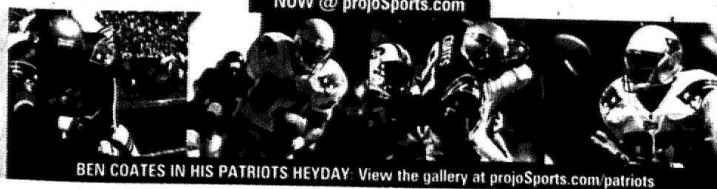


## Should the Red Sox sign Barry Bonds to bolster their lineup?

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## Star power

For the fourth time in franchise history, the Boston Red Sox will send seven players to represent them in the All-Star Game. Only the 1946 Red Sox team sent more:

YEAR	PLAYERS	YEAR	PLAYERS
1946	8	1977	7
2002	7	2007	6
1978	7	1949	6

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## Pats fans have it all over Sox loyalists

Football fans, obviously, are more knowledgeable than baseball fans.

And Patriots fans, clearly, are smarter than Red Sox fans.

At least when it comes to voting for deserving players. It was fan voting that has earned Ben Coates a place in the Patriots Hall of Fame that he richly deserves.

It also was fan voting that gave Jason Varitek, who is hitting .218 for the season and a pathetic .133 since May 22, a berth in the All-Star Game that he doesn't remotely deserve, along with six other members of the supposedly star-laden but still second-place Red Sox.

Are these same people going to get to vote for president in November?

If ever there was a case for a voter identification law, this is it.

Check 'em when they show up at the polling place. If they identify themselves as Red Sox fans, turn 'em away. If they say they're Patriots fans, hand them a ballot.

You've got to hand it to Pats fans — Coates was a great choice.

The best tight end in team history, he averaged 73 receptions per season for six years, from 1993 through '98. He was the team's leading receiver in five of those seasons, setting an NFL record in 1994 for catches by a tight end, with 96.

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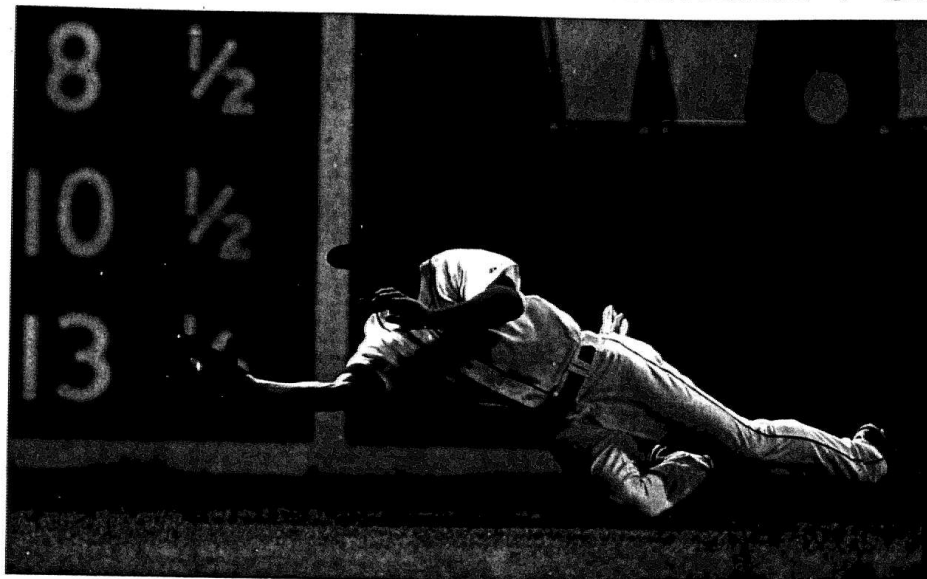


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Ben Coates, in action during a 1997 game, was a deserving choice of the N.E. fans for the Patriots Hall of Fame.

## RED SOX 1, TWINS 0

# PERFECT TIMING



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The Red Sox's Jacoby Ellsbury makes a diving catch of a fly ball to shallow left off the bat of Minnesota's Carlos Gomez during the eighth inning of last night's game at Fenway Park.

## Strong pitching, Ramirez's RBI just what Sox needed

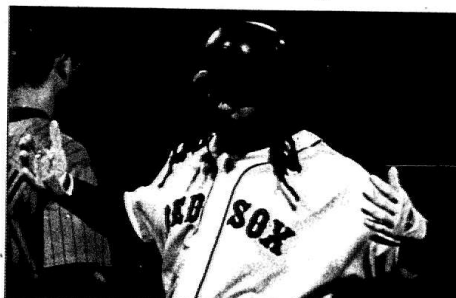
BY JOE McDONALD  
JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

BOSTON — They needed to come home. They wanted to come home. The Boston Red Sox were home.

Fenway Park has been very kind to the Red Sox for a long time, for obvious reasons. Boston entered last night's game against the Minnesota Twins with a 29-8 record at home this season. The Sox are 11-2 in 13 home series in 2008, and they were hoping to continue that streak against the Twins during this three-game set.

This is why: Prior to last night's game, the Sox were 31-10 at home and 21-29 on the road. During the club's recent road trip, Boston went 3-7, and after a split with the Yankees over the weekend, numerous Red Sox players said how important it was for the club to get back home.

It worked. The Red Sox eked out a 1-0 victory over Minnesota, thanks to solid pitching performances by Daisuke Matsuzaka, Hideki Okajima and Jonathan Papelbon and timely hitting by Dustin Pedroia and



Manny Ramirez looks into the Red Sox dugout and gestures after he singled in Dustin Pedroia in the eighth inning with what proved to be the winning run.

Manny Ramirez.

With the game stuck on a stalemate in the eighth, Pedroia extended his hitting streak to a career-high 15 games with a leadoff double. Then the struggling Ra-

mirez provided what proved to be the winning run with a single to right that scored Pedroia.

"I didn't care who it was," said Red Sox manager Terry Francona. "Push a

run across and make it stand, but it was great. We needed something, anything, so we could leave here on a night when we were a little frustrated offensively, but we got a win. We talk about it all the time; it's a lot more fun to talk about how we can do things better after a win."

The venue and the timely hitting can't be given all of the credit for the victory because Matsuzaka was outstanding despite the no-decision.

"He threw a lot of strikes," said Francona. "He had good finish on his pitches. He challenged a lot of hitters with his fastball, and got it by them. He had depth to his slider and threw a cutter. He threw with a lot of confidence and looked like he was feeling pretty good about himself. The game did dictate at some point that we go to the bullpen. He threw the ball very well."

In his longest outing of the season, the Japanese import threw 108 pitches and was in total control.

"My fastball was good," said Matsuzaka. "So, I think Tek (Jason Varitek) had an easier time calling the game. I was able to attack the batters really well. I always want to minimize wasted pitches

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## Vongphoumy holds her own in R.I. Amateur

While Juliet Vongphoumy, 14, was keeping up with her 81, Jason Hull took the first-round lead with a 67 at Agawam Hunt.

BY PAUL KENYON  
JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

EAST PROVIDENCE — Nick Cioe was waiting for his turn to chip to the 18th green at Agawam Hunt. He was still minutes away from completing play in the first round of the 103rd R.I. Golf Association Amateur championship, but he decided not to wait to begin talking about his day.

"This girl," Cioe said as he walked up

to some friends, "is really something. I've nicknamed her Jules. She's a jewel. She really is."

He was talking about Juliet Vongphoumy, the 14-year-old who just finished her freshman year at La Salle Academy. Cioe is one of the veterans of Rhode Island golf, having played in at least 20 amateurs. He was on his way to shooting an 81, but all he wanted to do was talk about Vongphoumy, who also was on her way to the same score.

Cioe was not alone, either. Vongphoumy clearly was the star of the day. Never mind that she finished 14 strokes behind the leader, Jason Hull of Fenner Hill, who fired a 67. Hull had the unfortunate

of having his best day in a state championship on the same day a 5-foot-1½, 90-pound girl made state golf history.

While her drives often were 40 or 50 yards, or even more, short of other players', Vongphoumy used her sweet swing, composure and considerable talent to more than hold her own against the men. She had one bad stretch in which she went 6-over from the 10th through 13th holes, but responded by going par, birdie, par over the next three holes. She had a chance to break 80 until driving into a bunker on 18 and making six on the par-4 hole.

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Juliet Vongphoumy (right) and her parents, who were all smiles after she won the state high school title, had another reason to smile yesterday.

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# McAndrew, Vongphoumy achieve goals

BY PAULKENYON  
JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

**EAST PROVIDENCE** — David McAndrew and Julie Vongphoumy came into the R.I. Golf Association Amateur Championship with different goals, which helps explain why their reactions were so different yesterday when qualifying was completed.

McAndrew had the best score in the tournament at Agawam Hunt, earning medalist honors for the second year in a row with a 2-under par 138. But he was not overly pleased.

Vongphoumy finished 21 strokes behind McAndrew, in a tie for 94th among the 138 players. Yet she was all smiles when it was over.

The 14-year-old put together a solid 78, for a 36-hole total of 159, nine strokes from qualifying for match play. That made no difference.

The 5-foot-11½-inch 90-pounder won admirers both for the way she played and the way she handled herself as she became the first female to take part in the 103-year history of the event.

"Everything was fantastic," Vongphoumy said. "I had so much fun playing with Nick (Cioe) and Pat (Monti). They were very supportive and very friendly. It was a great opportunity. I couldn't turn it down. The whole experience was great."

Vongphoumy accepted congratulations and then headed to New Jersey, where she will take part in qualifying for the U.S. Women's Amateur.

McAndrew, meanwhile, is very much focused on Agawam Hunt. He appears to be on the verge of jumping to the top level of amateur golf — not just here, but nationally.

The top player on the Stetson University team this year, McAndrew played well against the best players in the country in the Northeast Amateur last month. Last week, he was in Pinehurst for the North & South, another of the top national events. He finished in a tie for eighth in the two quality-

ing rounds and then won in each of the first two rounds before being eliminated. He returned home Friday, took a bit of a break for two days, then came out and put together back-to-back 69s to earn medalist honors.

His standards are so high these days that even after finishing first in qualifying for the second year in a row he was less than pleased. "I had five birds and an eagle today and only shot 1-under. That's why I'm not very happy," he said. Unlike some who fear a jinx for the medalist, he is happy to be the top seed.

"That's the first goal, yes, of course, absolutely," McAndrew said of earning the medal. "I'm playing really good. Today I was good in spurts, had in spurts. I didn't really want to do that. That's the only thing I'm frustrated about."

He finished with his eagle on the par-5 third, five birds, seven pars, four bogeys and a double bogey.

Three others — Agawam's Chuck Sullivan, Swansea's Tom



David McAndrew tosses his club into the air after a too-short chip shot yesterday at Agawam.

Acciardo and Exeter's Andy Calicione — came in at 140. Sullivan, a Hendrickson grad who prepped this year at Worcester Academy and is headed for St. Anselm's, had a wild day. He double-bogeyed the first hole but then had eight birds, at 3, 4, 7, 10, 13, 14, 15 and 16.

"On two of them, 10 and 13, I hit it within a foot," he said. "The others were 10- and 15-footers. My caddy, Brian (Disalvo), read them for me. There were some I read different than he did, but I did what he said and made them."

The two others in the second-place tie are both frequent contenders. They were not worried about how high they finished, but rather focused only on getting to match play. Calicione said he did not even think about his score while he was on the course, in part because one of his playing partners, Darren Corrente, also was playing well.

"Darren made some putts, I made some putts. We hit some good shots. We were talking as we were going along," Calicione said. "The next thing I knew, we both had 69s."

Acciardo was similar. "I played well, very consistent," he said.

The first-round leader, Jason Hull, settled for a tie for fifth at 141 after carding a 74.

Brad Valois, bidding to become the first player since Bobby Allen (1958-60) to win three times in a row, put himself in excellent position with a 72 for 141 to tie Hull for fifth.

A nine-way playoff was held for the final two spots among those who finished at 150. Former finalist Rob Grossguth was the only player to birdie the first hole to take the 31st spot. Andrew Maciazar parred three holes in a row to outlast everyone else and earn the final spot.

Two rounds of match play will be held today.

## 103RD R.I. AMATEUR AT AGAWAM HUNT

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# Battle of giants at Agawam

Valois must beat medalist McAndrew for third straight title

**BY PAUL KENYON**  
JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

EAST PROVIDENCE — There could be a first in Rhode Island Golf Association history today at Agawam Hunt.

When the 36-hole title match of the 103rd RIGA Amateur is held, it will showcase the defending champion going head to head against the tournament medalist.

Brad Valois is the two-time reigning champion, the guy who will be trying to put his name high up in association record books. The 21-year-old from Alpine, who plays left-handed and puts right-handed, is bidding to become the first player since Bobby Allen, from 1958-60, to win three years in a row.

To do it, he must get past David McAndrew. The 20-year-old McAndrew, the latest in the long line of outstanding players to come out of Rhode Island Country Club, has been the best player at Agawam so far this week.

If a poll was taken to elect the best young prospects in the state, it is very likely that Valois and McAndrew would be one-two, or two-one. They have shown why this week.

The RIGA does not keep such records, but it is extremely unusual to have a defending champion and the tournament medalist both reach the finals. No one who was at Agawam Hunt yesterday, including RIGA officials George Fowler and Don Lamb, both of whom have been involved in the game for a half-century, could remember it happening before.

Valois and McAndrew had to work hard to make it happen, but both got the job done with two more victories.

While Valois can be spectacular at times, it was more his grit and determi-



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David McAndrew watches his putt stop short of the cup on the first hole in his semifinal vs. Matt Broome.

nation that moved him through once again. He is making some major changes in his game after a disappointing season for the URI golf team.

He is now working with Eddie Kirby, the pro at Alpine, and he speaks enthusiastically about how he feels his game is back on track.

"Today was a long day, a real long day," he said. "I hit the ball well. But I didn't make any putts."

He survived a grueling match with Steve Royer in the quarterfinals. Royer never led but came back to pull even after 15. Valois won 16, but then Royer won

17 to square it again. Valois won with a par on the final hole while Royer bunkered his approach and bogeyed for the 1-up decision.

That sent Valois against Garrett Medeiros in the semis. Medeiros, a Wofford star who plays out of Metacomet, was riding high. He won an outstanding match with Ben Tuthill, the 2000 champion, in the quarters, 1 up.

"That was one of the best matches I've ever played, just because of the quality of play," Medeiros said. Medeiros had a 32 on the front side. Tuthill was 33. Medeiros finished with seven birdies, Tuthill five. Tuthill was three down with four to go but won three in a row, two with birdies. But Medeiros birdied 18 to win, hitting his approach from the rough over a tree and within three feet to win, 1 up.

In the semis, though, Valois won two of the first three holes. He led by three through nine before Medeiros won 10, 12 and 14 to pull even.

Valois, who is bidding for his sixth RIGA championship in seven years — he also won the Junior Championship three times — showed the clutch ability he has displayed so often in taking 16 and 17 to win, 2 and 1.

"This tournament is something I always look forward to," Valois said. "I think it's a little easier for me because I won the three juniors. I kind of know how to approach it and not get overwhelmed by it."

McAndrew rallied past attorney Darren Corrente in the quarters, 2 and 1, then faced a different kind of challenge in the semis. He had a play one of his closest friends, Matt Broome.

"It was probably our 2,092nd round together. I think that's pretty accurate," McAndrew said. "It's never fun when you play a really good friend because someone's got to lose."

Broome twice had beaten McAndrew in the RIGA Juniors. Broome led early this time, too. But a run of four straight holes won by McAndrew, beginning at the ninth, made the difference as McAndrew won, 2 and 1.

"We usually bring out the best in each other. That's the way we want to play," McAndrew said.

The two had an unusual match, talking to each other constantly and even congratulating each other with high-fives after a good shot. McAndrew carried his own bag. His brother, Mark, a Brown basketball star the last four years, had been caddy for him, but had to leave. When Broome rolled in a 20-foot par-saving putt on the 18th to keep the match alive, it made for a weird scene — both he and McAndrew gave fist pumps to celebrate the clutch putt.

The title match, though, will not be about friendship. This one will decide not only this year's champion, but the No. 1 ranking among young golf stars in Rhode Island.

**Quarterfinals**  
David McAndrew, BCC, def. Darren Corrente, Wofford, 2 and 1.  
Garrett Medeiros, Wofford, def. Ben Tuthill, Wofford, 1 up.  
Brad Valois, Alpine, def. Steve Royer, New England, 1 up.

**Semifinals**  
David McAndrew, BCC, def. Matt Broome, URI, 2 and 1.  
Brad Valois, Alpine, def. Garrett Medeiros, Wofford, 2 and 1.

**Finals**  
Brad Valois, Alpine, def. David McAndrew, BCC, 16 and 17 to win, 2 and 1.

First 18 holes, second 18, about noon.

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Brad Valois releases his club after a drive during his semifinal victory over Garrett Medeiros in the R.I. Golf Association Amateur.

## Perry stays on a roll at Deere Classic

**ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Kenny Perry continued his best run in more than two decades on the PGA Tour, firing a 6-under 65 yesterday in the first round of the John Deere Classic at Silvis, Ill., that put him one stroke off the lead.

Perry, 47, is right behind Ken Duke and Charlie Wi in a tie for third after winning two events last month. Woody Austin was in a group at 5-under, with 2007 Masters champion Zach Johnson five strokes behind the leaders.

Play was delayed briefly in the morning due to lightning in the area and again for 1 hour, 55 minutes in the afternoon. Perry was gone by then and, maybe, back in bed.

Unable to fall asleep after his hotel fire alarm went off at 3:30 a.m., a bleary-eyed Perry had enough energy to birdie his first three holes at the Deere Run. He started on the par-5 No. 10 and drove a sand wedge to 18 feet, then hit a 9-iron within 11 feet on the par-4 11th before driving a 5-iron to 10 feet on the par-3 12th.

"I just feel very comfortable here," he said. "It's kind of in my element here, in my wheelhouse."

He missed a 15-foot birdie putt on his final hole that would have put him in a tie for first. Even so, it was another good round, one of many in recent weeks.

"Well, I've had runs," Perry said. None like this, though.

Perry had a memorable four-tournament run in 2003, when he won the Colonial and Memorial on back-to-back weeks and tied for third at the U.S. Open before taking first at the Greater Milwaukee Open a month later. This one is approaching the two-month mark. It started when he lost a playoff to Ryohei Imada at the AT&T Classic in May and continued with victories at the Memorial and Buick Open last month. He usually plays well on those courses, and he'll be at another favorite spot next week when he returns to Brown Deer Park Golf Course in Milwaukee next week.

"They're all lined up one after another, and I think that's the reason why," Perry

said when asked to explain this run.

### Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic

Paula Creamer knew she was playing well. She was surprised just how well.

"We were all birdied nine of the last 11 holes, including the final three, for a course-record 60 on the par-71 Highland Meadows layout in Sylvania, Ohio, yesterday. She held a five-stroke lead after the opening round of the Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic.

Only after she finished did she realize how close she came to golf's magic number of 59.

"I didn't know it was a par 71," Creamer said with a laugh. "I thought it was a par 72. If I would have known that, who knows?"

Creamer couldn't have done much better. She would have had to hole out a 137-yard, 7-iron from the fairway to shoot 59. She rolled in a 20-foot birdie putt for her 50 — her best round on tour by four strokes.

Only a handful of players have reached 59 in a competitive round on the PGA or LPGA tours.

"We were all standing on the green and Kimmie (Mi Hyun Kim) was looking at me. 'Wow, that was unbelievable,' Creamer said. "(I thought) what did we shoot here? Sixty? I didn't know. I didn't realize it."

The 21-year-old Creamer's round was her best by six strokes this season and broke Se Ri Pak's course mark by a shot. She matched the tour record of raw score for nine holes with a 27 on the home half.

Eun-Hye Ji and Gloria Park each shot a 65 and were largely overlooked in the wake of Creamer's round. Eva Dahlhoff and Young Kim had 66s. Defending champion Pak, trying to become the first player to win the same LPGA tournament six times, shot a 68. Michelle Wie had a 70.

Twenty-one players had yet to finish when play was suspended late in the day by lightning and heavy rain. They will complete their rounds today before the second round begins.



AP / PAUL COLLETTI

Kenny Perry follows his tee shot on the 17th hole during the first round of the John Deere Classic yesterday. Perry is one stroke off the lead.

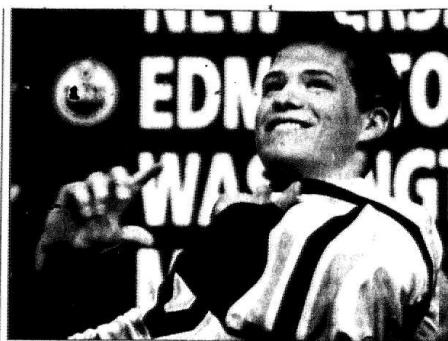
### Scottish Open

Phil Mickelson and Ernie Els failed to break par in the first round of the Scottish Open, while Alexander Noren and Thongchai Jaidee shared the lead with 7-under 64s yesterday at Luss, Scotland.

Angel Cabrera, the 2007 U.S. Open champion, was third with a 65 in this tune-up before the British Open at Royal Birkdale, which begins July 17.

Mickelson and Els both returned from three-week layoffs. Mickelson had a 71 and Els was at 1-over 72.

"The golf course was ideal for scoring, soft with light, clean and place. I just didn't get the ball in the hole," Mickelson said. "I thought I hit a lot of good shots but I didn't capitalize with my putts and let a good round slide a little bit."



AP / FRED CHARTMAN

Joe Colborne, putting on a Bruins jersey after becoming their first-round pick in the NHL Draft in Ottawa last month, could become a real gem.

## Colborne continues to 'grow' on Bruins

**THE BOSTON GLOBE**

Joe Colborne is big — so big, in fact, that even he is having trouble keeping up with the measuring tape that runs up his backside. Just some six weeks ago in Toronto, the NHL Combine calculated the now-promising Bruins center at 6-foot 4½. On Tuesday, when he checked in for Boston's weeklong development camp in Wilmington, Mass., the long and lanky kid from Calgary, Alberta, topped out at 6-5½.

"If I keep this up," said the amused Colborne, not sure whether to attribute the growth spurt to mathematical error, rarefied Boston air or just good home cooking, "I'll be 7 feet tall by the end of the week."

Truth is, said Colborne, he thinks he's done growing. He's now 18, roughly 6-5, and really in need of adding only about 20-25 pounds to his frame of 190. That kind of mass and muscle ought to take him no more than a year or two to add, and he'll do that beefing up at the University of Denver, where he'll enter this fall as a wide-eyed freshman slotted on the perennial Division I powerhouse.

"I think you'll see him play pro at age 19 or 20," predicted Boris Rybalka, his coach the last two years with Camrose in the Alberta Junior Hockey League. "He's kind of like Bam! right now, you know, still growing into his arms and legs. But when he's up around, say, 220, he'll be this unstoppable machine, and the guys he's out there playing against will be saying, 'Hey, where'd this guy come from?'"

Good question, in part because the AJHL, much like the British Columbia Junior Hockey League, remains a league with an asterisk invisibly attached to its masthead. Both leagues are considered Tier 2, or Junior A, just a cut below Canada's top (major) junior programs, the Western, Quebec and Ontario leagues.

Just three years ago, Colborne was tooling around as a skilled but average-sized high school player in Calgary. He was only 5-9 and about 150 pounds. At age 15, just as a growth spurt was about to trigger, he enrolled at Notre Dame in Wilcox, Saskatchewan, the hockey factory that churned out the likes of ex-Bruins Gord Kluzak and Lyndon Byers.

For the record, the mention of both names drew only what could be described as a polite stare and apologetic shrug from Colborne.

Colborne played well at Notre Dame, but didn't dazzle to the point where he drew serious interest from the NHL. He went undrafted by "The Dub," and was left with only a couple of training camp invites. Enter Rybalka, who had been charting Colborne's progress since before Notre Dame, and by the fall of 2006, Colborne was officially a Camrose Kodiak.

"He said he liked my work ethic," recalled Colborne, who flourished in his two years at Camrose, and last season was Canada's Tier 2 Player of the Year, connecting for 33 goals and 90 points. "And he told me if I was willing to put in the time, he'd help me get to the next level. I wouldn't say he took a risk with me. I think commitment is a better word. Everyone else was telling me, 'Oh, come

to camp and we'll see what happens.'"

Now the Bruins have what Rybalka calls "a real gem." Projecting him as a possible elite scorer, and a commanding presence in the middle, the Bruins made Colborne the 18th pick in last month's amateur draft in Ottawa. True, he didn't have the major junior pedigree that typically comes attached to a first-round pick, but according to Scott Bradley, the club's director of amateur scouting, the Bruins were more concerned with the player than the embroidered dossier.

Bradley, who watched from the stands in Wilmington, Wednesday while Colborne skated with the rest of the eager kids, seriously began tracking Colborne early last season, and became increasingly interested with each look.

"He possesses a lot of the attributes we like — puck possession, a power-play guy, and probably can penalty-kill, too," said Bradley. "We didn't have to get over major junior's Tier 2 stuff, because the NCAA has been a viable route for a lot of NHL players, and this is a kid that's proven he's serious about making it, with his work ethic, and just things like leaving home at a young age (to go to Wilcox)."

Wednesday, in the embracing chill of Ristuccia Arena, Colborne took his first steps in the Hub of Hockey. An anonymous No. 47 on his back, he zipped around the ice as one of the baby-faced Black-and-Gold dreamers. He will be here for the week (camp wraps up tomorrow), then head home to prepare for the college season.

Cam Neely, the club's vice president of passion, was among the front-office cognoscenti in the stands. Asked about the new top pick, the Hall of Fame right winger said that though Colborne looked "pretty raw, obviously," his "hockey sense was noticeable." The same was true, said Neely, of Mikko Lehtonen and Blake Wheeler.

Couch Canada Julien said he was impressed by Colborne's size, sense and hands.

"You can see all of that in him," said Julien, "and I think going to college will serve him well."

For now, there is no telling how soon Colborne will return, or where all of the projections and promise will lead.

The last Jumbo Joe — Joe Thornton — came here left with his potential largely unfulfilled, the hopes and wishes of a fan base and franchise crestfallen. But that Jumbo Joe was a No. 1 pick (1997), a burgeoning national hero, hyped to the hilt as an Eric Lindros-Mike Modano hybrid. Could it get any better? No. And it didn't.

This Jumbo Joe comes our way tucked in the thick of the draft's first round, with a load of schoolbooks and Mapquest directions to Denver tucked snugly under one arm. Same sort of body, but a vastly different body of work. In a year, maybe two, we will begin to learn where it all will lead.

"For me, it's always been about hockey," said Colborne. "The way I'm looking at Denver now, if things work out well, I won't be there for four years. But we'll assess after each year, decide from there."

Sounds like a plan ... and with plenty of room to grow.

## Revs' Parkhurst, Joseph, Reis are chosen for All-Star Game

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TORONTO — Los Angeles Galaxy stars David Beckham and Landon Donovan headlined the roster for the MLS All-Star Game, which will be played July 24 in Toronto against the English Premier League club West Ham United.

The league-leading New England Revolution claimed three of the 11 early roster spots for the game — defender Michael Parkhurst, the former University of Rhode Island star, midfielder Shalrie Joseph, and goalkeeper Matt Reis.

The first 11 players were chosen based on voting by fans, players, media and coaches/general managers. Donovan led

in aggregate votes while Beckham had the edge in fan voting.

Also selected to the team were defenders Jimmy Conrad of the Kansas City Wizards and Franck Hejduk of the Columbus Crew, midfielders Cuauhtemoc Blanco of the Chicago Fire, Sacha Kljestan of Chivas USA and Robbie Rogers of Columbus, and forward Kenny Cooper of FC Dallas.

Revolution coach Steve Nicol will fill out the roster Tuesday with five more selections.

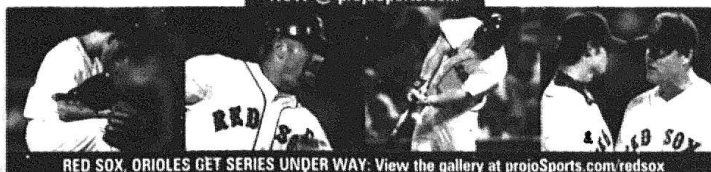
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Creamer rises to top

Paula Creamer's first-round showing at the Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic on Thursday is up there with one of the best rounds of golf ever played in an LPGA Tour event:

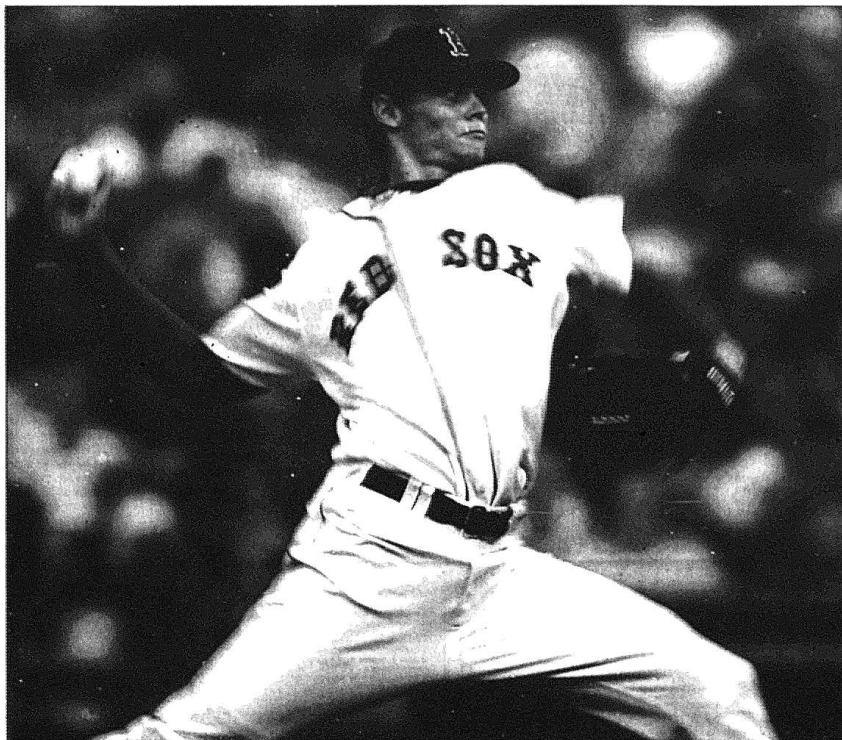
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Paula Creamer	60	2008
Meg Mallon	60	2003
Jung Yeon Lee	60	2004
Anna Ackers-Macosko	60	2004

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# Wounded Sox come up short



Clay Buchholz, the starter for the Red Sox last night, hurls a pitch in the second inning of the game at Fenway Park.

## Orioles overcome Boston's reserves

Manager Terry Francona says he's trying to keep a depleted team together until the All-Star break

BY JOE McDONALD  
PROVIDENCE JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

BOSTON — Clay Buchholz, Sean Casey and Brandon Moss began last night's game as the Red Sox starting pitcher, designated hitter and right fielder respectively.

That's a little different lineup, than say Josh Beckett, David Ortiz and J.D. Drew, and the end result was a 7-3 loss to the Baltimore Orioles at Fenway Park.

### NEXT GAME

Red Sox vs. Baltimore Orioles

That's not to say that if the later threesome was in the lineup, the outcome would have been different because the first three players mentioned are very good.

The point is the Sox' lineup is pretty banged up right now, and until everyone can get a rest during the All-Star break, Boston will mix and match its lineup until its last game of the first half tomorrow.

Red Sox manager Terry Francona said yesterday afternoon that the club was trying to keep players as healthy as possible even though the bumps and bruises seem to be mounting.

Manny Ramirez is still bothered by a sore hamstring. Ortiz remains on the disabled list with a wrist injury. Drew missed his second consecutive game with a sore back. Coco Crisp was out of the lineup last night with a sore forearm.

The All-Star break can't come fast enough.

Despite the loss, the news wasn't all that bad as Buchholz returned to the starting rotation last night after spending some much-needed development time with the PawSox, where he posted a 4-2 record with a 2.47 ERA in nine starts. During his time in Pawtucket, his delivery — mainly his arm slot — was tweaked just a bit, and Red Sox management felt he was ready to return to Boston for last night's game against the Orioles.

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## Buchholz's retooling still needs work



SEAN MCADAM  
JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

BOSTON — Never mind Sox Appeal. The Red Sox had their very own reality show at Fenway last night, as real as it gets.

Clay Buchholz was sent to Pawtucket in late May, for a mid-season makeover. The Sox wanted him to spruce up his fastball some, and flaunt it a little more regularly. Nothing dramatic, mind you — just a little tinkering.

Blessed with two-plus secondary pitches — an overhand curve and a devastating changeup — Buchholz too often forgot about his fastball, which he throws in the mid-90s.

While in Pawtucket, the Sox adjusted his arm slot a bit and preached the value of getting ahead with his fastball — the better to utilize the curve and change.

In his first major-league start in almost two months last night, Buchholz showed himself to be a work in progress. He went five innings in the Sox' 7-3 loss to the Baltimore Orioles and was saddled with the defeat, giving up four runs on five hits. Against the same team he no-hit last Sept. 1 in his second major-league start, Buchholz had two bad innings — his first and last.

In the first, he exhibited little feel, falling behind to nearly every hitter and walking three. The Orioles jumped to a quick 2-0 lead, and Buchholz needed 29 pitches to record the first three outs.

"I thought in the first inning he looked nervous, a little jumpy," manager Terry Francona said. "After talking to him when he came out, he was feeling like he had a lot to prove."

"I think, for the most part, it was nerves," Buchholz confirmed. "I hadn't been that

"Anytime you're in the same sentence as Brad Faxon, Brett Quigley, Billy Andrade and whoever else has won ... it's an honor." — DAVID McANDREW

## McAndrew takes command, wrests Amateur from Valois

The Stetson University junior sinks 11 birdies and denies Brad Valois' bid for a third straight R.I. Amateur crown.

BY PAUL KENYON  
JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

EAST PROVIDENCE — Playing in the biggest match of his life, David McAndrew responded yesterday with the best performance of his young golf career.

The 20-year-old from Rhode Island Country Club did not merely take away the R.I. Golf Association Amateur Championship from Brad Valois. He ripped it away, forcefully, with one of the best displays seen in the tournament's 103-year history.

McAndrew had an awesome 11 birdies (several of them conceded) and one eagle as he ended Valois' bid to make RIGA history by beating the lefty, 7 and 5, in the scheduled 36-hole title match at Agawam Hunt.

Valois, bidding to become only the fourth player — the first in nearly a half-century — to win three years in a row, played fine. Actually, he was quite good. He had six birdies in the morning 18, five in the first 10 holes. He used his own num-

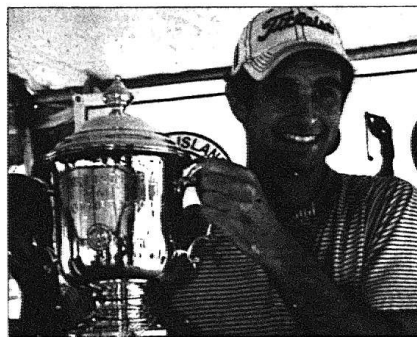
bers to point out how well McAndrew played.

"I had six birdies this morning and I was 1-down at the turn," Valois noted.

McAndrew also had six birds in the first 18. It turned out he was merely getting warmed up. He took full advantage of the beautiful day and great conditions provided this week by Drew Cummings, the new course superintendent at Agawam.

McAndrew had finished the morning with birdies on both 17 and 18. He began the afternoon with a

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David McAndrew was all smiles yesterday after winning the RIGA Amateur Championship at Agawam Hunt.

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## PROJO SPORTS BLOG

These are shortened versions of some of the stories that were posted yesterday throughout the day on Projo.com's Sports Blog.

### Late night with Pierce

Paul Pierce was a guest Thursday night on *Late Night With Conan O'Brien*. He brought the MVP trophy with him. The conversation topics included:

- Why O'Brien — a Boston native — would make a good Celtics mascot.
- Where the nickname "The Truth" came from (Shaquille O'Neal).
- Why the Celtics were the last team Pierce ever wanted to play for.
- Mixing it up with LeBron James' mom.
- Getting pantsed by Ron Artest.

■ Why he doused coach Doc Rivers with Gatorade ("At the time, I just decided to dump out all the Gatorade, because I was drinking the Powerade anyway").

■ He can't put down the MVP trophy: "I went out to L.A. and I took it out to eat, took it to the club, I took it to the pool. ... I got it there."

### Line of confusion

Speaking to a Pittsburgh TV station this week during a campaign stop in Pennsylvania, Sen. John McCain talked about his affection for the Steelers, saying that when he was first intermarried as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam, he gave the name of the Steelers' front four as the names of his squad mates.

Two problems with the story. First, as noted by J.J. Cooper on AOL's FanHouse blog, McCain was captured a few years before the Steelers glory days in the 1970s. At the time of McCain's capture, Cooper writes, "the Steelers' front four consisted of Ken Kirtland, Chuck Hinton, Ben McEwen and Lloyd Yeam — I can only tell you that because I looked it up."

That's not all. As the same Pittsburgh TV station that aired McCain's original comment later pointed out, the Steelers story contradicts one he has written in the past, that under interrogation he recited the names of Green Bay Packers offensive linemen. The station reported that McCain's campaign called the contradiction an honest mistake.

**Beijing cans dog meat**  
Canine cuisine is being sent to the doghouse during next month's Beijing Olympic Games. Dog meat has been struck from the menus of officially designated Olympic restaurants, and Beijing tourism officials are telling other outlets to discourage consumers from ordering dishes made from dogs, the official Xinhua News Agency reported yesterday. Waiters and waitresses should "patiently" suggest other options to diners who order dog, it said, quoting city tourism bureau Vice Director Xiang Yumei.

### More problems for Baker

A bank has taken over the Durham, Conn., home of former Celtic Vic Baker at a foreclosure auction.

"The house has six bedrooms and is a 9,300-square-foot Georgian brick Colonial on a 12-acre parcel. The property also includes a two-lane bowling alley, basketball court, guest house and pool."

Baker, who grew up in Old Saybrook, starred for the University of Hartford and spent 14 years in the NBA with the Celtics and six other teams.

Among the other stories posted to the Projo Sports Blog yesterday were Little League scores as they were reported, and updates from the R.I. Amateur golf tournament. To read the sports blog, go to [projosports.com](http://projosports.com) and click on Projo Sports Blog.

## In a tight match, Spadea tops Peya, gains semifinal

**ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
**NEWPORT** American Vince Spadea was at his best when he needed to be yesterday, beating Austrian Alexander Peya, 7-6 (3), 7-5, to advance to the semifinals at the Hall of Fame Tennis Championships.

Spadea, 33, will face defending champion Fabrice Santoro today after 1989 French Open champion Michael Chang is inducted into the Hall of Fame during afternoon ceremonies. Santoro defeated Ivan Navarro, 6-3, 7-6 (4).

Spadea's win over Peya earned him his first trip to a semi-final since Delray Beach last year. "I played well at the right times," Spadea said. "I think I'm playing well enough to beat anybody in this tournament."

Spadea was broken in the first set to fall behind, 4-5, but he broke back in the next game to eventually force the tiebreaker.

In the tiebreaker, Spadea won the first of three consecutive points by converting an overhead smash. Peya was then barely able to get a racket on Spadea's serve on the next point, hitting the ball short.

Spadea took the tiebreaker after charging the net, forcing Peya to make a desperate forehand bid that sailed wide and closed the opening set.

In the second set, Peya broke Spadea in the third game en route to a 4-1 lead. But Spadea rallied to tie the set at 5-all and took the lead when Peya doubled faulted on consecutive points before hitting a forehand return into the net in the game's final three points.

Spadea, of Boca Raton, Fla., closed out the match with a backhand slice at the net. His only career title was at Scottsdale in 2004.

Peya said he didn't capitalize on the few opportunities Spadea gave him.

"I felt like [Spadea] didn't give me too many easy chances on the important [points], and I didn't make many," he said.

Santoro, 35, is the oldest champion in the tournament's 12-year history. A first or second seed has not captured the title in the past 18 years.

Santoro, the second seed, scored six of the last seven points in the tiebreaker to close the match. The six-time tournament champion noted that he and Spadea would bring plenty of experience to their match.

"All together we'll be almost 70 (years old) on the court," Santoro joked. "I've known Vince for many years. He's had a great career. I saw his match today. He's playing very well."

Prakash Amritraj plays seventh-seeded Frank Dancevic, Canada's top player in the other semifinal today.

**RESULTS YESTERDAY**

**Singles**



Vince Spadea of the United States rallies to Alexander Peya of Austria at the Hall of Fame championships in Newport yesterday.

**Quarterfinals**  
Vince Spadea, United States, def. Alexander Peya, Austria, 7-6 (3), 7-5.  
Fabrice Santoro, France, def. Ivan Navarro, Spain, 6-3, 7-6 (4).

**Semi-finals**  
Michael Chang, United States, def. Michael Smith, Scotland, 6-3, 7-6 (4).  
Vince Spadea, United States, def. Alexander Peya, Austria, 7-6 (3), 7-5.

**Double**  
Quarterfinals  
Mike Bryan, South Africa, and Andy Roddick, Australia, def. ...

## Perry remains hot, but MacKenzie tops field at Deere Classic

**ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
Kenny Perry again sizzled following a sluggish start and was two strokes off the lead after the second round of the John Deere Classic yesterday in Silvis, Ill.

Playing as well as anyone on the PGA Tour the last two months, Perry, 47, birdied six of his final 10 holes while shooting a 5-under 66.

That put him in a three-way tie for second place at 11-under 131 with first-round co-leader Charlie Wi (67) and Eric Axley (69).

The strong finish wasn't enough to move past Will MacKenzie (64), who jumped to the top of the leaderboard earlier in the day and is 13-under, but it kept Perry in contention for his third victory in five starts.

"Awesome round," Perry said. "Very proud of this round."

One stroke off the lead when the day began, Perry got going on the eighth hole after taking a drop following his tee shot. He hit a 23-footer from the fringe to save par and stay even for the round. That swing in momentum led to birdies on the next three holes and kept him in contention.

His approach from 183 yards on the par-4 ninth landed two feet from the pin, and another good approach on the 10th settled 12 feet from the hole. He buried that putt, then hit a 7-footer on the par-4 11th to go 9-under.

"It just seemed like my whole state of mind changed, my feelings changed," Perry said after his 10th straight round in the 60s.

First-round co-leader Ken Duke (72) fell seven strokes off the lead.

### Jamie Farr Corning Classic

Picking up where she left off after a course-record 60, Paula Creamer shot a 6-under-par 65 yesterday to build a six-stroke lead through two rounds of the Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic at Sylva, Ohio.

Chasing her third win this season on the LPGA Tour, Creamer shattered the tournament's 36-hole record by six shots. She stands at 17-under 125 — the lowest two-round total on tour this

year by five strokes.

Creamer, 21, who missed the cut at the Furr a year ago, needed a birdie on one of the two closing par 5s to tie the tour record for fewest shots taken through two rounds. Instead, she parred both, missing a short birdie putt and then saving a par on the 18th after missing the green with her approach.

Creamer had seven birdies and her only bogey of the tournament a day after she had 11 birdies including nine of the final 11 holes. The 60 eclipsed by a shot the course record of defending champion Se Ri Pak.

Eun-Hee Ji shot a 66 and is at 11-under 131.

No one else is within 10 shots of Creamer.

Creamer's 17-under score in relation to par matches the third best ever on tour.

### Scottish Open

Phil Mickelson had a hole-in-one at the Scottish Open yesterday at Luss, Scotland, to make the cut and onto the weekend five strokes behind leader Angel Cabrera.

After missing a succession of malleable putts, Mickelson's 5-iron at his 14th hole, the 190-yard fifth, headed straight for the pin, landed 12 feet short, bounced once and rolled into the hole.

"I was struggling to get the ball in the hole with the putter so I needed to hole it with the green," he joked, adding that he's had 15 to 20 aces as a professional.

"I don't remember the last one."

It has been a little while. Mickelson shot a 4-under-par 67 for the day and picked up one stroke on Cabrera, who had a 68 for a 9-under 133.

Cabrera bogeyed two of the last four, including the 18th, where he missed the green.

"That was a shame but I'm happy with my putting and my swing," the Argentine said.

Cabrera led by one over Damien McGrane of Ireland, who shot 66



David McAndrew, left, and Brad Valois congratulate each other after their play on the 13th hole in yesterday's final round of the RIGA Amateur at Agawam Hunt.

## Amateur

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conceded birdie on one, a bird on two and then an eagle on three. He ran off a string of pars, then had birds on 28, 29 and 30.

That means he was 9-under for the final 15 holes, 7-under in the 13 holes after lunch. The Stetson University junior was asked whether he had ever played better.

"Probably not," he said. "I probably should go finish that round. It was a lot of fun. When you see hard work pay off, it's fun. You are enjoying the moment and enjoying playing golf."

"When a guy shoots 6-under (actually seven), he's tough to beat," Valois said. "He played great. He deserved it."

McAndrew's special to beat Valois in an RIGA match. The 21-year-old URI star now is 31-4 overall, which includes three states junior titles and two Amateurs, in the seven years since he began playing RIGA competition.

McAndrew, on the other hand, still does not know how good he can be. The long (6-foot-4), lean, easy-going golfer is from a basketball family. His father, Mark, played for Providence College. His brother, Mark, who caddied for him yesterday, just finished an excellent career at Brown.

"I was really into other sports," the new champion said. "I didn't commit to golf until the eighth grade. I played soccer and basketball. Golf was second or third. I grew up in a basketball house, as you know, so I've watched three times the amount of basketball as I have golf."

His family joined RICC when he was 8, so McAndrew has been around the game for some time. He credited Chris Lamb, an assistant pro at RICC, for getting him started, and most notably Kyle Phelps, the RICC head pro and a former State Amateur

champion himself, for developing him into a top-level player. In high school McAndrew was just one part of an outstanding team. He has gotten better each of his two years at Stetson, to the point where he had the lowest stroke average for the Hatters this season.

He entered the Amateur after a strong performance in the North & South Amateur at Pinehurst, where he reached the round of 16. Clearly, his game is still improving. He is long off the tee and was tremendously impressive around the greens in beating Valois. McAndrew dominated play all week, as he had been the medalist with back-to-back rounds of 69 in qualifying.

As impressive as his game is, what was equally impressive was how he reacted to pressure. That was easily the biggest match of his life. He received a phone call before beginning play — "I missed it," he said — from PGA Tour pro Brad Faxon, another RICC product who has been helpful in his career.

McAndrew is low-key and affable off the course, sometimes too critical of himself on the course. But in the title match, he showed the fire of a true competitor.

"Compliments are hard to come by in our house, which is a good thing," he said. "It makes you tough."

McAndrew spent much of the day chatting with his brother as he went along. He did not show any real emotion until he drained an 18-footer for his 11th and final birdie of the match on the 30th hole. At that point, he raised his club in the air and began to celebrate. One hole later, he was the champion, the first from RICC since Paul Quigley in 1991. He joins an impressive list of champions from the course.

"Anytime you're in the same sentence as Brad Faxon, Brett Quigley, Billy Andrade and whoever else has won, even Paul Quigley, he's in the Hall of Fame in Rhode Island, it's an honor," he said. "I'm going to try to enjoy the moment."

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## Cancer will not keep Shanteau out of Olympics

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**ATLANTA** — When Eric Shanteau touched the water second at the U.S. Olympic trials, he was overcome by the joy of reaching a lifelong goal.

The celebration didn't last long. Shanteau had barely locked up his trip to Beijing when he was forced to deal with a gut-wrenching choice. Should he have the surgery for the testicular cancer, hardly anyone knew about? Or, should he put it off for another month so he could swim at his first Olympics?

Shanteau chose the Olympics. Surgery would have to wait.

In an exclusive interview with the Associated Press, Shanteau said he learned just a week before leaving for the U.S. Olympic trials that he had cancer.

"I was sort of like, 'This isn't real. There's no way this is happening to me right now,'" he said by phone from the team's pre-Beijing training camp in Calumma. "You're trying to get ready for the Olympics, and you just get this huge bomb dropped on you."

His doctors cleared him to compete at the trials in Omaha, Neb., determining he wouldn't be at great risk to delay treatment.

Then, Shanteau surprisingly made the team in the 200-meter breaststroke, finishing second ahead of former world-record holder and heavy favorite Brendan Hansen.

He's putting off surgery until after the Olympics because it would keep him out of the water for at least two weeks, ruining his Beijing preparations.

The 24-year-old Georgia native will be monitored closely over the next month by U.S. Olympic team doctors and vows to withdraw if there's any sign his cancer is spreading.

"If I didn't make the team, the decision would have been easy: go home and have the surgery," said Shanteau, who grew up in suburban Atlanta. "I made the team, so I had a hard decision. But, by no means am I being stupid about this."

Still, there are no guarantees.

"With any cancer, you want to find it early and treat it early for the best outcome," Dr. Brett Fowler, the Austin, Texas-based urologist who delivered the news to Shanteau, said yesterday. "That was my

recommendation. It's difficult to say in my scenario what to expect. The risk, of course, is that time is an opportunity for disease progression."

Seeking out advice from team doctors and other outside experts, Shanteau came up with his own plan. He will have his blood tested once a week and a CT scan done every two weeks through the Olympics, hoping that will be enough to keep a handle on the disease.

"If something comes up abnormal," he said, "then that's kind of a bummer. I shouldn't cross."

In most cases of this type, Baker said it was impossible to know for sure exactly what type of testicular cancer the patient has — or, even the very slight chance that it's not cancer at all — until the tumor is removed surgically for a biopsy.

"Sometimes, the best decisions are not always exactly the way the doctor sees it," Baker said. "I don't consider him crazy at all. I think if he's happy and content with playing it out this way, that's the most important thing."

If Shanteau can't compete, the Americans would add Scott Usher as their second swimmer in the 200 breast. The third-place

finisher in Omaha was told of Shanteau's condition the day after the race and encouraged to keep training.

The cancer was found after Shanteau noticed an abnormality and was finally persuaded by his girlfriend to see a doctor in Austin, where he trains on a star-studded camp that includes Hansen, Ian Crocker and Aaron Peirsol.

On June 19, exactly one week before he was scheduled to leave for the trials, Shanteau heard that awful word.

"I almost numbed me," he said. "I'll remember that day for the rest of my life. Talk about a life-changing experience. That's as big a one as you can have. I think you're changed for the rest of your life."

Mark Schubert, head coach and general manager of the U.S. team, supports Shanteau's decision to swim in Beijing.

"Eric is handling this situation with courage and poise, and his decisions to compete at the Olympics and to share his story for the benefit of others are evidence of that courage," Schubert said. "While we are hopeful that he will be able to compete, Eric's health remains the absolute top priority."



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