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Halfway home, Sox get what they need to lead

BY STEVEN KRASNER

JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER
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 81st game.
But with the All-Star break upon us, it's time to reflect on the figure: the first half of the year, a portion of the schedule that was so successful for Boston that the organization is being represented by six players in tonight's All-Star Game in San Francisco.
The Red Sox enter the break featuring the best record in baseball. At 53-34, Boston's winning percentage of .609 has earned the Red Sox

a whopping 10-game lead in the American League East. Indeed, Boston is the only team over .500 in the division.
The amazing part of the Sox' first-half success is the manner it was achieved. There was no long string of dramatic, this-has-to-be-the-year late-inning heroics.
The staple of this team has been consistently outstanding starting pitching and air-tight relief in the eighth and ninth innings. Little wonder that the Sox' Josh Beckett (12-2) was a candidate for tonight's starting nod while the A.L. bullpen will include Hideki Okajima (0-3) earned-run average) and Jonathan Papelbon (20 saves in 21 chances).

And while no team can play 609 ball without offensive contributions, the Red Sox have not been carried by any one player in the lineup. This has not been about jumping on the broad powerful shoulders of David Ortiz and Manny Ramirez and everyone else going along for the ride.
Timing has been everything for the offense. While several players may have been in slumps, there are always two or three hitters who have been hot, able to pick up the slack when others tail off. So while Ortiz has been consistent as a hitter if not a slugger, and Manny's reputation has been more impressive than his



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

SEE RED SOX, C5

NEWS WIRE

■ FIORENTINO WINS BOXING TITLE

Cranston's former two-time world champion **Mickey Florentino** (16-1-0, 6 KOs) earned a unanimous decision (79-73, 79-73, 79-73) over previously unbeaten **Chadley Serrano** (15-1-1, 7 KOs), of Brooklyn, N.Y., on Saturday to win the North American Boxing Federation super featherweight title. She is now the World Boxing Council super featherweight No. 1 contender and is hoping to face WBC champion **Jelena Mijajkovic** (20-2, 11 KOs) later this year.

■ WEIS IS HEADED BACK TO COURT

Jury selection is scheduled to begin Friday in Suffolk, Mass., Superior Court in Notre Dame football coach **Charlie Weis'** malpractice suit against two Massachusetts General Hospital surgeons. The first trial ended dramatically last summer when a juror collapsed, the doctors rushed to his aid and the judge declared a mistrial. Weis claims that the surgeons botched his care after gastric bypass surgery in 2002.

■ ANGELS WAIVE HILLENBRAND

The Angels yesterday waived infielder-designated hitter **Shane 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

A federal jury awarded \$260,000 yesterday to one of two men who sued NBA star **Allen Iverson** after they said they were beaten by his entourage at a Washington nightclub in 2005. The jury's decision against Iverson and his bodyguard, Jason Kane, covers bar patron **Marlin Godfrey's** medical bills and pain and suffering.

■ PATRICK SAYS HE'S LEAVING ESPN

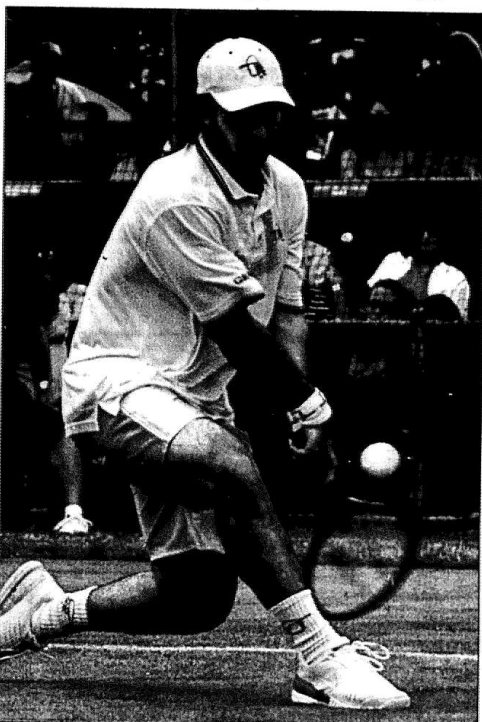
Don Patrick is leaving ESPN after 18 years, insisting there is no acrimony but saying he was beginning to take his job for granted. The former SportsCenter anchor announced his decision on his radio show yesterday and said his final show will be Aug. 17. Patrick said he hoped to continue working in radio.

■ SUN PLAYERS ARE ALL-STARS

Asha Jones and **Katie 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



Vince Spadea, above, hustles for a return against Justin Gimelstob, right, during the opening round of the Campbell's Hall of Fame Tennis Championships yesterday at the Newport Casino.



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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

NEWPORT — Amid swirls of fog and hints of sun, two old pros meeting for the seventh and possibly final time treated an intimate opening-day crowd at the Campbell's Hall of Fame Tennis Championships to baseline rallies, forays to the net and the occasional electrifying shot for an hour and 15 minutes.

In the end, second-seeded Vince Spadea, who will turn 33 on July 19, defeated 30-year-old Justin Gimelstob, 6-4, 6-3, improving his record to 5-2 against Gimelstob and keeping him winless after eight matches this year.

But that's only half the story. Gimelstob's 11th appearance in Newport, a tournament record, was his last.

"I will not be playing professional tennis next year. This is the last time I'll be playing here. This is the last time I'll be playing everywhere I play," Gimelstob said on the porch overlooking the expanse of green lawn he has visited since turning pro in 1996 after two years as a dominant collegiate player at UCLA. The ATP said that 476 players have passed through Newport since 1976. After Gimelstob, the player with the most Hall of Fame appearances is Brad Drewett of Australia with 10.

Gimelstob had major back surgery last September after the U.S. Open, and the 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 the 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 there'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 situation. I'm trying to do the best I can. I'll keep going, but I have no delusions," he said.

Gimelstob lost to Andy Roddick in the first round at Wimbledon this year. Gimelstob was runner-up in singles here last year, his first singles final in 153 career tournaments. He lost to Mark Philippoussis in straight sets. He and Jeff Coetzee lost to Robert Kendrick and Jurgen Melzer in straight sets in the doubles final, making his 11th visit to Newport the most memorable. He has won 13 career doubles titles and \$2.5 million in prize money and has been ranked as high as 63rd in singles and 18th in doubles.

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

SEE HALL, C3

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 PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — With Barry Bonds sitting out, this derby was dry — and Vladimir Guerrero was San Francisco's home run king for a day.

The Los Angeles Angels slugger won the Home Run Derby last night, hitting 17 homers and beating Toronto's Alex Rios, 3-2, in the final round of the All-Star competition.

None of the eight sluggers managed a true "splash hit" over the right-field fence and into the waterfront park's iconic McCovey Cove. Dozens of eager fans wearing wet suits and carrying nets amid the flutilla of kayaks and rafts ended up scrambling for just a handful of foul balls and ricochets during nearly six hours of batting practice and derby slugging.

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 in yesterday's Journal sports section. One dealt with steroid testing — or the lack thereof — at the high-school level. The

other pointed out that the fact we now need to test

our high school athletes for steroids shows dramatically how parents, educators, and society as a whole have failed "mis-erably."

Tonight, in what I'll describe 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



JIM DONALDSON

SEE DONALDSON, C4

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

WARWICK — The last time Jason Pannone played golf with David McAndrew, it cost Pannone a state championship when McAndrew made a slew of birdies. When 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 R.I. 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 Stetson University golf team, earned the lead with a 3-under 66. Pannone, a recent URI grad where he was one of the leaders of the Rams' golf

team, had a 68.

The only player between them was Al-pine's John Drohen. Playing in the afternoon, when conditions became more difficult, Drohen had a 67 despite being 3-over on his first five holes. Triggs' John Pellegrino 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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TODAY
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- See a photo gallery from last night's All-Star Game
- See our latest **Player Slide Show**. The subject: **Dustin Pedroia**
- 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 announced it, two Boston Web sites were reporting last night that the team's all-time leading receiver has agreed to a one-year deal.



BROWN Language of the contract is still being worked out and no terms were announced. Brown has spent the last six months rehabbing after knee 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

Francis "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 All-Pro guard for the 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 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 1971. He was New England's general manager from 1979-1982, and vice president from 1983-1993.

■ PC TO PLAY IN FAME GAME

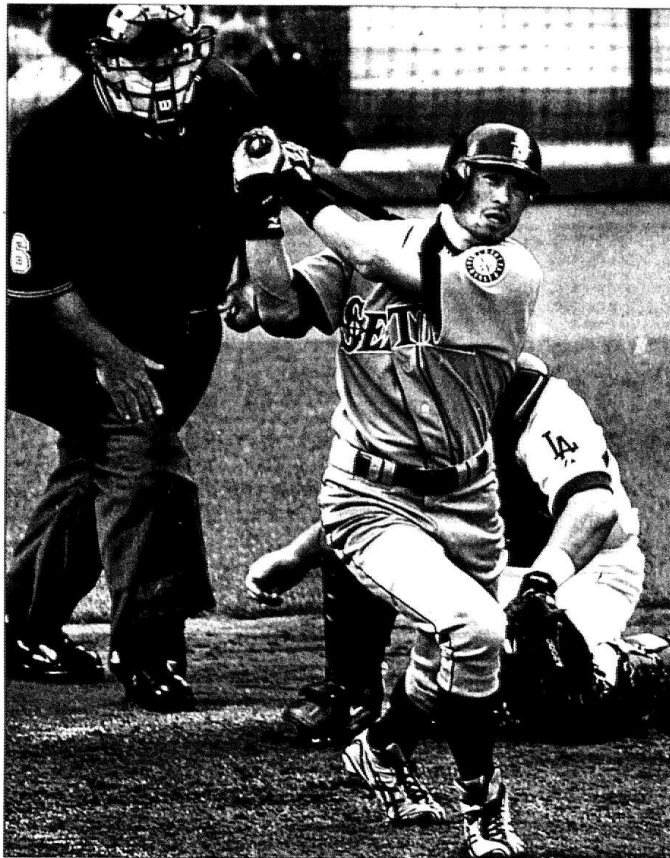
The Providence College men's basketball team will be one of four teams competing in the second annual Basketball Hall of Fame Challenge, a one-day doubleheader on Saturday, Dec. 1, at the TD Banknorth Garden in Boston. The Friars will face Boston College in the second game at 6 p.m. Connecticut and Gonzaga will play at 3:30 p.m. 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 Boston Celtics forward **Antoine Walker** 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's OK," said **Mark Bartelstein**, 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
Associated Press

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

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.

Suzuki lined a go-ahead, two-run drive off the right-field wall in the fifth inning. Carl Crawford and Victor Martinez later hit conventional shots and the Americans made it 10 straight over Nationals, holding on for a 5-4 victory.

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"When I first hit it, I thought I hit it out of here," Suzuki said through a translator, "but it was still an inside-the-park home run."

After Alfonso Soriano's two-out, two-run homer in the ninth, the N.L. loaded the bases. Angels closer Francisco Rodriguez then retired Aaron Rowand on a routine fly to right for a save.

Willie Mays, Bonds' godfather, was honored with a touching tribute before the game. In the Say Hey Kid's day, the N.L. ruled All-Star games but not anymore. The A.L. closed to 40-36-2 and improved to 5-0 since the All-Star winner received homefield advantage in the World Series.

In a decade of dominance, the notorious 2002 tie at Milwaukee was all that interrupted the A.L.'s run. The only longer streak was when the N.L. took 11 in a row from 1972-82.

Soriano 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 count — A.L. manager Jim Leyland screamed at first-base umpire Charlie Reliford about a check swing.

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

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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 STAFF WRITER

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

It was time, she decided, to pursue her childhood dream of completing a full Ironman Triathlon.

McDonough, 31, of Cranston, immediately set her sights on this year's Ford Ironman USA Lake Placid Triathlon, 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.

While completing a 2.4-mile swim, 11.2-mile bike ride and 26.2-mile run in succession at the oldest Ironman event in the continental United States would certainly be an achievement, McDonough wanted the experience to mean even more. How much more rewarding it would be, she thought, if she could train and race in honor of a young child facing his or her own struggles.

Several months ago, McDonough found

her inspiration in Grace Reddington.

The girl from Narragansett, who turns 3 this month, suffers from a neurological disorder called Rett Syndrome, and McDonough says she knew from the moment she was introduced to Grace that she wanted her to be the recipient of her fundraising efforts.

"Her story touched me immediately because I have a son who is 18 months old."

SEE McDONOUGH, C6

McAndrew, Drohen among those ready to meet RIAM matches

BY PAUL KENYON
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

WARWICK — For the last two days, neither David McAndrew nor John Drohen have cared about being the medalist of the 102nd R.I. Golf 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 score in the 36-hole qualifying, the medal goes to whichever player survives the longest in match play. And that's the position Drohen and McAndrew find themselves in.

Both compiled even-par 138 totals in qualifying. McAndrew did it with a 72 in yesterday's second round, and Drohen with a 71.

Former champion and three-time player-of-the-year Charlie 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 qualifiers.

SEE AMATEUR, C3

Qureshi has Fish to fry at the Casino



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

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BY MIKE SZOSTAK
NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPHER

NEWPORT — The Curse of the Casino continues.

Top-seeded Mardy Fish became the 31st victim since 1977 when unheralded and unknown Aisam-Ul-Haq Qureshi of Pakistan, a qualifier, served and volleyed and chipped and charged his way to a stunning 6-3, 6-4 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 years ago. Top-seeded Vijay Amritraj took the inaugural in 1976, when the event was a 16-man exhibition.

"I didn't know too much about it until the

SEE HALL, C3

Norman prevails in giant matchup

BY MIKE SZOSTAK
JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

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 courts on which he toiled.

Today, Norman is only the third-tallest player on the tour. Ivo Karlovic (6-10) of Croatia supplanted him as the tallest when he joined the tour full time in 2003, and John Isner (6-9) inched into second place when he joined the ATP after leading Georgia to the NCAA championship in May.

Andre Agassi's retirement last September at the U.S. Open left Norman as pro tennis' tallest.

Norman and Isner met yesterday in a battle of giants in the first round of the Campbell's Hall of Fame Tennis Championships, and the veteran, defying all traditional modes of preparation, drawing on those 17 years of experience and winning 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, for his first victory in five tries at the Newport Casino.

"I flew in last night," Norman said. "I had no practice. I had the jet lag. I was very tired. I had two nights of four hours sleep. I was

cricket. He started playing tennis at 14, the grass-court game in his blood. His mother and first coach, Noshoven Ihtisham, is a former 10-year national champion, and his maternal grandfather, Kwajia Ihtisham, was the All-India champion before Pakistan split from India in 1947. After climbing to No. 7 in the world as a junior, he turned pro in 1999.

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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.

coming here with no expectations this year."

This stadium opener turned on the fourth game of the first set. Isner, 22, had just hit three aces for a 2-1 lead and had three break points but failed to capitalize. Norman saved each, gained the advantage and held serve with an ace.

Isner would have broken me at 2-1 in the first set, it would have been almost over," Norman said. "He would have gotten more confidence 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 I thought 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 3-1 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 victories in singles (142) and doubles (138) than any player in Bulldog history. He led the Dawgs to the NCAA team championship and lost to **Somdev Dewaram** of India in the individual singles final. He made his pro debut at a Futures tournament in Shingle Springs, Calif., this month and won.

Isner is here courtesy of a wild card from **Mark Stening**, Hall of Fame CEO and tournament director. This is his first experience on grass.

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. **Prakash Amritraj** of India rallied for a 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 triumph over **Ilya Buzov** of Serbia, and **Antony Dupuis** of France beat **Konstantinos Economidis** of Greece, 6-4, 6-3. The fourth qual-

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 after **Michael Ueda**, the Wimbledon doubles champion, withdrew.

It was a tough day for wild cards. In addition to Isner, **Nicolas Kiefer** of Germany lost. **Paul Capdeville** of Chile defeated him, 7-6 (3), 4-6, 7-5. American **Scoville Jenkins** was the only wild-card winner, beating **Danielle Bracciali** of Italy, 6-2, 6-1.

A career for Gmelistob
Justin Gimelstob played his last match at the Newport Casino yesterday. The veteran of a record 11 Hall of Fame tournaments teamed with **Todd Perry** of Australia in doubles and fell to brothers **Sander and Sanchai Ratiwatana** of Thailand, 2-6, 6-4 (10-8).

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Now the NFL can play the game where it belongs

BY RAY MCNULTY
SPORTS ILLUSTRATED COLUMNIST

NFL Europa e morto. It sleeps with the fishes. It's gone.

And nobody will miss it. Because nobody ever really cared — except, of course, the NFL brass, who foolishly thought playing second-rate football in Europe would open up an international market for a sickly North American game.

Football fans here didn't care. Football fans over there didn't care, either.

Not for our brand of football. Let's face it: If they cared, if our football meant as much to them as their football, they'd not.

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 Europe? Why take away a home game from the Dolphins? Why disrupt the season for a game that means so much over here and means nothing over there?

To us, it's a game that could, ultimately, decide a playoff berth. It's one-sixteenth of the season.

To them, it's a novelty, a chance to drink beer at Wembley Stadium on a Sunday night, an opportunity to sneer at our game and tell us that their rugby players are tougher because they don't need helmets and shoulder pads.

We can only hope this experiment fails miserably, because the NFL front office already is looking at putting another regular-season game in Germany in 2008.

Then what? Italy? France? The Netherlands? How about Russia? Or China? Or Iraq?

Heck, why not move in on the CFL's turf? There, at least we share the same time zones. Look, creating a developmental league — let's call it what it really is: minor-league

football — was a wise move for the NFL, which saw its transatlantic farm system produce stars such as Kurt Warner, Jake Delhomme and Adam Vinatieri.

But why, except for marketing reasons that made few dollars and no sense, put it in Europe? The league should be based in the United States, where people know football, love football and will pay to watch football.

Even minor-league football. Especially if it has the NFL's stamp of approval.

Remember the old USFL? The United States Football League, which played in the spring with mostly second-tier players and small arenas? People loved it, particularly people who lived in cities that didn't have NFL teams.

Truth is, had it not been for the arrival of Donald Trump, who bought the New York Generals, convinced his fellow owners to challenge the NFL and drove the spring league into extinction, there might 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 live programming such a league would provide, it can work better.

Surely, there are markets that would welcome, even embrace, the minor-league franchises. I'd start with some of the old USFL stops that still don't have NFL teams: Orlando, Memphis, Birmingham, Portland, Oklahoma City and San Antonio. (Los Angeles was in the league, too, but I'm 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.

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 Network. Even in the spring and summer. Even though it's minor-league football.

Because we're Americans. We love football. Europeans don't. NFL Europa was stupid.

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first day that I got here," a subdued Fish said. "I heard about it the first year I was here and then beat the No. 1 seed (Chris Woodruff in 2000) and then came back as the number-one seed this year and heard about it again. It's kind of a funny thing. I'm sure it's in everybody's head."

Fish is the first player in tournament history to beat the top seed as a qualifier and to lose as a qualifier as the top seed. Other top seeds to fall to qualifiers include 1987 champion Dan Goldie to Mike Lee in the 1988 quarterfinals, David Wheaton to Brian MacPhie in the second round 1992, and Greg Rusedski to David Witt in the second round in 1994.

"I had no idea. In a way I'm glad I'm keeping the culture alive," Qureshi, ranked No. 214, said with a smile.

Qureshi, 27, grew up in Lahore, Pakistan, swimming and playing

cricket. He started playing tennis at 14, the grass-court game in his blood. His mother and first coach, Noshoven Ihtisham, is a former 10-year national champion, and his maternal grandfather, Kwajia Ihtisham, was the All-India champion before Pakistan split from India in 1947. After climbing to No. 7 in the world as a junior, he turned pro in 1999.

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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 became thick enough that RICA officials huddled to debate whether to halt play.

"You could see the ninth green from here," said Bob Ward, the RICA's executive director, as he pointed from the tourney tent near the first tee to the green about 60 yards away. "But you couldn't see the bushes behind the green."

It came in, went away and then came back again. "Ward said, 'The fog dissipated quickly enough that action was never halted. That allowed McAndrew and Drohen to move to center stage with their tie for the top spot. It was a contest neither particularly cared about. Both insisted it is not a priority.'"

"It doesn't matter," McAndrew said. "I qualified. That's all that matters. The slate's wiped clean now."

"I really didn't want to be the medalist anyway," Drohen said after finishing his round. "When you're the medalist, everyone comes at you with his 'A' game."

Drohen said that at least partially tongue-in-cheek. He was among the early finishers. At the time it did not look as if his even-par total for the two days would be enough to win the medal. The former 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 for six holes. In the second he was 3-over after seven.

"I'm thinking to myself, 'Here we go again,'" he said. "Then I birdied my eighth and ninth holes, just like I did (Monday). Had birdie chances on the back, too, but I didn't make them like I did in the first round."

McAndrew, the first-round leader, was not overly pleased, either. "Interesting," the Stetson University 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 after two days, the course itself would be a leading candidate for it. The layout, which was heavily redone several years ago, with

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 over two days, only three in better than par. Yet the 32 qualifiers include all types of players. Two brothers, Jason and Jonathan Pannone, one of whom just graduated from URI and the other who is still playing there, were both in the top 10 at 142 and 143.

Former champions Blanchard, Brad Valois (144), Tommy McCormick (148) and Ben Tuthill (148), including a 69 in the second round, which tied for low score of the day) earned berths in Bryant play.

So did Nick Caccia, a Bryant star who is making waves as a major contender for long-ball play. Drew Barker, the Four-Ball champion with McAndrew last month, Garrett Medeiros and James Farrea, among others.

It makes for a wide-open, match-play portion that will include two rounds each today and tomorrow, then a 36-hole final Friday.

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McNair gets cleared in Nashville DUI case

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The drunken-driving charge against Baltimore Ravens quarterback Steve McNair was dropped yesterday, because a related DUI charge against his brother-in-law was reduced to reckless driving.

"It's good. I'm glad it's over," McNair said as he left the court room in Nashville, Tenn.

When asked whether he would change how he handles himself when he goes out at night, McNair did not answer.

The Ravens had no immediate comment. McNair was a passenger when Nashville police stopped his pickup truck May 9 for speeding. The former Tennessee Titan was charged because the police said McNair allowed his vehicle to be driven by someone who was inebriated, brother-in-law Jamie Cartwright.

Cartwright refused to take a breath test and was charged with drunken driving. The police said he acknowledged drinking two beers, smelled of alcohol and failed a field sobriety test. Cartwright will serve two days in jail within a month, pay a \$350 fine 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 courthouse elevator with McNair recognized the quarterback and started taking pictures with her camera phone.

The player's lawyer, Roger May, said his client in this case

"tried to do the right thing, what he thought was the right thing in this situation, without knowing that it was a violation of Tennessee law."

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NEWS WIRE

■ WALKER REMAINS TRAUMATIZED

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 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 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 at his suburban summer basketball camp. Walker said he probably would move out of the plush Northbrook neighborhood where the attack occurred.

■ LACROSSE PLAYER SWITCHING SCHOOLS

Former Duke lacrosse player **Collin Finerty**, cleared of false 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," Finerty said in a statement.

■ MOSS HELPS I.L. TO VICTORY

Former major-league outfielder **Tim Lincecum** had three hits and two RBIs to lead the International League to a 7-5 victory over the Pacific Coast League in the Triple-A All-Star Game last night at Albuquerque, N.M. Lincecum, playing at Toledo in the Detroit Tigers' system, had a double and two singles and was chosen as the game's MVP. Perez's Toledo teammate **Mike Hessman** and **Brandon Moss** of Pawtucket took advantage of Albuquerque's mile-high altitude in the first inning and hit back-to-back homers. Moss, whose 59 RBI in the first half ranked fourth in the league, homered into the bullpen behind the left field fence to put the I.L. up 4-0. **Bryan Bullington** of Indianapolis, the I.L. starter, pitched two innings for the win.

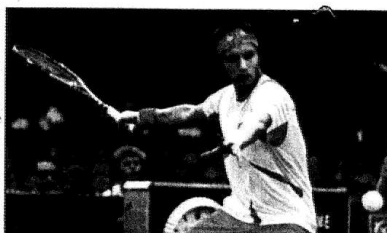
■ GO-KART TEAM FINISHES FIFTH

Driving for Team USA I, **Jordan Gozga** of East Greenwich, and **Matthew Ostiguy**, formerly of East Greenwich and now of San Diego, helped their team to a fifth-place 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 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 Holland.

■ WNBA

Connecticut 76, Seattle 63

Paul Capdeville, of Chile, returns a volley against Vince Spadea in their second-round match during yesterday's Hall of Fame tournament.



CAMPBELL'S HALL OF FAME TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Spadea bounces back



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.

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
JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

NEWPORT — Vince Spadea didn't get off to a great start yesterday in the second round of the Campbell's Hall of Fame Championships. He netted a forehand, banged a forehand long and netted a backhand on consecutive points and lost his serve in the first game of his match against Paul Capdeville of Chile.

"Grass-court tennis, you lose the first game of the match, it's not a great sign of things to come," Spadea said. But the soon-to-be 33-year-old from Boca Raton, Fla., has been around long enough to know that dropping the first service game hardly means losing the match. And sure enough, the second-seeded Spadea rebounded and defeated Capdeville in straight sets, 6-3, 7-5.

"I'm ranked higher, I feel like I have more experience, and it's not like I rely only on my serve," he said after disposing of the 24-year-old Capdeville, who is ranked 116th to Spadea's 96th. "Experience helps me to get better, you know, get optimistic, no matter what time of the match I'm struggling," he said.

Spadea relies on his return more than his serve, and that weapon got him back into the match in the fourth game. His steady return forced Capdeville into four unforced errors and a service break.

Spadea broke ahead in the sixth game, which turned on consecutive points. At 30-15 Spadea crushed a return that the linesman called out but the chair umpire ruled in. At 30-30 Capdeville punched a volley just wide. After complaining 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 attacked Capdeville's serve and hit a crosscourt backhand return winner, a net crawler return for a winner and a running crosscourt forehand for a winner and service break.

But he gave it right back with a few

SEE NEWPORT, C5

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
JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

Health. That, more than anything, will be the key ingredient in determining whether the Boston Red Sox will be able to maintain their cushy 10-game lead in the American League East and waltz into the playoffs.

But even before the first pitch of the post-All-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-title aspirations and quest for a post-season berth after a one-year absence from the playoffs.

That, of course, would be David Ortiz's right knee. It was reported by 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

knee. "I was told that the word 'surgery' has been mentioned. It's not necessarily a major injury. And it's possible that whatever specific medical problem it happens to be that Ortiz will be able to play through the discomfort and hold off surgery until after the season."

But the information sheds better light on the fact that at the break Ortiz had only 14 home runs, a paltry 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 umpires' wide strike zones. It hasn't been about cold weather and unfavorable wind patterns.

The bottom line is that if Ortiz 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

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SEE RED SOX, C4

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

BY PAUL KENYON
JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

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

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

If someone asks the same question from now on, there will be a better answer. Mitch Pozez is the first person ever to fill out an application for the RIGA Amateur online. He did it from his home in Tucson, Ariz., and then not only played, but reached the quarterfinals.

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

SEE AMATEUR, C5

Bucko knew players, and how to laugh, too



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 fried clams at the Red Wing, on Route 1, just north of Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, and swapping Bucko Kilroy stories.

"Why is it," one of the younger writers asked, "that at the end of every story, you guys all go, 'Heh! Heh! Heh!'"

Because, it was explained, that was the way Bucko always laughed — at other people's stories, and, especially, his own.

A smile would light up that handsome Irish man, his huge, broad shoulders would shake, his eyes would sparkle, and Kilroy would chortle: "Heh! Heh! Heh!"

He probably also laughed that way when he drafted the likes of John Hannah and Mike Haynes, Steve Grogan and Russ Francis, Stanley



JIM DONALDSON

AP FILE PHOTO

SEE DONALDSON, C6

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

BY MIKE SZOSTAK
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

NEWPORT "Vive la France!" That's the rallying cry on the men's pro tennis tour this year. Fifteen Frenchmen are ranked in the Top 100 in the first post Wimbledon ATP rankings this week two are in the quarter-

HALL OF FAME TENNIS

Finals of the Campbell's Hall of Fame Tennis Championships and four in the quarterfinals of the Swiss Open at Gstaad.

France the leader in men's tennis. The Four Musketeers, Davis Cup stars of the 1920s and Hall of Famers all must be smiling in their graves. No other country is so well represented among the game's elite. Argentina with 12 is second. The United States in a bit of a tennis slump has 10 in the Top 100.

"We have a good federation," fifth-seeded Nicolas Mahut said yesterday after advancing to the quarterfinals of the Campbell's Hall of Fame Tennis Championships with a 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-1 victory over qualifier Antony Dupuis of — where else? France.

About two hours later fourth-seeded Fabrice Santoro of France joined him in the quarterfinals with a hard-fought 6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-4 victory over Frank Dan-

cevic of Canada. "They do a lot for the young players, the juniors. That's why we have many players in the Top 100 right now," Mahut said of the French Tennis Federation.

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

finals at the Swiss Open with Marc Gicquel (11th) and Gael Monfils (57th).

Arnaud Clement (33rd) and Michael Llodra (10th) upset the Bryan brothers. Mike and Bob for the doubles championship at Wimbledon and became the first French team to win that title in the Open Era.

Llodra was so excited that he threw his clothes and racquets in to the crowd and had to borrow a shirt from Clement's brother for the trophy presentation. He was scheduled to play the Hall of Fame tournament this week and was the third seed but he withdrew after winning the Wimbledon doubles. The joke here at the beginning of the week was that he had no racquets.

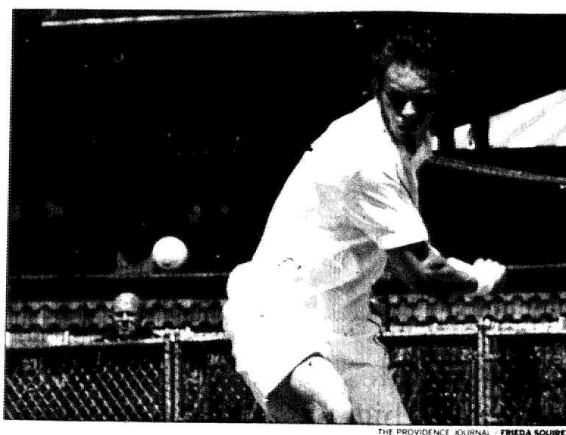
Santoro (68th) did arrive Monday night for his first appearance in Newport in his 19th year on the men's circuit.

Had Llodra kept one racquet and played this week, Frenchmen would have been seeded three, four and five, a first for Newport. As it is, two seeded Frenchmen here occurred only once, in 2004, when Gregory Carraz was fourth and Dupuis eighth. Cyril Saulnier was fourth in 2005. Llodra seventh in 2002. Dupuis fourth in 2001 and Stephanie Simian seventh in 1996. No other Frenchmen have been seeded in this tournament since its inception in 1976.

Dupuis qualified this year, giving the French three players in the main draw and the bleu, blanc et rouge tricolor reason to wave prominently atop the Newport Casino grandstand.

"Yes, I'm proud," Mahut said of the success he and his countrymen are enjoying.

The French Tennis Federation manages five national training centers and works with promising players as young as 12 or 13. "We support our young players. The federation does a great job," Santoro said.



Nicolas Mahut, of France, prepares to return a shot en route to defeating fellow Frenchman Antony Dupuis in their Hall of Fame match yesterday in Newport.

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NICOLAS MAHUT

French player

"They take the best 20 players under 14, and they practice every day with the trainer and the tennis coach. From 13 to 18," Mahut said. He started through that system. Tennis Endus, at 11 and stayed until he was 22. "Then I took my own coach," he said.

That was three years ago. He has been a pro since 2000.

Mahut was ranked as high as first last September and finished the year at 68th, his year-end best. He has no illusions as to his standing among his countrymen.

"There are seven, eight or nine players before me," he said. In fact, there are 11 but Mahut is ready to make a move. He defeated Rafael Nadal in the quarterfinals and Clement in the semifinals and lost to Andy Roddick in the final at Queen's Club, the Wimbledon warmup. He beat Clement again in the first round

at Wimbledon and lost to Gasquet. He had lost to Gasquet in the first round at the French Open in May and had also lost to Frenchmen Marc Gicquel at Casablanca and to Mathieu Montcourt at a Challenger in Besancon, France, this year.

"After my final at Queens, things changed for me. I believe I can win the tournament. Before I was thinking maybe I can play quarterfinal. Now I know I can play final and win the tournament," he said.

Dupuis, 34, turned pro in 1992 and has watched the rise of French tennis in recent years.

"There are a lot of talented guys in France," he said. Dupuis and Mahut are friends off the court. They practice and hang out together during the day and go out to eat at night. Yesterday, they warmed up together before 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 practice together. 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

match," Mahut said.

Santoro, 34, is the elder statesman of this French foreign legion, and he showed the 22-year-old Dancovic that he can still slice and dice his way to victory on grass.

"In the second and third sets he was returning way more returns and getting the ball in play. Once he gets the ball in play, it's tough to come to the net. He's really crafty," Dancovic said.

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

"He tuned me up pretty good that time," he said with a smile. "Today I had my chances. On these courts he's really tough to play. He hits with a lot of under-spin. It 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."

If Santoro and Mahut win their quarterfinals today, they will return for the semifinals tomorrow, Bastille Day, the French Fourth of July.

"I'm excited," Mahut said earlier. "I'm excited to play." "Vive la France!"

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It'll be lefty vs. lefty for golf title

Charlie Blanchard and Brad Valois go at it today

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WARWICK — It took 97 years for a left-hander to win the Rhode Island Amateur golf championship. Now, the lefties are acting as they own the event.

The title match in the R.I. Golf Association's 102nd Amateur will be held today at Warwick Country Club and one thing is certain — a lefty will win for the third time in six years.

Charlie Blanchard, who became the first lefty ever to win when he did it in 2002, swept two impressive victories yesterday, going a combined 7-under par to earn his spot in the title match. It pits him against defending champion Brad Valois.

Valois, who became the second lefty champion last year turned in some of the best golf he has displayed since last summer when he won both the Rhode Island and New England crowns as he won twice. Valois gives right-handers some consolation.

While he hits the ball left-handed, he puts from the right side. Even there, though, he acts like a lefty. He switched to a left-hand low putting grip a month ago and has used it all week, including his 4-and-2 victory over upset specialist Mitch Pozee of Carnegie Abbey in the quarterfinals, then a well-earned 3-and-2 decision over medalist John Drohen in the semis.

Both Blanchard and Valois are peaking at the right time.

"I'm feeling really good," said Valois, who is transferring from Johnson & Wales to URI for his junior year of college. "I'm looking forward to tomorrow."

For him, it is not just that he has reached the title match for the second year in a row. It is that he is playing his best golf since last summer.

"I hit my irons twice as good as I have in the last six or seven months. It's coming to get there."

He and Drohen put on a terrific match that featured seven birdies, five by Valois (at 4, 9, 12, 14 and 15). As well as Valois hit the ball, Drohen felt putting made the difference.

"The key was at 11 where I had an easy [six foot] birdie putt. I pulled it," Drohen said. "That would have gotten me back to even. Then he took advantage and birdied the next hole to get back to 2-up."

"I had a good run. I thought it was going to be my year," said Drohen, the medalist this year and a quarterfinalist for the fourth year in a row. "But you've got to make putts. I didn't do it this afternoon."

As well as Valois played, Blanchard had even better numbers. In the quarters, Jonathan Pannone was ahead of him by one hole through six. Blanchard rolled in a 15-foot birdie putt on the par-3 seventh and that seemed to light a fire. He was 6-under over the final nine holes as he won, 4 and 3. On the back nine, Blanchard went birdie-birdie-par-birdie-par-eagle.

"I've been hitting it good all week," the 41-year-old businessman said. "The first few days I was rolling them over the edges or hitting it a little too soft. Today they started going in."

In the afternoon semis, he three-putted the first hole. But he had four birds with only one bogey as he steadily pulled away to beat Ricky Audette, 6 and 4.

"I wish I could have played better," said Audette, a Hendrickson product who graduated from Belmont Abbey last year. "But all in all, I had a good week."

Blanchard is a three-time R.I. GA player-of-the-year. In 2002, he became the only player to sweep all four R.I. GA majors. But he has cut back on his play a bit with business obligations and a family that includes children ages 9 and 7. He feels he is playing this week much as he did in his great season five years ago.

"Pretty comparable yes," he said. "About the same, I'd say, hitting it-wise."

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Good weather plus top tennis make for great 3-day weekend

BY MIKE SZOSTAK
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

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.

Quarterfinals today. Hall of Fame induction and semifinals tomorrow. Hall of Fame Classic exhibition Sunday morning. Finals Sunday afternoon.

And the weather forecast is favorable. Sunny, dry, 80s.

What's not to like about all that?

The quarterfinals today will match second-seeded Vince Spadea of Boca Raton, Fla., against South African Wesley Moodie. Spadea, a 14-year veteran, won his first two matches in straight sets. Moodie needed three sets to get by Roko Karanusic in the second round.

Dick Norman of Belgium and qualifier Aisam-Ul-Hak Qureshi of Pakistan will meet in another quarterfinal, the first for 27-year-old Qureshi on the ATP tour and the second for Norman, the 36-year-old veteran and oldest player on the tour. Norman played three tiebreakers in his two matches, Qureshi one.

Fourth-seeded Fabrice Santoro, 34, of France will play 19-year-old Mischa Zverev of Germany. Santoro outlasted young Frank Dancovic of Canada yesterday, 6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-4, and Zverev beat Danai Udomchok of Thailand, 6-2, 5-7, 7-6 (4).

Fifth-seeded Nicolas Mahut of France will play qualifier Prakash Amritraj of India. Mahut eliminated countryman Antony Dupuis, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 6-1 yesterday, and Amritraj, son of three-time Hall of Fame champion Vijay Amritraj, defeated wild card Scottie Jen-

kins of the U.S., 6-4, 6-3.

Farmers matches planned

The Hall of Fame induction ceremony tomorrow would normally be the highlight of the weekend. Joining the greats of the game will be Pete Sampras, the 14-time Grand Slam singles champion and dominant player of the 1990s. Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain, winner of four Grand Slam singles titles in the 1980s and 1990s. Sven Davidson of Sweden, a star in the 1950s, and photographer Russ Adams, who left his newspaper job in Boston and became the most familiar figure in the photo pit of every major tennis venue in the world.

But this year two members of the Class of 2007 will play on the stadium court, and that may well be the highlight of Newport Tennis Week. Sampras and his longtime rival, Todd Martin, will start the Hall of Fame Classic Sunday morning at 10. Sanchez-Vicario and her brother, Emilio Sanchez, who played here with the Spanish Davis Cup team in 1993 and is captain of the team now, will play mixed doubles against Rhode Island's favorite tennis daughter, Jill Craybas, and former pro Richey Reneberg. A doubles match between Hall of Famer Stan Smith and Paul Annaccone and 1985 Hall of Fame champion Tom Guillickson and Brian Gottfried will conclude the separate-admission program, which is sold out. Look for Hall of Famer Rod Laver to make an appearance.

The Hall of Fame singles and doubles finals will follow, starting at 2 p.m. That session is also sold out, meaning that 11,400 tennis fans will pass through the Casino tomorrow and Sunday, making it one of the most popular weekends in tournament history.

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QUARTERFINALS
Dancovic def. Amritraj 6-3, 6-4; Qureshi def. Norman 6-4, 6-3; Spadea def. Moodie 6-3, 6-4; Santoro def. Zverev 6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-4; Mahut def. Dupuis 6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-4.
SEMIFINALS
Santoro def. Mahut 6-3, 6-4; Blanchard def. Audette 6-4, 6-3.
FINAL
Blanchard def. Valois 6-3, 6-4.
Morning at 10 a.m. Noon at 12, about noon.



Today on projo.com/redsox
■ See a gallery of photos from last night's Red Sox-Blue Jays game
■ Get ready for today's game with our pregame blog reports from Fenway. at projo.com/soxblog
■ Follow the Red Sox-Blue Jays, Yankees-Devil Rays, and all the other MLB action, batter by batter on Projo Stats

NEWS WIRE

■ HUGE CONTRACT FOR SUZUKI

Great week to be Ichiro-Suzuki. The Seattle leadoff man signed a \$90-million, 5-year contract extension yesterday, three days after he was the unanimous MVP of the All-Star game.



The deal ensures Seattle, enjoying its best season in four years, will not lose its franchise 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.

■ CUBAN MAY BID 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

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.

■ WHITE LEADING IN POKER FINALS

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 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 10s 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 slipped to third as Adam White moved into first with 2.8 million chips and Jon Kalmar was second with 2.2 million.

■ A.L. BASEBALL

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Baltimore 2, Chicago 0
Tampa Bay 6, Yankees 4
Minnesota 5, Oakland 3
Detroit at Seattle
Texas at L.A. Angels

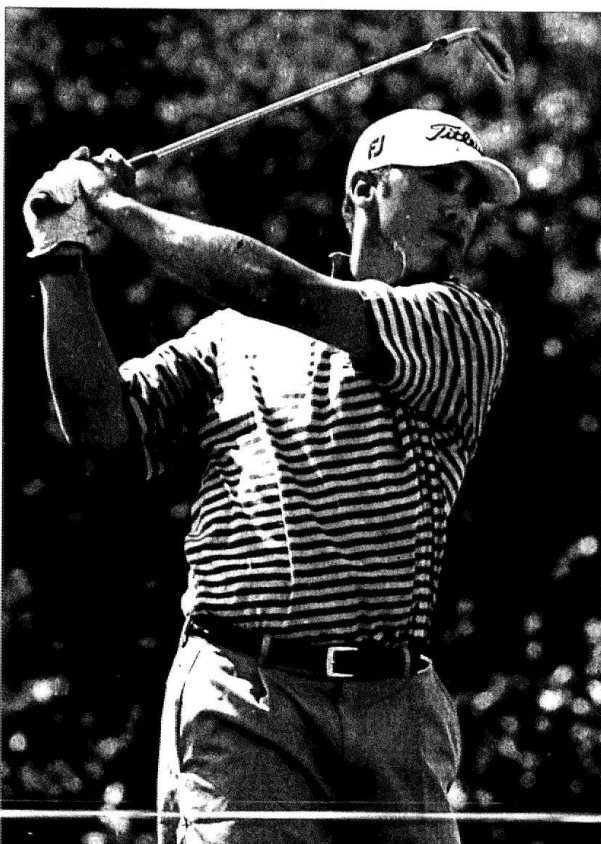
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Washington 14, Florida 10
Philadelphia 13, St. Louis 3
Cincinnati 8, N.Y. Mets 4
Atlanta 9, Pittsburgh 1
Colorado at Milwaukee
San Diego at Arizona
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco

■ I.L. BASEBALL

Syracuse 8, Pawtucket 4

RHODE ISLAND AMATEUR



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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.

BY PAUL KENYON
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

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 his second straight R.I. Golf Association Amateur, 5 and 3, over Charlie Blanchard at Warwick Country Club.

In the last 30 years, only Joey La-

ciolano 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' accomplishment that much more remarkable is that he has spent much of the past year changing his game. He entered 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 Johnson & Wales in Miami the last two years but is transferring to URI this

fall. "This gives me a lot of confidence for the rest of the summer and the rest of the year. With what I've gone through the last six or seven months, this is a big validation." Valois, who hits the ball left-handed but puts right-handed, makes no secret that he wants to play at the highest level. As well as he was playing a year ago, he felt he had to make changes to better himself in the long run. He works with teacher Marvin Lerman.

"When you're doing a lot of swing changes, you lose your tournament

SEE AMATEUR, B6

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
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

NEWPORT — Maybe it's only fitting that on the day when one of the legends of men's tennis will be inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame, the oldest guy on the ATP tour will be playing his first semifinal match in a tour tournament.

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 Asam-Ul-Haq Qureshi in the first of four quarterfinal round matches of the Campbell's Hall of Fame Championships at the Newport Casino.

Norman will continue his quest for his first tournament title this afternoon when he meets Nicholas Mahut of France in one of two semifinal matches that will follow the Hall of Fame induction of tennis legend Pete Sampras.

Monday morning the last place Norman expected he'd be on Saturday afternoon was on the same court as Sampras.

Not having played an ATP main tournament singles matches this season, Saturday night he was in Cordoba, Spain playing in the semifinal round of Challenger Tournament. He lost the match that didn't finish until well after midnight then had to endure a five-hour delay on his plane



AP / ELISE AMENDOLA

Prakash Amritraj of India lunges for a volley against Nicholas Mahut of France during their quarterfinal Hall of Fame match yesterday.

SEE TENNIS, B7

Blue Jays clip Sox at Fenway

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

BY STEVEN KRASNER
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

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

The Sox 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. Willy Mo Pena struck out on three pitches, bringing up Dusty Pedroia. Lugo stole second on a 1 and 2 pitch and Pedroia eventually worked Accardo for a walk.

Two on and one out for the iron of the Sox' order, but David Ortiz flew out to right center and Manny Ramirez lined out to right and the comeback — and the game — was over.

The Blue Jays overcame a one-run deficit in the sixth in going ahead by one run.

The trouble started when Kyle Snyder, who had entered the game in the fifth for ineffective starter Julian Tavarez, issued a two-out walk to Vernon Wells.

He got ahead of the next hitter, Reed Johnson, at 0 and 2, but Johnson worked the count to 2 and 2 and then smacked an opposite-field double into the right field corner that delivered Wells with the run that tied the game at 5.

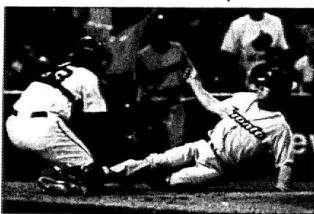
It didn't stay deadlocked for long. Alex Rios notched his third hit of the night and second double when he lofted a hit over Manny Ramirez, who was playing his typically shallow left field. And just like that, Toronto was on top, 6-5.

Tavarez, meanwhile, did not figure in the decision, but that's because he only lasted one batter into the fourth inning in his second straight clunker.

The right-hander finished the first half by getting blasted in Detroit to the tune of 10 hits and eight earned runs in only 4 1/3 innings. He took the loss, which was his third in a row, and said that some teammates thought he was tipping his pitches.

In his first start of the second half, Tavarez again was

SEE RED SOX, B5



THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL / BOB BREIDENBACH

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
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

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 butterflies.

Competing in the boys 11- and 12-year-old 100-meter dash at Rhode Island College, the 11-year-old from Smithfield knew it was going to be tough to beat Derek Jackson, a Providence boy who had beaten him in an earlier meet.

Once Balcom took the starting line, though, he says, "I looked straight at the finish line and ran my hardest."

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

SEE TRACK, B6

Johnson misses cut at Deere Classic; Green takes lead

Associated Press
Masters champion Zach Johnson hoped to jump into contention at the John Deere Classic in Silvis, Ill., yesterday. Instead, he missed the cut.

Johnson, a local star from nearby Iowa, shot an even-par 71 for a 36-hole total of 141. 11th leader Nathan Green and one off the cut, leaving the event without its main attraction.

GOULD ROUNDUP
Green grabbed the lead with a second-round 63 that had him one stroke in front of Jason Dufner (66) and Carl Pettersson (64). First-round leader Neal Lancaster (68) was two strokes back.

Green, an Australian seeking his first tour victory, grabbed the lead on 17 when he knocked in a 4-foot putt for birdie — his eighth of the day — to go 12 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.

"I 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



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really enjoying playing. That was the reason for the break."

With many of the top golfers overseas preparing for next week's British Open, the Deere Classic attracts a field full of unknowns and faded stars. One exception was Johnson, a two-time winner this year, including the year's first major.

Also missing the cut were Lee Janzen (even), John Daly (6 over) and defending champion John Senden of Australia (7 over).

Johnson ended the round with a flourish, sending a 153-yard approach within a few feet of the cup to set up a birdie on the par-4 18th. But overall, this was not a good week.

Although he grew up just over an hour away in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and considers this his home event, Johnson had never finished higher than 20th.

And the form that earned him to a shocking victory at Augusta was nowhere in sight.

He finished a 70 in the first round, Johnson got off to a good start yesterday when he made a 7-footer for birdie 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.

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.

"Obviously disappointing," Johnson said. "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 cuts, 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 leaderboard.

Stadler shot a 3 under 68 yesterday to tie Scott Hoch and qualifier Rod Spittle for the first-round lead at the inaugural Dick's Sporting Goods Open in Endicott, N.Y.

After a one-year hiatus, professional golf returned to Endicott Golf Club on a perfect summer day, with temperatures

around 80 under partly cloudy skies. But gusting 25-mph winds in the afternoon helped prevent low scores on the narrow 6,974-yard course.

Only 20 players broke par, but 17 of them were within two shots of the lead. And Bruce Vaughan, Masy Kuramoto, Ed Dougherty, Bruce Fleisher, Tim Simpson, Tim Conley and Jack Ferenz were tied for fourth just one shot back.

LPGA Tour

"Si Pak was solid, but hardly spectacular for a change at the Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic in Silvis, Ohio.

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, saying she was content to just limit her mistakes.

"I don't have any complaints," Pak said. "I'm not trying to go really low."

She birdied two holes on the front nine and hit out of a left-side bunker on the 10th hole to within 3 feet of the cup to save par. Pak rolled in a 22-foot putt on 16 after posting her only bogey of the

round

Scottish Open

Gregory Havret and Jose Manuel Lara shared a one-stroke lead over Phil Mickelson yesterday, while Colin Montgomerie missed the cut at the Scottish Open in Lass, Scotland.

Havret birdied five holes on the back nine for a 64. Lara had an eagle and two birdies on his last six holes for a 65. They finished at 10-under 132.

U.S. Public

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

The 22-year-old Knost, who made the cut at the PGA Tour's EDS Byron Nelson Championship in April, will face Cody Paladino in today's 36-hole final. The 18-year-old from Kensington, Conn., beat Derek Fathauer of Jensen Beach, Fla., 1-up.

Knost came back from a two-hole deficit against Nagy, an 18-year-old from Charlotte, N.C., with a string of birdies on the back nine. 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 from throughout the United States and Canada at the 30th annual Hershey's Track & Field Games North American Finals from Aug. 2-5.

"I've 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. "I'm just blown out of my mind."

Balcom isn't the only one who will be representing Rhode Island in a few weeks.

Kevin Paygou of West Warwick, and two Providence Cobras relay teams have also earned the chance to compete at the event, which considers itself to be the "longest-running youth fitness program of its kind" in North America, as well as the largest with more than 400,000 youngsters participating in the various qualifying events each year.

The annual state track and field Finals for these Rhode Islanders began last month at local meets hosted by various parks and recreation departments throughout the state. From there, they advanced to the state meet, which at nearly 300 entrants featured one of the largest fields in recent memory. LaFazia said.

"There were a couple of big winners in the distance events and the relays (at the state meet), but overall, all the times were relatively close," said LaFazia, who credits being able to hold the state champion-

against those of the top performers from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire and Canada's Atlantic provinces to determine who would move on to the North American Finals.

While Balcom will be competing in the boys 11-12 100-meter dash, Paygou has qualified in for the boys 9-10 50-meter dash after posting a winning state meet time of 7:86 seconds.

The Providence Cobras' four-some of Ariana Abbott, Daria Brayboy, Lakisha Dacruz and Ebonne Morrow has qualified to compete in the girls 13-14 4x100-yard relay after handing winning the event at the state meet in 54:09.

Meanwhile, Durrell Britton, Danzell Floyd, Daniel Payne and Michael Washington, also from the Cobras, will run that event in the boys 13-14 division, having qualified with their time of 52:28.

Hershey's Rhode Island state coordinator, Matt LaFazia, points out that while some of the berths that Rhode Island has received in years past were handed down from other states to ensure that each state has at least five participants, all of this year's representatives from the Ocean State earned their invitations outright.

FROM STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES were matched up against those from around the region, 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 memory. LaFazia said.

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SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL / SHANNON PERD

Nathan Balcom, 11, 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 of Providence.

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 and neck coming down the stretch. So the competitiveness has definitely been raised two or three notches, and it shows in the way the kids are running."

LaFazia, who is also Johnson's assistant parks and recreation director, says the athletes are going to be in for a treat.

In addition to competing in their respective events at Henry Hershey Field, which is located on the campus of the Milton Hershey School, they will be extremely busy during their four-day stay. The participants will witness the intro-

duction of the Hershey's Track & Field Games Hall of Fame and be treated to exhibition races featuring some of the legends of the sport, perhaps even having a chance to meet some of them. The young athletes also will visit Hershey Park amusement park and receive a tour of Hershey's chocolate plant.

"They do a heck of a job," said LaFazia, who is also Johnson's assistant parks and recreation director. "From the moment you get there, if you're not eating or sleeping, you're involved in something. And Hershey picks up the whole tab."

While this will be the first time competing at the national meet for Balcom, Paygou and the boys' relay

team, the members of the girls' relay have qualified multiple times in their young track careers.

Abbott, Brayboy and Dacruz also earned invitations as 10- and 12-year-olds. Morrow was part of the 11-12 girls 4x100 relay with Erica Johnson, Dakota Dailey-Harms and Tyesha Forbes that placed sixth last year with a time of 56:7 seconds.

"For a lot of the kids, this is their first time flying, and that's a very experience 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 experience for the kids with something for everyone."

RI HERSEY'S TRACK & FIELD STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Boys 133-134 230584300921369395200-meter dash: 1:29.34, Nathan Balcom, Greenville.

Boys 135-136 461168601842738790400-meter dash: 1:29.34, Nathan Balcom, Greenville.

Boys 137-138 922337203685477580800-meter dash: 1:29.34, Nathan Balcom, Greenville.

Boys 139-140 1844674407370955161600-meter dash: 1:29.34, Nathan Balcom, Greenville.

Boys 141-142 3689348814741910323200-meter dash: 1:29.34, Nathan Balcom, Greenville.

Boys 143-144 7378697629483820646400-meter dash: 1:29.34, Nathan Balcom, Greenville.

Boys 145-146 14757395259767641292800-meter dash: 1:29.34, Nathan Balcom, Greenville.

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Boys 149-150 59029581039070565171200-meter dash: 1:29.34, Nathan Balcom, Greenville.

Boys 151-152 118059162078141130342400-meter dash: 1:29.34, Nathan Balcom, Greenville.

Boys 153-154 236118324156282260684800-meter dash: 1:29.34, Nathan Balcom, Greenville.

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