

MORNING BRIEFING

Three golfers lead du Maurier field

Kathryn Marshall, battling a migraine headache, shot a 5-under-par 68 to join Colleen Walker and Vicki Fergon atop the leaderboard after the opening round of the LPGA du Maurier Classic at Oakville, Ontario.

Scotland's Marshall, a cold towel wrapped around her neck, shot 34 on each nine of Glen Abbey Golf Club course as play began in the last of the LPGA's four major tournaments. Walker and Fergon each went 33-35.

Tammie Green, Jan Stephenson, Hollis Stacy and Brandie Burton were in a group of nine at 69 and Chris Johnson headlined the half-dozen players who shot 70.

Among the 14 players at 71 were Betsy King, a Hall of Famer, and last season's player of the year, Karrie Webb.

Madison's Sherri Steinhauer shot a 1-under-par 72, 4 shots behind the leaders.

Larry Mize had eight birdies to claim the lead in the suspended first round of the rain-delayed Sprint International at Castle Rock, Colo.

Lightning and rain caused a stop in play in the afternoon with half of the field still on the course.

Golfers will finish the first round today prior to the start of the second round.

Mize posted a score of 15 points under the scoring system used in this event.

With birdies worth two points, the Georgian had 16 points through 17 holes, then picked up his lone bogey at No. 18.

Phil Mickelson stood second with 14 points and Dave Stockton Jr. had 12.

Bills reach 15-year deal with Buffalo

The Buffalo Bills reached an agreement Thursday with local and state governments that could keep the team at Rich Stadium for another 15 years.

The deal is contingent upon selling 90 percent of 76 new luxury suites and 6,900 club seats that also were included in a package. New York agreed to pay \$63.2 million in stadium improvements and incentives for Bills owner Ralph Wilson.

The deal ends two years of haggling and the possibility that the Bills were destined for another city, such as Cleveland or Toronto.

Denver Broncos defender Jumpy Geathers ruptured his Achilles' tendon during a pass-rushing drill and will be out indefinitely.

Dallas Cowboys cornerback Wendell Davis will be out four to seven weeks with torn cartilage in his left knee.

Jim Druckenmiller, the San Francisco 49ers first-round draft pick from Virginia Tech, signed a six-year, \$5.65 million contract.

Free agent linebacker Devon McDonald signed with the Indianapolis Colts.

Track body cuts drug bans in half

Track and field reduced its minimum drug bans from four years to two, drawing protests from those wanting the sport to take a tougher stand.

TODAY	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS
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Home games Road games

SPORTS ON THE AIR

TELEVISION

10 a.m. — Pro tennis — Quarterfinal coverage of Du Maurier Open at Montreal; ESPN.
11 a.m. — Pro golf — Second round of LPGA du Maurier Ltd. Classic at Toronto; ESPN2.
1 p.m. — Pro golf — First round of Senior PGA Bank of Boston Classic at Concord, Mass.; ESPN.
1 p.m. — Auto racing — Qualifying for NASCAR Winston Cup Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis; ESPN2.
2 p.m. — Pro baseball — Los Angeles at Chicago Cubs; WGN.
3 p.m. — Pro golf — Second round of PGA The Sprint International at Castle Rock, Colo.; ESPN.
6 p.m. — Pro baseball — Atlanta at Florida; TBS.
6:30 p.m. — Pro tennis — Quarterfinal coverage of Du Maurier Open at Montreal (taped today); ESPN2.
8 p.m. — Women's pro basketball — Houston at Los Angeles; Lifetime.
8 p.m. — Auto racing — NASCAR Busch Grand National Kroger 200 at Indianapolis; ESPN.
9 p.m. — Pro baseball — Chicago White Sox at Anaheim; WGN.

RADIO

6 a.m. — The Steve Czaban Show — WHIT (1550 AM).
9 a.m. — The Fabulous Sports Babe With Nanci Donnellan; WHIT (1550 AM).
Noon — The Jim Rome Show — WHIT (1550 AM).
2 p.m. — The Peter Brown Show — WHIT (1550 AM).
5 p.m. — The Papa Joe Chevalier Show — WHIT (1550 AM).
7 p.m. — Pro baseball — Seattle at Milwaukee; WIBA (1310 AM).

Thursday in Athens, Greece, the International Amateur Athletic Federation's Congress voted by a 2-to-1 margin to lower penalties that had been in place since 1991.

The IAAF was reluctant to lower its standards but did so under pressure from many countries that insisted their laws prevent enforcement of a four-year ban.

The new ruling, which applies to a first offense, is immediate and retroactive. That means anyone serving a four-year suspension who has completed at least two years could be reinstated.

Welch enters no contest plea

Former Olympics organizer Tom Welch pleaded no contest to a charge of domestic violence in Salt Lake City, after a week of denying that he ever abused his wife. He said he took the action to help his family "find balance in which we can deal with each other."

Welch, who spent a decade bringing the 2002 Winter Games to Salt Lake City, still contends he never roughed up his wife during a July 9 argument over his relationship with another woman, and his lawyer said the plea was aimed at quickly resolving the case.

Third District Judge Sheila McClellan sentenced Welch to a year's probation that includes mandatory family counseling. The misdemeanor charge will be withdrawn and the case dismissed if he successfully completes probation.

LOCALLY

Former Verona athlete Neil Walker followed his meet record in the 100-meter butterfly with a silver medal Thursday in the 50 freestyle at the Phillips 66 National Swimming Championships in Nashville, Tenn. ... The UW women's soccer team will leave Monday for six games in Europe. The team returns Aug. 17. ... The Madison Women's Bowling Association will hold its annual fall meeting August 5 at 7 p.m. at Schwoegler

Park Towne Lanes. ... Duany Duany, a sophomore guard on the UW men's basketball team, was picked for the Big Ten's all-star touring team that will play games in England, France, and Belgium Aug. 7-18. ... Curt Weier, a graduate of Dodgeville High School, has signed a letter of intent to attend and play baseball for Madison Area Technical College. ... Randolph Boys Club 15-and-under defeated the Minneapolis Comets in pool play, 65-61, at the AAU Great American Shootout at Minneapolis. Adrian Tigert led Randolph with 17 points. Dan Unke had 15.

ODDS AND ENDS

Former NCAA champion Chris Woodruff beat second-seeded Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia, 7-6 (8-6), 6-2, and Fabrice Santoro upset No. 3 Thomas Muster of Austria, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4, at the du Maurier Open in Montreal. ... The NCAA cleared Grambling (La.) State University football coach Eddie Robinson of any violations but placed the university on two years' probation for minor infractions. ... A fight involving Charles Barkley that lasted about 10 seconds kept a Cleveland jury deliberating for three hours without reaching a verdict Thursday. The eight jurors told the judge they would return today to decide whether to award damages to Jeb Tyler, who is suing the NBA star for \$550,000. ... The Florida Times-Union reported that Florida coach Steve Spurrier has agreed to a contract extension that would pay him about \$2 million a year. ... The NHL's Phoenix Coyotes reached a one-year contract agreement with left wing Jim McKenzie and signed forwards Darin Kimble and Scott Levins. ... Kentucky football player Jason Watts was charged with first-degree assault in connection with the shooting of teammate Omar Smith. ... NBA referee George Toliver pleaded guilty in federal court to filing false federal income tax returns in an airline ticket scam.

Compiled from State Journal wire services and staff reports.

Goldapske grabs lead

By Nick Zizzo

Sports reporter

Eric Goldapske was so preoccupied Thursday morning that he had no choice but to keep golf off his mind.

And maybe that is a good thing. Goldapske, a former University of Wisconsin golfer, fired a 2-over-par 74 Thursday at Bishops Bay Country Club to take a 1-shot lead after the opening round of the 72-hole Madison Men's City Golf Tournament.

"I didn't think about golfing until I got to the course and that helped immensely," he said. "There were so many other things going on today. I ran errands all morning. I'm getting married in 3 1/2 months and I just graduated college so I'm looking for a job."

He may have found a temporary gig as head pro at Bishops Bay. Goldapske somewhat tamed the greens which wreaked havoc with other golfers. He saved par on No. 14 with a 15-foot putt and putted in from 10 feet on No. 12 for a bogey.

"Those greens were faster than any I've played all year," Gold-

CITY MEN'S AMATEUR GOLF

apske said. "I had to try to lag up close to the hole. Luckily there was only one three-putt all day."

Although Goldapske finished with five bogeys, he offset those with three birdies. Despite playing only four times in the last three weeks, he displayed a nice touch around the cup. He is anxious to get going on the other courses.

"I played Yahara Wednesday, but I haven't played Blackhawk in four or five years," Goldapske said. "I'm familiar with Maple Bluff since I played in the Open two years ago."

Dennis Ryan, 1 shot back and tied for second place with UW golfers Ben Miller and Craig Stratek, changed clubs this week and seemed pleased with his Steve Stricker-esque decision.

"After I shot an 88 in practice last Tuesday I thought about withdrawing from the City," Ryan said. "So I went back to my old clubs

and it kept me in play more. I shot a practice-round 77 here yesterday and it was the first day in a long time that I really wanted to play."

Ryan also offered some predictions on how the tournament might be settled.

"Murphy just scores," he said of defending City champion Mike Murphy. "He is a bulldog around the greens. He may have shot a 79, but I'll still put my money on him. Niles Bakke plays on his home course (Maple Bluff) today and Tom Huset gets his (Blackhawk) Sunday. Watch out for those guys. Also the UW guys (Miller and Stratek) play more courses so they are trained for this. They get to take their game on the road. Me? I'm going to try to get some sleep tonight, but it might be tough."

However, Goldapske doesn't plan to change his ways.

"I'm going to go out today with the same strategy which is just try to survive," he said. "I have been in position before but today it held up. Being out in front is just fine."

■ Results in Scoreboard/5B

Ridgewood still a force

But other clubs say they are gaining ground

By Jake Ginsky

Sports reporter

Looking at the trophy awarded annually to the winner of the All-City Swim Meet, one might wonder why the event isn't called the Ridgewood Invitational.

Ridgewood has its name engraved on the traveling trophy 25 times since the meet began in 1962. That includes a streak of 19 in a row from 1972-90 and back-to-back titles in 1995-96.

But Thursday's individual preliminary results from the competition, held at Ridgewood pool this year, may be an indication the nature of the competition is changing.

"This year, we definitely see a pattern of spread out talent," said Kara Randall, who has coached Middleton for the past 14 years. "I think it's going to be a lot closer down the end when we do the scoring for the finals on Saturday."

Randall said the leveling of talent in the meet may have social explanations, such as swimmers switching clubs in order to team with their friends.

Though team scoring is not totaled until Saturday's individual finals and relays, this year's competition appears to be one of the closest in All-City Meet history. At least four clubs, Ridgewood, Middleton, Park Crest and Shorewood, are serious contenders.

"It's becoming more of a fun meet," Park Crest coach Rob Beuthling said.

CITY SWIM MEET

Beuthling's team has developed into a powerhouse in the last six years, winning four straight All-City titles from 1991-94.

"I think swimming in Madison is becoming more and more popular," Beuthling said. "You start to get talent from both sides of the town."

The rising popularity of swimming in Madison may not be the only reason for more competition at the All-City Meet, however. Coaches point to increasing levels of commitment from swimmers.

"We're seeing a lot more swimmers swim year-round, whereas 10 years ago, there was a handful of swimmers who swam year-round," Randall said.

But the one thing all of this year's contenders have in common is that they have large bases of

swimmers.

Ridgewood boasts the biggest field, having entered 230 swimmers in the meet. Park Crest follows with 165, while Shorewood and Middleton enter 142 and 134, respectively.

"The teams with a lot of depth usually do a lot better because they can fill in the holes," Randall said.

On the other hand, Cherokee and Nakoma each entered just 49 swimmers, the fewest in the meet.

"When you go up against a team like Ridgewood, they'll have five relay teams to your one," Cherokee coach Nathan Pofaho said. "It kind of makes it harder on our kids when they see all these kids surrounding them."

Individual preliminaries for 8-and-under and 9- to 10-year-olds begin at 8:30 this morning. Individual finals and team relays start at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

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Ross Verba's deal

He reportedly gets 4-year deal for \$3.7 million

By Jason Wilde
Sports reporter

GREEN BAY — Ross Verba spent most of his 22-day holdout at home in Iowa. He read the Des Moines newspaper, watched TV and surfed the Internet.

He didn't like what he saw in any of those places.

The basic message: What's wrong with this Verba guy? Why's he holding out like this? Doesn't he know that it's the Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers he's keeping waiting?

"It was tough to hear those things," he admitted.

Thursday afternoon Verba, the Packers first-round pick and the 30th selection overall in the 1997 draft, finally put an end to all those questions when he agreed to terms on a reported four-year, \$3.7

million contract with the Packers. He was in Green Bay Thursday evening for the Packers' preseason game against New England, but did not dress.

With an off day today, Verba will make his Packers debut at practice Saturday morning.

"That's just going to make me

work that much harder," Verba said after the game. "I think it was impor-

tant for me to be here, but I stuck to my principles and what I thought was fair."

The confusing part of the negotiations with Verba was that, in a time of salary-cap slotting,

Verba was insisting on getting more money than the players around him. In salary cap terms,

Verba wanted a better deal than New England's Chris Canty (29th)

and Denver's Trevor Pryce (28th) and slightly less than Carolina's

Rae Carruth (27th) and Philadel-

phia's Jon Harris (25th), all of whom signed weeks ago.

Instead, Verba wanted a deal comparable to that of Packers' left

tackle John Michels, the team's first-round pick a year ago and the

player Verba is expected to challenge for a starting job. Michels,

the 27th pick out of USC, signed a four-year, \$3.67 million deal last

year, with a salary cap number of \$751,000.

"Basically, most negotiations are frustrating. But some are more frustrating than others,"

Packers general manager Ron Wolf said. "This was one of those that we had a hard time under-

standing, but it's over with. He's now a Packer and we can go on."

Now, the question is whether Verba can make up for lost time

and earn a starting job. With the Packers offensive line a bit thin—

right tackle Earl Dotson, left tackle Bruce Wilkerson, guard-

tackle Gary Brown, guard Lindsay Knapp and center Mike Flanagan

all missed Thursday's game with injuries—Verba will have the opportunity.

"I'm not going to joke with you. Ross is in for a hard time," said

Michels, who missed a few days at the beginning of camp last year, but reported by the time the veterans did. "He's got a lot of catchup to do. It's tough. But Ross is a good athlete, a smart kid, and I think he's going to be up for the challenge."

A four-year starter at Iowa, Verba was a first-team all-Big Ten Conference selection as a senior and was the team's offensive most

valuable player in three games last year, including the Hawkeyes' 31-0 win over the University of Wisconsin. Originally a tight end,

he started 35 games for the Hawkeyes during his career after moving to tackle.

Still, adjusting to the NFL game will be a challenge.

"It sets him back dramatically," Wolf said. "He would have played three quarters of the game

and into the fourth quarter to night and would have played a lot in our first game against Miami."

"That part sets him back, but fortunately we have the extra ball-

game and we have a longer week this week so he should be able to get into it if he's in any condition

at all."

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FOOTBALL

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Today's games

Atlanta at Cincinnati, 6:30 p.m.

Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 6:30 p.m.

San Francisco at Seattle, 1 p.m.

San Francisco at San Diego, 7 p.m.

San Francisco at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

San Francisco at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.

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Fanfare

Ex-Badger Engler center of attention

The New York Giants unveil their revamped offense Saturday night against the Baltimore Ravens. But their ability to evaluate it and to prepare for the regular season could be compromised by ongoing problems at center.

Thursday brought mixed developments. The good news was that starter Brian Williams learned there is a likelihood he will not need surgery to repair the eye injury that has sidelined him since July 21. The bad news was he still is unable to see properly and has no idea when he will return.

In addition, Jerry Reynolds, who never has played center in a game but was Williams' backup, probably won't play Saturday either because of a sprained right knee.

Giants fans, meet Derek Engler, an undrafted rookie who played center for only one season at Wisconsin.

"It's overwhelming," Engler said. "I just have to take it all in stride. That's pretty much all I can do, not lose my mind out there."

Engler's parents learned about the Giants center problems on the Internet at their home in St. Paul, Minn.

"They called me and said, 'What's going on?'" said Engler.

The Giants hope the entire line isn't saying that come game time. The unit was questionable to begin with, and it has been a glaring problem in some drills. Veteran Lance Smith is hobbled by a bad ankle, so the left guards have been Rob Zatechka and Greg Bishop. "I think (quarterback) Dave (Brown) might be getting a little frustrated," Williams said. Now, a fringe pro prospect must make the line calls and get the ball into Brown's hands under fire.

Coach Jim Fassel refused to panic. "Step up to the plate, man, it's your turn at bat," he said of Engler.

Engler, who impressed the coaches with his work in last weekend's scrimmage, said he was fortunate to be getting an opportunity.

"There's pretty much nobody else," said Engler, who hopes to be with the Giants when they play in Madison Aug. 22 against the Green Bay Packers at Camp Randall Stadium.

Mirer is starting, Kramer is pushing

When the Chicago Bears traded for Rick Mirer, they told him the starting quarterback position was his to lose.

Erik Kramer, last season's starting quarterback, says he understands why the Bears acquired Mirer, but he doesn't understand why he's being written off.

So, Kramer wants the Bears to understand something:

"It's not time to write the autobiography just yet," he said.

Kramer strongly believes he will be an integral part of the Bears' offense this season. He also is convinced that his injured neck is healthy and that his wounded pride will not be a cause for dissension.

"I'm playing like I'm a very important part of this team and I'm the guy," said Kramer, who missed most of last year with a herniated disc in his neck after setting several individual and team passing records in 1995.

"That doesn't mean I'm going to stand in the way of progress if they think Rick's going to be the starter. But I'm preparing like I'm going to be playing," he said.

Kramer has clearly been outperforming the other three Bears quarterbacks in training camp.

Even though Kramer was given medical clearance in January to resume his eight-year NFL career, the Bears traded for Mirer on Feb. 18. At the time, Kramer was still a free agent.

Quote, Unquote

Richard Sandomir of the New York Times on Tiger Woods:

"Somehow, golfcasters will find a way to follow Woods when he misses a cut, figuring that one shot of Tiger playing pinochle is worth 100 shots of Billy Andrade putting."

Today's Trivia

When was the last time the Packers were unbeaten and untied in the preseason? Answer in Sports Briefs, Page 2B.

ROB SCHULTZ

Conway helps resurrect nightmares



Schultz

GREEN BAY — It was hard to tell if the kicker attempting field goals for the Green Bay Packers Thursday night was Brett Conway or Tim Conway.

Dorf on kicking.

Everything seemed right for the Packers during their 7-3 nationally televised exhibition game victory over the New England Patriots at Lambeau Field. Brett Favre got the Packers rolling up and down the field early in the game. The defense remained as stingy as ever as it stretched its scoreless streak to six quarters.

And Conway? He was right, too. Wide right. Three times.

If you listened real hard, you could hear Chris Jacke laughing all the way from Pittsburgh.

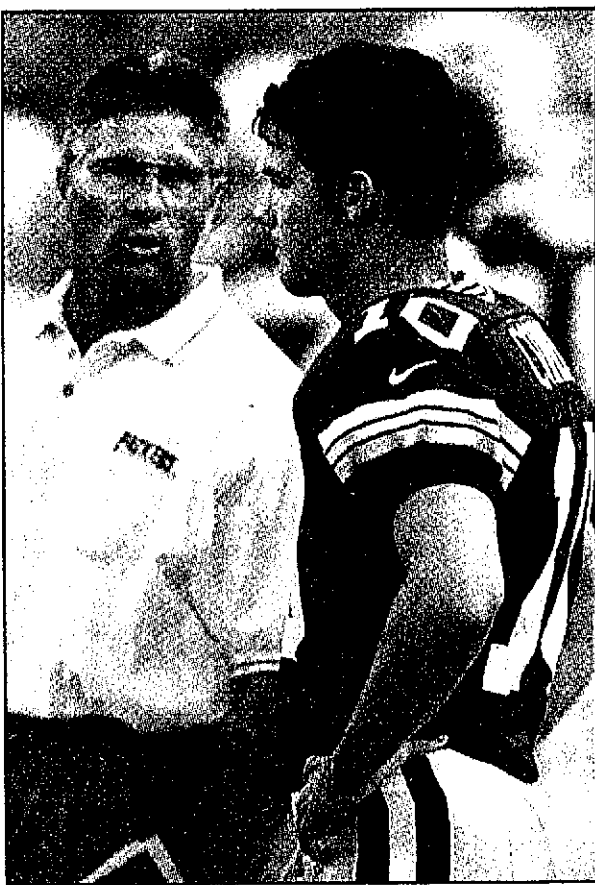
The smug Packers thought they had solved two big problems when they drafted Conway in the third round of last April's NFL draft. They got the kicker they wanted and got rid of the kicker — Jacke — they hated, all in the same day.

Special teams coach Nolan Cromwell heaped tons of praise on Conway after the Packers drafted him. Cromwell called him a technically sound kicker. "Every kick is in the same motion," Cromwell said. "He has kicked in bad-weather games and he has kicked on grass. I don't think the weather will affect him."

Conway certainly kicked with the same motion and he didn't let the weather — in this case, a 10-mile per hour wind — affect him. Each kick — a 32-yarder, a 44-yarder and a 40-yarder — was the same. Wide right.

Conway was drafted out of Penn State. But he kicked like he was from Florida State.

"I can't think about it. I still can't think about it, that's what I have to do," said Conway, who has



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Packers special teams coach Nolan Cromwell talks to rookie place-kicker Brett Conway in the second quarter Thursday night. Conway missed three field goals in the scoreless first half.

missed four straight field goal attempts dating back to the Packers' first exhibition game. He missed a 39-yarder late in the Packers' 20-0 victory over Miami. "But it's going to be hard for me to overcome that. You just have to go out and make the next ones that you attempt."

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Pack can't kick about its defense

By Todd Finkelmeyer

The Capital Times

GREEN BAY — The Super Bowl XXXI rematch between Green Bay and New England Thursday night was about as exciting as the drive from Madison to Lambeau Field.

Pass the No-Doze.

Yet if defense really does win championships, you may want to look into booking a flight and snapping up a motel room for Super Bowl XXXII in San Diego Feb. 1.

In a dominating effort, the Green Bay defense gave up just 149 yards of total offense to the Patriots and the Packers' third-string offense put up just enough points in the fourth quarter as the green and gold prevailed, 7-3, before a national television audience on ESPN.

The Packers rolled up an impressive 400 yards of offense, but three missed field goals by rookie kicker Brett Conway — from 32, 44 and 40 yards — kept Green Bay from running up the score on New England.

So the Packers needed third-string quarterback Doug Pederson to connect with fourth-string half-

back Aaron Hayden on a screen play which went 11 yards for the game-winning touchdown with 9:01 to play.

"We ran a screen and the defensive end knifed in, so I had to back up," Hayden said of his nifty TD run down the left sideline. "But there were some great blocks in front of me, the linemen did a good job. I think anybody could have run it in after that."

While Hayden's score brought the mostly subdued Lambeau Field crowd to life, the Green Bay defense was — once again — the big story.

"If you have a great defense like that, missing those (field goals) really isn't all that significant anymore," said Packers safety LeRoy Butler.

In the Packers' first two preseason games, teams are averaging just 199.5 yards per game and only 1.5 points. And before Patriots kicker Adam Vinatieri booted a 52-yard field goal with 1:03 to play in the third quarter, no one had even attempted a field goal against the Packers in more than 100 minutes of preseason play.

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Brewers win 8th straight

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Pitcher Bryce Florie was hurting, but he made the Seattle Mariners feel worse.

Florie didn't get the decision, but his contribution was almost as important as Dave Nilsson's game-winning single that gave the Milwaukee Brewers a 2-1 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Thursday night.

Nilsson's broken-bat, bloop hit off Jamie Moyer (11-4) with two outs in the ninth brought home Fernando Vina from third to give the Brewers their season-high eighth straight victory.

Vina led off the Brewers' ninth with a single, took second on Mark Loretta's sacrifice and third on a fly ball by Jeff Cirillo.

The win went to the fourth Milwaukee pitcher, Bob Wickman (6-3) who retired two batters in the ninth, but Florie certainly had a hand in the eventual outcome.

The right-hander pitched 5½ innings, holding the AL West-leading Mariners to just four hits. He struck out a career-high nine and walked one despite blisters on his right thumb and first finger.

"I have two blisters," he said after making his third career start. "I knew I had them last game. The one on my thumb just started getting bigger and bigger."

Florie said that the blisters were something he could pitch with, but after giving up a two-out double to Ken Griffey, Jr. and a run-scoring single to Edgar Martinez that tied the game 1-1, Brewers manager Phil Garner replaced him with Al Reyes.

"They pitched well and we just came up short," Griffey said.

Florie thought his departure was probably due more to fatigue than blisters.

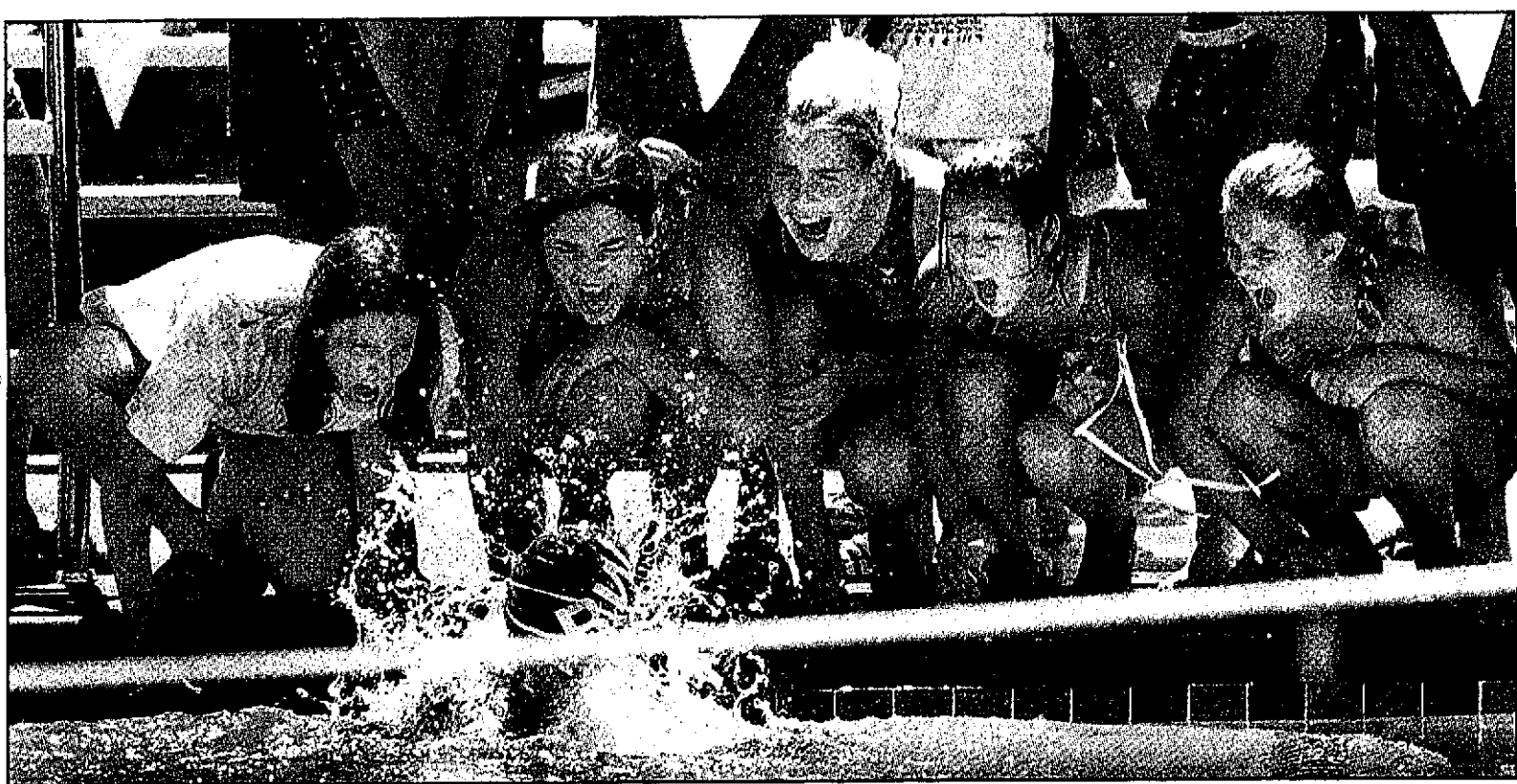
"I was out of gas," he said after throwing 93 pitches.

After the game, the Mariners, in desperate need of bullpen help, got relievers Mike Timlin and Paul Spoljaric in a trade with Toronto and acquired Heathcliff Slocumb from Boston.

Seattle, which has blown 15 saves this season, gave up a pair of promising players to bolster its bullpen. The Mariners sent outfielder Jose Cruz Jr. to the Blue Jays, then sent catcher Jason Varitek, plus pitcher Derek Lowe, to the Red Sox.

Seattle had a great chance to take the lead in the eighth, but a couple of sparkling defensive plays by Nilsson and Jack Voigt, who had a RBI double in the first, stopped the Mariners.

With the game tied 1-1, Reyes gave up his only hit in 2½ innings, a single to Rob Ducey, who took second on a sacrifice. Alex



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Members of the Ridgewood swim team cheer on teammate Katherine Marshall during a preliminary race in the girls 11-12-year-old 50 breaststroke at the Madison All-City Meet. Thursday's results are in Scorecard, Page 8B.

City swim meet a first-class event

By Adam Mertz

The Capital Times

They'd donated a 16-month period of their lives to planning a three-day event.

They'd been in charge of a workforce of almost 600 volunteers from their swim club, Ridgewood, and the other 11 area clubs participating in Madison's 36th annual All-City swim meet.

They were about to oversee an event that included 70 races — 50 individual and 20 relays — involving over 1,200 swimmers from ages 5 to 18.

So it was understandable that meet directors Mary Kay Johnson and Barb Stirn expected to have a little problem with nervousness at the outset of the meet Thursday morning.

There was a problem. They weren't nervous.

"I was almost worried that we weren't nervous," said Stirn, who like many of the volunteers arrived at 6 a.m., 2½ hours before the meet, to iron out any last-minute wrinkles.

"I watched that first heat hit the water this morning, and I knew everything would be all right."

To a first-timer, the atmosphere at the All-City meet takes on a carnival feel. Besides the masses of people, there were concession stands, colorful team banners, and a huge red canvas tent for each team.

"I looked at the tents, and I said it looked like the circus was ready to start," Stirn said. Hey, all they needed was a midway, it was suggested. Stirn laughed.

"We have video games," she said.

That range of responsibilities prompts one question: Where does one even begin organizing this?

Johnson and Stirn said they'd kicked around ideas in their heads for a long time. Both have offspring who swim — Johnson has Meghan, who swims in the 15-18 division, and Mike, who's in 13-14, and Stirn has Lindley, who's also in 13-14 — so they'd been around this type of thing before.

Both are involved in swimming, Johnson as a board member of the Ridgewood Swim Club and Stirn as the state administrative chair to U.S. Swimming. And every year, the host has access to the reports from committees of past years.

Still, there were those times when Stirn woke up at 2 a.m. with a random thought in

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Olympic duty now a distant memory



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A year ago today, Michael Johnson completed his "golden" double by breaking his world record in the 200 meters; Dan O'Brien became the first American gold medalist in the decathlon since Bruce Jenner in 1976; and 76,481 watched the U.S. defeat China for the gold medal in the first women's soccer tournament in the history of the Olympic Games.

A year ago today — Aug. 1 — University of Wisconsin associate athletic director Mike Moss was a sports operation manager for the

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Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, overseeing six sports and a mega-million dollar budget.

If you look around his office in Camp Randall Stadium, you will see an Olympic wall poster and a framed picture of Muhammad Ali holding the torch with which the Champ would light the cauldron during the opening ceremonies.

These keepsakes serve as reminders that it was only a year ago today that Moss played a role in an

entirely different production, the magnitude of which still overwhelms him today upon reflection.

Not that he has thought about it all that much lately.

"Actually, I hadn't really given a conscious thought to it," Moss said, "until I guess it was Sunday when there was something on television that mentioned it was the anniversary of the park bombing and then I went, 'Oh, geez ...'"

Moss was asleep in his quarters — "home in bed" — when a bomb exploded, killing two people and injuring more than 100 in Centennial Olympic Park in the early morning hours of July 27.

Last January, Moss was called

back to Atlanta for a business meeting relating to his Olympic assignment. During his stay, he took the time to revisit the park.

"As for the park itself," he pointed out, "I don't know if they had sodded or not, it was all dirt. Except for the fountains (of Rings), it was all gone."

That was among his first impressions upon arriving in Atlanta. Here today, gone tomorrow.

"As I was driving into town," he recalled, "they were retrofitting the Olympic stadium into the baseball configuration (Turner Field), and I was aware of that."

There was something else that struck Mike Moss about the area.

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MORNING BRIEFING

Okey receives preseason honor

University of Wisconsin forward Sam Okey has been named a preseason candidate for the John Wooden Award, given annually to the top men's college basketball player in the country.

The Wooden Award and the 10-player Wooden all-America team will be named April 3, 1998.

Twenty-five players were nominated, including North Carolina's Antawn Jamison and Kansas' Raef LaFrentz, the only returning players from last year's Wooden all-America team. Purdue's Chad Austin and Minnesota's Sam Jacobson are the other Big Ten Conference performers to be nominated.

Okey was a second-team all-Big Ten selection as a sophomore last season. He averaged 11.2 points and 8.5 rebounds a game.

■ Scoonie Penn, the starting point guard at Boston College for two seasons, is transferring to Ohio State. Penn's former coach, Jim O'Brien, is the Buckeyes' new coach.

Johnson anxious to return to track

A year ago in Atlanta, Michael Johnson was unstoppable as he streaked to Olympic gold in the 200 and 400 meters. Now he comes into the World Championships in Athens, Greece, through the back door, chasing only one title after an injury-plagued year.

The IAAF, the sport's world governing body, gave Johnson a wild-card invitation into the World Championships after he failed to qualify for the U.S. team. The nine-day meet begins today.

"I'm very pleased they allowed wild cards," said Johnson, who will run the 400. "It's important to have the best athletes for various reasons. It's very good to have people like me here."

TODAY	SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
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SPORTS ON THE AIR

TELEVISION

Noon — Auto racing — NASCAR Winston Cup Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis; WKOW (Ch. 27).

Noon — Pro tennis — Semifinal of the du Maurier Open at Montreal; ESPN.

1 p.m. — Track and field — World Championship at Athens, Greece; WMTV (Ch. 15).

2 p.m. — Pro golf — Third round of LPGA du Maurier Ltd. Classic at Toronto; ESPN.

3 p.m. — Pro baseball — Los Angeles at Chicago Cubs; WMSN (Ch. 47).

3 p.m. — Pro golf — Third round of PGA Tour Sprint International at Castle Rock, Colo.; WISC (Ch. 3).

RADIO

6 a.m. — The Mark Gentzkow Show — WHIT (1550 AM).

8 a.m. — The Jay Marloti Show — WHIT (1550 AM).

Noon — Sports Saturday — With Bob Berger and Bruce Murray; WHIT (1550 AM).

6 p.m. — ESPN Radio — WTDY (1480 AM).

7 p.m. — Pro baseball — Seattle at Milwaukee; WIBA (1310 AM).

Americans Dan O'Brien, Gwen Torrence and Gail Devers have withdrawn from their specialties because of injuries, although Devers plans to anchor the U.S. women's 400 relay team.

The IAAF also warned that its drug testing at the World Championships will be as vigilant as ever, even though the penalty for a first offense was cut in half, to a two-year suspension. All medal winners will be tested.

Jury says Barkley not at fault in fight

Charles Barkley did not instigate a brawl at a Cleveland night-

club and won't have to pay any money to the man who sued him for \$550,000, a jury ruled Friday.

An eight-member jury rejected the claim of Jeb Tyler, who said the NBA star bloodied his face with a flurry of punches. The panel deliberated about 5 hours over two days.

■ George Toliver resigned after nine years as an NBA referee, one day after he became the second game official this week to plead guilty to filing false federal income tax returns.

■ Houston Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich signed a contract extension through the year 2001 that will pay him an average of \$4.5 million per season.

■ Atlanta Hawks coach Lenny Wilkens has agreed to a four-year contract extension, an Atlanta TV station reported.

Top seeds set at All-City Swim Meet

Terri Schramka, 10, qualified as the top seed in two events Friday at the All-City Swim Meet at the Ridgewood pool.

Schramka, of Park Crest, captured the top seed for the girls 9-10-year-old division in the 50-yard backstroke in a pool record. She also is the top seed in the 100 individual medley. Emma McKeith, of Hill Farms, is the top seed in the 50 butterfly and 50 freestyle in the 9-10 division.

Alison Grinde, of Ridgewood, set a pool record in the girls 8-and-under division in the 25 backstroke. Brooke Taylor of Monona set a pool record in the 100 individual medley. Taylor and Grinde also set marks in the 25 butterfly.

The meet concludes today with finals in all events. Relay finals begin at 8:30 a.m. with individual finals to follow. Friday's results in Scoreboard/5D.

ODDS AND ENDS

The Detroit Red Wings signed center Igor Larionov to a three-year contract Friday. ... Tomas Sandstrom signed a two-year contract with the Anaheim Mighty Ducks. ... Swedish defenseman Mattias Ohlund, an unsigned 1994 first-round draft pick of the Vancouver Canucks, signed a five-year, \$10 million offer sheet with the Toronto Maple Leafs. ... Starting full-back Jeff Paulk has been suspended from Arizona State's opener Aug. 30 against New Mexico State for beating a man in a nightclub. ... Martina Hingis beat Conchita Martinez, 6-4, 6-4, in the quarterfinals of the Toshiba Classic in Carlsbad, Calif. ... Chris Woodruff, ranked 57th in the world, beat seventh-seeded Mark Philippoussis, 6-4, 6-4, to move into the du Maurier Open semis in Montreal.

Compiled from State Journal wire services and staff reports.

Fox quartet leaves a-Lott to be desired

I was perusing the periodical section at an area bookstore recently when a magazine caught my eye.

Inside Sports had teamed with Fox Sports' fearsome foursome — James Brown, Terry Bradshaw, Howie Long and Ronnie Lott — to tackle an NFL preview edition.

Curiosity got the best of me, so I picked it up. The articles offered many chuckles and a few hardy laughs, but I don't think comic relief was their intention.

I especially enjoyed Lott's prediction that the Detroit Lions would win the NFC Central. Ronnie, it'll be tough for the Lions to win without a defense.

Long also chimed in with a belly-buster. He predicted the Oakland Raiders — his former team — would win the Super Bowl. Long obviously doesn't know Jeff George is the new Raiders quarterback.

Bradshaw did manage to make some interesting points, though. He compared the Kansas City Chiefs' free-agent signing frenzy to that of the Miami Dolphins' a few years ago. And as Bradshaw pointed out, Miami's spending spree didn't pay off.

Bradshaw also did something unheard of by an ex-player; he didn't gush over his former team, the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Brown didn't offer much analysis but did have the most intelligent predictions. According to JB, Denver will beat Carolina in the Super Bowl. He had the Packers losing in the NFC title game.

All in all, an entertaining but uninformative preview leading to two conclusions: Carolina is going to be the hot pick to win the Super Bowl, and Lott is still the San Francisco 49ers' biggest fan on the planet.



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SPORTS ON THE AIR

Aug. 18. The sports call-in show will air from 6:30 to 7 p.m. each Monday throughout the football season.

WISC (Ch. 3) sports anchors Jeff Lenzen, Brad Kahn, Matt Lepay and Angela Jacobs will be regulars on the show. They will discuss the Green Bay Packers with special in-studio guests and field phone calls from viewers.

Channel surfing

Turner Sports and NBC recently released their television schedules for the upcoming NBA season. The Milwaukee Bucks will appear on national TV a grand total of one time. TNT (cable Ch. 27 in Madison) will carry the Bucks' home game against the Detroit Pistons Tuesday, Jan. 27.

This weekend's best bets

The Crew: The Seattle Mariners will try to cool off those gritty, gummy Brewers this weekend. Per usual, Bob Uecker and Jim Powell will call tonight's game at 7:05 and Sunday's contest at 1:05 p.m. on WIBA (1310 AM). Cirillo watch: The Brewers third baseman is still in a slump. He went 1-for 4 Friday against the Mariners and remains at .280.

The Black Wolf: Thunder Bay travels to Warner Park to take on the Black Wolf in a three-game weekend series. WHIT (1550 AM) will carry Sunday's game at 1 p.m.

Any comments or suggestions? Drop a line at P.O. Box 8058, Madison, WI 53708 or call (608) 252-6177.

PRO GOLF

Robbins putts way to the top

Long hitter leads LPGA's final major

Associated Press

Statistics say Kelly Robbins is a long hitter, one of the longest on the LPGA Tour.

The numbers also show uncanny accuracy off the tee and a deft touch on the greens.

It was the latter strength that helped Robbins shoot an 8-under-par 65 Friday for a 2-shot lead midway through the du Maurier Classic, the last of the LPGA's four major tournaments.

Robbins enjoyed a 2-stroke lead over Sweden's Liselotte Neumann, who shot 67 in the second tour of Jack Nicklaus-designed Glen Abbey Golf Club's 6,367-yard course in Oakville, Ontario.

Juli Inkster shot a 69 and was alone at 139, 3 off the pace.

"I usually don't like hard, short courses because my advantage is my length," Robbins said. "But what has helped me is that the greens are really holding. I've really worked on my consistency in my putting — and here the putting is the key."

Among the statistical categories, Robbins leads the LPGA in greens hit in regulation — a testament to accuracy rather than length off the tee — birdies (243) and eagles (eight).

"It's growing, it's the maturity," said Robbins. 27. "I decided to spend a lot more time putting and getting a good routine."

On Friday, Robbins hit 16 greens in regulation, birdied all five of the par-5s and made only one bogey.

Hall of Famer Betsy King, winner of the Dinah Shore, the season's first major, shot a 69 to join a group at 140. Also at 6-under after two rounds was Colleen Walker, one of three who shared the opening-round lead. She shot a 72 in the second round.

Madison's Sherri Steinhauer shot a 73 and is at 145.

■ Mickelson grabs lead at In-



Kelly Robbins shot an 8-under 65 to grab the second-round lead of the du Maurier Classic at Oakville, Ontario.

ternational: Phil Mickelson, battling for a Ryder Cup berth, set a tournament record to seize the early second-round lead in the weather-delayed Sprint International in Castle Rock, Colo.

Mickelson, who scored 14 points in the first round under the modified Stableford scoring system used in this event, added 13 Friday for a 36-hole total of 27 points.

It was an International record since the tournament went to cumulative scores in 1989; Dan Pohl had the old mark of 24 points in 1992.

Mickelson had a four-point lead over first-round co-leader Larry Mize, who has 23 points.

Mequon native Skip Kendall and Neal Lancaster have 22 points. Scott McCarron also was at 22 with two holes left to play. Nick Price finished at 20.

■ Zarley takes Bank Boston lead: After hitting some practice shots in mid-morning, aching Kermit Zarley felt he should have gone home instead of starting in Senior PGA Bank Boston at Concord, Mass.

A few hours later, he was happy he stuck around. Despite a painful left knee, he held a 2-stroke lead with a 6-under 66, his best round of the year.

At 68 were Dana Quigley, Rick Acton, Frank Conner, Jerry McGee, John Jacobs and 65-year-old Gay Brewer, who won the Masters 30 years ago.

Hale Irwin, Dan Wood, Larry Mowry, Tony Jacklin, Walt Morgan, Tom Wargo and Jay Sigel were tied at 69.

Bakke, Huset take divergent paths to lead

By Nick Zizzo
Sports reporter

The second round of the Madison Men's City Golf Tournament saw two golfers taking different approaches to Maple Bluff Country Club Friday, but when scores were posted at the end of play, they found themselves sharing the same position: first place.

Tom Huset and Niles Bakke finished the second round of the four-day, 72-hole event atop the leaderboard. Both golfers are at 146 after 36 holes. That was enough to distance the two from the rest of the pack. They lead Jim Klink and Brian Murphy by 6 shots.

How they got there was a another story. If their games would have been a takeoff of the "Odd Couple," Huset would have as-

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sumed the role of Felix Unger and Bakke would be the second coming of Oscar Madison.

Huset, 2 strokes back after the first round, eschewed his driver in favor of the more finesse 3-wood.

"I was determined to hit the fairways. I used my driver only three times, but I usually use it all the time," he said. "But today I'll probably use my driver on every hole and just rip it."

Huset parlayed his club selection into a 1-under-par 70. He hit 15 fairways and finished with three birdies. The last came on the par-4, 375-yard 17th hole and pro-

duced a rare triple; his playing partners, Greg Moser and Dan Blackdeer, also birdied the hole.

Bakke, who plays at Maple Bluff, used the home-course advantage to shoot a 2-under 69, the best round of the day.

"I feel very fortunate because you never know what is going to happen," Bakke said. "My knowledge of the course came into play."

Bakke started the day with an eagle and ended it with a birdie. On his first hole, the 371-yard, par-4, No. 10, he launched his tee shot to within 30 feet of the pin and chipped in on his next shot.

"I like my driver," Bakke said. "It's a Great Big Bertha that I got this year."

First-round leader Eric Goldapske should have asked Bakke for that club. He knew he was in for a

long day after he put his tee shot on No. 2 out of bounds.

"It's a different course here, and you have to be in the fairways," said Goldapske, a former University of Wisconsin golfer who shot a second-round 80 to fall back into a seven-way tie for eighth place. "I got away with a lot of shots Thursday, but I paid the penalty here."

Had Steve Davis not lost 4 shots on the final two holes, the cutoff for the third round would have been 160. As it turned out, Davis, who shot an 85 and finished at 165, 4 shots off the cut, made the five golfers at 161 very happy. The third round is today at Yahara Hills and starts at 8 a.m.

■ Results in Scoreboard/5D

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Freshmen start with basics as practice gets underway

Classes may not begin for another few weeks, but school was definitely in session Friday.

One day after welcoming their freshman players to Holy Name Catholic Center for training camp, the University of Wisconsin football coaches led them through the first of many grueling practices.

No flea-flickers or fumblerooskis on this day. It was all business and, specifically, the business of fundamentals.

"What we're trying to accomplish right now is, No. 1, teach them our vocabulary," Badgers coach Barry Alvarez said. "When we use a word or a term, it has to register with them. That's the hardest thing."

"No. 2 is our basic system. We spent some time getting in and out of a huddle today. Many times people take for granted snap counts, getting the ball up, everybody moving at the same time. It has to be synchronized. Our offense is very sophisticated in terms of

motion and shifting people around." Friday's introduction to UW football featured a tightly organized series of drills, lots of positive encouragement and a palpable attitude. One scene had offensive coordinator Brad Childress urging freshman quarterback Peter Lee "to run like your hair's on fire."

Some 20 scholarship freshmen and about a dozen walk-ons took part in the two 90-minute practice sessions. According to Alvarez, speed and strength are pleasantly visible.

"I was very impressed with several things," he said. "I was impressed with the condition this group came in with. I huddle today. Many times people take for granted snap counts, getting the ball up, everybody moving at the same time. It has to be synchronized. Our offense is very sophisticated in terms of

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They tested out very well, and it's a group that has a lot of athleticism. Quite frankly, I like what I see."

The freshmen have one more practice session this morning before the varsity reports and full-squad workouts begin Monday. That is the first day players are available for interviews — less than three weeks before Wisconsin's season-opener against Syracuse at the Kickoff Classic at East Rutherford, N.J.

"One step at a time," Alvarez said. "We got a couple basic offensive plays in, a couple basic defensive routes. As I told them, you win games at this level by doing little things right. Hand placement, proper steps, proper angles of pursuit, all those things are important and often make the difference between winning and losing."

Going solo not easy

At first glance, it would seem that Peter Lee and punter Kevin Stemke have an obvious advantage as the only scholarship freshmen at their respective positions. More personalized instruction, more repetitions, more opportunity to improve.

But the UW coaching staff is wary of having that cost an arm and a leg.

"I don't think you learn any more just being there by yourself," coach Barry Alvarez said. "The thing you have to be careful with is that you don't throw (Lee's) arm off. He's the only one throwing, you have a whole stack of receivers there, and he's the only one doing reps. You've got to be careful, and same with the punter."

"You have to pace things. I don't want Peter throwing until he's sore, and I told Stemke the same thing. He's ready to punt all morning and show us he can also kick off, but I said, 'Look, I need your leg a little later.'"

By Andrew Cohen

Big Ten

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its archrival, Florida State, in late November — claimed No. 1 after defeating top-ranked Florida State in the Sugar Bowl.

"I think we were as good as any football team in the country last year," Buckeyes coach John Cooper said. "I don't understand why more people didn't vote for us."

Part of the problem might be

emphasis: except for Penn State, the Big Ten's strongest programs make the Rose Bowl the ultimate goal. At other national powerhouses, such as Florida, Florida State and Nebraska, conference crowns are assumed and national titles are the objective.

"You've got to put yourself in a position to win the national title, and that usually means you've got to win all your games," said new Minnesota coach Glen Mason, a member of the 1970 Ohio State team that blew a national title shut against Stanford in the Rose

Bowl. "Rather than playing an eight-game (conference) schedule, maybe you should play seven games. I know that in the Big 12 (where Mason coached Kansas), the coaches who are in programs that regularly compete for national titles wanted to play only seven (league) games."

The idea is to allow schools to fatten their records with an extra non-conference opponent, often at home. The Big Ten requires teams to play eight conference games. That can put them at the mercy of voters, who don't always share the

conference's high opinion of itself.

"With the polls playing a big role in the (bowl) alliance, it makes it much easier if you play an easy non-conference schedule," Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said.

No one can accuse the Wolverines of lining up cream puffs in an effort to end their national title drought, which is at 49 years and counting. Michigan opens the season against Colorado, resumes its fierce series with Notre Dame and meets Penn State and Ohio State

BASEBALL

Major league leaders

AMERICAN LEAGUE	G	AB	R	H	Avg
Tim Lincecum	1	278	43	103	.369
Salvadori	1	278	43	103	.369
Wick	1	278	43	103	.369
Reynolds	1	278	43	103	.369
Wainwright	1	278	43	103	.369
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AUTO RACING

Professional

NASCAR WINSTON CUP

At Indianapolis

Lineup for today's race

(Car numbers in parentheses)

1. (28) Ernie Inzer, Dallas, Calif.

2. (10) Jeff Burton, Rockingham, N.C.

3. (14) Dale Earnhardt, Kannapolis, N.C.

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SCOREBOARD

SEATTLE MARINERS

Opted RHP Ed Hurtado to Tacoma of the PCL. Designated LHP Mark Holzner for release.

TEXAS RANGERS — Designated RHP Jason Bergman for release.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Recalled RHP Mark Jankowski from Syracuse to lead Wausau.

Opted LHP Huck Flenner to Syracuse.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

LEAGUE OFFICE — Upheld the three-game suspension of Colorado Rockies' Andres Bello for

charging the mound and inciting a bench-clearing incident in a game on May 3.

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Signed RHP Ed Hurtado to lead Wausau.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Announced the retirement of LHP Sid Fernandez.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Opted RHP Joe Roa to Phoenix of the PCL. Designated RHP John Johnston for release.

Waived C Rick Wilkins.

Failed to qualify

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AREA SPORTS

Baseball

HOME TALENT LEAGUE

Ray Roston, Brad Steneck and Jeff Wally all drove in ninth-inning runs to lead Wausau.

CAZENOVIA — In a Home Talent League Northern action game at Cazenovia, 9-5.

An error led to the first run. Roston and Steneck hit run-scoring singles to lead Wausau.

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SCORECARD

LATEST LINE

NFL Preseason Points Underdog

TAMPA BAY (2) vs. WASHINGTON (3)	NY JETS (3) vs. TENNESSEE (2)
KANSAS CITY (2) vs. PITTSBURGH (3)	BALTIMORE (3) vs. NY GIANTS (2)
MINNESOTA (2) vs. CHICAGO (3)	ST. LOUIS (2) vs. CAROLINA (3)
SEATTLE (2) vs. SAN DIEGO (3)	ARIZONA (2) vs. JACKSONVILLE (3)
DALLAS (2) vs. OAKLAND (3)	MIAMI (2) vs. DENVER (3)
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Baseball Underdog

SEATTLE 5-1/2 vs. MILWAUKEE 5-1/2	SEATTLE 5-1/2 vs. MILWAUKEE 5-1/2
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AUTO RACING

NASCAR Winston Cup

1. (28) Ernie Irvan, Solinas, Calif.	2. (42) Joe Nemechek, Lakeland, Fla.
3. (10) Ricky Rudd, Chesapeake, Va.	4. (17) Darrell Waltrip, Fort Worth, Texas
5. (11) Dale Earnhardt, Kannapolis, N.C.	6. (21) Mike Skinner, Ontario, Calif.
7. (18) Rusty Wallace, Marietta, Ga.	8. (13) Ken Schrader, Fontana, Calif.
9. (16) David Green, Owensboro, Ky.	10. (14) Jeff Green, Owensboro, Ky.
11. (15) Bobby Hamilton, Nashville, Tenn.	12. (13) Sterling Marlin, Columbia, Tenn.
13. (14) Wally Dallenbach Jr., Bossal, Ohio	14. (14) Wally Dallenbach Jr., Bossal, Ohio
15. (14) Bill Elliott, Dawsonville, Ga.	16. (12) Jeremy Mayfield, Owensboro, Ky.
17. (12) Rick Allen, Rockbridge, Va.	18. (12) Rick Allen, Rockbridge, Va.
19. (12) Michael Waltrip, Owensboro, Ky.	20. (12) Michael Waltrip, Owensboro, Ky.
21. (12) Steve Grissom, Ford, 175.071, 18	22. (12) Steve Grissom, Ford, 175.071, 18
23. (12) Johnny Benson Jr., Grand Rapids, Mich.	24. (12) Johnny Benson Jr., Grand Rapids, Mich.
25. (12) Ted Musgrave, Franklin, Wis.	26. (12) Ted Musgrave, Franklin, Wis.
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GOLF

PGA TOUR MAURIER CLASSIC

1. (14) Lisa Hockney 73-69; Tina Barrett 71-71; Chris Johnson 70-72; Jan Stephenson 69-73; Hollis Stacy 69-73.	2. (14) Lisa Hockney 73-69; Tina Barrett 71-71; Chris Johnson 70-72; Jan Stephenson 69-73; Hollis Stacy 69-73.
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Up for air



Mike Devries/The Capital Times

Parkcrest's Terri Schramka, 10, competes in the individual medley at Friday's city swim meet. Results in Scorecard.

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Brewers not a perfect 10

Mariners stop winning streak

By Vic Feuerherd
 Sports reporter

MILWAUKEE — The Milwaukee Brewers lost more than a ballgame Saturday night. They lost valuable momentum in the stands and in the standings.

While all winning streaks must come to an end, this was not the ending the Brewers had in mind, a 14-4 shellacking by the Seattle Mariners. As a result, the Brewers saw their nine-game winning streak come to a screeching halt.

But as bad as that looks in black and white, that wasn't necessarily the worst news.

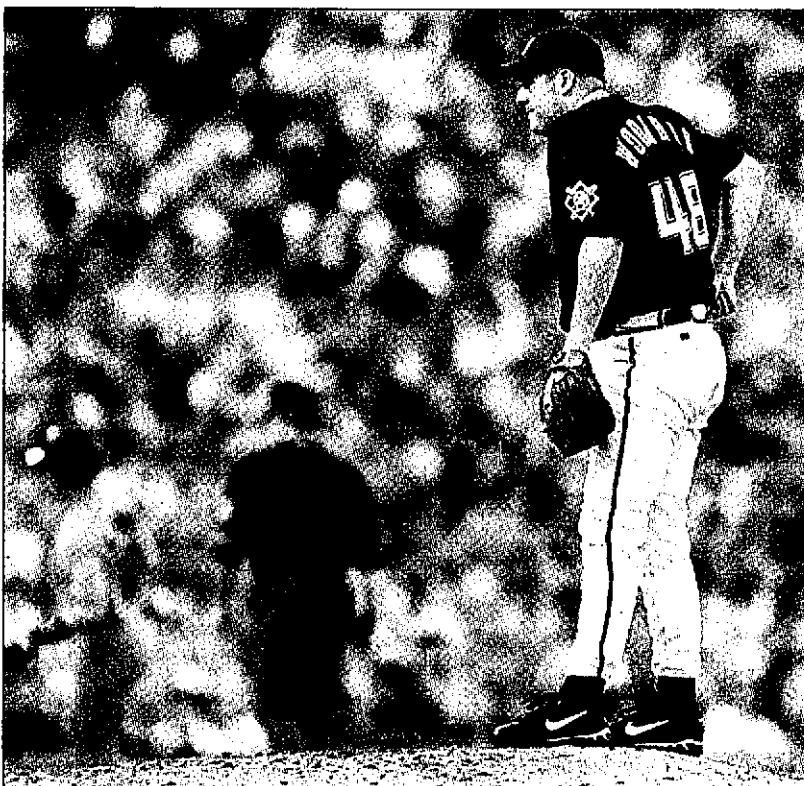
At a time when the Brewers are poised to make a push in the

American League Central race and trying to get a bandwagon effect rolling around the team's recent success, the loss came before 43,215, the largest crowd of the season and the largest crowd in three years.

The loss also dropped the Brewers 3½ games behind the Cleveland Indians, who defeated Texas Saturday night.

The worst news was that the crowd, probably expecting to see a level of play that had characterized the Brewers' six victories on this homestand, never got a chance to get off its feet or pound the giveaway umbrellas presented

■ Jones set to come off DL/4D



Brewers' starting pitcher Steve Woodard waits on the mound after giving up a solo home run to catcher Russ Davis in the second inning Saturday night.

upon entrance.

The game started 11 minutes late to let more of the crowd — including 15,000 who bought tickets

at the door — fight its way into the stadium. The game, though, was

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It's unlikely Brewers can stay in the race

Bob, the brother-in-law from Nebraska, brought the family in for an overnight visit earlier this week. It had been nearly three years since we last saw them for an extended period, so the expectation was that our time together would be spent getting caught up on families, jobs and general nonsense about growing old.

But just as he was getting ready to step inside the front door, Bob verbally launched himself into the path of an oncoming bandwagon.

"How about those Brewers of mine?" he said, proudly.

You answer by marveling at how much his three daughters have grown and how gorgeous they are.

"They're on a roll," Bob said, his voice rising. "Eight in a row."

You note how his youngest child, his only son, looks like he might be a handful.

"They can catch Cleveland," Bob said, stepping into the foyer.

You stop in your tracks and finally tell Bob, the beer company sales rep, to lighten up on the



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fanfare. You tell him there is no way Milwaukee will catch the Indians and win the American League Central Division title. You tell him to take the suitcases and put them in the second bedroom.

"Are you serious?" Bob asks.

"Yeah, because that's the only extra bedroom we have," was the reply.

"No, no. About the Brewers?" Bob asks.

He seemed desperate for the truth. Though born and bred in Omaha, Bob has followed the Brewers through thick and thin. He has a ticket stub from the night

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A mind-goggling victory



Middleton's Jenny Pofahl, 16, plows her way to victory in the girls 15-18 100-meter freestyle despite losing her goggles along the way at the All-City Swim Meet Saturday at Ridgewood Pool. Story/6D.

Rudd's gamble pays off

Driver captures Brickyard 400

By Mike Harris
 Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A gambler's instincts and some incredible racing luck gave Ricky Rudd the biggest victory of his career.

Sound judgment played a role, too.

"You've got to be smart," Rudd said Saturday after using a combination of the three to win the NASCAR Winston Cup Brickyard 400. "The fastest car doesn't always win."

Certainly not when they have to stop for fuel in the closing laps, which is what Dale Jarrett and Jeff Gordon had to do.

"I couldn't have hardly coasted around here to save that much fuel to go that far," Jarrett said. "But some people work on fuel mileage and some on horsepower."

That was Rudd's specialty — something the team practiced a day earlier.

"This is just a shock to me," the owner/driver said after winning the fourth edition of NASCAR's most lucrative race.

His share of the \$4.965 million purse was \$571,000, second only to the \$613,000 won by Gordon in 1994, in the inaugural Brickyard.

The key to the 19th victory of his career was Rudd's decision to try to go the last 46 laps — 115 miles — on a tank of gas. Two caution flags in the last 17 laps allowed that.

"We knew it was going to be really tight," Rudd said. "We were going to go for it. We were going to roll the dice. We were either going to win it or finish last."

The yellow flag that assured Rudd of the victory flew just six laps from the finish, when Edgerton's Rich Bickle hit the wall in turn three at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

It was the second win of the season for Rudd, who has won at least once in each of the last 15 years.

"Today, we were a third- or fourth-place car, but we just kept digging," Rudd said. "In practice the other day, we were a last-place car and they didn't give up. They kept working on it."

The 160-lap race on the historic 2½-mile oval looked like it was coming down to a shootout between Gordon and defending champion Jarrett.

Both were planning to make pit stops in the final 10 laps for a splash of gas before Robby Gordon, a former Indy car driver and now a Winston Cup rookie, hit the wall on lap 145.

NASCAR officials did not immediately throw a caution flag,

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■ Crash ends Bickle's hopes/2D

© The new kid on the block

Ross Verba, the Packers' No. 1 draft pick, had a tough first day at practice. But he hopes hard work and a tight lip will ease things for him with his teammates.

By Jason Wilde
 Sports reporter

GREEN BAY — No one rolled out a green and gold carpet. Instead, most of the not-so-friendly greetings came from defensive linemen intent on sending a message.

Welcome to Green Bay Packers training camp, Ross Verba.

"Being the new guy and having those guys practice the last three weeks, I'm sure there's a lot of animosity toward me," said Verba, the Packers' first-round draft pick who ended his three-week holdout Thursday. "I figure if I just keep my mouth shut and just practice hard, it'll be all right."

Verba worked out mostly with the second team at left tackle and got some additional repetitions at right guard during drills Saturday.

"I mean, it just makes my life so much more wonderful now that he's here, you know?" said Packers coach Mike Holmgren, who wasn't in a particularly swell mood himself after the morning practice. "That was nice, very nice. I'm glad."

Verba mostly matched up with three players — defensive ends Gabe Wilkins, Keith McKenzie and Elliott Fortune — during the no-pads practice. None was particularly kind to him.

During one-on-one drills, both Wilkins and Fortune followed whistles by pushing and shoving the rookie. During the 2-minute, 11-on-11 drill, McKenzie and Verba scuffled after one play, with McKenzie ripping Verba's helmet off before tossing it back to him.

Several plays later, Verba and Fortune mixed it up again, with Fortune giving Verba a solid whack on the back of the helmet.

"That's just part of the game, tempers flaring and stuff," McKenzie said. "It wasn't that serious out there. That's all done in fun. We're having fun out there."

Not by appearances. Still, Verba didn't back down.

"My role right now is not to get yelled at too much," Verba said.

It was notable that Verba worked some at right guard. Packers coaches maintained during Verba's two minicamps that he would remain at left tackle.

"It's a different mindset than left tackle, which I've been doing for so long," Verba said. "If they want me to play right guard, obviously that's going to take a little more time to get that down."

■ Conway out to show he can do the job/9D

uneventful. Outside of the post-draft minicamps, he spent most of his holdout running and working out. Still, he admitted it will be an adjustment to having 275-pound defensive linemen attack him.

"Like any first practice, no matter how long you've been playing, you're going to have to get the rust and the kinks out and try and get some fluidity in you," Verba said. "Taking a pass set against a full-speed rusher, obviously when I was back home, I didn't see anything like that."

"Hopefully, I'll come out tomorrow and I'll be a little more fluid than I was today. I'm aware that we don't have time to walk me through everything one-on-one, so I've got to jump right in. Either I succeed or I fail."



Rudd



Rookie Ross Verba, left, works out Saturday with offensive lineman Marco Rivera as coach Tom Lovat looks on. Verba missed more than three weeks of training camp because of a contract holdout.

Ridgewood rolls again

Five meet records set as more than 1,200 compete

By Jake Ginsky
Sports reporter

West Side's Polly Jaskowski had plenty of reason to be pent up emotionally following her 14th and final All-City Swim Meet Saturday at Ridgewood Pool. You'd never know from talking with her.

"Is this an honest interview?" she asked. "No, I'm not sad."

The 18-year-old Jaskowski, who won the 200-meter individual med-

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ley with a time of 2 minutes, 33.01 seconds, has been competing at the meet since she was 5.

For Jaskowski, it is just time to move on. "You definitely grow out of it after 14 years," she said.

Not Ridgewood's Matt Peckham, who won the boys 15-18 100-meter freestyle (57.17 seconds) in his final appearance. He has competed since he was 10 and didn't share Jaskowski's view.

"I made sure that I was going to get to this meet this year, because I wanted to finish it up in this pool," said Peckham, who had the luxury of racing at his training site.

Peckham's team made the most of its home pool advantage by handily winning the 12-team competition and taking its third straight title. Ridgewood finished with 1,437.5 points. Middleton (1,054) was second, followed by Parkcrest (1,000.5) and Shorewood Hills (914).

Ridgewood coach Tim Ritchie attributed the win mostly to numbers.

"It's a depth game, and we've got a fair amount of depth," said Ritchie, whose team entered 230 swimmers, the most of any team. "Also, our kids are swimming in their home pool, and for our little guys, that's a big thing. ... They're comfortable here."

Still, Middleton and Seminole showed team results didn't hinge entirely on depth. Middleton, which sent 134 swimmers, earned second place despite entering fewer participants than Parkcrest



Seminole's Adam Blatter, 8, kicks his way to victory in the boys 8-and-under 25-meter backstroke Saturday at the All-City Swim Meet at Ridgewood Pool.

(165) and Shorewood (142).

Seminole was able to finish fifth (691.5), one spot ahead of Monona Swim/Dive Club (629), which entered more (40) swimmers.

"I'm not surprised at all," Seminole coach Jenni Diericks said of her team's effort. "I think we're a very efficient team."

In all, 1,252 swimmers were entered in the meet, which ran from Thursday through Saturday.

Five meet records were set: Maple Bluff's Margaret Barry (11:12) in the 50 backstroke (:32.58) and 100 individual medley (1:11.77); Jill Bren (13-14) of Shorewood Hills in the 100 backstroke (1:08.26); Katherine Marshall (11-

12) of Ridgewood in the 50 breaststroke (:35.73); Adam Grinde (8-and-under) of Ridgewood in the 25 butterfly (:17.32).

The close finish for second place in the team standings offered excitement. But the meet may have lost some of its competitiveness due to the Wisconsin State swim meet in Milwaukee, which coincided with the All-City Meet.

"It would be nice if they could fall on two different weekends," Middleton coach Kara Randall said. "But we as coaches learn to work with that."

■ Results in Scoreboard/10D

Sponsor ponders options

Andersen's role in World event remains unclear

By Rob Hernandez
Sports reporter

The sponsor may have seen the last of Blackwolf Run as the site for its World Championship of Golf international regional, but it may not have seen the last of Sheboygan area.

Andersen Consulting officials, who administer the event in conjunction with the world's five major golf tours, will likely be given an option of using Whistling Straits in nearby Haven for the tournament's venue next year. The new course designed by Pete Dye along the Lake Michigan shoreline is slated to open in the spring.

What is unclear is the sponsor's role in the endeavor, which will morph into a week-long event featuring 64 players as part of a World Championship Series in 1999 when the new PGA Tour television deal kicks in. Andersen's role in that event, scheduled Feb. 20-26, 1999, at La Costa, Calif., hasn't been determined and the status of the 1998 event is uncertain.

"What happens in 1998 depends on what happens in 1999," said Jeff Adams, director of communications for the World Championships with Andersen.

Adams said Andersen hopes to know the future of this event for 1998 within the next two months.

Blackwolf Run has hosted the international regional on its River Course the last two years. It hosted the United States regional in 1995.

■ No go for the GMO: Don't look for John Daly to play the Greater Milwaukee Open this year or come to Milwaukee very soon.

Daly made that clear last week at the Greater Hartford Open upon his return to the PGA Tour after spending five weeks continuing his recovery from alcoholism. Daly, who spent six weeks at the Betty Ford Clinic, now attends Alcoholics Anonymous.

"I'd love to go to Milwaukee and play again," Daly told reporters last week. "But I don't think I could handle driving on the interstate and smelling all the breweries. It's so tough. I don't know. Maybe someday."

Daly isn't the only big name to pass on the 30th annual GMO Labor Day weekend. Greg Norman, the 1989 GMO champion, and Nick Price will, too.

STATE GOLFERS' MONEY LIST

A look at how golfers with Wisconsin ties are faring in 1997 on their respective professional tours.

Through July 28				
Name	City	Tour	Rank	Money
1. Dan Forsman	Rhineland	PGA	71st	\$226,913
2. Jerry Kelly	Madison	PGA	84th	\$186,956
3. Sherri Steinhauer	Madison	LPGA	36th	\$144,935
4. Skip Kendall	Mequon	PGA	116th	\$129,156
5. Steve Stricker	Edgerton	PGA	122nd	\$120,615
6. J.P. Hayes	Appleton	PGA	123rd	\$119,929
7. Vicki Goetze-Ackerman	Mishicot	LPGA	77th	\$59,451
8. Anna Acker-Macosko	Marshfield	LPGA	94th	\$46,870
9. Chip Sullivan	Madison	PGA	212th	\$24,160
10. Martha Nause	Sheboygan	LPGA	129th	\$22,838
11. Mario Tiziani	Madison	Nike/Hooters	NA	\$21,312
12. Tim Cantwell Jr.	Brookfield	Golden Bear	2nd	\$20,586
13. Sue Ginter	Appleton	Futures	5th	\$20,586
14. Ben Walter	Menomonie	Canadian	25th	\$11,719
15. Ron Wuensche	Oshkosh	S. American	41st	\$9,620
16. Mark Scheibach	Fond du Lac	Multiple	NA	\$8,826
17. Stephanie Farwig	Mequon	LPGA	171st	\$6,972
18. Kim Millies	Big Bend	Futures	25th	\$5,540
19. Shelley Wendells	Fond du Lac	Futures	38th	\$4,249
20. Jason Samuelian	Racine	Canadian	72nd	\$3,300
21. Laurie Merten	Waukesha	LPGA	175th	\$2,939
22. Joe Ring	Madison	Multiple	NA	\$2,172
23. Mark Schneider	Onalaska	Multiple	NA	\$1,990
24. Lisa Kartheiser	Pt. Wash'ton	Futures	NA	\$217
25. Andy Podolak	Racine	Moonlight	NA	\$100

Norman said this week in Kohler he plans to take at least six weeks off following the World Series of Golf, the week prior to the GMO. Price said the GMO wouldn't fit into his schedule, either.

■ Local knowledge: Edgerton's Steve Stricker and Madison's Jerry Kelly have clinched spots in the PGA Championship in two weeks at Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, N.Y., by virtue of money earned between the 1996 Buick Open and the 1997 International. Stricker is 41st on the list (\$560,015) and Kelly 62nd (\$371,798). The top 70 are exempt into golf's fourth major. ... Former Madison golfer Chip Sullivan used a 7-iron to record his first PGA Tour hole-in-one, on the 174-yard 15th hole July 18 at Annadale Golf Club in Madison, Miss., in the second round of the Deposit Guaranty Classic.

■ Crossing the tees: Little Chute's Joellyn Erdmann, who swept the WWSGA state match-and medal-play titles for a second straight year, will play in the U.S. Women's Amateur, which runs Monday through Saturday at West Newton, Mass. Erdmann, who reached the semifinals of the 1996 Women's Am, will have UW golfer Ryan Helminen of Appleton as her caddy. ... Green Bay's Nick Gilliam, the North Carolina-

bound golfer who tied for sixth last week at the Wisconsin State Amateur, leads 192 boys into the WSGA Junior Championship Monday through Wednesday on Erdmann's home course at Fox Valley Country Club in Kaukauna. Other junior State Amateur qualifiers playing against guys their own age this week: Madison's Neil Tiziani and Jeff Kline, Appleton's Brian Brodell and Brian Berggren, Scott Howard of Woodruff, John Stravinski of DeForest, Ted Babcock of Edgerton and Nathaniel Hart of Fontana. ... The 21st annual Badgerland Amputee Golf Tournament is Saturday and Sunday at Coachman's Inn Golf Course near Stoughton. There is a scramble Friday. For information, call Vince Peterson at (414) 992-6254. ... Openings remain for the first WSGA Directors Cup, a mid-amateur tournament for golfers age 25 to 40. For details, call the WSGA office in Brookfield at (414) 786-4301. ... Tuesday is the entry deadline for the Dane County Senior Tournament, which is Aug. 19 at Door Creek in Cottage Grove and Aug. 20 at Odana Hills in Madison. The tournament is for Dane County golfers age 50 and older. More information is available at pro shops in Dane County.

Robbins' lead shrinks to 1 shot

Kendall climbs into second place in International

Associated Press

Kelly Robbins found herself at the top of a far more crowded leaderboard than she had hoped Saturday, struggling to an even-par 73 in the third round of the LPGA Tour du Maurier Classic at Oakville, Ontario.

"It was quite a grind for me, and it seems like every day someone gets hot," said Robbins, who holds a 1-stroke lead over Brandie Burton and Juli Inkster. "It wouldn't surprise me if someone crept up on the leaderboard."

Robbins, who shot a tournament-best 65 Friday, has a 10-under 209 total on the Glen Abbey Golf Club course. Burton, who has overcome knee, wrist, back and rib injuries in the last three years, shot a 66 Saturday.

"It's hard to keep up with the injuries," said Burton, who birdied four of the five par-5s. "I'm 100 percent healthy right now, which I haven't usually been at this stage of the year."

The other players didn't make it easy on the former Arizona State star, with five of her fairway shots landing in divots.

"I had a lot of practice hitting out of divots," said Burton, winless since 1993. "It's nice to get the

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nerves working — I've got the butterflies flying around again."

Inkster shot a 71. Rosie Jones (71) and Sweden's Liselotte Neumann (73) are 2 back at 211, while Hall of Famer Betsy King follows at 212 with Cindy Figg-Currier and Tina Barrett.

Sherri Steinhauer of Madison fired a 73 for a 1-under 218 total. Neumann had four bogeys and four birdies.

"I couldn't get momentum," she said. "Every time I made a birdie the next hole I'd make a bogey. It was really frustrating."

■ Kendall close: Phil Mickelson carded six birdies in a bogey-free round to hold off Nike Tour veteran Skip Kendall of Mequon and maintain his lead in the weather-delayed International at Castle Rock, Colo.

Mickelson had a 54-hole total of 39 points under the modified Stableford scoring system, setting a tournament scoring record for the second straight day. John Daly set the previous three-round record of 31 in 1992.

Kendall finished at 34, and Stuart Appleby had 32 points.

Mickelson, 27, seeking his 11th PGA Tour victory, began the third round with a 3-point lead over Scott McCarron.

Play was suspended by lightning and rain for 2 hours. At that point, Mickelson had 33 points

through nine holes and Kendall had 32 through 10 holes.

Kendall, who started the day 5 points behind Mickelson, birdied five holes on his front nine, including four in a row, and swapped the lead with Mickelson, who birdied three holes.

Kendall, playing one hole ahead of Mickelson, birdied No. 2 to get to plus-30. Mickelson, then at plus-29, promptly birdied the sixth hole to move to 31. Kendall countered with another birdie at the par-5 eighth hole for 32 points, but the left-handed Mickelson also birdied the eighth.

Kendall reclaimed the lead with a birdie at No. 12, but then began missing fairways and bogeyed three straight holes.

Kendall said he hoped to "hold onto Phil's shirttails (today) and maybe go past him at the end. I'll try to draft him. I know I have to make a ton of birdies to catch him."

The scoring system awards 5 points for an eagle, 2 for birdie, 0 for par, minus-1 for bogey and minus-3 for double bogey or worse.

■ Irwin, Betley share lead: Bob Betley, 57, playing on a sponsor exemption, shot a 6-under 66 for a share of the second-round lead with Hale Irwin in the Bank of Boston Senior Classic in Concord, Mass.

Irwin, 52, seeking his sixth victory of the season, shot a 67 to join Betley at 8-under 136 on the Neshawtue course.

Huset in control after 3rd round

Bakke, Grendahl tied for second

Tom Huset's second round may go down as his best of the Madison Men's City Golf Tournament.

But his round Saturday may have won him the championship.

Huset, who shared the second-round lead with Niles Bakke, shot an even-par 72 at Yahara Hills Golf Course to take a 4-shot lead after three rounds.

Only three golfers — Stu Grendahl, Eric Goldapske and Greg Moser — broke par Saturday.

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Grendahl and Goldapske, the leader after the first round, shot 3-under 69s, while Moser had a 71.

Bakke, who faltered with a 4-over 76, is tied for second with Grendahl, with Goldapske another shot back. Defending champion Mike Murphy is 12 shots back.

The final round begins at 8 a.m. today at Blackhawk Country Club. The leaders tee off at 9:52 a.m.

Saturday's third-round results
At Yahara Hills GC, par 72

218 — Tom Huset, 76-70-72;
222 — Niles Bakke, 77-69-76; Stu Grendahl, 78-75-69;
223 — Eric Goldapske, 78-80-69;
225 — Greg Moser, 79-75-71; Mark Disrud, 77-77-71.

226 — Brian Murphy, 78-74-74;
227 — Jim Kline, 79-73-75; Jay Biasi, 77-77-73; Mike Douglas, 78-75-74;
228 — Doug Czerwinski, 79-74-75;
229 — Tom Fitzgerald, 78-77-74; Eric Lawson, 79-76-74.

230 — Craig Trastek, 75-83-72; Mike Murphy, 79-76-75;
231 — Mike Gande, 81-74-76;
232 — Dennis Ryan, 75-82-75; Pat Berkovitz, 80-75-77;
233 — Paul Holzem, 80-74-78.

234 — Brian Karlovich, 81-79-74; Wayne Peterson, 78-81-75; Mike Pritzke, 78-80-76; Mark Dolebrak, 83-73-77;
235 — Brent Beer, 79-77-78.

236 — Bill Leitch, 80-81-74; Ron Brischke, 81-77-77;
237 — Mark Engman, 81-76-78; Scott Ross, 77-79-79; Ben Miller, 75-79-81.

238 — Dave Welch, 78-83-75;
239 — Dorsey Allison, 78-82-77; Dick Masse, 79-81-77;
240 — Dave Prestigiacomo, 77-83-77.

241 — Jeff Simonson, 81-74-77; Jeff Watt, 78-79-81;
242 — Bill Cunningham, 81-78-80; Dan Becker, 82-78-79.

243 — Jeff Comstock, 80-81-79; Brian Thacker, 84-78-82;
244 — Doug Koehler, 76-84-81; Jim Lemon, 78-81-82;
245 — Ken Russell, 81-79-82;
246 — Joe Calloway, 82-79-85.

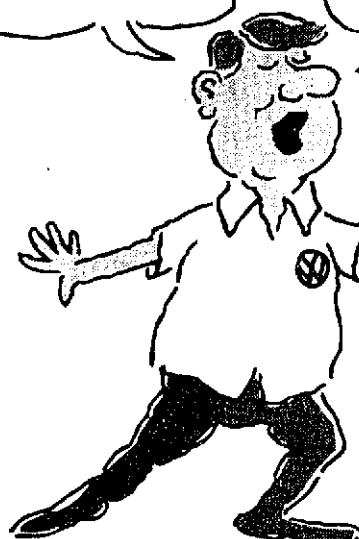


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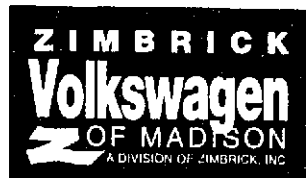


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