

Golf

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Sutton needs to bring Daly along for Ryder

Notes

JIM McCABE

You wouldn't have expected it back in January, but one of the biggest letdowns of the pro golf season has been watching the Ryder Cup standings. There hasn't been any movement, any buzz, any drama. Road Runner cartoons have offered more suspense.

Consider that the top seven in the standings at the start of the season are still the top seven — Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Davis Love, Jim Furyk, Kenny Perry, David Toms, and Chad Campbell. They've changed the order here and there, but basically they've been locks. No. 8 Fred Funk? He was No. 8 at the start of the season. No. 10 Jerry Kelly? He was No. 10 to start the 2004 campaign. No. 14 Jay Haas? No. 14 when the season opened.

The season has been more about guys playing themselves off the team, not on the team. Chris Riley began 2004 ninth in the standings and is now 17th. Bob Tway has gone from 11th to 28th, Chris DiMarco from 12th to 19th, Rich Beem 13th to 31st, Justin Leonard 15th to 29th, Brad Faxon 16th to 27th, and Rocco Mediate 17th to 35th. Barring anything miraculous, these lads are not in the picture.

So who is? Obviously the guys holding down the last three automatic berths — No. 8 Funk, No. 9 Steve Flesch, and No. 10 Kelly — are in good shape heading into the last two tournaments for points, the International, which begins today in Castle Rock, Colo., and next week's PGA Championship in Kohler, Wis. From there, we have Jeff Maggert at No. 11, followed by Scott Verplank, Stewart Cink, Haas, and Tim Herron.

Nice players, but truly the only guy who is generating any public interest is sitting in the 20th spot: The one and only John Daly.

In the midst of his best season and coming off of a rousing runner-up finish at the Buick Open, the People's Choice ofers US captain Hal Sutton the only hint of a struggle. Captain Hal can roll out the clichés that arrive every couple of years and tell us how picking two guys to round

out a set of 12 golfers requires a degree in nuclear physics, but let's be serious. The guys in consideration — Funk, Flesch, Kelly, Maggert, Verplank, Cink, and Haas (and I'll dismiss Herron's chances, given he's recuperating from Lyme disease and hardly in peak condition) — play games that are strikingly similar and offer Sutton virtually the same sort of precision, finesse, and low-key personality.

But Daly? Now there's contrast. Not only does he play with a style that is totally foreign to Sutton — one of the ultimate fairways and greens machines — but he has a legion of supporters as deep and loyal as those who flock to Woods and Mickelson. Leaving Daly off the team will get these folks riled up.

Sutton never envisioned this scenario at the start of 2004, not with Daly lodged at No. 84 in the standings and coming off of a season in which he had made just eight cuts in 22 starts and compiled only \$220,647 in earnings.

"He deserves consideration," Sutton told reporters Tuesday in Los Angeles. That's a concession he never would have uttered back in January, but with a victory at the Buick Invitational in February and four other top-10 finishes, Daly has done something that a dozen PGA Tour veterans have been unable to do — he's made positive headway and created the only scent of excitement as the 35th Ryder Cup Matches near (Sept. 14-19).

Break in the action
It's summer, right? And what do you do in summer? You take vacation. So that's what James Driscoll is doing. He had intended to take two weeks off, but then decided to skip a third straight Nationwide Tour event, all in an effort to recharge his batteries for a busy finish to his 2004 schedule. "This week [the Cox Classic in Omaha] is one of our biggest purses [\$600,000] and I know people will think it's stupid to skip it, but I knew at some point I was going to take two weeks off," said Driscoll, 26, the two-time Mass. Amateur champ who has been moving forward since turning pro in the fall of 2001. "Then I decided two weeks wasn't enough, so I took another." During this 17-day hiatus, Driscoll touched the clubs for just one day, but he's back practicing, ready to take on a stretch in which he will play 10 of the 11 Nationwide Tour events

that remain on the schedule. Driscoll ranks 19th on the money list with \$135,747, but he isn't consumed with thoughts of the 2005 PGA Tour cards that will go to the Top 20 on the money list. "I'm trying to block that out as much as possible," he said. "I have enough to worry about with managing my own game." Easily the highlight to Driscoll's season came June 17-20 in Round 4 of the Northeast Pennsylvania Classic when he birdied three of the final five holes, including the 18th, to force a playoff with D.A. Points, and even though he lost, the Brookline native acquitted himself quite well. "I was excited," he said. "I had never played that good when I was in the hunt." ... Speaking of the Nationwide Tour, Ty Tryon serves as a sobering reminder of the toughness of this game. He recently celebrated his 20th birthday and his pro resume reads: 44 tournaments entered between the PGA and Nationwide Tours, only 11 cuts made, just \$143,553 earned. It must seem a lifetime ago that he blazed through Q School in the fall of 2001 as a 17-year-old, then chose to skip college and head right into the unmerciful pro world. Maybe it will all work out for him, but it's a tough way to learn.

A little draw needed

Fairway news: Woods and Hank Kuehne rally from 2-down to beat Mickelson and Daly, 2 and 1, in a made-for-TV golf event that attracted terrible ratings.

Clubhouse view: Now if they had combined the golf with one of those reality TV shows that we love — say something along the lines of "Who Wants to Marry John Daly?" or "Who Wants to See Donald Trump Play Them in a \$1m Nassau Getting Just Three Shots a Side?" — then ABC would have had something.

Waiting by the phone

When the official list of entries for the 86th PGA Championship Aug. 12-15 was released Tuesday, Rhode Islanders Patrick Sheehan and Brett Quigley were settled in as alternates, Nos. 3 and 5, respectively. You've got to like their chances of getting in, because it's easy to envision a half-dozen withdrawals being phoned in. US Open champ Retief Goosen comes to mind. He hurt his hip in a jet-ski mishap and withdrew from The International, and a statement released by his managers at IMG stated that the South African "did not expect to play in the PGA Championship." As analyst for ABC in Monday's "Battle of the Bridges," Fred Couples (peennial back woes) all but said he was on

leave of absence for a while, Funk (cracked rib) withdrew from last week's Buick Open, and Herron's condition is a daily watch. "I'm calling PGA [of America] offices every day," said Sheehan from The International. "I'm hopeful I'll get in. I'm going to be on site in Kohler" regardless and if I don't get in as third alternate, so be it. Where it gets disappointing is if a guy who is injured tries to play a few holes, then withdraws, then that's tough to take. That's happened before to me and it's disappointing." If they need any evidence that getting in as an alternate can pay off, Sheehan and Quigley need only turn to fellow Ocean Stater Billy Andrade. He got a last-minute cut, only after to Oak Hill in Rochester, N.Y., last year to notable names such as Nick Faldo, Nick Price, Ian Woosnam, and Larry Nelson had withdrawn and Japan's Hidemichi Tanaka had turned down an invite, and Andrade rolled that shot into a 10th-place finish, which in turn earned him an exemption into this year's party ... Coming one week before the PGA Championship has hurt the usually top-heavy field at The International. Among the Top 10 in the world order, only Ernie Els (No. 2) and defending champ Love (No. 5) are entered. Vijay Singh (No. 4) is skipping it for just the third time since 1992. No. 10 Sergio Garcia is missing it for the first time in his young pro career, and most eye-opening was Mickelson's decision to bypass it, having played it every time since turning pro in 1992. Naturally, tournament officials are disheartened. "I think you can make a case that we'd be better served by another slot on the schedule," said Larry Thiel, executive director of the championship. Expect him to plead his case, but in 2005 the International will again sit in the slot one week ahead of the PGA Championship ... Speaking of Mickelson, he hardly lost any sleep over his made-for-TV loss alongside Daly Monday night, because the very next day he was in Kohler checking out Whistling Straits. The lefthander's performance at the PGA Championship could very well dictate how much he plays the rest of the season. He has already ruled out the Buick Championship (Aug. 26-29), formerly the Greater Hartford Open, a tournament he won in 2001 and '02, but he reportedly is interested in playing the Deutsche Bank

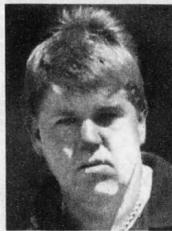
Championship at TPC Boston in Norton Sept. 3-6. That would give him two straight weeks of competition (he has committed to the Canadian Open Sept. 9-12) leading into the Ryder Cup, but perhaps more noteworthy would be the opportunity to try and keep pace with Singh. The big guy from Fiji sits atop the money list, \$390,278 ahead of Mickelson, and he's got four wins to the lefthander's two as the battle for Player of the Year seems to center around them.

Mallon's magical run

Meg Mallon can be excused for her 75-75 effort in which she missed the cut in the British Women's Open last week in England. She had, after all, in the previous three weeks gone on a whirlwind of success — a victory in the US Women's Open, another in the Canadian Women's Open, then a tie for sixth at the Evian Masters in France. Three countries, three sterling efforts, and a cool \$833,094 earned. For a comparison, consider that in her first four years, Mallon played in exactly 100 LPGA Tour events and totaled just \$838,259. The Natick-born Mallon will get right back to work — she's entered into the Jamie Farr event in Toledo, which begins today ... There are fast starts and then there are the starts authored by Karen Stupples in her final round of

the British Women's Open — an eagle, followed by an albatross. That's a double-eagle to those of us on this side of the pond, but no matter what you call it, she was 5 under through two holes. The fact that she proceeded to shoot 64 and coast to a five-shot win made the dramatic start all the more delicious ... Of course, Stupples' win made official the fact that Annika Sorenstam would triumph in just one of the 2004 majors after having started the season by saying that winning the Grand Slam was a goal. Disappointed? Yes. Just don't look for her to lower her expectations. "Maybe I should set the same goal next year," said the 33-year-old Swede, who is in her native country to take part in the HP Open Ladies European Tour event, which starts today.

Material from personal interviews, wire services, other beat writers, and league and team sources was used in this report.



JOHN DALY
Enticing at 20th



MEG MALLON
Money in the bank

Chip shots

PROFESSIONAL HELP: They certainly have the bloodlines to explain their strong finishes in the recent Independent Insurance Agent Junior Classic in Ardmore, Okla. Bob Tway's son Kevin was tied for fourth and Cheyenne Woods — Tiger's niece — was fifth in the girls' division. Then there was the third-place finish by Samuel Saunders at an AJGA event at the Bay Hill Club & Lodge in Orlando, Fla. No surprise, given the fact he's the grandson of Arnold Palmer.

HITTING IT BIG: A record purse has been announced for the national RE/MAX World Long Drive Championship, which will be broadcast on ESPN and ESPN2 during the December holidays. For complete information, refer to www.remaxwide.com or www.longdrivers.com.

KNOCK OFFS: They are competitors, but in this endeavor, leading golf equipment companies were in complete agreement. We're talking about a raid in China that confiscated upward of \$1 million in counterfeit golf clubs. The six leading manufacturers — Acushnet (Titleist and Cobra), Callaway Golf, Cleveland, Nike, Ping, and TaylorMade — joined forces and filed a complaint with Chinese authorities that led to an investigation, a series of raids, and the arrest of six people. A substantial amount of counterfeit equipment was seized, as well as more than six dozen molds for making copy-cat clubs.

SWING AND MISS: His debut as a serious amateur golfer hardly went well for Mark McGwire, the former home run slugger. He shot 82-76 and missed the cut at the Western Amateur, into which



GLOBE STAFF FILE PHOTO/MATTHEW J. LEE

Standout Jon Curran hopes to add a win in next week's national event to his resume.

Stating their cases

Local juniors highlight field at Bolton tournament

By Jim McCabe
GLOBE STAFF

A talented corps of Massachusetts junior golfers has played beneath the radar screen this year, mainly because their quests to play against the best have taken them to competitions around the country.

Next week, however, that will change. The youngsters will be able to leave the suitcases alone and simply hop in the car for a ride to The International Golf Club in Bolton, site of the Fidelity Investments Junior Classic. The three-day American Junior Golf Association tournament will feature a host of elite junior golfers, several from New England.

The tournament will be contested Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at the International's Pines Course, which has achieved legendary stature — and an entry in the Guinness Book of World Records — for its ability to be stretched out to a whopping 8,325 yards. Naturally, tournament officials need not need all of that real estate, but they'll need a good chunk of it because

players from 14 states and also from Canada, with some of the premier names Massachusetts entries.

Jon Curran of Hopkinton, for instance. Arguably the state's best junior player, the 17-year-old is headed to Vanderbilt on a golf scholarship and he's one of three Rolex Junior All-Americans who'll be in the field (Cornelius Carroll of Florida and Nicholas Park of New York being the others). His resume in 2004 includes one AJGA win — the Scott Robertson Memorial in Virginia — but he's not the only Massachusetts player who can lay claim to such a feat. In fact, he needn't look any further than his Hopkinton High School teammate, Keegan Bradley, to find another AJGA winner.

After having shot 71-71 at the Lessing's AJGA Classic at Rockaway Hunting Club in Lawrence, N.Y., Bradley, in the third-round finale, went to the turn in 42 — only to come sizzling homeward in 32 to sign for 74-216. That was good for a two-shot win as the nephew of LPGA Tour legend Pat Bradley showed he was

Emotional investment

Chiu pours heart into N.H. club

By Paul Harber
GLOBE STAFF

The region's top professional and amateur golfers will visit a special place in September 2005 when Lake Winnepesaukee Golf Club opens its gates to the New England Open. Lake Winnepesaukee is a one-of-a-kind golf club, a dream course built by an avid golfer who is living the American Dream.

The story of founder Bernard Chiu is as interesting as the golf course.

Chiu, 48, came to the United States for love. His wife, Joy, who was also born in Hong Kong, moved here as a teenager. When they met 25 years ago and decided to marry, she wanted to remain in the US, so Chiu moved to Somerset in 1982 and sought work.

He took a position with a small home appliance manufacturing company. In a short time, he ran the operation. The company flourished and "they were giving me raises, almost monthly," recalled Chiu.

But Chiu had other ideas. He wanted to be his own boss, and he started a company in 1989 that expanded and eventually went public. The company was so successful that Honesdale purchased it in

charities. "But I'm able to do a lot of things I wouldn't have been able to do. I am a firm believer in giving back to the community."

Nevertheless, selling his company was bittersweet. Sure, he was a multimillionaire. But the move also created a huge void. "I felt very empty," admitted Chiu. "It is an interesting feeling and I didn't like it."

As a youngster in Hong Kong, Chiu never had leisure time. He went to school in the morning and worked in a factory in the afternoon. His newfound free time was unsettling. That is, until he discovered golf seven years ago.

"I'm not sure where I started," said Chiu. "I was looking to kill time and I didn't want to stay home, so I started playing. I think my first round of golf was at Stow Acres. I still remember standing on the tee and thinking how long that first hole looked. It took me 15 shots to get to the green."

Nonetheless, he was hooked.

"I think it has a lot to do with my personality," said Chiu, who carries a 16 handicap. "I'm the kind of person who looks at everything with an analytical eye. So when I started playing golf, it's a game I wanted to play better. But golf is something that makes everyone very humble."

"I'm a terrible golfer. But I've worked at it. I've made great strides in my swing. One of the things I like about golf is that no



BERNARD CHIU
Living the dream

Golf

Chiu had grand plans

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want to be better. I don't know if I'll ever be satisfied with myself as a golfer. But right now my dream is to have a single-digit handicap."

Like every other golfer, it didn't take long for Chiu to formulate his own ideas about how a course should be designed and how a club should operate. The difference between Chiu and other golfers is he could afford to implement his philosophies.

His first golf enterprise was The Ranch in Southwick. He joined a partnership. "We wanted to make a high-end golf course," said Chiu. "I had a lot of input in how the club should be, but not in the day-to-day operation or the design of the golf course."

Three years ago he learned about a bank selling a 700-acre property in Wolfeboro, N.H., a defaulted golf project called Perry Hollow. "The land had a special energy," said Chiu.

Chiu decided he would build his dream course. He interviewed several of the world's top architectural firms before hiring Clive Clark, who designed Belgrade Lakes in Maine. Clark let Chiu work with him and be involved in the design.

The grand opening was in July, and the finished product is a gem.

"What's great about this course is that it is an incredible test of golf for the best players in the region," said Ed Carbone, executive director of the New England PGA, who announced Monday that the New England Open would be coming to New Hampshire for the first time in the tournament's 32-year history. "But at the same time, it is an enjoyable experience and playable for the average golfer from the middle and forward tees."

Chiu spared no expense in building his perfect club. For example, while most golf courses have 500 to 600 sprinkler heads on their irrigation systems, there are more than 1,400 at Lake Winnepesaukee. The sand (white marble) in the bunkers is trucked in from New York. The roughs are Kentucky bluegrass, the fairways and greens are bent grass. High fescue is being cultivated in out-of-play areas. Chiu has an experimental nursery on site that would be the envy of most course superintendents.

"Bernard Chiu is an absolute perfectionist," said Carbone. "What he has done here is create a golf experience that's like none other. He's totally commit-

ted to quality and fully committed to having an enjoyable golf experience."

There is a 160-figure initiation fee and there are more than 150 members. Chiu acknowledges he doesn't expect to make a profit.

"My goal is to build a great club in New England," said Chiu. "A place where everyone can play well and be challenged. We're operating with a unique philosophy: that all members are treated the same. It's important to me that all members feel that they are at a home, not a private club."

The clubhouse is unique because it isn't ostentatious, more resembling a mountain lodge. There is no huge function room. The club wasn't built to host weddings and money-making events.

"We don't want to tell people this is the most expensive club," said Chiu. "I'm sure there are bigger clubhouses, but I don't know if you will find a better clubhouse. I'm not here to make a statement. My goal is not to attract a lot of flashy people, just people who love and respect golf."

Casey Bourque, who played in the recent US Open at Shinnecock Hills and is headed to the PGA Championship next week at Whistling Straits in Kohler, Wis., is an assistant professional at Lake Winnepesaukee. He is impressed with his new boss.

"He hasn't been playing golf for all that long, but he is extremely knowledgeable about the game, surprisingly so," said Bourque. "This club was something he wanted to do without cutting any corners. He wanted to build a spectacular private golf club on his own and manage it the way he would like. Everybody that works here loves it."



PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE GLOBE
Lake Winnepesaukee GC in New Hampshire will host the New England Open in 2005.



GLOBE STAFF PHOTO/JIM DAVIS

Like many Hall of Famers before him, Dennis Eckersley (right) played at The Leatherstocking.

In Cooperstown, links to the Hall on display

By Paul Harber
GLOBE STAFF

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — Overnight golf expeditions are hit-and-run getaways for hackers.

Whether it be south to the Cape and Islands, north to Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont, or west in search of birdies in the Berkshires, these are special times.

A couple of rounds of golf make up for the stop-and-go traffic at the Sagamore Bridge or the backups at the New Hampshire tollbooths.

Those who do not mind Interstate golf might want to take Horace Greeley's advice and head west, beyond the Massachusetts border, into the depths of New York.

Besides wonderful golf, you can visit the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown or make a side trip to Verona, N.Y., and try your luck at the Turning Stone Casino.

The Hall of Fame is an easy, 240-mile drive without urban areas to negotiate.

Cooperstown is a throwback town, sans fast-food restaurants, a Bedford Falls. Its golf course, The Leatherstocking, is the Fenway Park of courses with odd nooks and crannies, nothing like the modern venues with multiple tees, and balanced bunkers and greens that set up for the well-struck tee shot.

The Leatherstocking was designed in 1909 by Devereux Emmet, a member of New York's high society and a founding member of National Golf Links on Long Is-

land. He created more than a dozen notable courses, including the Green Course at Bethpage State Park in Farmingdale, N.Y., and Wee Burn Country Club in Darien, Conn.

The Leatherstocking cuddles Lake Otsego and is situated between the Otsego Resort and the James Fenimore Cooper Estate.

It resembles an inland Eastward Ho!, the private course in Chatham where you never seem to have a flat lie. Every shot at The Leatherstocking needs to be carefully calculated for elevation and the angle of your stance.

Modern architects would have removed many of the abrupt rolls of the terrain. Here, you live with the good bounces as well as the less fortuitous caroms.

Right from the first hole you know you are playing a course from another era. The tee is small and square, a straightaway par-4 where long hitters have to worry about a gully fronting the green.

The Leatherstocking isn't much different than the one played by Babe Ruth and Ty Cobb, who frequented the course during Hall of Fame ceremonies. Just about every Hall of Famer packs his sticks when they come to Cooperstown.

The most difficult shot of the round has everything to do with nerves. It is a par 3 with an elevated green. If you shank the ball, you could hit a passing vehicle.

The Leatherstocking offers a daring series of finishing holes. The 15th is a long par 5, reminiscent of the 17th hole at President Bush's home course, Cape Arun-

del Golf Club in Kennebunkport, Maine. You cannot see the green with your approach shot — a target is placed in the branches of a tree for direction. The green is recessed and poor shots will roll into bunkers — or worse.

The 16th is a short par 4, but the trick is hitting the right club off the tee. Water fronting the green comes into play for long hitters. The 17th is an interesting par 3 over wetlands to a rolling green that has had its share of three-putts. Then you head to 18, a par 5 that wraps along the shore of Lake Otsego. It is a daunting tee shot, where you cut off as much as you dare.

A couple of exits west on the New York Thruway, you will find Turning Stone, a golfing and gambling oasis in the middle of farmland.

Courses are being built at a breakneck pace. The first to open was Shenandoah, a creation of architect Rick Smith, who put together a fine test of golf.

Our favorite hole was the par-4 fourth, which stretches from 264 yards at the forward tees to 366 from the tips. Long hitters can go for the green by cutting across wetlands. Everyday hacks can cut off as much of the dogleg as they dare.

If you are looking for a course that will test your game as well as your nerve, try Kaluhyat at Turning Stone. Designed by famed architect Robert Trent Jones Jr., it is similar to his great course in northern Maine, Sugarloaf, and it is more difficult. There is little room for error, but it is the type of course you need to play again and again to solve its riddles.

The most challenging hole is the par-5 sixth, which plays 554 yards from the back tees to 402 up front. It is a double dogleg that requires two carries over wetlands and the green is tucked. Without two quality shots, you don't have a clear shot to the green.

This summer, Tom Fazio's course at Turning Stone, Atun-yote, opened for public play and it has received rave reviews. It is a wonderful woodland course and the finishing hole is memorable, a long par 5 (598 from the tips) that has 13 acres of water hugging the right side of the fairway from the tee to the green.

Local juniors vie in Bolton

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will receive from St. John's.

Curran and Bradley are good friends who'll both be in the Fidelity field, but they'll be surrounded by familiar faces, including Peter Uihlein. The 14-year-old from North Dartmouth attends the Leadbetter Academy in Bradenton, Fla., and his game has been polished to such a degree that he's earned a pair of victories in AJGA stops — in May at the Nike Golf Junior, then a few weeks ago at the Marsh Junior at Apawamis in Rye, N.Y.

Debbie Amari of Lynnfield is the other Massachusetts native in the Fidelity field who has earned a Top 10 in AJGA events in 2004.

The complete list of locals who will tie it up on the Pines Course: Boys — Pete Alminas of East Longmeadow; Bradley; Sam Chud of Brookline; Curran; Matt Giftos of Nashua; Evan Harmeling of

North Reading; Brendan Mahoney of Milton; Steve Neidermire of Medfield; Mark Purrington of South Dartmouth; John Shicko of Longmeadow; Eunho Shin of Belmont; Mark Stevens of Concord, N.H.; Tim Strout of Nashua; Christopher Tallman of South Hadley; Louis Tosches of Grafton; Uihlein; Garrett Wentzell of Worcester; and George Zolotas of Peabody; Girls — Amanti; Lala Anai of Lexington; Chelsea Curtis of New Seabury; Kimberly Donovan of Hopkinton; Krista Duval of Quincy; Julie Ellenberger of Concord; Allison Hamilton of Falmouth; Megan Mangone of Windham, N.H.; and Holly Snyder of East Longmeadow.

The qualifier is scheduled for Monday morning at Stow Acres CC. That same day, a junior-am fundraising tournament will be held at The International's Oaks Course. For more information, call the AJGA at 770-868-4200 or The International at 978-779-6911.

Family feat for Alminas in Mass. Jr.

The Alminas family has matching bookends for its trophy case thanks to a sterling effort yesterday at Wyantenuck Country Club in Great Barrington.

Peter Alminas shot a final-round 1-under-par 69 to erase a two-shot deficit and cruise to a three-stroke victory in the 86th Massachusetts Junior Championship. Finishing the 54-hole test at even-par 210, Alminas matched the title won by brother Steven in 2001. The boys from Longmeadow became the first brothers to win the championship that dates back to 1914, a victory by Raymond Oumet — Francis's younger brother.

Nick Moseley, who plays out of Myopia Hunt Club in South Hamilton, started with a two-shot cushion on Alminas, but shot 74-213 and settled for second with a birdie-birdie finish. John Shicko of Longmeadow CC (69-215) was third, followed

by John Giannuzzi (70-217) of Brae Burn CC. A two-way tie for fifth at 218 featured Jay Driscoll (76) of Wollaston GC and former champion Mark Purrington (75) of the Country Club of New Bedford.

Alminas went to the turn at even-par 35 then proved unrelenting down the stretch. He came home in eight pars and a birdie at the 401-yard, par-4 17th that all but sealed his victory.

In the pre-junior division (14-15), John Kelly of Twin Hills CC in Longmeadow closed with a 73-219 to prevail by two shots over Taylor Fontaine (71) of Pleasant Valley CC in Sutton. Peter Eley Jr. of Black Rock CC in Hingham won the 13-and-under division, shooting 78-233 to hold off Bradley Kushner (76) of the Country Club of New Seabury by two strokes.

JIM McCABE

New England tournament schedule

Date	Event	Site
Aug. 6-7	Concord 4-ball	Concord CC
Aug. 9-10	State Sr. 4-ball	Marshfield CC
Aug. 9-10	Tarlow Invitational	Thorny Lea
Aug. 9-11	WGAM Prunaret	Oak Hill CC
Aug. 11-13	Maine Open	Riverside
Aug. 14-15	Boston Open	Franklin Park
Aug. 15-17	New England Jr. Championship	Cochecho CC (N.H.)
Aug. 16-18	NEPGA Championship	Brae Burn
Aug. 16	WGAM Dolly Sullivan	Ballymeade CC
Aug. 16-17	State Publix	Maplegate
Aug. 18-19	WGAM Junior Championship	Cyprian Keyes
Aug. 16-17	WGAM Keyes Cup	Pine Brook
Aug. 17	MGA Father-Daughter	LeBaron Hills

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The cost of the camp is \$85 per student. Space is limited to the first 40 juniors in each session.

Ages 7-11 (Session 1): 8 to 10 a.m.
Ages 12-17 (Session 2): 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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August 16-20, 2004

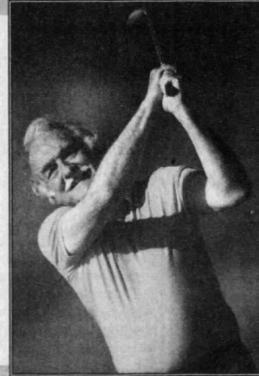
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