It was all about avoiding meltdowns

B) MIKE SZOSTAK

NEWPORT How bot was it at the Newport Casino Tuesday afternoon

Hot enough to drip with Hot enough to drip with sweat while sitting in the shade. Hot enough to melt a large Del's Lemonade in half the normal time. Hot enough to have shade-seeking specta-tors in the South Grandstand. tors in the South Grandstand open umbrellas. Hot enough for Carsten Ball of Australia to retire because of heat exhaustion after one game in the third set. And hot enough for Newport Fire Department EMTs to treat a ball girl for heat exhaustion and summon a rescue vehicle to monitor the husband of the ball kids coordinator at the Campbell's Hall of Fame Tennis Championships.

onships.
The temperature at 2.30 pm was 97 degrees, and the 6-mph "breeze" out of the north barely ruffled the flags thing atop the South and West Grandstands.
This was really bot " ex-

"It was really hot" ex-claimed Nicolas Makut of France after his three-set vic-tory over **Alejandro Fallia** of Colombia Mahut lost the Iongest match is tennis history in the first round at Wimbledon two weeks ago - the fifth-set score was 70-68 and was playing for the first time since

Scott Williams, a Newbort firefighter working the EMT detail at the Newport Casino, saw his first action of the day

when a ball girl felt warm and had tingly flesh. He had her rest in the shade of a porch and applied a see pack to ber neck to cool her until her father same and took her home. Her same and took in the ball kods, complained of pain in his left hand. Williams sum moned a rescue unit as a precaution, and EMIs treated Silva for head exhaustion. Williams unged spectations. Orining to the bournament this week to drink, drink drink water. Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate, he said. "If you feel flushed or overheated, get in the shade, get in air conditioning, take the water you just bought and pour it over your head. Once you get to the point of heat stroke, you can drop off real quickly."

Brynn Armstrong and Chad Larchom of Middletown had the best job at the Casino on fusedok Larchom of Middletown had the best job at the Casino on fusedok Larchom a senior at fusedok Larchom as enior at fusedok Lar

the best job at the Casino on Tuesday Larchom, a senior at St George's School, scooped gallons of Del's Lemonade. and Armstrong, a 2010 gradu ate of Middletown High, col lected cash at their stand on the brick walk between the North Boxes and Court 1. They were busy most of the day and switched positions "if he needs a break from the sun

he needs a break from the sun because we have only one umbrella," she said. They had served 20 gallons of lemonade by mid-after-noon and had only three gal-lons of watermelon flavor left



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With an icepack and load drink. Nicolas Mahut does his best to beat the heat at the Hall of Fame championships in Newport on

Second-round schedule

Eight second-round match-es are on the Wednesday schedule Fifth-seeded Mardy Fish and Somdev Dewarman

of India will lead off on the stadium court at 11, followed by top-seeded Sam Querey against Dusthe Brown of Jamanca, Canadan Frank Dan and Go Soeda of Japan will meet in Court 1 at 11, followed cevic and Mahut, and Amer

MAHUT

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Mahut starts fast in Newport

did at Wimbledon." he said "Every match that I play now is easier than what I did. I can't complain any and all these things mean a lot to

more Wimbledon 2010 will probably be the highlight of Mahut's career unwins the tournament, or an-

my career, maybe my life, and also the worst," he said. "It's still really painful, it really is, but I'm also really

and all these things mean a lot to me. To be honest. I feel really thank-ful when I think about it."

Mahut, who won the third set, 24-22 in his four-hour second-round qualifying match at Wimbledon, do-nated the outfit he wore during the record-smashing match to the Inter-national Tennis Hall of Fame at a ceremony last Saturday He accepted a

wild card to play in Newport and seemed relieved to have won in his first match back on the ATP World
Tour He took I hour and 23 minutes narro of Spain. 6-3

Tour He took I hour and 23 minutes to advance to the second round. Top-seeded Sam Querrey, the runner-up here last year, also advanced Ranked 19th in the world after his victory at Queen's and his run to the round of 16 at Wimbledon, Querrey defeated American Jesse Levine, 6-3, 3-1 59 minutes. He hit 15 acces Fifth-seeded Mardy Fish of Tampa, 30 pounds lighter than last year and fitter than ever, cruised to a 6-1, 6-2 victory over American Michael Russell in 51 minutes.

"I'm playing the best tennis of my

career." Fish said
Rigeer Ram. the defending champion and seventh seed, beat Ivan Vanarro of Spain. 6-3, 7-6 (3). Ram won 36 of the 37 points on which he made his first serve. "That doesn't hurt." Am said. "I played pretty well."
Denis Kudla, a 17-year-old American and top junior, made his ATP World Tour debut and defeated Santago Ventura of Spain. 6-3, 3-6, 7-5. Kudla is the fourth 17-year-old to win a first-round match here, following American Tim Wilksson and Australians Lleyton Hewitt and Chris Guccione.

Sergei Bubka of Ukraine, son of the former world champion pole

vaulter, won his first ATP World Your match, a 7-6 (0), 6-4 triumph over Guccione.

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TIGER WOODS

Personal questions irk Woods

ANNE INTERPRES

ADARE. Ireland — After another warm welcome from the Insh public Tiger Woods turned curt and dismissive at a news conference Tuesday when asked about his star of mind since the sex scandal that wrecked his marriage. Woods was questioned following his 3-under-par 60 in his final round of the charity JP. McManus. Invitational JP McManus Invitational JP McManus invitational Pro-Am. his first foreign appearance since the turmoil. When asked whether his finalsons with other women had been "worth it" since it cost him his marriage and endorsements. Woods replied. It think you're looking too deep into this "He torpedoed the follow-up question with an icily firm "Thank you."

Woods is returning immediately to his Flonda home rather than heading to Scotland to prepare for next week's British Open at St Andrews, one of his favorite ourses and where he won Opens in 2000 and 2005. Once the subject was broached. Woods flipped a switch into staccato half-sentences.

tences.

How will you prepare? "Practicing."
Where? "Home."

Why not try to play son links golf in Scotland befor hand? "I need to get home Stlenger

Silence Why? "See my kids." Si-

lence.

But when asked again whether he was finding personal wornes overshadowing his game, Woods clearly had

GOLF | THE RIGA AMATEUR

Ray, Blanchard off to hot starts at Wannamoisett

By PAUL KENYON OR RNAL SPORTS WRITED

EAST PROVIDENCE - Wann EAST PROVIDENCE — Wanna-moisett Country Club can be an in-timidating place to play golf under any circumstances. Add the pressure of playing in the State Amateur on a burning hot day and the course can be downright scary. Jeff Ray for one, admitted he was a bit concerned Tuesday as he began play in the 105th R1 Golf Associa-tion Amateur.

peen playing that much competitive golf!

Ray looked uncomfortable as he had a double-bogey six on the first hole after driving into the rough and having trouble getting out. But he settled down beautifully.

'I didn't have another bogey the rest of the day," he said. He not only had 13 pars, but he also had four birdies to post a 2-under 67.

That tied Ray for the lead after the first day of the 38-hole qualifying with a guy who knows. Wannamoisett well. Charlie Blanchard. Blanchard, a five-time RIGA player-of-the-year, used home-course knowtheege and a strong finish to post his 67.

Most of the favorites did well.

Most of the favorites did well. Defending champion Bobby Leo-

pold of Potowomut, had a 69 to ne for third Garrett Medeiros of Metacomet, last year's medalist, also had 69, as did Bill McDonald of Point Judith, another member of the URI team. Blanchard, Leopold and Medeiros all were at Wannamoisett two weeks ago to compete in the Northeast Amateur All spoke about how this is a kinder, gentler Wannamoisett this week. The conditions have been made more manageable than when the top amateurs in the country were here for the Northeast.

"It's set up kind of in between." Blanchard said "It's not really hard Some tees are back Actually, I was surprised at some of the pin placements, not that they were really hard But they weren't cupcakes."

A key in easing the conditions is that the rough, which course superintendent Mark Daniels had let grow for the Northeast, has been cut back considerably.

"There's no way we could set up the course the same way it was for the Northeast," said Bob Ward, the RIGA's executive director. "That wouldn't be fair to our players. It's not the same kind of tournament."

As if the course is not challenge enough, the weather added another factor. The heat was brutally stiffing, it reached 100 degrees on one thermoometer at the course shortly after roon, when halt the field had not yet begun. RIGA officials set up water

stations on every other hole to keep

stations on every other hole to keep players hydrated. The good news was that there was a gentle wind. "The breeze helped," said Herb Stevens, a meteorologist by trade and a former RIGA Mid-Amateur champion, who began with a 77. "But when it stopped it, was tike a blanket fell over you."

Still, it was possible to score well.

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Still, it was possible to score well.

After his tough start, Ray settled down. He stuck his approach on the par4-fifth within a foot for a kick-in bird and made the turn at 1-over. He then had birds on 13, 14 and 17 for a 32 on the back side.

"My speed was really good today. I had a lot of tap-ins for pars," he said, "The greens are just perfect. They're running at a great speed and they're

running at a great speed and they're

Ray did not play much at URI this year, concentrating on getting start-ed toward a degree in engineering. He did that, with a 3.1 GPA. As he showed Tuesday, he does not need to be intimidated by any course.

"I played steady," he said. "I hit a let of greene."

lot of greens."

The only player to match him was Blanchard. The lefty got to 67 by finishing strong. He began on the back and had eight straight pars before bogeying the 18th. He three-putted the second hole for another bogey. He then had birds on 3, 5, 6 and 9 for a 31 on the first side.

a 31 on the front side.

Leopold, who has dominated RI-pkenyon@projo.com / 277.7340

GA play since winning the Amateu GA play since winning the Amateur last year at Crestwood, was 2-under until bogeying two of his final three holes. Medeiros, who set a tourna-ment record by winning the medal by 10 strokes last year, was a bit dis-appointed with his 69, saying that he played well and gave himself a num-ber of chances to get under par, but could not each in.

played well and gave himself a number of chances to get under par, but could not cash in.

Among others. Paul Quigley, the RIGA Hall of Famer, survived the heat. The 65-year-old physical marvel refused offers from friends to caddy for him. He carned his own bag as he shot 73.

Mait Corio, who became one of the youngest to ever qualify for the event, at age 13, played late when the heat was the worst and shot 83, including a bird on the fifth, his 14th hole of the day He was not satisfied. "I didn't play too well," he said His parents and grandparents, who watched him compete, were there to other him up when he finished.

Scores were considerably lower among those who played in the morning than those who dealt with the brutal aftermoon. Peter Taylor, with a 70, was the only one in the bottom half of the field below 72. The field flips for Tuesday's second dround, meaning those who had the afternoon starts play in the morning.

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Blanchard earns the top seeding for match play

By PAUL KENYON OURNAL SPORTS WRITER

EAST PROVIDENCE - Un

ing medalist in the State Ama-teur Golf Championship is a jinx.

Actually, it is just the oppo-site. Blanchard was thrilled to earn the top seed in the 105th R.I. Golf Association Amateur Wednesday at Wannamoisett.

'I have to be medalist if I want to win the tournament," I have to be medalist if I want to win the tournament, if lanchard said. "That's the on-by way I can win. I was medalist when I won at Pawtucket (in 1002)."

Blanchard, the assistant la-crosse coach at Bryant Univer-sity, recorded a I-over-par 70 in the second round of qualifying to become the only player in the 130-man field to finish in red numbers, at I-under 137. Defending champion Bobby Leopold of Potowomut, and Garrett Mederios of Metaco-met, last year's medalist, tied for second at 139. Peter Taylor,

met, last year's medalist, tied for second at 139. Peter Taylor, a hockey player and golfer at Weslyan, took the fourth seed with his second straight 70

It took a score of 150 to earn a spot in match play, which was a story in itself. The last time the Amateur was held at Wan-

a story in itself. The last time the Amateur was held at Wan-namoiset, in 1994, the zut fell at 188. This time around, officials intentionally backed offor on the degree of difficulty, in part because of the site and in part because of the site and in part because of the record-setting heat.

Many of the players thought the conditions were even more stifling in the second round than in the first. The thermometer did not go past 100, as it did the first day, but higher humidity made it even more unconfortable. The lowest round of the day was a 69 posted by Mart Broome. Stephen Mertuzza and Bill Forcier, all of whom the second part of the second part of

Still, his only Amateur victory came in 2002 when he beat Paul Quigley in the final at Paut Ready Paul Ready P

away.

He was I-under for the day.
3-under for the tournament
when he reached the par-5
17th. His drive left him with 230
yards to the pin.

"I decided to go for it. I tried
to hit a high put and cut it out of
bounds." I be said. "It was inst."

to an a righ cut and cut it out of bounds," he said. "It was just a bad play. I was waiting too long. I had to wait for the group ahead of us to clear the green. And the wind was in our face, right to left (toward the out of bounds). It was a bad shot and

a bad play."
It led to a double bogey sev-

If someone ranked the tour-ney lavorites before play be-gar, the guys who finished 1-2.3 might have been the 1-2.3 might have been the 1-2.3 might have been the work on his MBA from Bentley, has been the best player in the state since he best player in the state since last summer. He described his second round 70 as "boring." He had two bogeys and one bird. Medeiros, a recent Wof-ford grad, had a similarly me-thodical day with two birds and three bogeys.

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three bogeys.

The qualifiers included the
65-year-old Quigley, who is
playing in the event for the 40th
time. The RIGA Hall of Famer
easily advanced, tying for seventh at 144.

Darren Corrente, Ben Conway and Eddie Hjerpe tied at
150 for the final two spots.
Hjerpe and Corrente won on
the first playoff hole. Herpe
will be the 31st seed and meet
Leopold, Corrente the 32nd
seed and go against Blanchard.
Thirteen-year-old Matt Coflow, the became 'one of the
youngest ever to play in the
event, began his day with five
straight pars but struggled afterter-hat and posted an 85 for a
188 total.

168 total.

Two rounds of match play will be held for each of the next three days.

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Lefty going for No.1

LUSS, Scotland (AP) — Phil Mickelson is choosing competition over course con-ditions as he prepares for the next major.

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In a year when several players are skipping the Scotish Open, Mickelson tops the field at Loch Lomond, which field at Loch Lomond, which laso features U.S. Open thampion Graeme McDowthampion Graeme McDowdhampion at No. 1 in the world.

The Masters winner is the only player from the top 10 entered for the \$4-million event.

tered for the \$4-million event.

"I always look forward to
these two weeks," Mickelson
aid. "I really enjoy this tournament and obviously really
enjoy heat week's event, too. I
think the best way to get in
playing condition for the
Open is to play well, get into
contention and compete on
Sunday for the title here."



IN THE NEWS

FOOTBALL.

Pats camp at Classical

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Former Patriots players will coach
young athletes in Rhode Island for the
first time when they bring their signature Football For You, one-day camp to
Providence. The New England Patriots
Alumni Club (NEPAC) will be at Classical High School's Al Morro Stadium
on Saturday. The Patriots and the NFL
contributed to refurbish the stadium
first coach was aren, installing a new contributed to returbish the stanium just one year ago, installing a new FieldTurf sufface. The camp runs from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Walk-on registrations are welcome for children ages 11-14.

BASEBALL

Rangers fan to be OK

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Robinson Cano won't be swinging
for the fences in the Home Run Derby
after all. While Cano insists his troublesome lower back is just fine and
doesn't affect him at the plate, Yankees
GM Brian Cashman, manger Joe
Glaradi and hitting coach Kævin Long
came to the decision to keep the AllStar second baseman out of the event
Monday in Anaehim.

Ill Tampa Bay relief pitcher Rafael
Sorlano will replace Yankees closer
Marlano Rivern for the A.L. in the
All-Star game.

Rivera pulled out of next week's
game in Anaheim because of nagging
injuries.

A Texas firefighter is still hospitalized but in good spirits after taking a 30-foot plunge while leaning over a railing to catch a foul ball at a Rangers game. Tyles Morris, who works at the Lake Cities Fire Department near Dai-las, was attending Tuesday night's game with friends. A fellow fireflighter says Morris suffered a head injury and sprained ankle but no internal injuries, and he was joking with friends and family Wednesday.

Ticket scandal

A former University of Kansas ath-letics official tied to a ticket scandal at the school has been charged as part of a federal probe into the scheme A document filed in federal court in To-peka says Brandon Shrimorus, the university's former assistant athleit director for sales and marketing, knew tickets were stolen from the university. tickets were stolen from the university but did not report it. Simmons and five other employees have been accused of seiling at least \$1 million in basketball and football tickets to brokers.

HOCKEY

Capitals keep Schultz

Capitals Keep Schultz
Defenseman Jeff Schultz has
agreed to a four-year, \$11-million contract to remain with the Capitals
Schultz, 24, led the NHL last season
with a plus-50 rating and had a teamhigh 129 blocked shots.

The Sabres signed free-agent
center Rob Niedermayer to a one-year
deal. Niedermayer has played in 16
seasons and won a Stanley Cup with
Anaheim in 2007. Last year, he had 22
points in 71 games with the Devils.

TENNIS

It could be tense

& Croatia and Serbia meet for the first time in Davis Cup competition this weekend in what is sure to be an emoweekend in what is sufe to be an emo-tional quarterfinal matchup between the former Yugoslav republics. Crnafa, Davis Cup champion in 2005, will host the best-of-five series in Split. Serbia has won only once in Davis Cup away from home since 2007, when it began playing as an independent nation.

AUTO RACING

A girl for the champ

A girl for the champion Jimmie John-son is a father for the first time, and it won't interfere with his racing sched-ule Johnson's wife, Chandra, gave birth to a daughter Wednesday, NAS-CAR is in the midst of a baby boom this season. Juan Pablo Montoya and Jeff Gordon are both expecting babies this summer, while Carl Edwards and Elliott Sadler both became first-time fathers.

BASKETBALL.

Sun beaten in o.t.

Angel McCoughtry and Iziane
Castro Marques each scored 32 points
to lead the Atlanta Dream to a 108-103
overtime home victory against the
Connecticut Sun on Wednesday night.
Sun rookie Tina Charles had a season-Sun rooke 1 ina Charles had a season-high 27 points and 20 rebounds for her WNBA-leading 14th double-double... Journal Wire Reports

SCOREBOARD

THURSDAY ON THE AIR

Bicycling
8:30 a.m. (¥§) Tour de France, from Epernay to Montargis, live (repeats to air on Versus at noon, 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m., and midright)

Boxing 8 p.m., (CSNE) Broadway Boxing

Goff
3 p.m., (ESPH2) U.S. Women's Open Championship, from Pa.

Lacrosse
7 p.m., (ESPH2) MLL All-Star Game, live

Soccer 9:30 p.m., (ESPNZ) MLS. Real Salt Lake-Chicago Fire Water Sports
4 p.m., (ESHE) Surfing, NSSA College Championships 10

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CULVER LINE



TENNIS

Paul Quigley, 65, charges to quarters

event for the 40th time, and credits his longevity to staying in shape

By PAUL KENYON

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EAST PROVIDENCE — The
Rhode Island golf legend that is
Paul Quigley keepe getting better,
even as the man himself gets older.

The Rhode Island Golf Association Hall of Famer, who has won
more statewide events than aryonin history, but on still another show
Thursday in the 108th RIGA Amateur at Wannamoisett.

At age 65, he became what is
believed to be the oldest man in tournament history to reach the quarter
finals. First, he got past Tyler Fay of
the host club, 2 and 1. After lunch,
he went back out and edged one of
his closest friends, 61-year-old Tom
Goryl, 3 and 1.

When it was over, after playing
four rounds in three days, the first
part off in record-setting heat, Quigley looked relaxed and refreshed.
He said he was ready for more.
"I tell anyone who asks about being in shape that the secret is never
eling out of shape." the reirred insurance man said. "Without trying
to sound like Gary Player, it's the
truth. "I've lived my life that way."

Quigley is playing in the event for
the 40th time. He got out of the Army in 1970 and has played ever
since. He weighed himself before
beginning play Thursday, and was
147 pounds. That is almost exactly
the same as when he got out of the
service, he said.

"My waist might be an inch or
more than it was then, at 30," he
added. While he has been a longmer workout of choice is "hot
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player to win the amateur in 2004, when he was 54. Thursday's performance earned Quigley a spot in the quartersfinals against one of his successors as the state's leading player: Job is Chartie Blanchard, the frow-time RIGA player of the year. Blanchard, the tournament medalist, continued playing as well as anyone when he turned back Darren Corrente of Metacomet, 2 and 1, and then Tyler Cooke of Potowomut, 4 and 3.

Tiplayed OK this morning and played pretty well this afternoon," Blanchard said, He was 1-under for the 16 holes he needed to beat Cooke. Even with that, he felt the key to the match was a bogey he made at the 500-yard, par-1 second. He was in the trees and then hit a tree with another shot. He got yell had down from 40 yards for bogey. He thought he was in the process of losing the hole. But Cooke went over the steeply banked green and double-bogeyed.

That was a big turnaroud, Blanchard said.

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The others are Leopold, the defending champion: Garrett Medeiros, last year's medalist and the 2003 Junior Champion, Ben Tuthill, the 2003 New Leopold, the 2004 Mid-Amateur titlist; John Droben, and Apuzzo in the second round through 11 before Apuzzo won four straight holes to get within one. The two halved each of the last three for a 1-up decision for Tuthill Broome fell behind Steve Mertuzzo by three holes through five Broome then won seven of the next nine on the way to a 3-and-2 decision.

In the only extra-hole match of the day, Caprio edged Rob Grossuth when he parred the 19th.

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CYCLING | TOUR DE FRANCE

Cavendish overjoyed by winning fifth stage

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MONTARGIS, France — Britain's Mark Cavendish broke down

anis Mark Cavendish broke down in tears after winning the fifth stage of the Tour de France Thursday for his first victory in this year's race. Defending champion Alberto Contador of Spain was 18th in the stage, and seven-time tour winner Lance Armstrong finished 30th. Cavendish, who won six stages last year and four in 2008, broke through on the mostly flat 1163-mile trek from Epernay to Montargis. The main contenders for the overall title crussed home afterward in the pack, which clocked 4 hours, 30 minutes, 30 seconds.

The 25-year-old Cavendish thrust his arms skyward and hugged team-

AT A GLANCE

region to Montargis that was tailor-mode for sprinters.
Winner Britain's Mark Cavendsin Winner Britain's Mark Cavendsin Cinched the Ellin Tour stage win on his career, and first this year. Gerald Colek of Germany was second and Norway's Edward Sousson Heigenth with a server timosh. Switzerland, who finished in the main pack, Defending champion Alberto Contact of Spain is ninth. 140 back, and Jance Armstrong remained 18th, 2:30 back.
Quote of the Day: "It was definitely a stressful first flour or five days, unlike any-timosh first flour or flour days, unlike any-timosh flour days, unlike any-timosh flour days, unlike any-timosh flour or flour days, unlike any-timosh flour days, unlike any-timosh

mates in the winner's circle after beating Gerald Clolek of Germany and Edvald Boasson Hagen of Norway. Cavendish had faded in a sprint finish in Wednesday's stage won by Italy's Alessandro Petacchi, and bared his frustration by hurting his bike after the fourth stage. "It's incredible, it's been a long time," said Cavendish of his stage win. "Yes ferredible, it's been a long time," said Cavendish of his stage win. "Yes ferredible, and have a long time, and the said of the said of

IN THE NEWS

Krejci optimistic

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Bruins center David Krejci told reporters on Wednesday that he expects to be ready for the start of training camp in September. The 25-year-old Krejci dislocated his right wrist in Game Three of the Eastern Conference semifinals against the Flyers. He had surgery to repair the damage and needs an additional procedure to remove screws from the wrist.

If the NCAA has decided against making icing a penalty at all times during college games, even for short-handed teams. The ice hockey rules committee announced its decision Thursday after schools objected.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

PC's opponents

PC's opponents
Providence College will host
Morgan State on Nov. 18 and
Prairie View &&M on Nov. 20 in
preliminary games as part of the
Cancun Challenge. Then, on Nov.
23, the Friars will face La Salle of
the Atlantic 10 in Mexico in the
first round of the tournament. The
winner and loser of that game will
be matched up on Nov. 24 against
the winner and loser of the firstround game between Missouri and
Wyoming.

Wyoming.

If Former PC guard Brian
McKenzie has signed to play for
the Plymouth Raiders in the United Kingdom, the school has announced. McKenzie, a Brooklyn native, averaged 6.3 points and 3.0 rebounds during a four-year career with the Friars.

IN THE COURTS

Charges denied

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The woman charged with attempting to exfort \$10 million
from University of Louisville basketball coach Rick Pilibies hetball coach Rick Pilibies hetball
coach Rick Pilibies at storney
flied a five-page trial brief Thursday, It details the charges squinst
Sypher and what prosecutors must
prove to carried her.

TELEVISION

ACC goes to ESPN

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The Atlantic Coast Conference
and ESPN have agreed to a 12year deal that would give the network exclusive rights to conference football and men's basketball
games. A person familiar with the
agreement said it's worth \$1.86
billion over the 12 years. That
would double the league's annual
TV revenue when the contract
begins in the 2011-12 season.

B Linebacker Antonio Pierce
has retired from the NFL after
nine seasons and is joining ESPN
as an NFL analyst.

Craybas ousted

TENNIS

Top-seeded Flavia Pennetta of Italy leads the top four seeded players into the Swedish Open semifinals after beating Jill Cray bas of East Greenwich on Thurs day. Pennetta downed Craybas, 6-4, 6-4, in a rain-interrupted set in the clay-court tournament.

The U.S. Open will offer the

richest purse in tennis history, with its singles champions each earning a record \$1.7 million. The U.S. Tennis Association says the purse for the year's final major will top \$2.2 6 million, an increase of \$1 million from last season.

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B A world-pecord tennis crowd
has watched Kim Clipsters defeat
Williams. 6-3, 6-2, in an exhibition
in Brussels. The crowd of \$3,681 at
King Baudouin Stadium on Thurs
day surpassed the previous record
of 30,472 set in 1973 at the Houston Astrodome in the Battle of the ton Astrodome in the Bo Sexes match between B King and Bobby Riggs rodome in the Battle of the

BASEBALL.

Sitting this one out

Sitting this one out.
Florida Mariins shortstop Manley Ramirez has been added to the Home Run Derby during the All-State Prease. The 2009 N.L. batting champion will participate in his first derby on Monday in Anaheim, Calif. Ramirez Joins Milwaukee's Gorey Hart and St. Louis' Mett Holliday from the National League, A.L. representatives include Detroit's Milgael Cabrera, Boston's David Ortiz and Toronto's Version Wells.

TRACK AND FIELD

Bolt remains unbeaten

Usain Bolt won the 100 meters at the Athletissima meet in Lausanne, Switzerland, in 9.82 seconds Thursday, returning from an Achilles' tendon injury to match the year's fastest time.

Journal Wire Reports

SCOREBOARD

FRIDAY ON THE AIR

7 p.m., WHJJ WNRI WNBH WBLQ Rochester-PawSox 7 p.m., (NESH) WEEI-FM WSAR WBSM Red Sox-Blue Jays 10 p.m., WPRV Yankees-Mariners

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8:30 a.m. (Y\$) Tour de France, from Montargis to Gueugnon, live frecests to air on Versus at noon, 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m. and

Boxing II p.m. (\$HO) inving Garcia vs. Mike Jones, from Atlantic City, live

Australian Rules Football
Midnight, (ISPN2) Geelong Cats vs. Hawthorn, live

3 p.m. (ESPN2) U.S. Women's Open Championship, from Pa., live motor aports:

8 p.m., (ESPH) NASCAR Racing, Nationwide Series: Dollar General
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LOCAL ROUNDUP

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TENNIS

GOLF ROUNDIED



Stricker cards 66, takes Deere lead

ASSOCIATED PRESS

As he chatted about his day at the John Deere Classic in Silvis, Ill., Steve Stricker was reminded that he now, held the tournament's 36-hole record.

"So far," he said with a smile.

smile.

Stricker had good reason to be cautious because Paul Goydos, who had sent a buzz through the golf world by shooting only the fourth 59 in PGA Tour history on Thursday, was just starting his round.

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But the deft putting fouch that had put Goydos in golf's most exclusive club deserted him Friday and he settled for a 68, leaving him one stroke behind Stricker, the defending, champion, heading ino Saturday's third round. Saturday's third round. "Reality kicked in to-

day," Goydos said. Stricker, who almost matched Govdos with a 60 in Thursday's round, came back with a solid 5-under par 66 for a two-day total of 126, which is 16 under at the TPC Deere Run. The old 36-hole record was 127 by David Frost in 2000, the

U.S. Women's Open

Cristie Kerr didn't need to sink a long putt to gain a potentially significant ad-vantage in the U.S. Women's Open, or whip a 290-yard drive down one of Oakmont Country Club's

slender fairways. No, she only needed it to

still to begin or complete the second round in Oak-mont, Pa., caused play to be suspended at mid-after-noon Friday. Twenty-eight of the 31 golfers who were within three shots of the lead had played only a few holes or hadn't teed off — except for Kerr, the except for Kerr, the world's No. 1 player, and first-round leader Brittany Lang, who shared the notcustafson was at even par, but she had 17 holes left in her round.

Scottish Open

Darren Clarke was near-ly flawless in miserable conditions Friday in the Scottish Open in Luss, Scotland, opening a three-shot lead as he looks to add to what already has been a banner year for golf in Northern Ireland.

Northern Ireland.
On a dreary day at Loch
Lomond, Clarke chipped in
for birdie on the tough 16th
and holed a series of 20foot birdie putts on the
front nine for a 4-under 67, giving him the lead over Edoardo Molinari, who had a 69.

Doardo Moinan, who had a 69.

Perhaps more impressive than being at 10-under 132 going into the weekend is that Clarke has made only one bogey — a three-put from 20 feet on the par-3 lith hole on Friday over his opening 36 holes. He has played cleanly in conditions that caused Phil Mickelson to take a quintuple-bogey on the 18th hole, and Ernie Els to make consecutive double bogeys as he was trying to finish.

A relentless string of thunderstorms that began with 100 of the 156 golfers

They both missed the cut.

GOLF I THE RIGA AMATEUR

Tuthill, Medeiros are finalists

JOURNAL SPORTS WITTER

EAST PROVIDENCE

The 2010 R.I. Golf Association

Amateur champion will be a
guy who lives in Rumford,
within walking distance of

Wannamoisett Country Club,
where the tournament is being

where the total same held. He also will be a player who already has won an RIGA Championship. He just might not be the guy some might have expected when the tournament began.

Ben Tuthill, the 2000 Amateur titlist, and Garrett Medeiver.

teur titlist, and Garrett Medei-ros, the 2005 Junior Champion, earned spots in Saturday's 36-hole final with a pair of im-pressive vigtories Friday. In the process, they knocked off perhaps the two biggest

permaps the two buggests names in the tournament.

Tuthill brought an end to the dramatic run by Paul Quigley, the 65-year-old RIGA. Hall of Famer, 2 up, in the semis. That came after Quigley had outlanted Couling gley had outlasted Charlie Blanchard, the tournament medalist and five-time player of the year, I up in the morning

quarternnais.

Medeiros, a recent Wofford
College grad who is planning
to turn pro later this year, upset defending champion Bobby Leopold, 2 and 1, in the by Leopold, 2 and 1, in the semis. He did that by going 4-under-pair over the last six holes after Leopold carried a 2-up advantage through 11. "It was a great match," Tuthill said after ending Qui-"leos" sinu.

Tuthill said after enoung Qua-gley's run.

He could have used the same words to describe just about any of the quarterfinal or semifinal matches in what

how good amateur golf can be in the state. Given a little breather with the weather, and provided the usual out-standing conditions that Wan-namoisett is known for, the final eight staged excellent



Medeiros Tuthill ex-pressed admi-ration for the guy who has won this event three times and the RIGA Stroke Play nine times, among nueve

titles.
"He's amazing." Tuthill said of Quigley. "The way he plays is like a different game that I don't know. But it was fun to watch."

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The 5-foot-7, 147-pound Quigley cannot hit the ball with young players like the 29-year-old Tuthill. But he manges his game well and is very consistent. Quigley built a three-hole lead in the quarterfinals against Blanchard. Blanchard will be a spread of the play built at the sense of the play be decision.

In the sensis, Tuthill and Quigley went back and forth, each having a turn with the lead. It was even through 14. When Quigley rolled in an improbable downhill, sking 50-foot putt for a deuce on the par-3 15th, he had the lead. Tuthill, a URI grad like Quigley, did not get rattled.

"I know how tough the last three holes are. I can hit the ball a little farther than-Paul. I'm 36 years younger," he said. He won all three: Quigley had tree trouble on the little from 35 feet on 17 and lost 18 after driving into a bunker while from 35 feet on 17 and lost 18 after driving into a bunker while Tuthill had routine pars on each of the said of the said

"I didn't feel tired, but I think my legs stopped work-ing a little," he said. "I pulled the tee shot on 16 just a little and pulled the iron [approach] on 17."

on 17."

Leopold, who has dominated play in the state over the last year, including winning the Four-Ball with Quigley as his partner earlier this sumer, also fell victim to a big finish. The native of England, who moved here to get maried — he had his father-in-law, Scott Cooke, caddying for him — was 2-up on Medeins him - was 2-up on Medeiros

after a birdie on the 10th.

"It didn't look too promising." Medeiros acknowling." Medeiros acknowling." Medeiros acknowling." Medeiros land participation of the participation o

The play in the quarternials was just as good, high-lighted by Leopold's 4-and-2 win over Matt Broome. That contest saw nine holes won with birdies. Only two holes in the entire match were halved. Broome had rallied from a four-hole deficit, helped by three hinfles, to lie the match three birdies, to tie the match through 12. Leopold respond-ed by winning the next four holes, three with birdies. It was that kind of day. The

golf was that good.

SENSTRUMES
Tuthill def. Quigley, 2 up; Mederon def. Leopold, 2 and 1.

Finals, first 18 at 7:30 a.m.; Second 18 in the after

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NEW ENGLAND WOMEN'S GOLF

N. Kingstown's Morrell rallies, captures crown

North Kingstown's Saman-tha Morrell is the New England Women's Golf Champion for

Women's Goff Champion for 2010.

Morrell, who just finished her freshman year at Old Dominion, where she was the freshman of the year in the CAA, recorded her third struight 74 Thursday to come from behind and win the title at the Green Mountain National Golf Club in Killington, V. Her 222 total was two strokes better than Tara Joy Connelly of Massachussetts. Morrell, who earlier this summer qualified for the U.S. Women's Public

Links Championship, began the final round in second place, two strokes off the lead.

Rhode Island was a double Rhode Island was a double winner at Killington Naucy Chaffee of Rhode Island Country Ctub successfully defended her title in the Legends Division with rounds of 90-84-90 for a 264 total.

Other Rhode Islanders included Kibbe Reilly at 248, Meghan Doherty at 249, Jenna Masnyk at 259, Nancy Diemoz at 264, Judy Davis at 268, Kay Bullock at 277 and Kim Schold at 278.

PAUL KENYON

JUNIOR PGA

Vongphoumy gets spot with N.E. win

Juliet Vongphoumy Pond has added to her travel Country schedule for the summer. Club The Providence native

and former R.I. Inter-scholastic League cham-pion while at La Salle will won pion while at La Salle will represent New England in the 35th Junior PGA strokes Championship Aug. 2-5 at Sycamore Hills Golf Club in Fort Wayne, Ind. Vongphoumy earned the spot by winning the New England PGA sectional this week, recording rounds of 69 and 78 for a 147 total at Indian for a 147 total at Indian in both the boys and girls divisions to the nationals.

Cavendish wins sprint; Armstrong looks up

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GUEUGNON, France —
Lance Armstrong has his
nind on the mountains.
The seven-time Tour de
France champion is in 18th
place after Friday's stage,
which was won by Mark Cayendish for his second straight
sprint-finish victory. If Armstrong is going to make a
move, it may come in the
climbs.

strong is going to make a move, it may come in the climbs.

The weather was hot — 95-degree heat — and some tempers even hotter for the 141-mile sixth stage from Montargis to Gueugnon. Two riders broke out into a bike wheel-whacking brawl after the finish line.

"Guys were suffering the whole stage," Armstrong said. Cavendish called the stage — the longest this year — his-hardest ride so far.

"For us, these days are days when you can't necessarily with the Tour, but you can certainly lose it," Armstrong said warning as he often does of the dangers of flat stages that end in frenzied sprints.

The top of the standings didn't change much. Barring crashes or mishaps, they rare lychange a lot on flat stages. But with the Tour about to leave the lowlands, the climbers could step up while the contenders test their rivals for weakness.

Saturday's seventh stage is a 103-mile route along six low-to mid-grade climbs in the Jura range from Tournus to Station des Rousses. But the first

legs looms in Sunday's stage, featuring two tough climbs in-cluding an uphill finish into the Morzine-Avoriaz ski sta-

the Morzine-Avoriaz ski sta-tion. "I would look for more ani-mation and more attacks on Sunday," Armstrong said. But will he attack? "Probably not. I still would wait and watch the other guys," he said, anticipating that he'll need to conserve en-ergy for four rides in the Pyre-nees in week three that are likely to have more impact on who wins. Armstrong's last competi-tive test in mountains came in the Tour of Switzerland last-

month, where he finished an for an eighth Tour victory.

month, where he finished an impressive second. He said he's in even better shape now. "It was promising," he said, referring to the Swiss race." But, to be honest, I feel a lot better now than I did then: On the bike I feel stronger, recovery feels better, I'm a little bit lighter, which I think makes a big difference. We'll see. It's all hype until you get out there and do it."

The man who beat Armstrong in Switzerland, Frank Schleck of Luxembourg, broke his collarbone Tuesday during a stage run over cob-

during a stage run over cob-blestones. Armstrong lost time that day after blowing a tire and hurting his chances

Defending champion Al-berto Contador, the big favor-ite entering the Tour and one of the world's best climbers, is

of the world's best climbers, is encouraged.

Today 1 woke up with much better legs and that's important because tomorrow the difficulty starts, and I need to be at 100 percent," the Spaniard said.

Spaniard said.

Armstrong says his team is looking strong, with U.S. veterans Chris Horner and Levi Leipheimer, Germany's Andreas Kloeden and young Slovene star Janes Brajkovic all

ready for the mountains.
"They'll be good," Armstrong said. "I think we can

AT A GLANCE

Stage: A mainly flat IA1.3-mile run from Montargis to Gueugnon that again favored sprinters. Winner: Britain's Mark Cavendish clinched the I2th stage Tour win of his career, and second in two days. U.S. rider 1/yer Fariar was second and veteran Alessandro Petacchi of Italy was third.

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still have five guys there. ... Numbers will help us." On Friday, Cavendish, of the U.S. team HTC Columbia,

won a Tour stage for the 12th time in his career. He finished in 5 hours, 37 minutes, 42 sec onds and was followed by Ty ler Farrar of the United States and Alessandro Petacchi of It-aly.







dish of Britain crosses the finish line to win the

Stricker increases lead to 6 with masterful 3rd-round 62

teve Stricker is making

t look easy. He insists that it's not, en after posting stunning ly low scores. Stricker already has bro-

ken a couple of PGA Tour records at the John Deere Classic in Silvis, Ill., and has more in sight after opening a six-stroke lead with a 9-under-par 62 on Saturday. That followed rounds of

60 and 66 at the TPC Deere Run course, which has stood no chance against the assault Stricker and his fellow players have launched

"It's never easy going out there," Stricker said. "It wasn't easy to start the round today. Coming to the course I felt like I'd never been in this position. I was nervous. I didn't feel like donervous. I didn't feel like do-ing anything. I just wanted to get out there and start playing."

And play he did.

Stricker's - masterful

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Stroker's - masterful
round left the tournament's
defending champion at 25under 188, the best 54-hole
score in PGA Tour history.
He also has the best threeround score in relation to
par With a 65 Sunday, he
do break the 72-hole record of
254.

So dominant was Strick-er that Jeff Maggert shot a 63 and lost ground. Paul Goydos, golf's latest Mr. 59 after a magical round on Thursday, played well Thursday, played well enough to keep pace in most tournaments, just not this

U.S. Women's Open

IRHAVEN 23 Be

Maybe Paula Creamer discovered the secret to



Steve Stricker tees off on the 17th hole during the third round of the John Déere Classic in Silvis, Ill., Saturday

playing Oakmont Country Club. Don't practice as much as usual so as not to get discouraged by the course's renowned tough-

ger discouraged by the course's renowned toughness.

Creamer had the only sub-par round of the day to the Sakura Yokomine for the lead as the rain-delayed second round of the U.S. Women's Open concluded Saturday at Oakmont, Pa.

Creamer played all but two holes of her I-under 70 on Saturday, while Yokomine finished up her second straight 71 by playing 15 holes. Both were set to begin the third round later Saturday

day. Yokomine and Creamer were one shot ahead of LPGA Championship winner Cristie Kerr and Brittany Lang, both of whom finished their second rounds before heavy rain halted play Friday. Christina Kim, who also

Gustafson and Suzann Pet-tersen were two shots off the lead.

While the rain made 108-

year-old Oakmont softer, it didn't make it easier. Of the didn't make it easier. Of the nearly 100 golfers who fin-ished up their rounds Satur-day, only Creamer made it into the red numbers on the scoreboard. "The bunkers were fine," Creamer said. "I know they were all under water (Fri-day). I was in a lot of 'em and they were all pretty good."

Scottish Open

Scottish Open

Edoardo Molinari of Italy
shot an 8-under 63 Saturday
to take a one-stroke lead
over Darren Clarke of
Northern Ireland going into
the final day of the Scottish
Open at Loch Lomond at
Loss, Scotland.

Molinari was at 15-under
198 after a round that included an eagle and seven
birdies, Clarke had a 67
Molinari's younger

Molinari's younger brother. Francesco, had a 67 and was tied for third with Peter Hedblom of Sweden (69) seven shots back. John Daly was in a three-way tie for ninth at 4-under after a

RIGA AMATEUR



Runner-up Ben Tuthill watches his tee shot on the 12th hole during the RIGA Amateur's title match Saturday at Wannamoisett

Medeiros romps to crown thanks to 4 early birdies

The Rumford resident posts an 8-and-6 victory over Tuthill in the scheduled 36-hole final

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EAST PROVIDENCE - If the true test of an athlete is how he responds when faced with his biggest challenges, then there is every indication that Garrett Medeiros is just

beginning a long and pros-perous career as a golfer. The 22-year-old Rumford resident and recent Wofford College grad had to deal with the biggest match of his ca-reer Saturday when he met Ben Tuthill in the title match of the 105th R.I. Golf Association Amateur at Wannamoi-

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Medeiros did not do any dancing, He delivered the knockout blow early. He brided the first hole. And the second. And the third. And the fourth, too. Anyone who knows Wannamoisett knows that the first four holes are the toughest section of the course. Players simply do not start 3-3-2-3, which is what Medeiros did.

"I kept thinking," said "I kept thinking," said the fourth, the said was about the difficult start, "that he can't birdie every hole." Medeiros did slow down. He did not have another birdie until the seventh. He recorded a 30 on the front side, although Medeiros was quick to point out that that included two conceded putts because he had holes won.

Medeiros shot a 65 in the morning and led, 6 up. Bemorning a



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cause storms were being reported on weather radar, tournament officials asked the players if they were willing to shorten the lunch break and begin the afterhoon 18 early. Both agreed.

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Nothing changed. Both players parred the first hole. Then Medeiros birdied the 505-yard, par-4 second hole for the second time in the match. When he won the 22nd and 23rd holes, too, his lead was up to nine holes. Tuthill hung in and went 2-under over the next five holes to get back within seven before Medeiros closed out the match by winning the 30th hole.

The key, the 2005 RIGA Junior Champion felt, was hat he did not get caught up in the prospect of playing the biggest match of his life.

"It was all about being relaxed, knowing that I had 36 holes to prove myself." Medieros said "I was just really relaxed when I hit my first shot... That's the key, staying relaxed and not getting yourself mentally out of it when your opponent hits a great shot. I'd say I was pretay successful with the mental

game today."

In the past, he said, he would not handle match play

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"Instead of just playing my own game, I got too wrapped up in what the other person was doing." he said.

But just as his game is still maturing, so is his approach to it. He speaks openly about how he realizes that he is still in the learning process. He plans to turn pro later this year, in part to test himself to see how good he can become.

come.
"T've been getting better every year since I started playing," he said. "I want to see where I can take it."
He started later than many others. While he lives within walking distance to Wannamoisett, his first exposure to golf was when he would sneak on the course late in the day.

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"Why not?" he said, a bit sheepishly, as he looked to-ward his father, Joe. "I lived right near one of the greatest courses in the country. There are no fences around here, so

are no fences around here, so why not?"

He got caught a couple times. One of the course officials told him that if he was going to be there, he would have to help out by replacing divots. Medeiros liked it neough that he decided he really wanted to learn the game. He headed up the street to Firefly, the par-3 course in Seekonk, and began taking lessons under Keith Allocok.

"When he showed up for his first lesson, he hit four 7-his first lesson, he hit four?"

his first lesson, he hit four 7-irons right at the 150 marker with a one-yard draw," All-cock said. "He said, 'What do you think?' I said, 'Let's go work on chipping and put

work on crupping and per-ting."

The talent was there from the start, said Allcock, who followed the final match.

"He was born with that swing," Allcock said. He was not surprised that Medeiros on only met the challenge of not only met the challenge of the title match, but excelled

in it.
"He's like an amoeba. He grows every year," Allcock said. "I talk to people around Rhode Island and they say he had a failure here or he had a failure there. With him, it just

had a failure here or he had a failure there. With him, it just makes him stronger."

Medeiros spoke about how in the pros almost every tournament is stroke play, not match play, which is fine with him since that is what he prefers. Being able to do what he did for the last week at Wannamoisett will help him with his mental appoach as he prepares to play for a living, he says.

"It gives me confidence, because I haven't had too much success in match play, mostly because I don't think! was mature enough to handle what the opponent does and being mentally prepared for a match-play event," he said. "This is a steppingstone for my maturity level in the mental aspect of the game."



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