meanwhile, showed a complete game as he got in trou-ble several times but ralled with great iron play and putting. The crusher might have been at the 28th hole where Valos drove into he trees. He punched out then hit his pitch shot within 3 feet and parred. Blanchard hit row excel-jent shots but missed his 10-footer for bridle Valos built his leaf to four holes with wins at the 28th and 28th holes. The clincher was typical of the entire match with Valos again having to punch out a second shot form the trees on the pars 5 but be hit his ron within 3 feet and bird-ed to win the hole and the manch. "Thad a great short game today

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ed to win the hole and the match Thad a great short game today I putted exceptionally well and I to chipped very well," said Valois who putts cross-handed from the right side. Overall, Valois is the 12th per-sion in the tournament's 102-year history to successfully defend has title In all, Valois has won five RI-GA crowns in the last six years. He won the Junor Amateur three times in a row, beginning 1002, displacing Faxon as the last to do that addition, he also won the New England Championship last year, the first Rhode Islander to do since Faxon he will defend that title next week in Vermont.



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ners in the distance events and the

receive a tour of Hershey's choco-late plant. "They do a heck of a job," said LaFada, who is also Johnston's as-sistant parks and recreation direc-tor "From the moment you get there, if you're not eating or sleep-ing, you're involved in something. And Hershey picks up the whole tab."

tab." While this will be the first time competing at the national meet for Balcom. Paygai and the boys' relay

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Scottish Open Gregory Havret and Jose Manuel La-ra shared a one-stroke lead over Phil Mickelson yesterday, while Colin Mont-gomerie missed the cut at the Scottish Open in Luss, Scotland Havret bridde five holes on the back nime for a 64. Lara had an eagle and two birdles on his last six holes for a 65. They finished at 10-under 132.

U.S. Publinx Colt Knost reached the final of the 82nd U.S. Amateur, Public Links Cham-pionship with a 3-and-2 victory over Co-rey Nagy at Cantigny Golf yesterday in Wheaton, Ill

Hey Nagy at Canagny Gon yesterous in Wheston, III ond Kross, who made the Championship in April will face Cody Plandino in today's 36 hole final. The 18-year-old from Kensington. Conn. beat Derok Fathauer of Jensen Beach. Fla. 1 up. Knost came back from a two-hole deficit against Nagy, an 18-year-old from Charlotte. NC. with a string of bridles on the back mine Paladino outlasted Fathauer, who had played 81 holes in two days.

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state title. It has also earned him an all-expenses-paid trip to Hershey. Pa, where he will compete against other talented 11- and 12-year-olds and Canada at the 30th annual Hershey's Track & Field Games North American Finals from Aug 2-5 from throughout the United State

2.5 "The heard all the cool stuff about it," said Balcom, who also won the 200-meter dash (29.34 seconds) and placed sixth in the long jump (6-feet, 3-inches) at the state meet "Tm just blown out of my mind." my mind.

state meet I m just brown out of my mund." Balcom isn't the only one who will be representing Rhode Island in a few weeks. Kevn Prayatio (West Warwick, and Two Providence Cobras relay teams have a slow comments of the the teams have a slow comment. It is a state team have a slow comment of the the island is not the the relation of the slow comments of the the slow comments of the the slow comments of the youngsters participating in the various qualifying events each year

Finals for these Rhode Islanders began last month at local meets hosted by various parks and recre-ation departments throughout the state. From there, they advanced to the state meet, where competition in three age-group categories (9-10, 11-12 and 13-14) was held in a number of basic running, jumping and throwing events in three age-

group categories. The athletes' winning perform-ances there were then matched up

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Nathan Balcom, IL of Greenville, center, won the boys 200-meter dash at the state meet. To his left is runner-up Caleb Galdstone of East Greenwich; to his right is Marcus Swift

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night berths, which is a first since Ive been here " LaFazta, who will be accompa-tying the Rhode Island contin-gent, says the athletes are going to be in for a treat In addition to competing in their respective events at Henry Her-shey Field, which is located on the campus of the Milton Hershey School, they will be extremely bu-g during their four day say. The participants will witness the intro-

under He spent three weeks relaxing at-home in New South Wales after missing the cut at the U.S. Open The time off helped. T was just happy to be playing golf again. Green said 'Before I went home, the U.S. Open was my last event and I was frustrated and stressed out and not

their invitations outright were enacted up against those from around the rigion, this year's competitors first had to be up to the challenge at the state meet, which at nearly 300 entrants featured one of the largest fields in recent mem-ory, LaFaza said. "There were a couple of by win-pers in the distance serves as of the

relays (at the state meet), but over-all the times were relatively close." said LaFazia, who credits being able to hold the state champion-



ships at RIC's new track facility in recent years for helping to elevate the meet. "In most of the events, the top three kids were neck to exhibition races featur-ing some of the legends of the neck commit down the stretch. So the competitiveness has defined by the stretch so the competitiveness has defined as the stretch so that altoward that sectores with a musement park and receive a tour of Hersbey's choose has been here." duction of the Hershey's Track & Field Games Hall of Fame and be treated to exhibition races featur-ing some of the legends of the sport, perhaps even having a chance to meet some of them. The young athletes also will visit Her-swey raik anusement park and receive a tour of Hershey's choco-late plant.