R.I. GOLF ASSOCIATION AMATEUR

Newcomer to R.I. among the leaders Mike Caprio and Bobby

Leopold lead, but former University of Mississippi star Jonathan Bartlett is one back

By PAUL KENYON

JATINAL STORTS WATTER WARWICK — As all Rhode Is-land golfers know, the state has had an impressive record in developing stars in the game over the last 60 years, from Ronnie Quinn and Brad Faxon, to Julie Greene and Anna Grzebien.

Factor in the other hand, the state also forzebien. On the other hand, the state also has been fortunate to "adopt" oth-ers who have moved here, from Jo-anne Carmer and Martha Kirouac to Bobby Alleri and Bobby Leopold. So it is that Jonathan Bartlett was welcomed to his first R L Golf Asso-ciation Amateur Tuesday at Poto-womut.

omut. The former University of Missis-The former University of Missis-sippi star, who has moved to the Ocean State to work in the real es-tate business, recorded a 1-under-par 70 to tie for third, only one off the lead held by Wannamoisett's Mike Caprio and 2009 champion Leonold.

Mike Caprio and cour champeo. Leopoid. Bartiett aiready has gotten off to a great start in RIGA play. He tied for second in the Burke Memorial, one behind Chartie Blanchard, in May. Last month, he combined with Darrin Eddy to win the Four-Ball at Green Valley. Word spreads quickly in the closely knit stare golf family and Bartlett already has earned a reputation as a top-level player, one who figures to be a ma-jor threat.

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After recording two birdies and only one bogev on the way to his 70; Bartlett said there is only one prob-lem: He is not sure how much he "I was good back in the day. I could hit if." He 34-year-old former University of Mississippi star said. "Now I have work. And I have two small boys. If play once a week, it's cought 1 don't set out enough but enough. I don't get out enough, but it's fine with me." He came to Rhode Island when

he accepted a job as New England director of sales for both the Carnegie Abbey Club and The Newport Club. The Newport Club is a new residential community. "It will have 152 home sites when

"It will have 152 home sites when all is said and done, a marina, a clubhouse," a beach, it's all been permitted. We're doing it right now," Bartlett said. His other major concern is his back. He has had problems much of his life. He had surgery when he was 20. It prevents him from play-ing too much, even if he wanted to . It wasn't until Friday that I de-cided to give it a go," he said of competing in the RIGA's 106th Am-ateur, "Even today, I had a Bengay patch on my back. I was stretching as I was playing. It will be interestpkenson@projo.com/277-7340

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ing to see how it works next few days." As usual, there will be plenty of composition. Caprois 98 included a bogey on the par-5 10th, one of the easiest boles on the course. Otherwise, he had three birdies and one bogey. "Bit just about every green," he sid: 'I was happy." Topold figures to be the guy to been the top player in RIGA events with Chartie Blanchardy, he is playing this week he not only has been the top player in RIGA events with Chartie Blanchardy, he is playing this week on his home source. He was among the lage students were was an only the lage student at the was and the lage student at the wind blew strongly. He had the lead to himself until bo-geving the final hole. "I played good," he said, "The full one bogey when a noise went full as I was in my swing, but played ..." Blanchard had a 70 to ite Bartlett

had one bogey when a noise went off as I was in my swing, but played gne." Banchard had a 70 to tie Bartlett for the wildest rounds of the dwas posted by Interscholastic league champion Jamison Ran-dall. The Cumberland High All Sta-ter went to Apjne to practice, then part of the Valpine to practice, then part of the Arity All Sta-ter went to Apjne to practice, then part of the Arity All Sta-ter went to Apjne to practice, then part of the Arity All Sta-ter went to Apjne to practice, then part of the Arity All Sta-ter went in Apjne to practice, then proceeding and the All Sta-ter went and and in sched go to the ree time. Randall rushed go to the ree time. Randall rushed go 4 over affect five. He then went 4 under were the final 14 to stand al twel-par All to pat A guardingers after Weamsdox's second round will earn spots in match play. OSWGA Amateur

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USWGA AMAGEUT SOUTH KINGSTOWN – Nancy Diemoz, the reigning Ocean State Women's Golf Association player of the year, edged Nicole Scola, the Interscholastic League champion, Lup Tuesday in the feature match of the quarterfinals in the OSWGA Amateura Laurel Lane. Diemoz advances to Wednes-day's semilinals where she will meet All Prazak, the tournament medalist. Prazak, the tournament medalist. Prazak, the tournament medalist. Prazak, the tournament ackie Booth, 2 and 1. Samantha Morrell, the defend-Jackie Booth, faces Kris Kennedy in the other semi. Morrell defeated Ashley Roggren, 7 and 3, while Kennedy bested Barbara Baris, 3 and 2. In the First Division, Kay Bullock beat Ilene MacNeil 7-6; Annie Drescher edged Lisa Clark 1-up; Yoyong Kim got past Pam Kelley 2-1, and Brenda Martin beat Amanda Ruggieri, no score listed. SOUTH KINGSTOWN - Nancy

game, and, if I can do that, I know my good golf is good enough to win plenty more tournaments," he

Eyes fixed on McIlroy at Royal St. George's

ACL DUYGLI COL NEXTITIONERS SANDWICH. England — The storog wind blowing Tuesday across Royal St. George's was just may durading as a golf course on the English to cast would offer a vasity different, test than the one solved so casaly by Roy Multinoy at LS. Open. The British Open can be a puz-fer fis own, as McIltory found out last year when he followed an opening 63 with a fat 80 when the wind started howling at 58. An-draw, He was too young, it was too early, and someone else got ther name on the claret jug. The find and someone else got ther name on the claret jug. The name four days at Con-repople forget that Tigert Woods in Tplaying much golf these days. Now comes a week that night refu as much about McIlroy as he quant of the part of the US. Open A week that could answerts the question of the past month: Just how good can McIlroy be? We already know the kid is the major championships in bunches? Will he dominate over time the vasta'. Bistory suggests not. Players who are than grant of the set and so and y and y pred come along on

back? History suggests not. Players who are truly great come along on-ly once every era, and this era already has one

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<text><text><text><text><text><text> Sitting in a packed interview oom Tuesday, though, McIlroy suggested yes. Soon we'll fin "All I need to do is focus on my a star he will be

IN THE NEWS POKER

Pierce hung in there Pierce hung in there " Celtics star Paul Pierce was eliminated from the World Series of Poker on Tuesday morning. Pierce had an impressive run, spending a total of 17 hours and 40 minutes in action and lasting longer than most of the more than 2.031 players who entered the field, according to ESPN. When his run ended, he left to a round of applause from those watching the action in Las Vegas. With no end to the NBA lock-out in sight, players are seeking other options, with most of them looking to play oversas. But not former Cettics guard Nate Rob-meon. "I might go play football," Robinson said. "Do something that, nobody's tried to do." Robinson, who is 5-football." Robinson said. "Do something that, nobody's tried to do." Robinson, who is 5-football, guard to the played one year before turning his focus to basketball.

PRO BASKETBALL Finally, Rambis fired

Finally, Kambis fired The Timberwolves fired Kart Rambis on Tuesday, ending more than three months of uncertainty and awkwardness surrounding the head coach of the worst team in the NBA last season. Rambis was 32-132 in his brief stay in Minneso-ta, including 17-65 last season. Bit win Durant isn't ruling out playing basketball abroad next season if the NBA lockout isn't resolved. The Thunder forward

resolved. The Thunder forward said Tuesday during a promotion tour in China that he thinks more players will follow Deron Wil-Hams' example and play overseas if the NBA season is disrupted. Williams has said he will play for Besiktas in Turkey if the lockout

TENNIS Prestigious additions Two Grand Slam champions have joined the field for next month's New Haven Open at Yale. Francesca Schiavone and Svet-fana Kuznetsove have been addi-ed to a draw hat also includes top-ranked Corolins Wormlach! Schiavone won the 2010 French Open and reached the final there this year. Kuznetsow won the 2004 U.S. Open and the 2009 Franch Open. The tournament, which is reverting to a WTA-only event this year, is the final warm-up for the women before the U.S. remains. **E Kevin McHale** has added a couple of familiar names added a Rockets' coaching staff. Kelvin Sampson and J.B. Bickerstaff will join McHale once teams get back to work. Sampson has been an assistant coach in Milwaukee

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the past four seasons. With no end to the NBA lock-

the year before unring his focus to basketball A person familiar with **Joa-kim Noah's** decision says that the Buils center plans to play for the Buils center plans to play for the French national team in the Euro-pean Championships in Lithuania. France begins play against Latvia on Aug. 31.

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GOLF Reason to celebrate

Reason to celebrate A 6-year-old golfer sank a hole-in-one on a course in central Illi-nois and calmjy walked back to her cart. Why such a quiet re-action? Reagan Konnedy's father had told the Bloomington girl not to make a lot of noise on the course. The Bloomingtony Pan-tagraph reports that Kennedy made the 8-yard shot on the third hole at The Links at Ireland Grove last week. Mother Eink Kennedy says her husband starting to put a golf club in Reagan's hands when she was only 2.

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ANDWICH, England (AP) -- The ger Woods is back home, nursing a gove leg. The rest of American gold sint doing so well, either. The United States is mired in its longest drought of the modern strand Slam era, having gone five straight majors without a victory. Phil Mickelson was the last Amer-fian to capture a title, more than a view ago at the 2010 Matters. Since then, it's been two golfers from Northern Freiand (Royr Michroy and Graeme McDowell), two from South Ontherian (Eschwartel and Louis Outhern Freiand (Royr Michroy and Graeme McDowell), two from South Ontherizen) and one from Germany (Martin Kzymer). While players from all over the world describe the U.S. shamp as world beyone.

"You never want to hear you're in-ferior," he said Wednesday. Coming into the British Open, Eu-

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ropeans hold the lop four spots in the world rankings. Steve Stricker is the highest American, at fifth. With Woods sidelined by an inju-ry, Mcliroy, 22, is a solid favorite to follow up his eight struke victory at the U.S. Open with another major ti-le at Royal St. George's The bookies also like a pair of Englishmen who pappen to be 1/2 in the world rank-ings, Luke Donald and Lee West-wood.

wood The Americans? Just an afterthought on the eve of

the opening round. "In the grand scheme of things, it's "In the grand scheme of things, it's rot such a big deal. In 40 years time, it will look like a bilp-" said Padraig Harrington of Ireland, a three time major winner, "but when you look at the smaller picture, it's easy to say that Europe has become dominant in golf — until you remember that two of those majors were won by South Africans. They're a strong country,

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too. And I think the next few majors might be work by the Australians." As in many sports, from basket-ablit to ternistic swimming, the rest of heworld has skied into America's not different, with 24 nations re-presented at this seaside creage in southern England. Some of them, it would seem, have only tapped into their potential. "Certainly we all expect that in the ment couple of decades, Asia is going have a revy strong presence in the game of golf, "Mickelson said. But for all the talk about this being more about the rest of the world starking up than the American fail-ing off, it's clear the moat recent gen-gration of US, golfers have yet to fub-ull its potential.

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Bartlett, Leopold share medalist

Five former winners of the RIGA Amateur, and W. Va. winner qualify for match play

By PAUL KENYON JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER WARWICK — Qualifying in the 106th R.I. Golf Associa-

where the construction of the use of the local Kassocia-tion Amateur Championship turned into a march of the former champions. The only wist is that not all of them are Rhode Island champs. No fewer than five previ-ous Amateur winners, Bobby Leopold, Charlie Blanchard, Brad Valois, Mike Soucy and George Pirie, played well enough in the 36-hole quali-tying to earn one of the 32 spots in match play, which begins Thursday. A sixth, Paul Quigley, bidding to be-come one of the oldest play-ers ever to reach match play, at age 67, was eliminated in a playoff. But all the usual stars were upstaged by a new guy on the scene. First-time competitor Jon-

scene. First-time competitor Jon-athan Bartlett of Carnegie Abbey recorded the best score of the event, a 5-under 66 Wednesday. That put him at 6-under 136 and in a tie for medalist honors with 2009 champion and home-course favorite Leopold.

having indices with 2005 champion and home-course favorite Leopold. Bartlett is a champion, too, The former University of Mis-sissippi star — he played in qualifying with an Ole Miss badge on his visor — won the West Virginia Amateur last year. Since he is now a Rhode Islander, the New England di-rector of sales for the Came-gie Abbey Club and the new Newport Club, Bartlett was not able to defend his tille, when the West Virginia event was held last week. was held last week.

when the west virginal event was held last week. He is making a great debut in his new home. The 34-year-old turned in some spec-tacular play on the way to his 66 on a course that he had not even seen until he took to the first tee Tuesday morning. Bartlett parted the first four holes, then bogeyed the fifth. He then went 7-under over the next 12 with birds at 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16 and 17 to get to 7-under for the tournament. Only a bogey on the last hole prevented him from hav-ing sole possession of the top mance, he was not overly ex-cited.

cited. "To be honest, I was prob-ably playing a little better last year, just because I was play-ing more," Bartlett said. The hot weather and walking the

hot weather and walking the course actually helped him. "Getting in and out of carts does not help me," he said. "Walking like this is good for me. I don't know what play-ing two rounds in a day will do, but I'm feeling pretty good." The former

good." The former champions more than held up their end. Leopold and Blanchard fig-

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<text><text><text><text> He was involved in a wild ending to the day. The weath-er, which had been pleasant, turned dark in late afternoon. RIGA officials constantly monitored radar reports, which showed that much of the state was having rain and some lightning; as well. Plans were made to halt'play if the bad weather stayed away and allowed all play to be comallowed all play to be completed. The final group on the course included Alex Stimp-

The ima group on the course included Alex Stimpson and Steve Royer, who came in at 145 and 149, respectively. They, knocked out all those at 152 and forced a five-way playoff for the last four spots at 151. Usingley was one of the five. He was eliminated when he three-putted the first playoff bole Mike Hamilton, Jared Adams, Andrew Fiorenzano and Jim Rose all advanced. The feature first-round match will be the last one to start, pitting two of the charts playof, valois and Prine, against each other. Two

World No. 1 Luke Donald of England chips onto the third green during Wednesday's final pract ind at Roya St. George's

Wind indicating torturous course

SANDWICH, England (AP) – Steve Stricker can appreciate better than most how be British Open is unlike any other major. Drod pay after winning the John Deere Classic with a britide-britie finish on the green, manicured fairways of a TPC course in America's heartfand, Stricker was trying to stand upright on the lunar inks of Royal St. George's. The yardage book was more of a guide than the gospel. It have sought to control his bial whom the air, even harder when it was bouncing along.

"It's quite a turnaround," Stricker said Wednesday, "To learn and adapt to this style in 2½ days is a challenge." That short time was all he

needed, however, to learn what most others have about this links course in the south-east of England. It's a strong test for golf's oldest champ onship on a mild day. When the wind is up, which it has been all week, it can be a

beast. The 140th edition of this The team entron or time championship gets under way Thursday at Royal St George's, as unpredictable as any links on the Open rota-tion. This is the course where Greg Norman in 1993 became the first Open champion to win with all four rounds in the 60s. It's the same course where Ben Curtis was the on-by player to break par when it was last here in 2003. A dry spring has kept the rough from getting too thick, which is but a small reprieve. The piece of information getting most of the attention on the eve of the British Open was the weather report. The forecast is for gusts up to 25 mph Thursday merning with patches of rain, before the wind tapers off in the after-noon. The wind is expected to remain moderate Friday morting, then switch direc-tions and return to gusts up-ward to 25 mph by the end of the day. If that holds true, the play-ers teeing of early Thursday and tate Friday could get the worst of it. And as a reminder of how significant the tee times can be, remember that Louis Oosthuizen teed off at 6×14 am in the second round last year at St. Andress, missed the worst of the weather in his round of 67 and

It will be defending cham-pion Samantha Morrell against medalist Ali Prazak for the Ocean State Women's Golf Association Amateur

Goif Association Amateur Championship. The two young stars pow-ered their way into the title match Wednesday with easy victories in the semifinals at Laurel Lane. Morrell, who just finished ber sorbornoe waer at Old

Morrell, who just finished her sophomore year at Old Dominion, had too much for Kris Kennedy, 9 and 8. The North Kingstown resident will go against Twerton's Pra-zak, a 5 and-4 winner over Nancy Diemoz. Prazak, who also was medialist in 2009, earned the top seed when she hot 72 in qualifying while Morrell was second at 75. Kay Bullock and Brenda Martin won their semifinals to advance to the champion-ship in the First Division.

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rounds of match play will be contested Thursday. **OSWGA** Amateur

was on his way to a seven-shot win Among the early starters Thursday: Rory McIlroy, the overwhelming favorite to add the claret jug to his U.S. Open

the standing advance to adult of the standing advance to the property of the standing of the placed since his record-set-placed since his record-set-ling win at Congressional in June, did most of his prepara-tion last week at Royal St. George's He played in a strong, southwesterly wind, which is typical this time of the year. The 22-year-old from Northern Ireland played from Northern Ireland played of 8:30 a.m. Wednesday in a wind coming out of the oppo-sile direction. It's a different test for McIl-roy, with conditions much more firm and dry than at the U.S. Open.

U.S. Open. "It's firm. It's fast," he said.

"It's firm. It's fast," he said. "But the thing is with this wind, you're going to have to keep the ball low. But some-times it's hard to run the ball into these greens because they're so undulating and they can go so many diff

ways." The wind direction during The wind direction during three days' of practice has the Royal & Ancient concerned Royal & Ancient concerned enough that it might move some tees forward. Chief ex-centive Peter Dawson said the most likely candidates were the par-5 seventh (some play-ers couldn't reach the fair-way) and the par-3 lith (Phil Mickelson couldn't reach the green with a driver). Then there's the par-1 lith, where Stricker hid driver off the tee and driver off the fair-way to get in ear the green. "Now, if the wind turns around, it's different story," Dawson said. It's different for everybody — even in the same group. Stewart Cink, who won at Turnberry two years ago, was reminded of that while play-ing a practice round with Da-vis Love III, Luccas Glover and two-time Open champion Pa-care daminon. They came enough that it might move

vis Love III, Lucas Glover and two-time Open champion Pa-draig Harrington. They came to the par3 sixth hole, which measures 162 yards to the front edge of a green that is 35 yards deep. They all hit pitch-ing wedge with the wind in their favor. "Some of them were short by about 50 feet, and some of them went through the green

them went through the green into the rough," Cink said. "And they all landed within five yards of each other."

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C3



The main pack of riders pedal through the 104.8-mile 11th stage of the Tour de France gh the rain during Wednesday's

Mountains to test Contador's balky knee

contention. Cruel, but that's the Tour. After all, Contador did not wait around when Schleck's chain came off last year. "My knee is responding well so I'm obviously very happy," Contador said after Wednesday's 11th stage. "But keep in mind that I didn't climb the Tournalet today. I have to see how it responds and on that basis I will make a decision how to do the

three significant climbs which sprinters like Cavendish dread and climbers like Contador love.

HOCKEY | RHODE ISLAND REDS

SIHR lauds '55-56 squad

SIANC IBLUGS 'D Support of the search has judged that the 1955-56 Rhode Island Reds, who have a line in the American backey Regule regular season and won the Calder Cup, produced the "greatest minor-league season of all the season of all the season of all the season season of the season search Journal, stating: Led by camping the season of the season season. Journal, the reds went the State of the season season. Season Site members of the 1955-56 feam will be present when the RL Reds Hentage Society holds its the Annual Reunion Weekend, Aug. 5-7. They are Johnny Bower, Vare Stanley Cup winner with the state Stanley Cup winner with the state Stanley Cup winner with the stanley Cup

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Most victories in Division I

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lege. Murphy has won coach of the year awards and has coached U.S. National and Junio⁻ National

1 . race on the last climb tomorrow." British sprinter Mark Cavendish won Wednesday's 11th stage with a bilstering late attack to clinch his third Tour stage win of the race, and Frenchman Thomas Voeckler kept hold of the race leader's yellow jer-sev for another day.

hold of the mole leader's yellow jer-sey for another day. Evans is the best placed of the main Tour contenders and the Aus-rulian yeteran currently leads Schleck by II seconds overall, and Contador by Jusi 39 seconds, now leads him by 1:30. Contador by jusi 39 seconds, now leads him by 1:30. Contador by jusi 39 seconds, now leads him by 1:30. Contador by jusi 39 seconds, now leads him by 1:30. Contador by nor about staying on his saddle and letting the rain massage his sore knee on a 1041-mile, flat and lawaur. The knee did not bother me any time today." a relieved Cinador

any time today," a relieved Contador said. "The rain was actually soothing my knee today as it almost felt like

Contador, however, knows there is nothing soothing about the Pyre-

nees. Stage 12 is a 131.1-mile trek from Cugnaux to Luz-Ardiden and has

Toronto Maple Leafs, defenseman Bob Robertson, and forwards Ray Ross, Ron Attwell, Bruce Cline and Bill McCreary. About 35 former Reds and other

"Reds' Night at the PawSox"

Goddard State Park, in Warwick, beginning at noon. Both events are open to the pub-lic. Deadline for reservations is Ju-ly 23. The charge is \$35 per person for each event. For more information, please 'call the society's office at (40) 247-2668 or e-mail

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teams. She was instrumental in starting grassroots hockey for girls in Rhode Island and has encour-aged the growth of girls hockey in the Rhode Island Interscholastic League

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IN THE NEWS GOOD DEEDS

Chalmers helps patients

Chalmers helps patients Former Kansas Jayhawks bas-ketball star Marle Chalmers is opening a specialty shop for can-cer patients at Lawrence (Kan.) Memonial Hospital. Chalmers, now with the NAS's Miami Heat, told the Lawrence Journal-World he wants to help cancer patients because the disease claimed the mother of a childhood friend. Mario's Closet will carry a variety of free or low-cost accessories such as wigs, prosthetics and hats.

TENNIS Purse money up

Purse money up The U.S. Tennis Association says the singles champions at this year's U.S. Open will each receive a record \$18 million. Total prize money is rising by more than \$1 million to \$23.7 million, the most ever for the tournament. The U.S. Open starts Aug. 29. [#].

BASKETBALL

Sun beaten in Indy Sun beaten in Indy Katie Douglas scored 20 points, and the Indiana Fever defeated the Connecticut Sun, 90-78, on Wednesday aftermoon to stretch their win streak to seven games. The 10-3 Fever have the WBRA's best record. Tan White scored 17 points and Thae Charles had 15 points and Thae Charles had 15 points and The Charles had 15 points and The State Connecticut (6-5). If the Indiana Pacers intro-duced former Lakers assistant Brian Shaw as their new associate head coach Tuesday. He will work

alongside Pacers coach Frank Vogel, a man he knows from their days on Los Angeles' staff togeth-er during the 2005-2006 season. BUSA Basketball Sairman Jerry Colangelo says he plans to contact players "within the next month" to gauge their interest in playing in the 2012 Olympics.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Xavier AD in charge

Xavier Durin et al. 2014 director Mike Bobinski will head the NCAA Division I men's basket-ball committee for the 2012-13 season. He replaces UConn AD **Joff Hathaway** as chairman after the upcoming season and tourna-ment.

the upcoming season and tourna-ment. The NCAA Division I Wom-en's Baskethal Committee has publicly reprimanded Baylor coach **Kim Walk** for comments and actions during the 2011 cham-pionship tournament. Walk used profane and abusive language toward game officials as well as kicking the scorer's table during a kicking the scorer's table during a kicking the scorer's table during a loss to Gonzaga. Mulkey ex-pressed displeasure after her top-seeded team was put in the same bracket with Texas A&M, a Big I2 foe it had faced three times al-ready last season. The Aggies beat Baylor on their way to the national title.

HOCKEY

Murray in Alaska

Rob Murray is the new coach of the Alaska Aces. Murray was introduced as coach of the ECHL

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Aces, the defending Kelly Cup champions, at a downtown An-chorage news conference on Wednesday. For the last three years, he has been head coach of the AHL's Providence Bruins. MCAA champion Minnesota Duluth and five other top hockey programs will make up the new National Collegiate Hockey Con-ference at the start of the 2013-14 season. Minnesota Duluth, Colore-do College, Denver, Nebraska-Omaha and North Dakota of the Western Collegiate Hockey Asso-ciation will join current Central Collegiate Hockey Association member Miami of Ohio in the new league. The upstart conference hopes to also add Notre Dame.

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aged the growth of girls hockey in the Rhode Island Interscholastic League. Murphy also put her knowledge and passion for women's hockey to good use as a TV commentator. She covered the Olympics in Naga-no, Japan, in 1998 and the World Championships in 2000 and 2004. Despite all that success, the Brown women had a rough skate since their 15-13-5 season in 2006. They suffered through five consec-utive losing seasons, won only 27 games during that period and fin-ished at or near the hottom of the by League and the ECAC. Throughout her tenure, among the longest in Brown coaching lis-tory, Murphy was an outspoken pushed for fair treatment of female athletes at Brown during the Title LX case in the early 1990s. Murphy grew up in Cranston, played hockey at Cornell, was a wo-time captain and four-time All-by selection. She graduated in pashed hose's staff in 1987.

ex-pro players are expected to at-tend the society's weekend activi-

"Reds' Night at the PawSox" will be held Saturday. Aug. 6, start-ing at 4 p.m. It includes a barbecue, bockey-player introductions and the PawSox playing the Buffalo Bi-sons at McCoy Stadium. On Sunday, Aug. 7, the society will host its annual conkout at Goddard State Park, in Warwick, beginning at poor.

BRITISH OPEN

GOLF

2nd-round match

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Lewis played like a pro

Unknown amateur Tom Lewis takes a share of the lead into Friday's second round

ASSIX TATED PRESS SANDWICH, England -SANDWICH, England Tom Lewis shares a name with one of the British Open's greatest champions. The kid sure lived up to it

Thursday. Lewis, a 20-year-old ama-Watson.

"I was more nervous not to embarrass myself in front of him," Lewis said

No worries there. Lewis pulled off some Watson-like shots at Royal St. George's, making four straight birdies coming down the stretch before a par-saving tap-in at the 18th left him tied with

Thomas Bjorn. "He could be my grand-son," quipped the 61-year-old Watson, who needed seven more strokes than his namesake to get around the course. "I just had to smile inside watching him play. I didn't play particularly well myself, but I certainly was impressed by the way he played."

played." Lewis' Jate-afternoon charge was definitely im-pressive. but it didn't totally overshadow an early-morn-ing round by Bjorn, who was playing at this course

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Playing partner Tom Watson, left, checks out the flight of Tom Lewis' tee shot at the 14th hole on Thursday. Lewis was tied for the lead entering Friday's second round.

was done by lunchtime - an English phenom half his age surged up the board by tak-ing full advantage of the afternoon calm that made this place ripe for the taking.

on the English seaside for the first time since his melt-down in the 2003 Open. That's when he threw away a two-stroke lead in the final three holes — who can forget him needing three swings just to escape the bunker at 162 — and al-lowed Ben Curtis to snatch away the claret jug with one place ripe for the taking. Lewis posted the lowest round ever for an amateur in the British Open, beating the ti6 posted by Frank Stra-nahan in 1950 and matched by Tiger Woods (1996) and Justin Rose (1998). The youngster also became the first amateur to lead a round at a major since 1976, when Mike Reid was up by three strokes heading to the sec-ond day of the U.S. Open. "We certainly have a new away the claret jug with one of the sport's most shocking upsets. Two very different play-Two very different pray-ers. Two hugely compelling stories atop the leader-board. "I'm 40 years old," Bjorn said, "and there might just be a little bit more in me." Long after the Dane had

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on the English seaside for completed his round -- he we?" Watson marveled. "We have a lot of young players playing very good golf " playing very good golf." An older one didn't do so badly, either

Biorn has struggled since the death of his father two months ago, breaking down in tears when asked what effect the loss had on him.

"He meant a lot to me," the golfer said. "He would have been very proud of what I did."

what I did." Bjorn certainly isn't dwelling on what happened eight years ago, the last time the Open was held just up the road from the cliffs of Dower

The found from the clubs of Dover. "A lot of people make a lot of things about that, but the only way I can play golf is to concentrate on the shot in front of me," he said. "It nev-er entered my mind." Bjorn had some good for-tune at the löht his time. He thought his 9-iron was head-ed for the bunker, but the ball took a fortunate bounce and rolled down toward the cup. He made the putt for his third brufe in a row. "We all know what it's like," Bjorn said. "A bounce here or there, and then it goes either worng or right. Today, it went my way." In the aftermoon, the gust-ing breezes off the Strait of Dover died down and the rain held off, resulting in the 60s as the morning istarters put up. But there were plenty of red numbers all over the board. Lucas Glover, Miguel Jangel Jimenez and Webb Simpson were just one stroke off the lead. Eight players shot 68, ranging from major winners Graeme McDowell and Martin Kaymer to alternates Ricky Barnes and Simon Dyson.

McIlroy happy to stay in hunt with his 71

ASN KUTED PHENS SANDWICH, England — For the first timg in 11 months, Rory McIlroy walked off the 18th green in the early stages of a major championship and did not see his name atop the lea-derboard.

see his name atop the lea-derboard. That's how good he has been at golf's biggest events. And the way he rallied from a rugged start Thurs-day in the British Open, McIlroy didn't think his 1-over 71 was all that bad. "Anywhere around even par was a good start" McIl.

OSWGA CHAMPIONSHIP

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shot lead. The media has been building him up as gol's next star after his record-setting performance at Con-gressional. And when he stepped on the first tee with a freshening wind off the Strait of Dover, the cheers resounded the length of the 444-yard opening hole. "It was great," he said. "I probably didn't take it in as much as I could have. I was much as I could have. I was just trying to concentrate on that first tee shot and get that out of the way. But it's nice to have that support out on the gol' course. It's fan-tastic. Hopefully, I can give hem something to shout about."

Two straight titles for NK's Morrell

St. Thomas, Virgin Islands but spepds her summers in Tiverton, plays for Camp-bell College. Morrell is the third player in OSWGA history to suc-cessfully defend the title. Valere Blinn and Becky, Mailloux also did it. In fact, both won three years is a row - Mailloux beginning

in 1997, Blinn in 2003. Prazak's loss extends the streak of not having the medalist take the title since Mailloux did it in 1999. Kay Bullock won the First Division title, 7-and-6, offer Brenda Martin. Joyce Picard took the Second Di-vision title.

Brothers-in-law battled it out in a match that family members all say was 'awkward By PAUL KENYON WARWICK --- When it was WARWICK — When it was over, this match that was one of the strangest in the 106-year history of the R.I. Golf Associ-ation A mateur Champion-ship, Tyler Cooke was more worried about his father than himself.

RIGA AMATEUR

The 19-year-old Cooke had just lost the biggest match of his young career, 2-and-1, to brother-in-law Bobby Leopold at Potowomut. While he was at Potowomut. While he disappointed, Cooke more concerned with how his father was handling the

father was handling the strange situation. His father had just caddied in the match — for son-in-law Loopold. He's been doing that for several years now as he has helped turn Leopold into the best amateur golfer in the state. But this time was differ-ent because it meant he was

ent because it meant he was working against his son. "I think it was worse on him, to be honest. He was not good out there," Tyler Cooke said of his father. "It was the worse for him emotionally. It really hit him hard. Bobby and

worse for run emotionaly. It really fit him hard. Bobby and I are as close as they come with brother-in-laws. He's both of our dads now." This was not a family feud. In this one not a family feud. In this one not a family feud. In this one, no one was mad at anyone. The family is so close that having the brothers-in-law go against each other in the second round made if stressful for all involved, even more because it was on the home course for both players with numerous family and friends watching it all unfold. Taylor Leopold, Bobby's wife, was there, watching her hus-band compete against her lit-tle brother. "This feels so awkward," she said as she followed the match. "I don't know what to do,"

match. "I don't know what to do." Jean Cooke, Tyler's grand-mother, was there, too, as usu-al. She has spent a lot of time in the last several years cheer-ing on Leopold as he has won numerous tilles, including the championship of this tourna-ment two years ago. The 81-year-old walked both qualify-ing ounds and then the first ound Thursday moming. "I don't care what hap yens," she said as she watched — this time riding along in a golf cart — 'I just want them both to play well." The trune dut that neither played as well as they had ear-er in the week. Leopold led early by two holes, Cooke came back to pull even, then



IRMAL / BOR BREID Bobby Leopold just got by brother-in-law Tyler Cooke

Leopold regained the lead and ned the 2-and-1 decision

earned the 2-and-1 decision. "It was the most nerve-racking experience of my life," he said. "At some points, I was struggling to take the club back It was tough. I said to Scott on the first hole, 'I understand if you don't want to caddy. Tell me now and I un

caday. Tell me now and Tun-derstand completely." " "I didn't think it was going to be that hard," Tyler said. "I thought it was going to be friendly walking up and down the fairways. It really wasn't like that. After the first tee obet it une reach windured. shot it was really awkward. No one wants to lose; losing sucks. I know he doesn't want to lose. He wants to win as bad as anyone right now. I'm the same way

"It's tough to be all lovey-Tit's tougn to be all novey-dovey when we all know what it means," Leopold said. "It means al to T0 y and it means a lot to me. It was hard to just that like you usually do with a normal playing partner. It was hard because I couldn't feed off Scott for energy... It was, the hardset round of golf I've ever played, harder than the qualifier for the U.S. Am, hardrer than any of that stuff." When it was over, after ev-ergone shook hands and be gan walking in from the 17th tee. Scott Cooke headed off by himself and walked in alone, still clearly unnerved because of the experience. At first he declined a request to talk about it, saying. "I just can't right now." Sometime later he felt choking with emotion. He had helped Leopold win, but he was having trouble dealing with opposing his son. "Bob said it would be all right if Dowed out this after-non, but I said, "Never leave your singman." Bob's like my son," Cooke said. 'I'm no this taher, but I'm pretty close. He's been a part of our family a long time now. I've taken him under my wing. He's a great kid."

at the right time By PAUL KENYON JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

Rose is blooming

WARWICK - As soon as

wARWICK — As soon as he finished competing in the R.I. Amateur Golf Champion-ship Thursday at Potowomut, Jim Rose took out his phone and made a couple calls. He had to change his plans for Ender.

Friday. The retired East Provi-The retired East Provi-dence teacher and coach was scheduled to be at Wanna-moisett Country Club early Friday moming to cut grass. He now works part-time as a member of the grounds crew there. Later in the day, be had planned on playing in a mem-ber guest tournament at Wanumetonomy. The gat to call to let them know I can't make it," Rose said:

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Instead, Rose will be in the quarterfinals of the 106th RI-GA Amateur at Potowomut. Competing in the tournament for only the third time, Rose produced the feel-good story of the day when he won two matches, including 3-and-2 over Pawtucket's Greg Najar-ian in the second round. Rose will be jound by

three former champs. Two-time winner Brad Valois of Metacomet and six-time play-er of the year Charlie Blan-chard of Wannamoisett also won twice, as did Potowo-mut's Bobby Leopold, who won this tournament two

mut's Bobby Leopold, who wont his tournament two years ago. Carnegie Abbey's Jona-han Bartlett, the co-medalist with Leopold, continued to impress as he advanced. Also winning were Jonathan Pan-none of Potowomut, Ports-mouth resident Alex Stimp-son and Metacomet club tchampion Steve Merluzzo. The lone extra-hole match of the day was a wild one be-ween Valois and Jamison Andall, the reigning RIGA Junior and Interscholastic League champion. Walois jumped to a four-hole lead at the turn before Randall charged back and forced extra holes. Valois fi-nally won it on the 21st, the par3-third, when he stuck his ree shot within four feet while Randall missed the green and bogeyed.

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And the way he ralied from a rugged start Thurs-day in the British Open, McIlroy didn't think his lover 71 was all that bad. "Anywhere around even par was a good start." McIl-roy said. Facing enormous, atten-tion coming of his wireto-tion coming of his wireto-key putting the first round last month. McIlroy made few key putts in the middle

rell is a junior at Old Do-minion University, where she was a second-ream Confer-nice Confer-tion participation of the second mark of the seco

SOUTH KINGSTOWN – SOUTH KINGSTOWN – Samantha Morrell success-fully defended her Ocean State Women's Golf Associ-ation Championship on Thursday, downing medal-ist Ali Prazak, 3-and-2, in the title match at Laurel Lane

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IN THE NEWS TELEVISION

Hank's getting ready

Hank's getting ready For an entire generation of football watchers, the catchphrase "Are you ready for some football" at the opening of Monday Night Football broadcasts is synony-mous with the start of the NFL season. Hank Williams, Jr, the man who popularized those six words, is in Florida recording a promo for a coming beason that, as of Thuraday, was still in limbo. Williams is entering his 23rd sea-son as part of the NFL's biggest weekly draw.

BASEBALL.

MEMORABILIA Jays' Price cashing in The pitcher who gave up **Derek** Jeter's 3,000th career hit has a deal to sign memorabilia connect-

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Colon's records arrive

Colon's records arrive Major Lengue Baseball has received medical records on Bar-tole Colon's stem-cell treatment. The Vankees' pitcher had the treatment in the Dominican Re-public in April 2010. ML98 Pat Courtney said the records were received Tuesday and it would take time for them to be reviewed. The records are in Spanish. Stem cells were injected into the shoul-der and elbow of the 2005 A.L. Cy Young Award winner in an at-tempt to regenerate tissue. The tempt to regenerate tissue. The doctors involved have said human growth hormone, which is banned by baseball, was not involved.

ed with the milestone. Tampa Bay's **David Price** agreed with Steiner Sports to autograph col-fectubles, including baseballs and pictures. Some of the souvenirs will bear the inscription, 71 Gave Up DN 37K, and be signed by both Price and Jeter. The world's oldest soccer rule book has been sold for \$1.42 mil-tion. BK5 was put on auction at Sotheby's in London as part of and Sotheby's in London as part of and archive of Sheffield FC, the world's oldest soccer club. The nule book contains many innova-tions that are still part of the mod-ting game, such as the corner kick, cross bar and indirect free kick.

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

New life for Ortiz A few weeks ago, **Tito Ortiz** was one loss away from losing his job with the UFC. After a stunning win over **Ryan Bader** and a fortu-nate twist of events, the veteran mixed martial arts star improbably is a UFC headliner again. Ortiz will fight **Rashad Evans** in the main event at UFC 133 in Philadel-phia on Aug. 6.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

LeGrand on his feet

Paralyzed Rutgers University football player **Eric LeGrand** has posted two photographs of himself standing during physical therapy. The photos appeared Wednesday on LeGrand's Twitter account. LeGrand veteed that he's "stand-ing up little by little" and "standing

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tall; we can't fall." LeGrand, 20, was paralyzed from the neck down while making a tackle on a kickoff return against Army on Oct. 16 at New Meadowlands Stadium COLF Woods has tee time

Fellow golfer Notah Begay III scooped Tiger Woods himself Thursday by announcing that his former Stanford University team-mate would be playing Aug. 31 in a birset team showing Aug. 31 in

mate would be playing Aug. 31 in a mixed-team charity event, the Notah Begay III Foundation Chal-lenge. Woods, who this week is missing the British Open while her recovers from an injured leg, has not confirmed his participation. The event was originally sched-uled for July 5 but posponed to allow Woods more time to re-cover.

PRO BASKETBALL NBA lays off staff

NBA lays off staff The NBA laid off about 14 people over the last two days, planned cost-cutting moves that a league spokesman said on Thurs-day are 'not a direct result of the lockout." The laid-off employees represent about 11 percent of the league office workforce in New York, New Jersey and internation-ally. Spokesman **Mike Bases** said the layoffs are 'not a direct result of the lockout but rather a re-sponse to the same underlying issue; that is, the league's expens-es far outpace our revenues." Journal Wire Reports

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COLLEGES

Ga. Tech football vacates ACC title The NCAA said receiver

Demaryius Thomas should have been ineligible after he accepted free clothing.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ASSECTIVED PROSS ATLANTA — The NCAA put Georgia Tech on four years of pro-bation, fined the school \$100,000 and stripped its ACC tile game vic-tory from the 2009 football season on Thursday for violations that also included problems in the men's baskethall program. Georgia Tech did not lose schol-arships and was not ruled ineligible for posiseason games in either sport, but the basketball team had the number of recruiting days and official visits reduced for the next two seasons.

torical voirs reduced for the next two seasons. The NCAA vacated the final three games of the football team's 2009 season — a loss to rival Geor-gia, the Atlantic Coast Conference championship win over Clemson and the Orange Boxl loss to Iowa — for using an ineligible player. It was the Yellow Jackets first season under coach Paul Johnson. The NCAA said Georgia Tech should have declared receiver De-maryius Thomas ineligible after he accepted \$312 worth of clothing in '99 from former Yellow Jackets quarterback Calvin Booker, who was working for a sports agent at

was working for a sports agent at the time. But the investigation took a harder turn against the school when athletic director Dan Rada-kovich broke NCAA rules by alert-

PREPS Continued from C1 Many top R.I.

players leaving away for the Saints due to the gradu-ation of All-American Michael Car-ter-Williams and point guard Myles Brihante. "It's close to where I'm from so I can stil live at home and I'll get a chance to pluy there this year," said Bolton, who is a potential Division I recruit.

chance to play there this year." Said Bolton, who is a potential Division recruit. The two highest-rated Rhode Is-landers both play their prep ball out-side the state. Providence's Rivardo Ledo will be a fifth-year senior at No-tre Dame Perp in Massachustis in the fall. Ledo, a national top-10 re-cruit in the class of 2021; se perhaps the best scoring guard in the country and is being followed by recruiters from Providence College, Kentucky, Connecticut, Maryland, West Vir-ginia and many others this month. Andrew Chrahascz, a 67 forvard from Portsmouth, will be a junior at Cushing (Mass.) Academy, Ha's a River and the leaves to the powerhouse Boston from Portsmouth, will be a junior at from part of the powerhouse Boston from that is competings for the Nike North Augusta, S.C. The sex kieles al to the sense situation from the sex bank of the sense for the powerhouse Boston from the sex pland the the session for the powerhouse Boston from that is competing for the Nike North Augusta, S.C. The sex kieles are getting and better life. Some of these kids are leaving inner-city schools and haves a lastier feature for the solution and a better life. Some of these kids are leaving inner-city schools and

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2005. "We could have been more ag-gressive in our investigation," Pe-terson said. "Had we known then what we know now, we could have acted differently. At the time we took appropriate steps, and we act-ed in good faith."

getting a chance at a world-class education. Plus, they'll face bette competition (in basketball) and have access to the gym and their coach all the time."

competition (in basisetbair) and have access to the gym and their coach all the time." Not everyone is leaving the Inter-scholastic League, of course. Ben Engvall, a 64 junior to be at Bar-rington, plays with Motroni and Bol-ton with the Hawks. So does Charles Correa, the All-State point guard who led St. Raphael to the state championship. Both are staying. Correa and Harison Taggart, a 65 forward from New Hampshirs, were the stars at the Hawks biggest win of the spring. Playing in the Gym Rat Challenge in Albary, the Hawks upper New Jersey power Team Izod and the team should be a dark horse in the AAU teams are competing in Orlando, including the Rhode Island Breakers' 17-under team and the New England Cy-clones have a handful of local play-ers looking good, including Hen-pricken Shooter Lee Messier and Prous's Justin Bristol. Three Journal All-Staters whose to prep schools in the hopes of at-ructing Unitary. Revised Schools, Maney, Ander Kadeder, Share Spried are moving on to prep schools in the hopes of at-fracting college scouts. Thereton shooter Cournel Sporson (Lee Academy, Maine), Central's, Rob League has expired are moving on to prep schools in the hopes of at-fracting college scouts. Thereton shooter Gunnar Bjornson (Lee Academy, Maine), Central's, Rob League has expired are moving on to prep schools in the hopes of at-fracting college scouts. Thereton shooter Gunnar Bjornson (Lee Academy, Maine), Central's, Rob League has expired are moving on to prep schools in the hopes of at-fracting college scouts. Thereton shooter Gunnar Bjornson (Lee Academy, Maine), Central's, Rob League has expired are moving on to prep schools in the hopes of at-fracting college scouts. Thereton shooter Gunnar Bjornson (Lee Academy, Maine), Central's, Rob League has scouted Scouts (Min-Scouts).

SANTA ANA, Calit (AP) — Ajur yo n Thursday found a form NFL linebacker guilty of killing souther California million nearly 17 years ago. Orange County jurors found Er ic Naposki guilty of first-degree murder in the shooting death of william McLaugdhin in his New-port Beach home in 1994. The shooting death of the shooting death of william McLaugdhin in his New-port Beach home in 1994. The shooting death of stance allegation that Naposki and Packard had binaped a firearm. Sentencing for the former New

B's extend McQuaid pact

BOSTON (AP) — The Stanley Cup champion Boston Bruinst Adam NeQuaid to a three-year contrast tetersion that would keep him in the fold through the 2014-15 sea son. The Bruins also signed minor leque forward Craig Cunnington and Howenal in the NHL. McQuaid da da four points and 14 Bruins won their first Stanley Cup title since 1972.



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GOLF | BRITISH OPEN

Clarke, Glover lead, but it's wide open

By DOUG FERGUSON

By DOLG FEBGUSON SANDWICH, England — Darren Clarke Smartheal along bumps fairways on a wild ride at harsheal along bumps fairways on a wild ride at howaits S. George's that was filled with blunders and brillance, and one final birdle that brought the kind of ovation he had not head in a decade at the British Open. Right behind him was Lucas Glover, far more steady in closing his solid round with eight straight pars. When a sun-baked and windblown second round finally ended Friday, thy shared the lead na a major that is living up to its proper name. The Open Championship is every bit of that. Perfore myone could get excited about the prospects of Clarke delivering yet another major to Northern Ireland, all it took was one look down he leaderbaard — all the way to the bottom — to realize this championship was just gutting starts at

ed. Only seven shots separated first from worst go-

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ing into the weekend. "There's still two days of tough golf and tough weather abead of us," Clarke said. Clarke, is forgotten figure as Graeme McDow-ell and Rory McIlroy captured the U.S. Open the last two years, bounced back from a double bogey to make a 90-foot eagle put and survived a few more hiccups on his way to another 2-under 18. Glover, playing the kind of golf that worth him a U.S. Open two years ago in New York, has made only three bogeys in the pening two rounds. He had a 70fo join Clarke in the lead at 4-under 136. "Unlike often when your in contention in a championship where it may be between sx, sev-e, eight 0 you, now it's between the whole field." Thomas Bjorn said. "You've just got to go out there and knuckle down and see where it gets you to on Sunday afternoon." Bjorn (72) was one shot behind along with PGA chamgion Martin Kaymer (69). Chad Camp-bell (69) and Miguel Angel Jimenez (71). The 29 Jayers within four shots of the lead included U.S. Open champion Rory McIlroy, who met his goal of getting to even par for the tournament with a



JON SUPER

Lucas Glover of the U.S. closed the second round with eight straight pars

spectacular save from a buried lie in the pot bun

spectacular save from a buried lie in the pot burker in front of the 18th green. McBrow will play Saturday for the third straight firms with Rickle Fowler, a fellow 22-year-old who fought his way to a 70 and then summed, up the state of this British Open going into the weekend. Th's basically a new tournament stating to morow, "Fowler said. That won't be the case for Luke Donald, who became the second No. 1 player this year to miss the cut in a major. His hopes ended when his ball plugged so badly in a bunker on the Trit that be had to play back toward the fairway, only to see it roll back into the sand. Donald at least was in good company. Lee Westwood at No. 2 also missed the cut and refused to speak to reporters. There with a belowed figure like Clarke in the lead, nothing is drawing more attention than the weather.

holes for an uncharacteristically sloppy 75, is that he's assured of retaining his No. 1 ranking next

week. That's because Westwood fol-lowed him out of Sandwich. After his bold claims on Tues-day that he would master Royal St. George's, he sloped off with barely a whimper, refusing to talk to re-rotters

Much had been expected of

Much had been expected of him. A top-three finisher in all the majors, he ended **Tiger Woods**' 281-week reign as No. 1 in October and has been one of the world's most consistent performers in

Westwood started Friday like

he meant business, making a bird-ie at the par-4 No. 1 to go to even

That was as good as it got. A dropped shot at No. 2 was soon backed up by a double-bogey at No. 8, and he couldn't recover.

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getting past former champion Char-lie Blanchard, 2 and 1, and then out-

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late in the morning, followed by heavy ra Take in the morning, boowed by peaky raid and even stronger gaps in the afternoon. Depending, on the weather, it could be a repeat of 10 years ago at Royal Lythark & St. Annes, when David Duvid started the thind round seven shots out of the lead and wound up with a share of the lead by the end

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and wound upwith a share of the lead by the end of the day. "There's an awful long way to go yet, and I be-lieve the forecast for the weekend is very, very poor, which I quite look forward to." Carke said. "But the course is going to play very, very tough. If that's the case, then the tournament is still wide open for an awful lot of players." So many players, in fact, that it was easy to overlook. Phil Mickelsion, who has never fared will at the British Open and suddenly finds him-self within three shots of the lead going into the weekend.

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weekend. "I'm looking forward to that challenge, and I'm hoping I've got the shots now to be effective in it," Mickelson said.

Mickelson said. The eciccite mix of contenders still includes 20-year-old amateur Tom Lewis, who shared the lead after the first round with a 65 and beld it to-genher until the end of his round when he three-point of the first round with a 65 and beld it to-genher until the stake. His shot from the rough went over the green and was headed out of bounds un-whithe ball hit the stake. He shot 74, and was still only three shots behind. To the other end of the spectrum was 61-year-old Tom Watson, who put on another memorable show with a hole-in-one on the sixth hole, hitting a pure 4-iron from 160 yards into the wind that took one hop and hanged off the pin before drou-ping into the cup. They reo al hock when they gs in," Watson said. But that's what 1 was aiming at." The group at 2-under 18 in included a former Ry-der Cup captain in Tom Lehman (67) and the cur-rent captain in Davis Love III (63). They were pioned by Masters champion Charl Schwartzel, who has experience with a crowdel leaderboard, the was among eight players who had a share of the lead on the final day at Augusta National until he individ the last four holes to win by two. The eclectic mix of contenders still includes 20

Uihlein makes cut in England

Cut in Lenguand Peter Uihlein, the reigning U.S. Amateur champion and former varsity golf player at Providence Country Day school, has finished second-round play at the British Open, recording a Jover 71 for the second consecu-tive day. His total score of 2-20ver par guarantees that he will make the cut. Uihlein competed but failed to

Uihlein competed but failed to make the cut this year at The Mas-ters and the U.S. Open. The win-ner of last month's Northeast Amateur at Wannamoisett is second among the five amateurs playing in Sandwich, England.

four of five holes during the trout nine before losing momentum with a bogey and then a double bogey. He was consistently at par on the second nine, except for a single bogey that left him at l-over par for the day. Ublien's score left him six strokes off the lead.



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It's history vs. hustle in **U.S.-Japan** matchup

By RAF CASERT

FRANKFURT. Germany — With two World Cup titles and three Olympic gold medals, the United States has history on its side in Sunday's final against Ja-

side in Sunday's final against Ja-pan. But with their lightning quick passing and slick combination play, the Japanese may well have a grip on the future of the game. The physical, sweeping game of the Americans stands in sharp contrast with the close, posses-sion oriented game of Japan, turn-ing Sunday's match into an in-triguing clash of styles. The United States beat Japan in two pre-World Cup exhibitions, but that will count for little in the inal.

bit that whit cours has mean final. "They're a different team here in the World Cup," US captain Christie Rampone said. "It brings a different level." The accolades for Japan have been coming in from all angles, comparing its style with that of Barcelona and Brazil's "beautiful "ame." game

game." Japan has sought to develop that flair for years, but only this time do they have the confidence to execute it at the highest level. Japan coach Norio Sasaki said his term was sead to asside the Oliva. team was ready to reach the Olym pic semifinals three years ago in Beijing, and "this time we said, let's go to the final." The cup itself is within reach, he

said.

"It's definitely not impossible," Sasaki said. "It is a once-in-a-life time chance to win this and beat

time chance to win this and beat the No. I team in the world." Japan's breakthrough victory came in the quarterfinals last weekend when it beat host Ger-many, the two-time defending champion, in extra time when it proved fitter than its big, lumber-ing conconcet.

proved fifter than as m_b, using ing opponent. Even if Sunday is Japan's first final in the record books, Sasaki said his players already have one under the belt — against Germa-

ny This was almost like playing the final in term of pressure, atti-tude and expectations," Sasaki said of the game against Germany, "The actual final will be a very simsituation

itar situation." That same weekend, the United States had a similar experience, rallying in an intense match against Brazil with a penalty-shootout win. It created a ground-swell of support across the United States. States

States. "Obviously, coming from be-hind against Brazil is historic," said Abby Wambach, who scored in the last minute of extra time to the it 2-2 and force a shootout. "It's one of those moments that may never happen again. "I want it to be life-changing at

the end of the road. Because right now. I'm still very much involved in this and I'm not trying to think anything other than Sunday and winning." Both rode their emotional surge

through the semifinals, with Japar beating Sweden, 3-1, and the Unit ed States posting the same score over France. An American confidence boost

comes from the history books. In 25 matches dating back to 1986, it has beaten Japan 22 times and remains unbeaten.

However, there is a first for ex

erything. Japan already reached its first semifinal and final. "We are just ready to face that challenge," Sasaki said.

McIlroy grinds his way into contention overs are amateur players — 20-year-old Englishman **Tom Lewis** (I-under) and 21-year-old Ameri-can **Peter Uhlein** (2-over). The only crumb of comfort for Donald, who bogeyed his last four before for an uncherschmistically W INTED PRESS

SANDWICH, England — On a sunny day when the old-timers shined, the kid made sure he was right in the thick of things at the

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British Open. Another major title is still in **Ro-**ry **Mcliroy**'s grasp, though he isn't going to run away with this one. The 22-year-old from Northern

Ireland tenaciously carved out a l-under 69 Friday that left him four strokes off the lead at Royal St. George's, where just seven strokes will be separating the field head-ing into what figures to be a wild — and possibly stormy — week-

Darren Clarke and Lucas Glover Darren Clarke and Lucas Gover are at the top of a leaderboard filled with experience, from 40-somethings Thomas Bjorn, Miguel Angel Jimenez and Davis Love III to 52-year-old Tom Lehman.

to 52-year-old **Tom Lehman**. But there's something for ev-eryone (except maybe the home country). **Phil Mickelson**, check. **Sergio Garcia**, check. Major cham-pions **Martin Kaymer and Charl Schwartzel**, check and check.

And Mcllroy, lurking in the arview mirror, looking to add

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the claret jug to his U.S. Open title. "It was a grind," he said. "It would be nicer to be a couple bet-ter, but I'll take that going into the weekend. I'm very happy with my position." Westwood takes a fall

WestWood Takes a Tall Lee Westwood was full of confi-dence on the eve of the British Open. He said he had the patience to conquer Royal St. George's and win that elusive first major. By Friday, he was gone. A second-round 73 sent an irri-table Westwood tumbling out of the tournament at 4-over, a stroke above the cut above the cut.

above the cut. The second-ranked English-man wasn't the only big name out before the weekend. Top-ranked Luke Donald hit the exit, as did for-mer winners Padraig Harrington, Ernie Els, Ben Curtis and Mark Cal-caucchia Aleo, out were No. 7. cavecchia. Also out were No. ranked Matt Kuchar and 2010 U

Open champion Graeme McDow-ell. Of the 71 players remaining, only 13 occupy positions in the world's top 30. And two of the left-

Valois, on the other hand, has

been a star for some time, a two-time Amateur champion (2006 and

Metacomet's Merluzzo, Valois vie for title

By PAUL KENYON

WARWICK - There will be no need for R.I. Golf Association offi-

2007) and a three-time Junior win-ner before that while he was at Toll Gate. * "It feels good to be back," he de-

need for R.I. Golf Association offi-cials to move the hardware they pre-sent to their Amateur champion. It is going to stay right where it has been for the last year, at Metacomet Country Club. That was assured Eriday when Brad Valois and Steve Merluzzo, both Metacomet members, ad-vanced to the 36-hole title match. They earned the right to compete for the title taken last summer by Garrett Medeiros, who is now play-ing professionally, by winning twice Friday in the 106th Amateur at Poto-womut. "It feels good to be back," he de-clared after nipping Bartlett. It seems as If Valois is beginning a second career. He looked to have pro potential as a teenager, but he's been all but absent for the last two years after finishing URL. When he did play, his scores were consider-ably higher than they had been. "I just had a rough couple of

any inginer man they had been. "I just had a rough couple of years," he said. "I wasn't playing too much golf. I was in a different situa-tion and made a lot of changes that have allowed me to be back here to-day. It really does feel good to be back." Endou in the 108th Amateur at Poto-comat. Merizzo, 23, rolled in a seven-ford downhill pare part on the final green to edge newcomer Alex stimpson of Portsmouth. Lup, in mediais Jonathan Barrlett of Car-negie Abbey by the same margin, when he dropped in 3-1 foot par part on the final green to halve the hole and maintain his L-ty advantage. While they play at the same East the match from different directions. Merilazo is new to the top ranks. Merilazo is device the top ranks. Merilazo is device the transplon-sing-level player under the tutelage of Merila and the same factor.

day. It really does feel good to be back." The works as a financial adviser for New York Life and plays with a clamer attitude than he used to. "I dropped everything. I walled away from it for almost a year and went and got a job, he said. The joined Metacoment four months ago and began playing more After experimenting with nu more store experimenting with nu more store experimenting with a gone After experimenting with a more store experimenting with a more store experimenting here a Potowomut." he said "I try not to high this does schould." I mot doing for a living, that's for sure. I'm just out here having fun. I have a day

getting past former champion Char-tie Blanchard, 2 and I, and then out-lasting Bartlett in the afternoon, Bartlett, who has back problems, had made seven birdies, including four in a row, in whom Solara, Parnone, 3 and 2. But he struggled physically in the afternoon. He reg-ularly was twisting his neck, hold-ing his back and walking slowly. The ottop-notch, Bartlett said when it was over. but that's no ex-cuse. It's part of the tournament." Meritazo also had to grind in the semistication of the struggled then the saids had the struggled then tournament participant put on an excellent match. Meriuzzo was railed. Three times he got his ad-vantage to 2-up, but Stimpson kept coming back. Stimpson won the 17th to pull even. However, on the birth schw even through the fair-way and size to rest against a tree. He had to take an unplayable lie. He revered nicely and had a five-parter for bogey. Meriuzzo also nichoged seven feet past the hole, not an expugnt. n easy putt. He rolled it straight in the middle win the hole and the match. "I couldn't feel any better right ow," he said, after draining the to

clutch put. Meriuzzo has won the Metaco-

met title each of the last two years, a credit, he said, to the help Talbert, the club pro, has given him, as well as the Metacomet course itself.

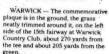
as the Metacomet course itself. "The greens are so hard and fast there your short game gets a lot bet-ter." he said. Merluzzo, who is a government scientist, now plays to a plus-one handicap. He and Valois have played together twice. "Just fun at the club," he said. "We've never played together in a tournament."

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On the wings of double-eagle

Jim Donaldson



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green. It reads: "Double eagle ... Dr. Wil-liam F. Brennan ... Five-wood ... May 24, 1992."

24. 1992.* In all the rounds, over all the years they've been playing golf at the clas-sic, Donald Ross-designed course on picturesque Warwick Neck, there had only been one double-eagle. Now there are two. And the story of who got it is al-most as unbelievable as seeing some-body make that rarset of golf scores - a 2 on a par5.

body make that rarest of golf scon — a 2 on a par-5. On June 29, Jack Paquette was pointing out that plaque to a friend Hal Nelson, because they were pla ing in a foursome with Bill Brenna to Net Only of the fourth son, Matt. Only a few days earlier, Matt, an orthodoniist like his late father, had almost equaled his dad's fabulous feat

Tabulous feat. "I showed Hai the plaque," Pa-quette said, "and told him how Matt had hit a shot that rolled past the pin only the week before." Then they turned to watch Bren-nan as he prepared to hit a 2-iron toward the green, some 220 yards away

toward use preserved away. "He struck the ball beautifully." Paquette said: "The ball hit on the front of the green, started rolling toward the hole, and trickled right in. "When it went in, we looked at each other in amazement. Then I started to shout, but my voice sound-et like a soprano.

started to shout, but my ed like a soprano. "We had a breathtaking view of the

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the pin, which was a bit to the right of center, about midway between front and back. "When I got to my ball," said Bren-nan, "Hooked over and saw Jack showing Hal my Dad's plaque. Then I took out my 2-iron and hit it right at the stick. It took a few hoops and gent-hy rolled in. It was quite a shot. "For a moment, I dinti know what to say, or do. Then I shouted: That went in!" Suddenly, the world started spinning. I got dizzy. Then the guys were all around me, hugging me, and high-fiving each other. "The first person I called was my brother. I told him: "Remember that question we were asking about Dad? I think I know the answer." "Even now." Matt said, a tinge of amazement still evident in his voice." I can't believe that it happened."

Four days later, Matt got his an-swer. Now, to begin with, he doesn't usually play that often. Not anymore, anyway. Although he once finished third in the RIGA Stroke Play tourna-ment, the demands of his dental prac-tice and his young family — he has three children — limit his time spent on the goil course these days. "A friend of mine told me he didn't know what was more amazing — that got a double-eagle, or that I played twice in four days." Brennan said On his most memorable of golfing days, Brennan was playing in a four-some with Paquette, Nelson and Dean Scanton They started their round on the 10th tee because the women's regular, nine-hole group

women's regular, nine-hole group was playing the front nine. When Brennan reached the 478-yard 15th, he teed up a Pro VI ball that had his father's name on it. "A friend of his had viven them I.

"A friend of his had given them to him for Christmas," Matt said. "I saw

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Matt Brennan matched a mark at Warwick CC held by his late father them one day and decided to use

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the draw can make a big differ-ence. But in The Open Cham-pionship. It makes a huge dif-terence. We got very locky." He also was very good. Clarke missed only two greens in regulation, and was non of only three players who managed to break par. It was his third round in the fiks, and into the final group of the Brit-sho Open for the Brit-sho Den for the Brits-sho Den for the Brits-the Brits-Britshe Brits-Britshe Britshow Den for the Brits-Britshe Britshow Den for the Britshow De

"I'm going to be pretty com-fortable out there tomorrow because I know what to expect, I know how to approach it, and I know what I do in those situations," Johnson said.

Fowler was soaked, zipped up in a cream-colored rainsuit for two-thirds of his round, yet it never seemed to bother him. He hung around par during the worst of the conditions — a re-markable feat — and when the

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on the 14th, He shot 74 hours mine shots behind. Lucas Glover, a U.S. Open champion who played in the fi-nal group Saturday, made 10 straight pars early in his round only to lose his way, but not his hopes over the final hour. Glover missed two birdle putts inside 6 feet on the back nine, and made two bogges. He shot 73, but still was within four shots. He was tied with Miguel Angel Jimenez, who didgi make a birdle in his round of 72. Also still in the mix is Phil

Angel Jimenez, who didgi make a birdie in his round of 72. Also still in the mix is Phil Mickelsion, who has only con-tended once in the British Open He rallied when the sun began to break through the clouds and salvaged a 71, leav-ing him five shots back in a group that included Anthony Kim (68), PCA champion Mar-tin Kaymer (73) and Ryder Cup captain Davis Love III, who tied for fourth at Royal St. George's in 2003 and had a 72, to stay in range. But it starts with Clarke, a 42-year-old from Northern fre-land who has been watching the youngsters from Ulster cel-berate golfs biggest events, from Graeme McDowell at this career? "Did I ever doub! twoid get myself back in this position? No, Clarke said. "Did I know it was going to happen? No. Did hope it was going to happen? No." Once he finished his own Q & A. Clarke headed to the home of agent Chubby Chan-let n's start.

RIGA STATE AMATEUR Winning return to form for Valois By PAUL KENYON

By PAIL KENYON DORMALSWARS WATTER WARWICK — When he won his first two State Am-steur Championships, back in 2006 and 2007, Brad Va-lois took them in stride. He was a youngster then, a player with immense poten-tial. He was fully confident, even cocky. It was as if he was expected to win. When he captured the ti-tle for the third time Saturd a, putting on a dazzing 10-under-par display as he bittzed his Metacomet club-mate Steve Merluzzo, 10 and 8, at Potwormut. Valoia had a different reaction.

But after starting a new bigher. But after starting a new job as a financial adviser, he decided to join Metaco-met. As he was beginning what he calls almost a sec-ond career. he called Shawn Campbell, the direc-tor of golf at Potowomut. Campbell had-been his first instructor. had a different reaction. At the ripe old age of 24, after giving up the game for nearly a year and returning to play only. four months ago, he appreciated it much more. "This one's the best," he said. "From where I was nine months ago, I didn't expect to be playing like this again. I never imagined this again, I never imagined this again, I never imagined this again, I never imagined

this again. I never imagined this. This is a big win for me personally. T made a lot of tilestypic changes the last nine or 10 months that led me to get here, he went on. 'I just starting playing again four months ago. I just play too play now. I don't want to do this for a living. It's not for money, so it's not rowing and playing. I like being at Metacomet. I play with a lot of good guys there. It makes it moore fan." Valois joined Metacomet four months ago under one of that club's new member-ship programs that allows anyon e25 or younger to be part of the club at reduced rates. He had considered turn

Campelline machening and the set of the set rates. He had considered turn-ing pro after finishing school at URI. He tried to make numerous adjust-ments in his game, but end-ed up going backward. His scores went higher, much

work led to frustration, and then the decision to stop

work led to trustration, and then the decision to stop playing. His new job and his new club got him to return. "He's adways been an easy student. He just needs more coaching than in-struction," Campbell said He's got a great swing. He's never really off kilter he's got a great swing. He's never really off kilter by very much. He's an ex-cellent student. It was plea-sure to see him again and work with him again." While he has been play-ing well again, he was not as overpowering as he was as a teenager. Until Satur-day's tille match. Always, a player who loved the competition at its highest, he responded to being in the tille match by playing like the "old" Brad Valois. "I hadn't talked to him in

playing like the "old" Bad Valois. He began the match with bridles on the first five in a row. He had a 65 in the moning 18, the lowest total posted by anyone all week in the terrific conditions provided by the Pptowomu grounds crew, as he led 10 Werluzzo who like 24 hois is a member al kleatoor met, played wight in the at termoon. He had new bridden in the 10 million and total the second, third and fourth to will each of those holes. Bit he never got any closer than eight because Valoor

Brad Valois, at left, enjoys a post-match celebration after his victory in the Rhode Island Amateur on Saturday. Valois' girlfriend, Kristen Frazier, holds the trophy. At right is Brad's father Michael, and the champion's 22-month-old nephew. was 4-under after lunch. Today was the best I've played. Today was a good round for me," Valois said. "All the other rounds (in reaching the title match) I played well. I was around par or a couple under. To-day I was 9- or 10-under. The correct total was 10-under with 10 birdies, an eagle and two bogeys. Merluzzo, who has been the opposite of Valois in that he is just now, at age 28, reaching the top levels in the state, struggled at the start of the biggest match of the different faciliar. I was 4-under after lunch

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Darren Clarke reacts after putting on the 17th green.

rain went away, he took off to higher ground. Fowler made three birdies over the last six holes for a 68 and was two shots behind, along with Decrea Birder Clu

shots behind, along with Thomas Bjorn (71). Fowler played with McIlroy, whose hopes ended with a tee shot that went out-of-bounds on the 14th. He shot 74 and was

And the forecast isn't very friendly



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in the state, struggled at the start of the biggest match of his life. "It's a different feeling. T his shots I don't normally his," he offered. 'I'm guess-ing that's because of the nerves. It's just a different feeling." We had 76 in the morm-ing, but settled down and had five bindies in the 10 holes played in the after-noon. "Am very proud," said Micritizzo, the Metacomet Gub champion each of the last two years. 'I didn't ex-pect to make it this far. I played really well to get to this point." Both Valois and Merpar-to are entered in the New Pingting Austrice which begins Monday on their home course.

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