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PROUD PANTHERS



Frewsburg second baseman Thad Johnson attempts to turn a double play on Saturday in the Class C semifinal game. See additional photos at cu.post-journal.com.

Photo by Brian C. Horey

Johnson Tosses Four-Hitter As Bears Lose In Class C Semis

By TERRY HESLINK

ENDICOTT — Cael Johnson finished his brilliant five-year baseball career at Frewsburg in impressive fashion on Saturday afternoon at Union-Endicott's Sylvester Field.

However, his performance wasn't enough to prevent the Bears (19-8) from suffering a heartbreaking, 3-0, decision to Fort Plain (26-2) of Section 2 in the New York State Class C semifinals.

As good as Johnson pitched with a four-hitter, junior Dustin Baker was even more impressive as he hurled a superb two-hitter with eight strikeouts and one walk.

Incredibly, Baker did not allow the Bears to have a runner in scoring position the entire game. "He mixed it up and was sneaky fast," said Frewsburg coach Bud Foust.

This was the second time in three years that the Bears, who won three state titles in the 1990s, lost in the semifinals. They were defeated by Friends Academy of Long Island, 11-7, in 2005.

"We had an outstanding season and we can hold our heads up high as some kids never get an opportunity to go this far," said Foust.

The way both Johnson and Baker were mowing down the hitters it was becoming apparent that the team that scored first was probably going to be the winner.

In the third inning, the Hilltoppers mounted a threat against Johnson. Ryan Hudyncia reached on an error and Danny Talbot was hit in the helmet. Talbot was forced to leave, but eventually returned to his role as designated hitter. Johnson fanned Brad Bowers to get out of the jam.

After the game was scoreless going into the sixth, the tie was broken by Fort Plain in the bottom half of the inning. The decisive inning began when third baseman James Thomas smashed a 3-2 pitch for a double up the right center field gap.

"We were hoping to get him to bite at a pitch, but we got behind him in the count and threw a pitch he liked," said Foust.

Coach Craig Phillips, who is the career leader in wins in Section 2, inserted Shayne Hinkle to run for Thomas.

Dan Hanifin then drove a single off the glove of second baseman Asa Johnson that brought in the first run of the game.

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Members of the Pine Valley Panthers lift the Class D state championship trophy after winning the crown on Saturday in Binghamton. See additional photos at cu.post-journal.com.

P-J photo by Scott Kindberg

Pine Valley Proves They're The Best In Class D

By SCOTT KINDBERG

BINGHAMTON — The celebration was over, the hugs had been exchanged and the pictures had been taken, but it was hard to ignore the symbolism in the area around the batter's box at Conlon Field.

Placed ever so neatly in the dirt behind the plate were the black spikes belonging to Derek Austin, Pine Valley's senior catcher.

But they weren't going anywhere.

In Austin's eyes, they were, well, right at home.

"I always thought about it," said Austin, standing on the infield grass near the pitcher's

mound late Saturday afternoon in his purple uniform socks, "especially being my last high school sport. I'm never going to need them again."

Like all of his teammates, Austin left everything he had on the field and, for the first time in school history, a boys team is bringing home a state championship to South Dayton.

Kyle Armstrong's ringing single to left with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning scored Austin with the winning run, lifting Pine Valley to a 2-1 victory over Chapel Field of Section 9 in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Class D championship game.

"It's a dream," Panthers coach Charlie LaDuca said. "You want to believe, but in the back of your mind, you think, 'What are the odds?'"

For the Panthers, they were pretty good. No, check that. They were the best.

Senior Jon Howard tossed a three-hitter, struck out seven and walked two in another brilliant outing, and he received just enough offensive support to earn the win after posting a save in the Panthers' 5-1 semifinal victory over Brushton-Moira of Section 10 earlier in the day.

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Hoosic Valley Too Much For Lady Wolverines

By MATT SPIELMAN

Special to The Post-Journal

BINGHAMTON — All season long, one thing Westfield's softball team didn't have to worry about was its offense.

Saturday at the BAGSAI complex near Binghamton, the offense — or lack thereof — was the Lady Wolverines undoing.

Hoosic Valley junior ace Jennifer Mineau threw a no-hitter with 20 strikeouts and the Lady Indians used a three-run first inning to beat Westfield, 6-0, and advance to the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class C state championship game.

"We weren't even sure we'd win the league, but then that happened and the sectional win happened," Hoosic Valley coach Jim Seeley said. "It's a dream and we are all living it."

The performance brought Mineau's season total to five no-hitters including two perfect games.

"Their pitcher's reputation preceded her," Westfield coach Dave Luder said. "We knew we had to get the ball. We didn't know what she threw, we just knew that she could throw. They won 1-0 and 2-1 coming in, so giving up the three runs early really hurt."

Only three Lady Wolverines put the ball in play off Mineau.

Bre Meleen popped out to second for the third out of the first inning. Sam Grismore grounded out to short in the fifth inning and Meleen later reached on an error that very easily could have been scored a double, in the seventh inning.

"We're pretty fortunate," Seeley said. "We're looking for that kind of performance and she seems to rise to the occasion."

Mineau actually struck out four Lady Wolverines in the fourth inning when her third strike to Meleen was dropped, allowing the Westfield third baseman to take first base. A called strike-three ended that inning.

Westfield starter Alyssa Brosious struggled out of the gate.

Two singles, a walk and three wild pitches allowed three of the first four Hoosic Valley players to score before the Lady Wolverines even came to the plate.

"The first inning was tough because we knew we had to keep the game tight," Luder said. "To give them three was tough. Just like the last two games, Alyssa seemed to be right there before the game. She's come a long way since her freshman year."

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Westfield's Shea Riley guns down a Hoosic Valley runner late in the game. See additional photos at cu.post-journal.com.

Photo by Brian C. Horey

Beckerink, Turner Are Divisional Winners In Soap Box Derby

Alexander Beckerink and Mike Turner, both of Lakewood, claimed first place in their respective divisions in the 2007 Jamestown Area Soap Box Derby on Saturday at the John Sinatra Memorial Soap Box Track.

Beckerink, sponsored by Deronde Tire Supply in Buffalo, was victorious in the Stock Division, while Turner, who was sponsored by the Optimist Club and Turner Brokers, took first in the Super Stock Division.

Bobby Jo Ostrom placed second in the Stock Division. She was followed by Abbey Andrews in third place and Madilyn Williams in fourth.

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Ben Swanson crosses the finish line during Saturday's Soap Box Derby.

Photo by Nicholas Reynolds

Tarbrake's Four-Foot Putt Decides I-A Golf Tournament

By JIM RIGGS

ELLCOTTVILLE — On quite a few putts on the back nine at Holiday Valley Resort on Saturday, Mark Tarbrake pulled up both his head and his partner and left them short.

So when he was faced with a 4-foot putt on the 18th hole to win overall title of the 37th annual Italian-American Charity Golf Tournament, it was vital that he keep his head down.

Tarbrake did keep his head down and the result was the ball went down in the cup to give he and his partner, Todd Frangione, the overall title by one shot.

They finished with a net best-ball 54-hole total of 197, 16 under par.

If Tarbrake had missed the putt for a bogey and net par 4, his team would have joined two others in a playoff.

Instead, there was a playoff for the overall runnerup spot with two squads tied with 198s. In the playoff,

Frank Baggiano and Jack Fulford, defeated Sebby Baggiano and Gary Yager.

Frangione and Tarbrake, who trailed by one shot after the first round and were tied for the lead with Baggiano and Fulford after the second, weren't sure how they stood when they came to the downhill 18th hole on Saturday.

"I thought we were two (shots) up," said Tarbrake, playing out of Moon Brook Country Club with a 14 handicap.

Instead, they were tied for the lead and the final hole was all up to Tarbrake after Frangione, playing out South Hills CC with a 17 handicap, hit a poor drive.

"I left him all alone," he said.

Tarbrake's drive left him 200 yards from the green, which is guarded in front by a creek. He decided to hit an 8-iron to the bottom of the hill.

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Mark Tarbrake watches his second putt on the 18th green head to cup to give he and his partner, Todd Frangione, the overall title of the 37th annual Italian-American Charity Golf Tournament. See additional photos at cu.post-journal.com.

P-J photo by Jim Riggs

SPORTS

Golf: Frangione, Tarbrake Shoot 197

Rags To Riches Shows She Can Beat The Boys

NEW YORK (AP) — Rags to Riches can beat the boys, too.

The fabulous filly outdueled Curlin in a breathtaking stretch run and won the Belmont Stakes on Saturday, becoming the first of her sex to take the final leg of the Triple Crown in more than a century.

No one was happier with the victory than trainer Todd Pletcher and jockey John Velazquez, who both ended long droughts in Triple Crown races: Pletcher was 0-for-28, Velazquez 0-for-20.

The normally reserved Pletcher was screaming throughout the stretch run, one that had the fans at Belmont Park on their feet roaring as the two stars battled saddlecloth to saddlecloth to the wire.

Rags to Riches, despite a slight stumble at the start, became the third filly to capture the Belmont — Ruthless took the first running in 1867 and Tanya won in 1905. Only 22 fillies have tried the Belmont, with Rags to Riches the first since Silverbulletday finished seventh in 1999.

And what a sensational Belmont it was, even without Kentucky Derby winner Street Sense.

When the field of seven 3-year-olds made the turn for home in the 1 1/2-mile race, four horses fought for the lead, with Rags to Riches, the Kentucky Oaks winner, on the outside and Preakness winner Curlin moving between rivals.

And then it became a two-horse race — a true battle of the sexes. In a furious stretch battle, with Velazquez urging his filly on, Rags to Riches won by a head — the same margin Curlin edged Street Sense by in the Preakness three weeks ago.

“The filly ran a great race on the right day,” said Curlin’s trainer, Steve Asmussen. “And now they’re taking her picture.”

Rags to Riches covered the 1 1/2 miles in 2:28.74, well off Secretariat’s track record of 2:24. But time didn’t matter in this one.

Rags to Riches was sent off as the 4-1 second choice and returned \$10.60, \$4.40 and \$3.20. Curlin, with Robby Albarado aboard, paid \$3 and \$2.30. Tiago was third and returned \$3.70.

Hard Spun finished fourth, followed by C P West, Imawildandcrazyguy and Slew’s Tizzy.

It was Pletcher who made the surprise call to run Rags to Riches, who dominated her own division with four straight victories, including the Kentucky Oaks. The nation’s top trainer said the absence of Street Sense, plus his filly’s pedigree added up to taking a shot.

The Belmont, the longest and most grueling of the Triple Crown races, is a race that Kentucky Derby winning fillies Winning Colors and Genuine Risk could not win.

Drawing on the bloodlines that carried her father, A.P. Indy, and grandfather, Seattle Slew, to victory in the race, Rags to Riches proved she is as worthy as her half-brother, last year’s Belmont winner Jazil.

“It’s a special feeling to do it with a filly,” Pletcher said. “When she stumbled, I had a bad feeling. When we turned for home and I saw Curlin sneak through on the inside, I knew it was going to be a horse race from there.”

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“I hit it a little chunky,” said Tarbrake, who was left with a 115-yard shot to the green.

Then he hit a wedge shot about 20 feet left of the pin.

“I was shooting for the middle of the green,” Tarbrake said. “When I hit it I said, ‘That’s the best shot of my life.’”

All he had to do was two-putt for the title, but he left his 20-footer about 4 feet short. But that didn’t bother Tarbrake.

“I was making those putts all day,” he said.

And he told himself, “I’m going to make this.”

And he did.

When the eventual overall champions started out, it looked like they may not need a putt to win on the 18th hole because they had three net birdies in the first four holes.

“But we heard Baggiano and Fulford were 3 under in front of us,” Frangione said.

What they didn’t know was that team had a string of poor holes and gave all those strokes back.

Frangione and Tarbrake strung together four pars in a row before recording a bogey at No. 9 to finish the front with a net 2-under 34.

“That was disturbing,” Frangione said about the bogey at No. 9.

Then they also bogeyed No. 10 to move to 1 under.

Frangione said his thoughts were, “Uh, oh. Here we go.”

But they bounced back with a net birdie 3 at No. 11 by Tarbrake.

“That was huge,” he said. “We were hanging right in there.”

However, after a par at No. 12, they bogeyed again at the par-4 13th after rattling their drives into trees. But they weren’t upset.

“I thought that was a great bogey,” Tarbrake said. “We could have ended up with a 7 or an 8 on that hole.”

That bogey was erased when Tarbrake recorded a net birdie 4 at No. 14.

“We were back on track, but there was a tough par 3 coming up,” Tarbrake said. “I thought if we parred we’d be OK.”



Todd Frangione hits a shot out of a fairway bunker on the 13th hole during the final round of the 37th annual Italian-American Charity Golf Tournament. See additional photos at cu.post-journal.com.

P-J photo by Jim Riggs

And that’s what they did to win the overall title.

And they credited their playing partners, John Lisciandro and Marv Eimiller, for keeping them focused.

“They were very positive,” Frangione said. “Great guys.”

Frangione and Tarbrake have been playing in the event for 10 years and their previous best finishes were a couple lower flight titles.

After losing the playoff for overall runnerup honors, Baggiano and Yager ended up winning the First Flight with their 198. Lisciandro and Eimiller defeated Jack Munella Sr. and Dave Currie in a playoff for second place after they tied with 200s.

Jim Guinta and Ken Johnson won the Second Flight with a 199 while Morrie Paterniti and Scott Smith were second with a 200. Tom D’Angelo and Steve Johnson took third with a 201.

Brett Cappa and Dennis Boron won a playoff over George Panebianco and John O’Mara to win the Third

Flight after they tied with 201s. Gregg Pietrocario and Hans Auer were third with a 203.

In the Fourth Flight, Phil DeMarco and Jim Henderson were the winners with a 204. Three teams tied for second with 206s and after playoffs, Pat DeMarco and Steve Loeb took second, Rob Foti and Craig Lundgren claimed third while Tony Vitello and John Deppas had to settle for fourth.

The Fifth Flight champions were Paul Mole and Steve Anderson with a 204. Anthony Tuccio and Dan Hocking were second with a 205 and Lou Bianco and Ed Shults were third with a 207.

The Sixth Flight was filled with playoffs. Sam Mason and Craig Glatz defeated Mike Guinta and Frank Farrell in the playoff for first place after the teams tied with 207s. Then in a playoff for third place between teams tied with 210s, Pete Scheira and Greg Whitemore defeated John Sirianno and Mark Lockwood.

The Seventh Flight winners were Henry Mole and Tom Ames with a 201 while Anthony Peppy and Reid Van Every took second with a 211. Pete Cardinale and Roy Benson defeated Tom Calalesina and Rho Henderon in a playoff for third place after they tied with 212s.

OVERALL	
Frangione-Tarbrake	63-65-89-197
*Baggiano-Fulford	66-62-70-198
FIRST FLIGHT	
Baggiano-Yager	66-68-64-198
*Lisciandro-Eimiller	64-68-68-200
Munella-Currie	64-72-64-200
Fashano-Johnson	65-68-70-203
LaMancuso-Hartweg	66-68-69-203
Bellitto-Smith	65-70-71-206
Phillips-Toter	62-73-72-207
Paladino-Sweet	66-67-76-209
Ribaldo-Johnson	63-75-72-210
Cusimano-Melquist	63-78-71-212
Viale-Miley	65-81-73-218
SECOND FLIGHT	
Guinta-Johnson	67-62-70-199
Paterniti-Smith	67-66-67-200
D’Angelo-Johnson	66-67-68-201
Lombardo-Johnson	67-66-69-202
Panebianco-Larson	67-70-65-202
D’Angelo-Koppel	67-68-67-202
D’Angelo-Meyers	67-68-69-204
Ribaldo-Crist	67-71-67-205
Cammarata-Cole	67-71-67-205
Delmonte-Emke	67-71-71-209
Gueffi-Cross	67-74-70-211
THIRD FLIGHT	
*Cappa-Boron	68-65-68-201
Panebianco-O’Mara	68-67-66-201
Pietrocario-Auer	68-72-63-203
Restivo-Lockwood	67-68-69-204
Cusimano-Bjork	68-68-69-205
Trussalo-Joslyn	68-66-72-206
Pappalardo-Brunervas	68-71-67-206
Scheira-Moore	68-66-73-207
Philitieri-Bogdan	68-67-75-210
Morgan-Wren	67-72-72-211

Panebianco-Johnson	67-71-74-212
Lisciandro-Petersen	68-72-78-218
FOURTH FLIGHT	
DeMarco-Henderson	69-67-68-204
*DeMarco-Loeb	69-68-68-206
Foti-Lundgren	69-70-67-206
Vitello-Deppas	69-72-65-206
Munella-Calkins	69-67-71-207
Tarana-Weinberg	69-70-70-209
D’Angelo-Handzel	69-72-71-212
Cappa-Sullivan	69-69-76-214
Triscari-Noon	69-69-77-215
D’Angelo-Sheffield	69-72-76-217
Cusimano-Gronquist	69-74-75-218
Conti-Miller	69-81-78-228
FIFTH FLIGHT	
Mole-Anderson	70-65-68-203
Tuccio-Hocking	70-65-70-205
Bianco-Shults	69-67-71-207
Baggiano-Mackenzie	70-67-73-210
Briggiotta-Anderson	71-70-69-210
Conti-Higgins	71-70-69-210
Trusso-Gronquist	71-68-72-211
Certo-Dawson	71-70-70-211
Scalise-Eimiller	71-69-71-211
Pappalardo-Miller	70-73-68-211
Pasquale-Hedberg	70-72-69-211
Munella-Twinam	70-70-72-212
SIXTH FLIGHT	
*Mason-Glatz	72-67-68-207
Guinta-Farrell	72-67-68-207
*Scheira-Whitemore	72-72-66-210
Sirianno-Lockwood	71-68-71-210
Peppy-Moss	73-69-69-211
Volpe-Emerson	71-68-73-212
Galbato-Young	72-67-73-212
Sinatra-Sard	73-71-70-214
Philitieri-Sandstrom	72-74-68-214
Lisciandro-Dumaine	71-73-70-214
LaMancuso-Roberts	73-73-69-215
Philitieri-Johnson	73-73-72-218
Pappalardo-Harvey	73-72-74-219
Triscari-Hoff	72-78-69-219
SEVENTH FLIGHT	
Mole-Ames	74-69-67-210
Peppy-Van Every	74-72-65-211
Cardinale-Benson	76-69-67-212
Calalesina-Henderson	74-63-75-212
DeMarco-Yocum	73-70-70-213
Barlow-Foot	75-67-73-215
Calanni-Moots	75-70-70-215
Smeraldo-Joslyn	74-71-70-216
Rizzo-Mead	75-71-70-216
Cusimano-Wright	74-71-70-216
Barlow-McNally	75-72-74-221
Paterniti-Weinstein	80-67-77-224
Panebianco-Michos	75-81-70-226
Paladino-Sheffield	77-74-80-231

*Won playoff

Peck Leads Area Golfers At Girls State Championships

BALDWINSVILLE — Angela Peck of Southwestern leads the Chautauqua County participants after the first day of competition in the New York State Girls’ Golf Championships at Foxfire Country Club.

Peck fired an 85 for 18th place after the first day. Madison Crane and Teresa Samuelson, both of Dunkirk, shot a 107. Fredonia’s Jennifer Ringler shot a 110, while teammate

Kelly Pagano recorded a 114. Rebecca Catalano shot a 113 for Dunkirk. Rounding out the Chautauqua County participants are two Fredonia competitors in Elizabeth Garwonski with a 132 and Jessica Valvo with a 152.

Jeanne Walters of Sayville sits atop the leader board with a 76.

The tournament concludes today.

Mazany Finishes Fifth At State Track Meet

KINGSTON — Ronson Mazany completed his stellar high school track career at Panama with a fifth place in the Division 2 high jump in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Track and Field Championships on Saturday.

Mazany recorded a jump of 6-0 to record a fifth place finish in Division 2 and a 12th place overall finish.

On Friday, Mazany finished just shy of making Federations with an 11th place overall finish in the long jump.

Craig Himes of Falconer placed third in the boys Divi-

sion 2 shot put with a season best toss of 51-4 3/4. Another Section 6 competitor, Blake Eaton of Allegany-Limestone, won the event with a throw of 61-1 1/4. Eaton was the federation champion in the event and also placed second in the discus throw.

Kevin Callahan of Randolph finished in seventh place in Division 2 and 15th place overall in the Pentathlon. Callahan finished with 2,908 points. Tomarris Bell of McQuaid Jesuit in Section 1 took the event crown with 3,568 points.

Salamanca’s Whitney Hen-

dershot placed second Division 2 and eighth overall in the high jump with a jump of 5-4. She finished two inches behind Schuylerville eighth grader Sarah Palmer, who won the Division 2 crown. The overall winner was Dalilah Muhammad of Benjamin Cardozo with a jump of 5-9.

Falconer seventh grader Katie Saff finished seventh in Division 2 and 20th overall in the 2,000 steeplechase with a time of 7:28.94 while being the only state representative from her class. Liz Deir of Section 1’s Honeoye Falls won the race in 6:48.68.

Dunkirk Lets Large Lead, Shot At State Crown, Slip Away In Class A Semifinals

By DAVE IBACH
Special to The Post-Journal
BINGHAMTON — The look on Mike Curtin’s face said it all. The Dunkirk High senior, the last player on the field Saturday at Binghamton University, went down on one knee and brought his hand to his eyes. It was the final game of his high school career and the reality of the Marauders’ impressive run through the postseason had set in.

Although Dunkirk lost in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class A semifinals to Section 4’s Johnson City, 7-6, Curtin and six other senior Marauders had left an indelible impression on their teammates.

The Marauders, playing in their first state semifinal in 18 years, jumped out to a 6-1 lead on the Wildcats, who showed enough poise down the stretch to rally and live up to their No.

Derby

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In the Super Stock Division, Rachael Kosinski was second, Nicole Vincent placed third and Andrew Faulkner finished fourth.

The closest race differential in the Stock Division was .002 seconds while the tightest race in the SuperStock Division was .005 seconds.

Madilyn Williams won the Best Decoration Award in the Stock Division with her car sponsored by Gander Mountain. Scott Stenta, who was sponsored by El Greco Baby & Kids, Liberty St. Cafe, Escape Youth Ministries and Christ First United Methodist Church, won the award in the Super Stock Division.

1 state ranking. Johnson City pitcher Andrew Eggleston overcame a slow start to shut down Dunkirk over the final four innings. The senior right-hander allowed just four hits after a third inning in which he gave up four runs on five hits. He finished with a complete-game win, striking out seven and walking just one.

Matt Eaker, Dunkirk’s lefty who won his last six decisions entering the game, allowed just two hits through five innings before running into trouble in the sixth. He finished with a no-decision.

As vocal as the approximately 100 Dunkirk supporters on hand were, it was the Marauder bats that were loudest in the early going.

Joe Polichetti gave Dunkirk a 1-0 lead in the first inning, blasting a two-out inside-the-park home run to right-center field. The ball was roped through the right side of the infield and rolled to the wall, where Johnson City’s right fielder slipped on the warning track trying to make a play. By the time the ball was returned to the infield, Polichetti had slid home for the game’s first run.

The Marauders tacked on

another run in the second inning when Robert Nalepa walked and eventually scored on an error by Johnson City’s shortstop, who was trying to field a slow roller hit by Joe Jagoda.

In the third inning, Dunkirk broke the game open with four runs on four straight hits. Eaker got on with an infield single and moved to third on a double down the right-field line by Polichetti. Curtin brought home pinch-runner Billy Larson with a single to center and Bryant Watts came through with a seeing-eye RBI single to the left side. He later scored on a double to the right-field wall by Adam Kubasik.

Johnson City was on the ropes with Dunkirk runners on second and third base, but was saved when the Marauders tried a squeeze bunt that Joe Jagoda popped up to Wildcat third baseman Christopher Massar, who stepped on third for the double play. The lost opportunity would come back to haunt the Marauders.

While Eggleston found his groove on the mound, Johnson City started to inch back into the game with two runs in the fifth inning. Massar, the cleanup hitter, hit a towering

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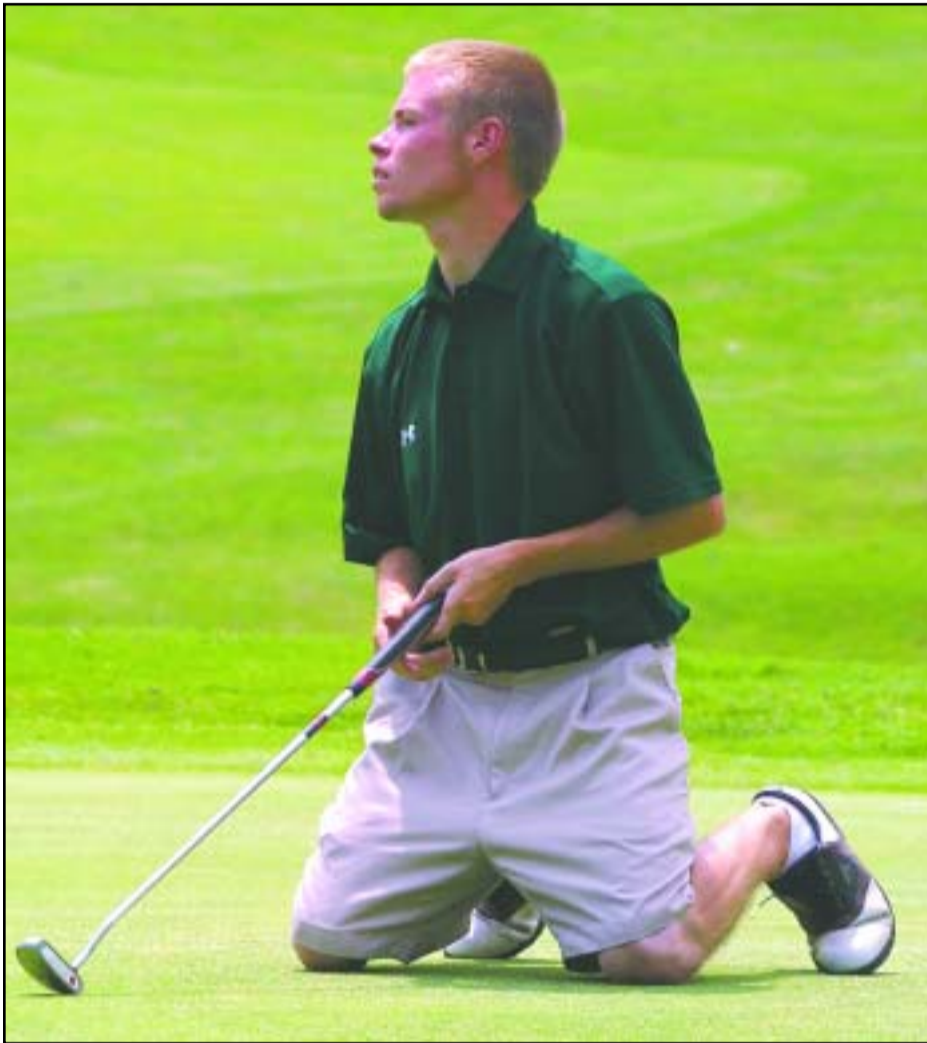
CHAUTAQUA — For the second straight year, the team that was ranked No. 1 in the final NJCAA Division III golf rankings went on to win the national title on the golf course.

Last year Monroe Community College from Rochester completed the feat and this year another New York junior college, Nassau CC from Garden City, did it.

Nassau was in second place after the first round, third after the second round and moved back to second after the third round. In Friday's final round on the Lake Course at Chautauqua Golf Club, Nassau shot a 291 for a 1,211 total to win the NJCAA Division III National Golf Tournament by seven shots over Rock Valley College from Rockford, Ill.

In third place was Montgomery College from Rockville, Md., with 1,221.

Host Jamestown CC shot a 309 on Fri-



Andy Frank of Jamestown Community College reacts after just missing a putt to save par on the 11th hole during the final round of the NJCAA Division III National Golf Tournament at Chautauqua Golf Club on Friday. See additional photos at cu.post-journal.com.

P-J photo by Jim Riggs

day for a 1,252 to finish tied for ninth place.

The individual champion was determined in a marathon playoff between Paul Jacobsen of Madison Area Technical College from Madison, Wis., who shot a 74, and Jose Gutierrez of Louisburg College from Louisburg, N.C., who shot a 1-under 71. Each finished with 294 totals and Gutierrez won the playoff on the fifth hole with a birdie 4.

JCC's Andy Frank finished fourth and two shots out of the playoff with 1-under-par 71 for a 296 total to earn All-American honors for the second straight year.

The key to Nassau's team victory was practice.

"After we finished our round yesterday, in which again we had only two kids play well, the other two did not, we went out and practiced," Nassau coach Larry Dellaquila said. "We went out and played the Hill Course. We hit shots, we putted."

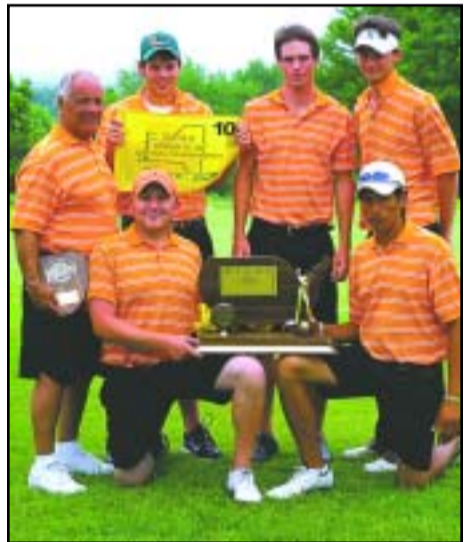
Jonathan Edwards had putting problems leading to an 83 on Thursday, but shot a 73 on Friday. Oliver Hudesman also had putting problems in the third round and after practicing he bounced back with a 1-under-par 71.

Nassau's other scores were Juan Sanchez 72, Colin Dolph 75 and a 77 by Matt Livolsi was thrown out.

"They played solid," Dellaquila said. "They played the way I expected them to play before we came here. I couldn't be any happier because they worked hard this year. I'm very, very proud of them. It was a great team effort."

A turning point in the tournament was when first- and second-round leader Louisburg, the team Dellaquila picked to win the tournament, shot a 317 in Thursday's third round to fall to fourth place.

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Nassau Community College won the NJCAA Division III National Golf Tournament on Friday after finishing first in the final rankings. In front, from left, are Oliver Hudesman and Juan Sanchez. In back are Coach Larry Dellaquila, Colin Dolph, Jonathan Edwards and Matt Livolsi. See additional photos at cu.post-journal.com.

P-J photo by Jim Riggs

Mazany
Places
Second
At States

KINGSTON — Ronson Mazany turned in a second-place finish at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Track and Field Championships at Dietz Memorial Stadium on Friday.

After placing fourth last year in the Division 2 boys long jump, Mazany finished second to Kurt Vowell of Section 4.

Mazany finished with a jump of 21 feet, 1 1/2 inches while Vowell had a distance of 22-1 3/4 in 95-degree heat.

Jason Deering is the only Panama athlete to record a better finish, placing first in the 110-meter high hurdles in the early 1990s.

Mazany will return to action today with the high jump slated to begin at 10:30 a.m.

Zac Laumer of Southwestern will be in the Federation race today after finishing sixth in the Division 2 800 with a time of 1:57.43. The winning time was in the 1:51 range.

Laumer will be among 12 athletes who will be competing for the overall state title.

Chelsea Caruso of Falconer recorded a fifth-place finish in the Division 2 girls pole vault.

She recorded a height of 9-6. Linda Hadfield of New York Mills of Section 3 won the event with a vault of 10-9.

Caleb Schenk of Clymer earned a medal with a sixth-place finish in the 400 intermediate hurdles (57.12).



The Pine Valley Central School baseball team received quite a send-off Friday morning as they departed for the state Final Four in Binghamton. The morning began with a pep rally at the high school, then the procession with lights and sirens from members of the Cherry Creek, Leon, and South Dayton volunteer fire departments, along with the New York State Police, made its way to the elementary school for a pep assembly there. Following the assembly, the team "high fived" pupils from the elementary school before boarding their chartered bus to the state Final Four Tournament. The Panthers will play against Brushton-Moira of Section 10 at 1 p.m. at Conlon Field. If they win, they'll face either Oriskany of Section 3 of Chapel Field of Section 9 in the state championship.

P-J photos by Sue Ann Fish

Titles On Line Today In Binghamton

BINGHAMTON — New York State titles are on the line for five Chautauqua County schools today at various sites in the Binghamton area.

Pine Valley, Frewsburg and Dunkirk are competing for baseball titles while Westfield and Fredonia are vying for girls softball crowns.

Pine Valley (23-2) battles Brushton-Moira of Section 10 (17-4) in a Class D semifinal at 1 p.m. at Conlon Field in Binghamton.

If successful, the Panthers advance to the title game against either Oriskany of Section 3 (17-5) or Chapel Field of Section 9 (17-3) at 4 p.m. at Conlon Field.

Meanwhile, Frewsburg (19-7) takes on Fort Plain of Section 2 (25-2) in the Class C semifinal at 1 p.m. at Union-Endicott High School.

The other semifinal has Keio Academy of Section 1 (21-3) against Oxford of Section 4 (20-3) followed by the championship at 4 p.m. at Union-Endicott.

Dunkirk (19-10) has a 1 p.m. date against Johnson City of Section 4 (19-2) in the Class A semifinals at Binghamton University.

A win would put the Marauders into the 4 p.m. title game against either Ichabod Crane of Section 2 (21-6) or Islip of Section 11 (18-10) at Binghamton.

In girls softball, Fredonia opens up its Class B semifinals against Marlboro of Section 9 at 9 a.m. at the Binghamton Area Girls Softball Association Incorporated Field.

The other game has Cohoes of Section 2 against defending champ Susquehanna Valley of Section 4.

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ALL IN A DAY'S SPORTS

By JIM RIGGS, SPORTS EDITOR



Nuts And Bolts

The Sunshine Cup? — Back in the early expansion years of the National Hockey League, did anyone ever imagine they would see Anaheim engraved on the Stanley Cup?

Or how about Tampa Bay or Dallas?

The days are long gone when Montreal repeated every year, or even Edmonton. A Canadian team hasn't won the cup since 1993.

But the last three Stanley Cup champions are Tampa Bay, Carolina and Anaheim.

Plenty Of Time To Celebrate — An interesting sidelight about this year's Stanley Cup Finals was that the games played in Anaheim started a little after 5 p.m. local time.

When the Ducks were hoisting the Stanley Cup on Wednesday night, it was around 7:30 p.m. That left plenty of time for celebrating because the night was still young.

Finally Put To Use — A few summers ago I picked up a nice winter vest at an outlet mall. I figured it would be great to wear under a winter jacket when covering high school football games or other events in frigid temperatures.

However, the vest hung in the closet and saw no use until recently and, like planned, I wore it under a winter jacket.

The first time was last month at Shorewood Country Club when covering The Post-Journal Champions golf tournament in cold conditions.

The second time was on Tuesday when covering the opening round of the NJCAA Division III National Golf Tournament at Chautauqua Golf Club where the wind chill was in the 30s.

That's the same course where golf was played in early January!

There's nothing like Chautauqua County weather.

Now That's Cooking — The NJCAA Division III National Golf Tournament kicks off with a banquet the night before the opening round. This year 170 steaks were served at Chautauqua Golf Club by Nick Andriaccio's crew and they were done perfectly.

When I grill two steaks for my wife and I, it's a challenge to get them right, so I can't even comprehend how you get 170 steaks grilled perfectly!

A Little Extra When Behind — Have you ever watched one of those all-star college football games in which they try to keep things competitive? One tactic is if one team is behind by a certain number of points, instead of kicking off after scoring, the team has the ball kicked right back to it.

Recently a new independent baseball league was considering something along the same lines. The Continental League, based in the Dallas suburb of Addison, considered having the trailing team's first home run in the seventh inning count double. But it was scratched after considering what it could do to statistics.

If a pitcher gave a grand slam home run, it would be worth eight runs instead of four and the pitcher's ERA would really skyrocket.

And would the batter be credited with eight RBIs?

History Lesson — *Triumph: The Untold Story of Jesse Owens and Hitler's Olympics* (Houghton Mifflin, \$24) by Jeremy Schaap is an excellent sports book, but it's also an excellent history book.

While reading about the amazing track and field career of Owens, you also get a history lesson about the United States and Germany in the 1930s.

As you read you are amazed at the accomplishments of Owens, who even broke records when he was injured. But you also will be amazed by the amount of research Schaap had to do to give readers a sense of the turbulent times in the U.S., where Owens faced racism, and in Nazi Germany.

Triumph is a great read to learn about Jesse Owens and also some world history.

Still Going Strong, Moore
Celebrates 95th Birthday

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FREWSBURG — He still lives in the same 1890s-built

house his

father and

grandfather

grew up in, and

died in.

He still

cuts his

own

grass,

about two

to three

acres

around the

property he

grew his

roots on. He still

attends the

same church he

has gone to

since day one,

about a mile

outside the

closest hill. He's

still married

to his lovely

bride Virginia,

60 years and

counting. He is

not only the

oldest, living

NASCAR

winner, he is

also the oldest,

living

ARCA winner,

and he

turned 95 on

Friday.

His name is

Lloyd Moore,

and he's alive

and well living

just outside

of Frewsburg.

And he is

remarkably

sharp in mind

and body. The

photo here is

recent.

A school bus

driver/mechanic

and racecar

driver, Moore

seemed to

get more satisfaction out of delivering kids safely to school than he ever got out of racing. Nonetheless, it was fun while it lasted. In fact, his

was fun while it lasted. In fact, his career-best fourth-place points finish in the 1950 NASCAR Grand National division (known today as the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series), lasted a brief six

years. For Moore, there were more important things pressing - like raising his six girls.

"I had a big family," said Moore. "Taking care of them was always more important than racing."

While his greatest joys were always his six kids, and now 13 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren, there is one

prize in the cabinet he also holds dear - a trophy from his all-time favorite track - Dayton

Speedway. And it was there at Dayton Speedway where on June 6, 1954 Lloyd Moore drove Julian Buesink's Ford to victory lane in the

MARC (ARCA)-sanctioned Metropolitan 300.

Lloyd Moore was born in the house he still lives in on

June 8, 1912, where he worked the family farm when

he wasn't attending school. See MOORE on Page B-4

Two Teams Tied For Lead At
Weather-Delayed Italian-American

ELLICOTTVILLE — The teams of Todd Frangione and Mark Tarbrake, and Frank Baggiano and Jack Fulford are the overall leaders after most of the second round of the 37th annual Italian-American Charity Golf Tournament was played at Holiday Inn Resort on Friday.

Each team has a net best-ball 36-hole total of 128, 14 under par. Frangione and Tarbrake are atop the First Flight while Baggiano and Fulford

lead the Second Flight.

The overall runnerup team is Jim Guinta and Ken Johnson with a 129, which is also second in the Second Flight.

Rain delayed play for a while and resulted in 18 teams not finishing their rounds. They will complete their second round early this morning before starting their third and final round.

Today's champion and overall runnerup can come out of any of the seven flights.

N Y S P H S A A B A S E B A L L , S O F T B A L L T O U R N A M E N T S



The Frewsburg Bears will be attempting to come home with their fourth state baseball championship this weekend. They won state titles in 1991, 1995 and 1996.

P-J file photo by Scott Kindberg

Five Alive In Binghamton

Area Teams Leave Today For Final Four

By TERRY HESLINK

Three baseball teams and two softball teams are seeking New York State championships on Saturday with all the competition to be played in the Binghamton area.

Frewsburg, Pine Valley and Dunkirk are looking for titles in baseball while Westfield and Fredonia are hoping to win crowns in girls softball.

Frewsburg (19-7) is looking for its fourth state crown and its semifinal opponent is Fort Plain of Section 2 (25-2) at 1:30 p.m. at Union-Endicott High School.

A win by the Bears would put them into the 4 p.m. championship game against either Oxford

of Section 4 or Kei Academy of Section 1, which is an all Japanese team.

Pine Valley (23-2), which is the state top-ranked Class D team, is going for its first state crown and it opens against Brushton-Moira of Section 10 at 1 p.m. at Conlon Field.

If successful, the Panthers face either Oriskany of Section 3 or Chapel Field of Section 9 in the championship at 4 p.m. at Conlon Field.

Meanwhile, Dunkirk (19-10) has a Class A semifinal with Johnson City of Section 4, which is located just a few miles from the site at Binghamton University. The Marauders have won one state title in their history.

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The Westfield softball team will be making the first Final Four berth in school history.

P-J photo by Scott Kindberg

Cunningham
Named To
WNY Team
For ESG

By DAN SCOTCHMER

The accolades keep coming for Jamestown High School sophomore point guard Erinne Cunningham.

After being named First-Team All-Western New York, First-Team All-ECIC, Post-Journal Player of the Year (with her starting teammates) and Fourth-Team All-State, Cunningham will be a member of the Western New York girls basketball team that will participate in the Scholastic Division at the 30th annual Empire State Games this summer.

Cunningham will be on the team that will be competing at the Empire State Games, which will be held in Westchester County from July 26-29.

"It is obviously a big honor for Erinne," said Jamestown basketball coach Ken Ricker. "It is the 10 best girls in all of the Buffalo area up through Rochester. It is going to do great things for our program with her practicing and playing at that level."

The Jamestown Lady Raiders finished the season with a 23-1 record and Cunningham was the catalyst to the offensive attack. She averaged eight points and eight assists per contest. Her most dominating performance of the season came in the Cattaraugus County IAABO Tournament in December. She scored 18 points while grabbing eight rebounds and dishing out eight assists in a 78-32 victory over Pioneer in the finals. The performance earned her MVP honors for the tournament.

"Erinne is a sparkplug," Ricker said. "Everybody wants to run if you can, but you have to have the person who can lead. She makes good decisions and makes everybody else on the team better because she knows how to get people the ball at the right time. You can spend years teaching a point guard how to do that, but I was lucky to get Erinne as an eighth-grader and she already knew how to do that. She is playing with girls around her who will be playing at a high level. She is going to make them better because she is going to be able to create and get them easy shots. That is the sign of a great player when you can make your teammates better."

Opening ceremonies for the event are slated to be held on July 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla with 30 sports set to begin the next day.

Cunningham will be playing her games at Westchester Community College.

The Empire State Games are the largest amateur athletic event outside of the Olympics with more than 6,000 athletes participating.



ERINNE CUNNINGHAM

N J C A A D I V I S I O N I I I T O U R N A M E N T

MAKING A MOVE

Montgomery College
Shoots To Top; JCC
In Eighth Place

By JIM RIGGS

CHAUTAUQUA — Montgomery College from Rockville, Md., shot to the top score in Wednesday's second round of the NJCAA Division III National Golf Tournament to move into second place, three shots behind two-day leader Louisburg College from Louisburg, N.C.

But after rounds of 307 and 301, Louisburg skyrocketed to a 317 in Thursday's third round and plunged to fourth place with a 925 total. Montgomery came through with a 307 for a 918 and moved into first place in front of Nassau Community College from Garden City, N.Y., which moved up from third with a 304 for a 920.

The best team score of the day on the Lake Course at Chautauqua Golf Club was a 299 by Rock Valley College from Rockford, Ill., which moved it into third place with a 922.

Host Jamestown CC, coming off its second-best round ever (305) shot a 317 and fell from seventh into a tie for eighth in the record 17-team field.

The top individual scores were a pair of 2-under-par 70s by Colin Dolph of Nassau and Chase Williams of Northeast Mississippi CC.

The overall individual leader is still Paul Jacobsen of Madison Area Technical CC who shot a 75 after rounds of 71 and 74 for a 220 total. He leads Brian Viola of Dutchess CC by one shot.

The team and individual champions will be celebrating today at an earlier time than normal. Because a severe storm front is forecast to come



Brandon Jaroszynski of Jamestown Community College watches his putt on the 11th green. See additional photos at cu.post-journal.com.

P-J photo by Jim Riggs



Colin Hopkins of Jamestown Community College hits his second shot on No. 11 on the Lake Course at Chautauqua Golf Club during the third round of the NJCAA Division III National Tournament. See additional photos at cu.post-journal.com.

P-J photo by Jim Riggs

through in the late afternoon, the starting tees have been moved up 90 minutes from 9 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

All week Montgomery has just kept moving up the ladder as a team.

"We started in third after the first day, second after the second day and first on the third day," Coach Bobby Ashton said. "It will be a long day tomorrow. Two shots is not much (of a lead) with four players."

Steve Delmer led Montgomery with a 74 while Nick Scrivens and Paul Apolenis had 77s and Joseph Shapiro a 79. An 85 by Robert Ferguson

was tossed out.

"They played good today, but we had a little bit of a rough ending," Ashton said. "One of our players made a triple (bogey) on the last hole. That kind of hurt a little bit, but we've got a two-shot lead, so we can't complain."

When looking ahead to today's final round, he said, "The golf course started playing a lot harder. The greens are getting firm, the pin placements are tough and the greens are getting faster. So if it stays like this tomorrow with this wind, I expect the scores to be higher."

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Toter, Phillips Shoot
62, Lead I-A By One

ELLCOTTVILLE — After the opening round of the 37th annual Italian-American Charity Golf Tournament at Holiday Valley Resort, Ben Toter and Jim Phillips, the 1992 overall champions, are in the lead with a net best-ball 10-under-par 62.

Tied for second with 63s are Phil Ribaudo and Dave Johnson, Todd Frangione and Mark Tarbrake, and Anthony Cusimano and Todd Melquist.

Tied for fifth place with 64s are Jack Munella Sr. and Dave Currie, and John Liscicandro and Marv Eimiller.

The defending overall champions, Tim D'Angelo and Jeff Keppel, shot a 67.

Play continues today and concludes Saturday with the overall winner and runnerup coming out of any of the seven flights.



Cleveland's LeBron James, left, tries to drive past San Antonio's Bruce Bowen during Game 1.

AP photo

Spurs Outclass Cavaliers In Game 1

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — One of the most anticipated debuts in NBA finals history was way, way off the mark.

A LeBron James couldn't

solve San Antonio's stifling defense and the pick-and-rolling Spurs, as fundamental and selfless as ever, outclassed Cleveland in an 85-76 win over the Cavaliers in Game 1 on Thursday night.

Tim Duncan had 24 points, 13 rebounds and five blocks, and Tony Parker added 27 points for the Spurs, who began their quest for a fourth championship since 1999 by putting on a basketball clinic for the Cavs, finals rookies, who have

a ton of work to do if they have any intention of making this a competitive series.

With the eyes of Texas, a curious hoops nation and the world upon him, the 22-year-old James, who has rarely failed to rise to any occasion, flopped like never before on the game's grandest stage.

James shot just 4-of-16 from the field and finished with 14 points against the Spurs led by Bruce Bowen, San Antonio's secretary of defense, who got plenty of help from his teammates in grounding Cleveland's soaring superstar.

This was not the series opener James — or the NBA — had hoped for. His first foray

into the finals was hyped in the days leading up to the game as many wondered if he could deliver the way Michael Jordan once did.

But James came nowhere near matching Jordan's first game in the finals when he scorched the Los Angeles Lakers for 36 points on June 2, 1991.

Game 2 of the best-of-seven series is Sunday night in San Antonio. Games 3, 4 and 5 (if necessary) will be in Cleveland.

The Spurs, who lost twice to the Cavaliers during the regular season, seemed to be one step ahead of James all night. When he cut left, they cut him off. When he tried going right, they were right there.