

NEW YORK STATE TRACK & FIELD

Caulcrick Gives It His Best Shot, Wins Class C-D Title
Clymer Junior's Record Toss Earns Him State Crown; Other Area Athletes Shine

Jehuu Caulcrick of Clymer Central School shows off his gold medal after winning the Class D shot put Saturday.

P-J photos by Chris Kinsler

By CHRISTOPHER KINSLER
HENRIETTA — Jehuu Caulcrick thought there might be a curse upon him.

He found out Saturday there wasn't. The Clymer junior and multi-sport athlete had been within a single step of a state title three times before — twice in football and once in track — only to come up short.

But the fourth time was just the right time for Caulcrick as Saturday he was crowned state Class C/D shot put champion at the New York State Track & Field Championships.

"I wasn't expecting to come out on top, but I can't say I didn't want



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to," Caulcrick said after his throw of 54 feet, 8 3/4 inches topped the championship field.

"It seems like it's always a jinx to be ranked first coming into the states — it happened to us in football and it happened to me last year. I was ranked first and took second," he added. "So I'm pleased with what happened today."

Caulcrick's 54-8 3/4 throw not only won him a state championship by 1 foot, 8 inches over Immaculate Heart Watertown's Derrick McGuire, it also re-established his own school record.

"My coach specifically told me, 'Just don't worry about the other

people and what they're throwing,'" Caulcrick said of coach Howard McMullin's advice. "I was sprinting on the side there, just getting ready for my turn to come up."

And when it did, Caulcrick delivered Clymer's first state championship since Jacob Whitney won the long jump title in 1995.

"He had to throw with himself," McMullin said of Caulcrick's focus entering the state meet. "His competition was himself — to try and do the best that he could do himself and not worry about what the other competition was doing — just let the cards fall where they fall."

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Eagles Lose Heartbreaker In Title Game

By MATT SPIELMAN

LITTLE FALLS — The second time was not the charm for the Ellicottville Eagles at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class D Baseball Tournament.

After winning their semifinal game with Moriah Central School (4-14), 12-3, the Eagles felt pretty confident with their next opponent, Tuckahoe, as well they should have.

In handling Moriah, Matt Erlandson only needed 39 pitches through three innings to secure the win, and going into the championship game, Coach Chris Mendell had both Erlandson and his other senior ace, Nick Smith, at his disposal.

But Tuckahoe (18-7), which advanced to the championship game with an eight-inning win over Richfield Springs, scored the eventual winning run on a wild pitch in the top of the sixth inning of the title game, sending the Eagles to a heartbreaking, 4-3, setback.

The loss marked the second straight year the Eagles lost in the state title game. Ironically, they got off to a great start.

Nick Smith struck out the lead-off hitter to get the ball rolling. The next batter was hit by Smith but he got the next two batters out to escape the inning with no harm done.

Continuing over from their previous game's explosion, the Eagles' leadoff hitter reached on a walk and the next batter, Carl Althans, did not pass up his opportunity. Althans proceeded to rip a run-scoring triple to the right-center gap to give the Eagles the 1-0 lead. The next batter, Smith, reached on an error by the Tuckahoe third baseman, Derrick Dalhoff, and Erlandson followed him up with a run-scoring single to give Ellicottville a 2-0 lead.

Later in the inning, Jacob Creeley hit a sacrifice fly to center field to give the Eagles a 3-0 lead. Most would think that with Erlandson and Smith both ready to pitch, spotting Ellicottville a 3-0 lead would not be a very smart idea. The Tigers of Tuckahoe did not buy that one bit.

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ITALIAN - AMERICAN GOLF CLASSIC



Phil Cammarata Jr., right, congratulates partner Dick Cole after Cole sunk the final putt on the last hole to win the Italian-American Charity Golf Tournament by one shot Saturday.

P-J photo by Jim Riggs

No Cakewalk This Time

Cammarata, Cole Win Second I-A Championship, But It Wasn't Easy

By JIM RIGGS

ELLICOTTVILLE — Back in 1985 Phil Cammarata Jr. and Dick Cole won their first Italian-American Charity Golf Tournament title at Peek'n Peak Resort. On Saturday they won their second at Holiday Valley, but it was nothing like the first.

"We had a cakewalk the first time," Cole recalled. "We led by five going into the final round and won by seven."

Things were different in 2002.

Cammarata and Cole led by one stroke heading into Saturday's final round, and for most of their "second nine," after starting at No. 12 in a shotgun start, their lead was two shots. But when they stepped

on the the 11th tee, their final hole, their lead was down to one shot because their closest pursuers, Joe Ribauda and Scott Crist, birdied No. 11.

But Cole locked up the win by busting a huge drive down the middle, hitting a lob wedge 20 feet behind the pin and then putted to clinch the one-shot overall victory.

Cammarata and Cole, both Conewango Valley Country Club members, had net best-ball rounds of 65-65-68 on the par-72 layout for a 54-hole total of 198. Ribauda and Crist had 66-66-67-199 for overall runnerup honors.

Both teams came out of the First Flight. Cammarata, playing with an 11 handicap, and Cole, playing with a 2, became

the second team to win more than one I-A title. The other team to do it, Carl Pillitteri and Bob Johnson, have won four titles.

Cammarata and Cole opened their round from No. 12 with a pair of pars and then Cole recorded a natural birdie 2 at No. 14 and a natural birdie 4 at No. 16 to put the team 2 under.

They slipped with a bogey 4 at No. 17 when Cole hit a 5-iron to the back of the green and three-putted.

However, that didn't concern the eventual winners.

"We figured we were coming into 18 and we could get the birdie and Dick got the birdie," Cammarata said.

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War Emblem Falls Short At Belmont

NEW YORK (AP) — Bob Baffert was right — a bad start was the only thing that could keep War Emblem from winning the Triple Crown.

As soon as the gates sprang open and the black colt nearly fell to his knees, the trainer knew he and his horse were doomed.

Just like that, the front-runner was behind. Just like that, Baffert realized he would come up short again in this third try to win a Triple Crown.

At the wire, 70-1 shot Sarava finished a half-length ahead of Medaglia d'Oro on Saturday to become the highest priced winner in the 134-year history of the Belmont Stakes, returning \$142.50 for a \$2 bet.

When War Emblem crossed the finish line under jockey Victor Espinoza, he was eighth in the 11-horse field, nearly 31 lengths behind.

"I said the only thing that could beat us was a bad break," Baffert said. "Victor did the best he could. It was gut-wrenching to have to watch the whole race."

"If I had a walkie-talkie I would have told him to pull up right there. I didn't want him running a mile and a half like that."

Sent off as the 6-5 favorite by a record-crowd of 103,222 that jammed the grandstand at Belmont Park, War Emblem just ran out of gas in the final turn of the demanding 1 1/2-mile test — the longest of the Triple Crown series.

It looked nothing like his wire-to-wire victory in the Kentucky Derby or his three-quarter length win in the Preakness.

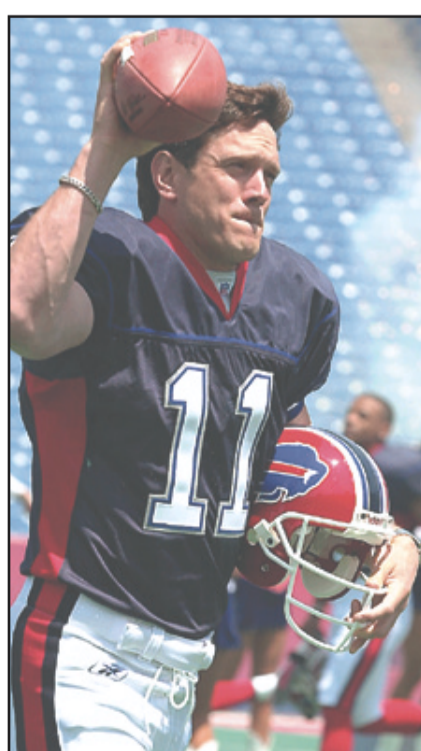
For Baffert, the heartbreak was familiar.

In 1997, Silver Charm lost the Triple Crown by three-quarters of a length to Touch Gold, and in 1998, Real Quiet was beaten by a nose by Victory Gallop. No trainer had ever lost the Belmont three times with horses that had won the Derby and Preakness.

"I feel empty," Baffert said. "I feel like I let the fans down. The hardest loss I had compared to this was when I got beat by a nose in the Derby because I never thought I'd get there again."

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STYLING



Buffalo Bills quarterback Drew Bledsoe shows off the team's new uniform in front of about 20,000 fans at Ralph Wilson Stadium. See story on Page C-3.

AP photo

Wadkins Only Player Under Par; O'Neill Within Striking Distance

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Bobby Wadkins had the lead after three rounds of the Senior PGA Championship yet he was still worried about what could happen if Firestone Country Club were to get harder, drier and faster.

"You're never home free here," Wadkins said after shooting a 69 — one of only five subpar rounds Saturday — to lead the second senior major championship by one shot after 54 holes. "You won't be free here tomorrow until you walk off the last green and you have the lowest score."

Wadkins is the only player in the field with a red number next to his name. He stands at 1-under 209, one shot ahead of Fuzzy Zoeller, Larry Nelson and Roy Vucinich.

Being on top doesn't give much comfort, particularly with 18 players within four strokes of the lead.

"I can go out there tomorrow and play halfway decent and shoot 72," Wadkins said. "Somebody is four back and they go out and shoot 3- or 4-under and then we have a ballgame."

Jamestown native Dan O'Neill is in position to do exactly what Wadkins is worried about.

His third round score of 72 leaves him four shots back going into today's final round. He is tied at 3-over with seven other players, including Tom Kite, Ray Floyd, Dana Quigley and Bruce Fleisher.

Lewis Stops Tyson In Eighth Round

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Lennox Lewis showed the bully who was boss.

Using a masterful left jab and landing his right hand at will, Lewis battered a befuddled Mike Tyson before stopping him with a crashing right hand in the eighth round to keep his heavyweight titles Saturday night.

Tyson was bleeding from cuts over

his eyes and from the nose when Lewis landed a punch that sent him sprawling on his back in Lewis' corner. Tyson tried to get up at the count of eight, getting to one knee, but was counted out.

It was a sudden end to a dominating performance in which Lewis overwhelmed the former champion from the opening bell.

STREET HOOPS



Harrison Street in Jamestown was a popular venue Saturday as scores of people showed up for the fifth annual Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. Play continues today. See Page C-8.

P-J photo by Joe R. Liuzzo

SPORTS

Rock Valley Repeats As National Champion

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is the complete story from the final day of the NJCAA Division III National Golf Tournament. The story did not run in its entirety in Saturday's Post-Journal because of an assistant sports editor's error.

By **JIM RIGGS**

CHAUTAUQUA — Back home in Rockford, Ill., the Rock Valley College golf team doesn't win many golf tournaments, but they are 2-for-2 on the Lake Course at Chautauqua Golf Club.

And it isn't just any tournament the Golden Eagles repeated in — it's the NJCAA Division III National Championship.

For the third straight day in the four-round event, Rock Valley had three players break 80 and that led them to a 13-shot victory over Monroe CC from Rochester. The Golden Eagles shot a 72-hole team total of 1,235 to capture their second straight national title while Monroe had 1,248 for second and Burlington County College from Pemberton, N.J., was third with 1,251.

A big team name missing from the top of the leaderboard was Keystone College from LaPlume, Pa. The Giants were the opening-round leaders, were second after two rounds and third coming into Friday's final round. However, four of the Giants were disqualified because of violations of NJCAA rules.

However, Keystone was 10 shots behind Rock Valley, which was not going to be denied on Friday.

"We play Division II schools all year long and that really is to our advantage," said Rock Valley coach Steve Benjamin. "We don't win tournaments very often back home. This year we

won two tournaments for the first time in four, five, six, seven years. It's hard beating those Division II teams, they've got five (excellent) players and those are scholarship schools."

But Rock Valley has enough good players to stand out at the Division III level.

"In this division, that's what you need — you need four guys to break 80," Benjamin said. "And they don't have to be low; 76, 77, 78 in Division III usually does very well and we proved it this week I guess."

Leading the way for the Golden Eagles in the final round was Matt La Marca with a 4-over-par 76 while David Risen had a 77, Donny Hillis a 78, and Matt Smith and Grant Schnable had 80s.

Schnable was the team's leader for the tournament with rounds of 81-74-73-80 for a 308 total that placed him 10th in the individual scores. And he was making up for lost time.

"I played on the team last year, but I didn't come out to nationals with them," Schnable said. "So I knew the guys pretty well, I felt real comfortable with them and I felt real comfortable coming out here. I thought we had a great chance of repeating and I'm just real excited it happened."

Benjamin noted, "Being defending champions puts a little more pressure on you, but they were confident, especially after taking the lead after the second day and them enlarging it yesterday by not really posting that (good) fourth score."

"They don't do anything fancy. They don't shoot those low numbers very often, but their 76s and 77s will do a very good job at beating a lot of teams that have the good No. 1

or 2 players, but they're weak in the 4 and 5 spot. That's where we have earned it the last two years, being strong in the 4 and 5 spots."

But the second year seemed a little tougher.

"It was a little bit more nerve-wracking this year," Benjamin said. "We had an excellent front nine last year (in the final round). We made the turn, if I remember right, at 3-under as a team and pretty much coasted from there. Today I really didn't know until the back nine and then I started hearing some things and my guys just kind of stayed in there as usual."

Host Jamestown CC was able to hold onto ninth place, but by only four shots over Holyoke CC from Holyoke, Mass. The Jayhawks' team total was 1,373 while Holyoke had 1,377.

Matt Lundgren led JCC on Friday with a 77 while Jared Adams had an 80, Kevin Jurkowski an 88 and Bill Kestler a 103.

"The team was down this year, we're going to struggle from year to year because of where we are," Coach Bill Burk said about JCC, which won the title in 2000 and finished eighth last year. "It's just hard to put together a solid team from local kids year after year. We're going to have some good teams and we're going to have some teams that struggle. We struggled on the course, but I think the kids learned a lot and got a lot out of it."

And JCC will play host to the nationals for three more years.

"It's a double-edged sword," Burk said about playing host to the national tournament. "We use that as an enticement for kids — 'Look, you come here and you will play on a national

level.' However, you've got to represent the school at a national caliber."

The top individual in the tournament was Joe Kunz from Monroe with rounds of 75-73-73-72 for a 293. In second was Matt Mooney of Copiah-Lincoln CC from Wesson, Miss., with 70-79-71-75-295.

The low scores in Friday's final round were even-par 72s by Kunz and Ted Fitzpatrick from Bergen CC in Paramus, N.J.

Rock Valley will lose four of its players, so Benjamin said, "We're starting fresh next year."

But the Golden Eagles have a goal to motivate them. Their rival in their region is the College of DuPage from Glen Ellyn, Ill., and that is the last team to win three straight Division III national golf titles.

Rock Valley would like to be the next.

TEAM STANDINGS	
Rock Valley College	313-303-308-311-1,235
Monroe CC	315-313-304-316-1,248
Burlington County College	323-301-317-310-1,251
Central Lakes College	313-319-310-312-1,254
SUNY Cobleskill	322-319-314-314-1,269
Columbus State CC	315-315-328-315-1,273
Penn State Beaver	326-339-322-327-1,314
Suffolk County CC	343-329-324-323-1,319
JCC	350-345-325-363-1,373
Holyoke CC	340-345-344-348-1,377
Keystone College	306-312-316-934-DO
Central Carolina CC	395-362-757-WD
TOP 20 INDIVIDUALS (Plus ties)	
Joe Kunz, Monroe CC	75-73-72-293
Matt Mooney, Copiah-Lincoln CC	70-79-71-75-295
Nate Dyer, SUNY Cobleskill	76-76-74-76-307
Eric Rowbottom, Central Lakes College	79-77-69-77-302
Ted Fitzpatrick, Bergen CC	77-80-75-72-304
Jeff Clark, Riverland CTC	77-75-76-77-305
Dave Hunt, Raritan Valley CC	75-79-75-77-306
Brad Myatt, Mohawk Valley CC	80-75-76-76-307
Chate Binder, SUNY Cobleskill	81-72-78-76-307
Grant Schnable, Rock Valley College	81-74-73-80-308
Travis Pope, Columbus State CC	77-72-81-79-309
Justin Heitkamp, Central Lakes College	74-83-77-309
Jesse Gawlik, SUNY Cobleskill	78-80-77-75-310
Matt Smith, Rock Valley College	71-76-71-75-310
Matt La Marca, Rock Valley College	74-77-83-76-310
Nathan Fry, Keystone College	77-77-81-77-312
John Russo, CC of Rhode Island	78-77-79-79-313
Damon Brennan, Monroe CC	80-78-76-79-313
Justin Bennett, Riverland CC	79-78-80-77-314
Jeff Hall, Dutchess CC	82-74-81-77-314
Josh Kuha, Central Lakes College	79-77-81-77-314



Dick Cole, left, hits from the fairway, while playing partner Phil Cammarata Jr., shows off his putting prowess during the final round of the Italian-American Charity Golf Tournament.

P-J photo by Jim Riggs

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Cole did it on the 465-yard par-5 by laying up on his second shot and then hitting a lob wedge 3 feet from the pin.

They moved on to No. 1 and Cammarata came through with a net birdie 3, and then Cole had a net birdie 3 at No. 4 to put them 4 under for the day and 18 under for the tournament.

But for their final seven holes, Cammarata and Cole recorded seven pars — and some weren't easy.

"We went 4 under and then we just kept saving, saving, saving," Cammarata said.

And he added it was aggravating because, "On every hole, except No. 7, we were putting for birdie."

The first big save came at the par-4 seventh where Cole hit his drive in the water. But he put his third shot, after the penalty, with a sand wedge 7 feet from the cup and sunk the putt to save a par.

"I told my partner I'd been failing him with the driver, I'm going to get you a par," Cole said.

Another big save was at the 280-yard, par-4 ninth where Cole's driver failed him again. His tee shot rolled toward a ditch crossing the fairway, but somehow his ball bounced out on the other side.

"I thought it was in," Cole recalled. "I drove that green both (previous) days. With the adrenaline flowing, I thought I could do it again."

With a second life, Cole put a pitching wedge on the green and two-putted for another par.

Cole was playing with only a 2 handicap and his last stroke hole was the difficult par-4 10th where he hit his drive through the fairway to the left and then punched a 4-iron over the green on the right. Then he chipped on and two-putted for a bogey 5, but net par 4.

After saving a par, Cammarata and Cole arrived on the 11th tee, their final regulation hole in the tournament, and learned their two-shot lead was down to one. And that's when Cole ripped his huge drive to preserve the victory.

"That's the way I was hitting them for two days," Cole said.

And thanks to that drive and his eventual par, they didn't have to go into a playoff.

Playoffs were required to determine champions in other flights.

In the First Flight, Frank Baggiano and Jack Fulford defeated Morrie Paterniti and Scott Smith in a playoff to determine the champion after they tied with 200s.

Matt Trusso and Jon Gronquist were third with a 201.

John Lisciandro and Marv Eimiller won the Second Flight with a 201 while Tim D'Angelo and Mike Johnson finished second with a 203. In third with a 204 were Mike Giunta and Frank Farrell.

The Third Flight champions were Joe Pappalardo and Bill Lawhon with a 207. In a playoff for second between teams at 209, Gabe Panebianco and Tom

Michos defeated Pete Pillitteri and Andy Sandstrom.

Sam Galbato and John Young won the Fourth Flight, also with a 207. Finishing second with 208 were Jim Giunta and Nelson Johnson while Jon Scalise and Kurt Eimiller took third with a 210.

The Fifth Flight winner was determined in a playoff after two teams tied with 208. Jim Phillips and Ben Toter won the playoff while Sebby Baggiano and Gary Yager settled for second. Third place went to Hank Guelfi and Bill Cross with a 209.

Another playoff was required for the Sixth Flight and Phil Ribaud and Ben Moran took first place while Ted Pasquale and Paul Hedberg were second after the teams tied with 214s. Pete Cardinale and Roy Benson had a 216 for third.

Mark Panebianco and Van Tane won the Seventh Flight with a 220. In second with a 224 were John Panebianco and Adlai Rosario while Tony Triscari and Greg Johnson were third with a 227.

OVERALL	
Cammarata-Cole	65-65-68-198
Ribaudo-Crist	66-66-67-199
FIRST FLIGHT	
Certo-Gronquist	66-68-67-201
Certo-Dawson	64-70-68-202
Munello-Twinam	66-67-70-203
LaMancuso-Hartweg	67-67-70-204
Barlow-Footie	67-72-67-206
Restivo-Lockwood	63-68-76-207
Delmonte-Emke	67-78-71-216
Paterniti-Mead	67-79-76-222
SECOND FLIGHT	
Lisciandro-Eimiller	68-65-68-201
D'Angelo-Johnson	68-67-68-203
Giunta-Farrell	66-66-70-204
Munello-Curie	69-67-70-206
Morgan-Warney	68-70-68-207
Foti-Lundgren	68-70-70-208
Cusimano-Bjork	69-73-68-210
Calamunci-Johnson	67-75-68-210
Fasciana-Kim	69-74-70-213
Lamancuso-Roberts	68-74-74-216
Demarco-Henderson	68-74-75-217
Munella-Leathers	68-82-72-222
THIRD FLIGHT	
Pappalardo-Lawhon	70-69-68-207
Panebianco-Michos	70-70-70-203
Pillitteri-Sandstrom	70-64-75-209
Frangione-Tarbrate	69-72-69-210
Pillitteri-Bogden	70-72-68-210
D'Angelo-Johnson	69-75-68-212
Smeraldo-Keppel	70-75-67-212
Bianco-Shults	70-69-74-213
Pappalardo-Melquist	70-70-74-214
Panebianco-O'Mara	69-71-74-214
Volpe-Emerson	70-78-69-217
Pillitteri-Johnson	70-74-75-219
FOURTH FLIGHT	
Galbato-Young	71-65-71-207
Giunta-Johnson	71-67-70-208
Scalise-Eimiller	70-68-72-210
Scheira-Whitmore	71-70-70-211
Demarco-Yocum	71-73-67-211
Vitello-Deppas	71-72-70-213
Barlow-Footie	71-72-72-215
Cappa-Smith	71-70-75-216
Mole-Anderson	71-73-74-218
Vassallo-Spaicher	71-76-71-218
Siriano-Bender	70-75-72-219
Calanni-Bender	71-80-70-221
FIFTH FLIGHT	
*Phillips-Toter	71-69-68-208
Baggiano-Yager	72-65-71-208
Guelfi-Cross	72-71-69-209
Peppy-Moss	73-74-66-213
D'Angelo-Handzel	72-75-73-220
Panebianco-Pullan	73-78-69-220
Peppy-Hartweg	72-76-72-222
Pietrocarlo-Auer	72-78-72-222
Mason-Glatz	72-78-71-222
Pappalardo-Moore	72-79-76-227
Lisciandro-Petersen	72-80-77-229
Conti-Miller	72-83-74-229
SIXTH FLIGHT	
*Ribaudo-Moran	75-67-72-214
Pasquale-Hedberg	75-72-67-214
Cardinale-Benson	76-71-69-216
Lisciandro-Sottir	76-73-69-218
Fashiano-Beausigneur	75-69-75-219
Paladino-Sweet	73-75-73-221
Barlow-Allen	74-76-71-221
Miletti-Carlson	74-72-77-223
Siriano-Lockwood	74-78-73-225
Baggiano-Mackenzie	74-73-79-226
Mole-Anderson	75-77-74-226
Calaisina-Henderson	74-75-80-229
SEVENTH FLIGHT	
Panebianco-Tane	80-72-68-220
Panebianco-Rosario	76-76-72-224
Triscari-Johnson	76-72-72-227
Paladino-Sheffield	79-73-76-228
Trippi-Dubois	77-74-77-228
Trussalo-Joslyn	79-77-73-229
D'Angelo-Sheffield	80-79-71-230
Cordosi-Carlson	78-75-79-232
Paterniti-Harris	77-77-81-235
Cusimano-Gould	83-88-74-237
Panebianco-McHone	80-78-78-238
Sgro-Johnson	81-84-85-250
*won playoff	

Croatia Upsets Italy In World Cup

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP) — Another soccer power is in trouble at the World Cup.

With defending champion France, Argentina and Portugal already stung, Italy was beaten 2-1 by Croatia on Saturday.

While four-time champion Brazil had no such problems, trouncing newcomer China 4-0, the three-time winners from Italy blew a second-half lead. They also put two balls in the net, only to have the goals disallowed, enraging their players and coach.

"We had some bad luck today. The linesman more than the referee penalized Italy. He voided goals without any reason," said Christian Vieri, who scored for Italy with a header in the 55th minute.

But Ivica Olic slipped behind three Italian defenders to score

in the 73rd minute at Ibaraki, Japan. Three minutes later, Milan Rapaic sent in a whirling volley off a defender.

Earlier, the Italians thought they had scored when Vieri headed in a pass from midfielder Gianluca Zambrotta. But the officials ruled it offside.

Then, in the closing minutes, a long pass trickled into the net untouched, but again officials overturned it, saying attacker Filippo Inzaghi pulled down a defender.

"Italy controlled the game and deserved to have drawn the game," coach Giovanni Trapattoni said. "We had a lot of chances at the end of the game, and I don't understand why our equalizer was not allowed."

Track

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It was Caulcrick's second trip to the state meet — he finished second last year with a then-record toss of 49-5 — but the previous experience didn't take away from the pressure.

"It's always exciting going to a new place," he said. "You're still always in awe."

Although Caulcrick mentioned "jinx" in regards to his previous championship showings, McMullin didn't buy into that theory.

"I don't like to look at the fact that he was runner-up last year," McMullin said. "He was runner-up, but he still broke the school record and threw the best he ever threw. There's no such thing as 'he didn't win' — it doesn't make any difference."

"If you can throw better than you did before — if it wins, that's fine. If it doesn't, you still did great."

Caulcrick admitted that winning the state title puts more pressure on next year, but he says he's ready for the challenge.

"In a way it does (put pressure on for next year)," Caulcrick said. "But I'm looking forward to it."

Caulcrick tossed 54-2 in Federation competition to place fifth among all classes.

While Caulcrick was the only one to top the podium, several other Southern Tier athletes delivered solid performances over the weekend as well.

Defending Class C/D 400-meter intermediate hurdles

champ Katie McKane of Chautauqua Lake finished second with a time of 1:05.41 while taking fourth in the 100-meter high hurdles with a 17.39.

Panama's Heather Matthews placed third in the Class C/D girls 100 meters with a time of 13.09 while taking fifth in the 200 meters with a 27.00 in her first trip to the state meet.

"I just tried to prepare as much as I could," Matthews said. "I didn't really think about the other competitors, I just wanted my times to be low."

In the 100, Matthews' preliminary time of 12.80 would have won the final heat.

"My preliminary time yesterday would have won me it," the junior said. "Today I was last out of the blocks. I saw everybody in front of me, so I just did my best to get back up there."

"I'm surprised I got third," Southwestern's Mackenzie Shults, who placed third in Friday's 400 meters, finished fourth in the Class B girls 200 Saturday with a time of 26.54.

"I wanted to finish where I was seeded and I was seeded second, but I finished third," the freshman said of her performance in the 400. "My time was really good, but I was a little disappointed. It was really, really competitive."

Southwestern's Mike Currie, who finished second in the boys discus Saturday, placed fourth in the Class B shot put Saturday with record-tying toss of 53-5 1/2.

BASEBALL, SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Juliana Walker stroked three hits with a triple and Breanna Currie also had three hits with a double as Piazza's outslugged S & T Sluggers, 25-10.

Lindsay Beckstrom cracked two doubles, Cass two singles and Hayward a three-run home run for the winners.

Julia Baggiano connected for two doubles in a losing cause.

Valley Girls Majors

10-12 Softball

April Jackson smacked her first home run of the season, a grand-slam, as the Jamestown Awning Rovers trimmed Gerry, 30-12.

Erin Young scored five times and had two hits for the winners as did Meghan Burns and Birtany Saxton. Burns' hits brought in two runs.

For Gerry, Alyssa Heintz, Lillie Olmstead and Cassie Peru split six hits.

Southern Tier Girls

9-10 Softball

Farm Fresh Foods & Culligan Water split a doubleheader. Farm Fresh Foods took the

first game, 7-6.

Carly Gould and Courtney Uhlig were named the players of the game in the win.

Taylor Shreve, who had a double, and Ashley Senske were the Players of the Game for Culligan Water.

Culligan Water prevailed in the second game, 16-6.

Tara Hosier and Shannon O'Neill each had three hits to lead the victors and Alyson Raynor added two hits, including a double.

Melissa Rensel, Tara Hudson and Amber Knapp each chipped with two hits in the win.

Uhlig belted two hits in the loss.

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7-8 Girls Softball