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Watson disappointed with his play

By BOB GREEN

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — By almost any other standards, it hasn't been a bad year at all.

But Tom Watson is considerably less than happy with his performance so far this season.

"I'm not disappointed with the year, but I'm very disappointed with the way I've played," he said before a practice round for the 45th Masters, which begins Thursday on the 7,040 yards of rolling hills that make up Augusta National Golf Club course.

There has been a sharp drop in the level of his play and production.

Last year, for example, at this stage of the season, Watson had won two tournaments, collected $140,275 and finished 10th or better in five of seven starts.

This year, he has not won, he has collected $60,214 and has been 10th or better in three of seven starts.

It is the first time in five seasons that Watson comes to the Masters as a non-winner for the year.

"I haven't played well enough to win," he said with the frank, candid appraisal of his own game that is customary for the man who has dominated golf for the past four seasons.

In that period he has been the single, outstanding player in the game. In those four years he won a record four consecutive Player of the Year designations, led the money-winning list every season and set records in the last three, took three Vardon Trophies, and won 20 American tournaments plus two of his three British Opens.

But it's been a different, much more frustrating story this year. His game isn't as strong, and his confidence is suffering.

"I'm lacking execution," Watson said. "And that, in turn, breeds lack of confidence.

"It goes back to mechanics. And your mechanics effect your confidence directly. If you play well, you have lots of confidence. If you don't play well, you don't have much confidence and you start playing defensively."

"I haven't felt comfortable at address for a long, long time. My swing has been restricted. I'm not getting the leverage I need."

There is, he said, only one way to correct the situation.

"A lot of practice, a lot of hard work."

And Watson, for years one of the hardest workers on th PGA Tour, has followed his own advice. He has spent countless hours on the practice tee and devoted most of his time last week to near-constant practice.

When you're playing poorly," Watson said, "golf is the most difficult game to play. It is very complicated.

"But when you're playing well, it's very easy, very simple.

"Right now, it's a very difficult game for me."

But there are two bright spots in Watson's golfing picture.

While most of his game has suffered, his deadly putting touch has not deserted him.

"But," he pointed out, "you can't win any golf tournament with your putting alone. You need more than a short game."

And the other positive aspect is that the whole thing can change quickly.

Wagner splits with Rutgers, Mercy in golf

The Wagner College golf team got stung by the chilly weather and a strong Rutgers team, but held on to beat Mercy College yesterday in a triangular match at the Richmond County Country Club.

"It was really cold out there today. I'm still thawing out," said a disappointed Skip Tellefsen, who had hoped his Seahawks would have given Rutgers a better match.

Rutgers finished with a 318 total while Wagner shot 345 and Mercy carded 373. Under the college scoring system, the best four out of six scores are counted in team play.

Steve Pedersen carded the best round for Wagner, shooting 83. Neil Miller hit 85, Bill Callahan hit 87 and Matt Stilwell shot 90.

The best score of the day was turned in by Bill Knapp of Rutgers, who carded a 3-over-par 74.

"It was a tough day," added Tellefsen. "At times the wind was blowing in 20 and 30 mile-an-hour gusts and the temperature felt like it was in the low 30s. The weather conditions and our inexperience hurt us ... and we just didn't play well."

Wagner's next match is Monday when it hosts St. John's at Richmond County. The Seahawks' record is now 2-1.

S.I. duo victims in L.I. Open

By JOE LoVERDE
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GARDEN CITY, L.I. — Danny Ciofoletti was running out of chances here in the late stages of the pro tour qualifying squad for the $100,000 Long Island Open when he reached for a nearby telephone and made a desperate request.

"Hello," he said in all seriousness, "I'd like to order five strikes, please."

That brought some laughter from some of his relatives sitting nearby, and then he laughed, too. But, as had been the case all day, the strikes never came when Ciofoletti needed them. And if he's going to make any more trips to Garden City Bowl this week, he'll come as a spectator. The same goes for fellow Staten Islander Mike Rossman.

Ciofoletti and Rossman were two of some 250 "rabbits" bowling for 108 spots in the current stop of the Professional Bowlers Association tour. And, though both had slim chances to make the cut virtually to the end, neither did.

Rossman, the 22-year-old lefty from Great Kills who made this tournament a year ago, went from being even after the first four games to 70 under while Ciofoletti, who's still trying to figure out how to carry in this house, went from minus 71 to minus 96.

But if there was a difference in the disappointment both felt at the end, if was that Ciofoletti lost his chance in the first half of the PTQ and Rossman lost his in the next-to-last game.

"I had a good shot today," said Rossman, who averaged 191 for the day, "but I didn't trust my ball. When you don't trust it, you don't make it. And I didn't."

But Rossman still could have done well enough to qualify had he only made his spares. "I missed too many of those," he added. "If I had made half of the ones I missed I would have made it easy.

"I made a lot of bad shots today."

Rossman was only eight under (a 200 average) after six games but opened in the second, third and fourth frames of game seven with a split, a washout and just a plain miss. He finished with a 151, putting him 57 under. He was just mentally destroyed after that.

Ciofoletti, meanwhile, never gave up hope. The 24-year-old right-hander from Dongan Hills, unlike his cohort, didn't have any trouble converting spares. "I don't think I had a miss all day," he said.

It was the strikes that were too few for him.

Ciofoletti changed equipment for the second block to a ball that hooked less, and ended up averaging 12 pins higher for the last half.

"I sat in the pocket all night," he said, "but got no carry. How can you leave 11 4-pins in three games? Something's missing."

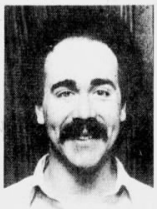
He still had an outside shot right up until the last game, though he needed to be near-perfect. And he didn't give up hope until, after being at 107 with a spare up through six, he asked for those strikes and got two splits, a 3-10 he converted and a 4-6-7-9 he didn't, instead.

He finished by throwing a strike in the ninth, before burying an 8-pin in the 10th.

"That," he said, "was the whole day, right there in that shot."

And he wasn't laughing.

Danny Ciofoletti
Never gave up hope



Mike Rossman
Missed too many spares

Garbarino, Iacovelli star

Peggy Garbarino and Matty Iacovelli are well known in Staten Island bowling circles. They have a knack for picking up an inordinate amount of strikes and making the big spare when the pressure is on.

Last night, Garbarino and Iacovelli were impeccable and they handled the bowling ball like pros.

Garbarino registered a new league high series in the Rab's Trophy World Ladies Classic at Bowling on the Green as she ignited a 677 pinfall.

Garbarino, who has stood out among the women keglers by winning her fifth All Events title in the Staten Island Woman's Bowling Association tournament, fired games of 237, 206 and 231.

Iacovelli, meanwhile, blasted the high game and high series to shine in the Montalbano's Men's 865 Handicap League at the Country Lanes.

Iacovelli has a golden touch this season, averaging 210 in the Montalbano's League and last night he socked scores of 214 and 269 to back up his 698 leading pinfall.

Rich Ingignoli also looked good in Montalbano's by firing a 251-223-221-695. Frank Gallo (227-226-637), Tom Malagreca (230-635), Jerry Morano (235-613), Joe Palumbo (248-619), Bob Scala (622), John Baranello Jr. (220-622), Lou Scatorchia (221-619), Rich Cardone (224-233-640), Nick DiTommaso (619), Paul Galiano (255-639), John Coulakis (226-643), Ron Pilatsky (226-247-672) and Frank Longo (243-234-637) threw top series scores in Montalbano's. Games of 220 or better were rolled by Frank Maddaloni (230), Mike Sarnelli (224), Bob Zeitler (226), Al Payne (222), Jeff Brody (252) and Ernie Saccone (222).

Colleen Clancy ranks as one of the top women bowlers around and she consistently turns in high scores.

Clancy ripped a 639 high pinfall to star in the Grandview Irons Works League at Country. Clancy was on target with scores of 215, 219 and 205. Games of 190 or better were rolled by Carol Flynn (197), Fran Grieco (200), Karen Bungay (190), Jean O'Brien (190) and Kim Hansen (209).

Besides Garbarino's 677 gem, Pat Pulice burned a groove in the alleys at the Green.

Pulice is another veteran bowler of consummate skills and she unleashed a 613 pinfall in the Rab's Ladies Classic backed by scores of 247 and 206.

Michele Galdorisi (191-563), Maria Dunn (215-561) and Terri Margarella (205-560) threw fine series scores, too. Games of 190 or better were rolled by Betty Gulino (216), Anita Centorrino (215), Ronnie D'Esposito (202), Ann Ringhoff (199), Roe Toto (194), Phyllis Slomski (192), Marci Baggetta (190-192), Yolanda Piemonte (192), Audrey Stahl (190) and Helen McHugh (190-193). Ruth Spodek had an all-spare game of 186.

Lou DiOrio was the master of the lanes in the Campo 900 Insurance League at the Green as she belted a 685 leading series.

DiOrio powered his way to the top behind games of 248 and 259. Lou Diana hit 231-631, Aldo Rainero hit 221-607 and Phil Vasatano hit 275-605.

Vastano's 275 blazer captured the high-game laurels for the gents. Lance Loo hit 245, Dill Celestino hit 223, Sonny Montalbano hit 233, Jay Spadaro hit 223 and Jerry McClennin hit 234.

Leroy Labar socked a 225-237-666 to star in the Domenico Bus Co. 890 Men's League at Sunset Lanes. Loy Allman (626), Murry Goldstein (601), Joe D'Amico (615), Nick Senese (245-606), John Wonk (624), Joe Caterina (629), Sam DeFazio (227), Al Walkerwicz (253) and Frank DeFrancesco (223) rolled top scores.

Bernie DonDiego ripped a 235-658 and John Gillen ripped a 258-656 to dominate the bowling action in the Victory Hills Automotive Center League at the Green. Phil Considine hit a good 256, Jim Laffin hit 237, Dick Lepere hit 612, Jack Milici hit 603 and Nick DonDiego hit 611.

Carl Guido was the No. 1 bowler in the Victory Lanes House League as he ripped a 234-213-195-642. Sal Deresipina hit 246-619 and Ben McNevich hit 226-603. Tom Demenchuck (235), Rab Wilkinson (224), Dick Wagner (228), Joe LaGambina (222) and John Hannifin (221) rolled top games in the same league.

Mike Miceli, with a 227-632, and Jim Grosso, with a 231-624, were the top performers in the Victory Men's Handicap League. Bob Bonomo hit 233.

Tom Wilk hit a 245-620 high pinfall in the Men's Classic at the Green. Tony Angerone hit 236, Lou Massucci hit 236, Timmy Rzasa hit 228 and Jack Touhey hit 224.

Charlie Schaeffer hit a 606 high series in the Colonial Lanes Mixed while Geraldine McCormick led the gals with a 205.

Maria Trezza was the gal bowler to watch in the Sunset Lanes Mixed League as she socked a top-notch 578 bolstered by games of 201 and 209. Ted Wallach (228), Ed McDonald (220), Frank Napolitano (237) and Ann Napolitano (206) rolled top games.

Muriel Reres, who ripped a 235 gem, and Donna Kandetzke, who socked a 225 blazer, were the leading ladies in the Inn by the Wayside Ladies League at the Green. Jo Cassano hit 204 and Fran DeRosa hit 190.

Gloria Treola and her 173-171-212-556 led the way in the Sunshine Girls League at Sunset. Dagmar Geidel socked a fine 218 and Carol Curran hit 201.

Sue Gatti fired a 211 high game in the Woodrow Contracting Ladies League at the Green. Brenda D'Angelo hit 190.

Rose LoPresti (210), Carol Strauss (206), Chris Crisalli (201), Shirley Cordes (206) and Barbara Simon (196) were the big hitters in the One O'Clockers League at Sunset.

Jean Puccirarelli hit 203 and Dotti Somma hit 195 in the Ms Riviera Chateau Ladies League at the Green.

In junior bowling action, Will Belilach ripped a 176 high game to lead the way in the Solberg Memorial Mixed League at the Victory Lanes.

Kari Cialino led the girls in fine style by rolling games of 180 and 152.

Ann Carlson hit a good 151.

Stargell will quit if he's injured again

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — Pittsburgh Pirates slugger Willie Stargell says he's through with the disabled list, and the next time an injury requires lengthy recuperation, the team captain says he will retire.

"I want to be able to walk when I go out of this game. I want to go to the park and play with my kids. I want to throw the ball and jog with my son. I want to show him the importance of staying in good physical condition," Stargell said.

"There won't be another time in my career that I'll be interested in the disabled list," the 40-year-old first baseman told The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette during a spring training session.

Stargell reinjured his left knee last month while jogging. It was the same knee on which surgery was performed last summer. He said retirement crossed his mind after the latest setback.

The Pirates at first considered putting Stargell on the disabled list after the latest injury, but it appears now he will open the season on the 25-man roster.

A trade last week brought first baseman Jason Thompson from California. Thompson was supposed to be traded to the New York Yankees, but the deal fell through.

Thompson, therefore, remains with the Pirates and affects the outlook at first base.

Stargell, who sat out the last two months of the 1980 season, said he was taking the opportunity to "look more realistic at my future with the ballclub."

Going on the disabled list "would make me a non-contributor. I went through that last year. Never again," he said.

Donnantuono 10th among nation's best

Special to the Advance

BALTIMORE, Md. — It wasn't what she had come here for.

"But," Lucy Donnantuono said, "I guess 10th in the nation isn't bad."

Donnantuono, the Wagner College senior who won the Region III section of the women's collegiate bowling tournament a month ago, shot 995 for six games in what was a low-scoring Brunswick Perry Hill Lanes yesterday for that 10th-place finish among the top 24 collegiate women bowlers in the nation.

"It's an honor to get here," said Donnantuono, who missed the cut of eight who competed for all-events by 20 pins. "And it was a good experience.

"I had a chance going into the last game but got a couple of splits, which hurt. Twenty pins isn't a lot."

Donnantuono, a 21-year-old right-hander from Stapleton, had a high game of 204 and got an award pin for bowling over 200. She'll now be setting her sights on another collegiate tournament this weekend before coming back to Perry Hill Lanes for the WIBC team nationals during Easter week.

"Everybody was struggling," Donnantuono said. "I only hope I bowl better the next time I'm here."

Rivalry, cooperation drive gal hoopsters

By DEBBIE HARTNETT

As Ray Ellis noted at the beginning of the Staten Island Catholic Girls' High School Basketball League awards dinner, the rivalries between the schools is one of the things that makes the league tick.

And another, the Moore Catholic HS coach could have added, is the cooperation among the schools.

The league's 10th annual awards dinner, held last night at the Columbian Lyceum, was, as always, a chance for the six teams to get together and acknowledge each other's accomplishments. As usual, there was a lot to acknowledge.

St. Joseph Hill Academy walked away with the biggest trophy of the night, the league championship award.

Hill's Nancy Sterlacci took home several awards, one for being voted the league's most valuable player by the coaches, and another for being the league's high scorer with a 16.2 average.

Sportsmanship award winners were Anne Dicks (Hill), Eileen Mahala (St. Peter's), Eileen Hughes (Moore), Tricia Geiser (Notre Dame), Janet Rampulla (St. Joseph by-the-Sea), and Fran McAndrews (St. John Villa); while scholar-athlete awards went to Eileen Walsh (Hill), Kelli Cunningham (St. Peter's), Debbie Tramutola (Moore), Kathy Coughlin (Notre Dame), Jennifer Albrizio (Sea) and Mary Beth Scalisi (Villa).

Junior varsity coaches' award winners were Tara Fitzgerald (Hill), Jean Daley (St. Peter's), Debbie Sarlo (Moore), Kecia Whitehead (Notre Dame), Dolores Fitzpatrick (Sea) and Maria Bertolini (Villa), while Eileen Mahala of St. Peter's won the league's foul-shooting contest, with teammate Tricia Cloke second and Joanne Walsh of Sea third. Lynn Tighe and Lauri Hirsch of St. Peter's won the pressure-shooting drill.

Team awards went to Hill for winning the league, with St. Peter's second and Moore third, while Notre Dame won the JV championship, Moore was second and Sea and Hill tied for third.

Cheerleading team awards went to St. Peter's (first), Moore (second) and Sea (third) on the varsity level, with Moore (first), Hill (second) and Sea (third) winning the junior varsity trophies.

Eileen Walsh of Hill was presented with a special award from the Wade Trophy committee, which honors the country's best collegiate player. Walsh was voted into the Wade Trophy Medals Club as "the epitome of the best in women's basketball."

Besides Sterlacci, nominees for the league's MVP award were Dawn Zarkowski (Hill), Cloke and Doreen Dunn (St. Peter's), Tramutola and Linda Maffeo (Moore), Coughlin and Ellen Zaborowski (Notre Dame), Linda Jasko and Joanne Walsh (Sea) and Kathy Burke and Lisa Tasso (Villa).

Keynote speaker was Dr. Rose Battaglia of Bergen County Community College and Paramus Catholic HS in New Jersey. Battaglia, whose college teams have been ranked as high as third in the nation and who has a 213-23 lifetime record at Paramus, coached 6-8 Anne Donovan, now at Old Dominion University, in high school.

NDA, Hill, Villa score swim victories

Notre Dame Academy, St. Joseph Hill and St. John Villa scored victories yesterday in Catholic High School Girls' Swim League meets at St. Francis College, Brooklyn.

Hill topped Dominican Commercial 38.5-29.5, while Villa upended Mater Christi 42-24 and NDA dunked St. Saviour's 43-26.

Hill's 200-yard medley relay team of Kathy Hannan, Karen Manning, Susan Lake and Carolyn Bennett captured first place in a time of 2:18, while Kelly Hannan, Jean Bennett, Holly Block and Lynette Silvestri took first in the 200 free relay.

Block captured the 100 individual medley (1:14.6), while Kelly Hannan won the 50 free (31.8), Lake won the 50 butterfly (33.5), Kathy Hannan took the 50 back (35.0) and Manning copped the 50 breaststroke (39.3).

NDA's Patty and Kathy Hoey, Kelly MacDonald and Pam Schiela kicked off the meet with a first place in the medley relay in 2:03.9, followed by Donna Cretella's second-place finish in the 200 free (2:04.5). Leslie Evers captured first in the 100 IM (1:05.6), while Kris Evers took the 50 free in 26.2 and MacDonald (29.4) and Agnes Fitzmaurice (31.8) placed 1-2 in the 50 fly.

Kathy Feeley came in second in the 100 free (1:02.0), while Patty Hoey won the 50 back (31.9) and Kathy Hoey took the 50 breast (33.6). Leslie and Kris Evers, Feeley and Cretella teamed for first place in the 200 free relay in 1:50.6.

Lisa Rigolini, Suzanne Fitzgerald, Donna Ericksen and Cathy Grace captured first place in the medley relay for St. John Villa with a time of 2:23, while Stacey Mayerhoff captured the 200 free (2:42). Linda Minlionica (35.5) and Grace swept first and second, respectively, in the 50 free, while Ericksen placed second in the 50 fly (33.2).

Denise Martino won the 100 free with a 1:13 time while Rigolini copped second in the 50 back in 38.2. Chris Donohue (39.1) and Fitzgerald went 1-2 in the 50 breast while Mayerhoff, Martino, Donohue and Maria Genco won the 200 free relay in 2:13.

Smitty's Sports zips Roy Rogers

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SHREWSBURY, N.J. — Smitty's Sports blanked Roy Rogers 7-0 in a Staten Island Ice Hockey Association Junior Varsity Division contest here at the Shrewsbury Rink last night.

John Greco recorded the shutout, while John Bini and Joe Margiglino scored two goals each.

Messiah Lutheran trips Trinity, 41-39

Messiah Lutheran defeated Trinity Lutheran 41-39 last night in a Lutheran Basketball League contest at Immanuel Union Church, Westfield.

John Kroon had 17 points and Norm Andresan added 16, while Ron Wolfgang turned in an excellent effort off the boards.

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