

Robinson has star potential

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academic programs and the prospect of playing near home enough to sign with former coach Daryl McNeill.

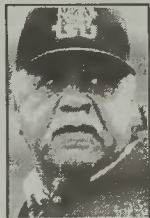
"I wanted to stay close so my mother could see me play," Robinson said. "Being around a small school, you can get help in the classroom and use the facilities around here."

Robinson wasn't the primary target in Smith's ball-control offense last year, but he showed flashes of brilliance. Although he didn't score, Robinson gave the Bulls a physical pass-catcher in addition to a physical blocker. There's no doubting which he prefers.

"I think I'm a better receiver,"

Robinson says.

Having a tight end like Robinson opens more possibilities for Smith. His blocking will help the running game, especially in short-yardage and ball-control situations in addition to giving Smith



Davis

quarterbacks a big target to throw to.

"Really and truly, he's the first tight end I've been around in quite a few years," Davis said. "At Savannah State, we didn't have a tight end, so we used four wide-

outs, three wideouts and not operate with a tight end because we didn't have that tight end position-type person. With Rod, we've got that person and I'm hoping we can take advantage of it and use his skills wisely."

As a senior, Robinson has taken on more of a leadership role for the Bulls, who lost 10 starters from last season to graduation. As a junior, he depended on the veterans to help him become acclimated with a new coach and schemes. Now it's his turn to mentor as Smith tries to improve on last year's 7-3 record.

"I'm learning, but I'm also teaching the young guys the little things they need to learn," he said. "Being a leader, you can't

have pressure. There's going to be pressure, but you can't let people see it. That's going to be my role—not to let them see that it's pressure, just show them that everything's going normal."

Barrow moves to inside linebacker

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the Panthers are giving up on Saleh and Finkes.

"They're making good progress," Capers said. "But we've got to think about getting ready for the regular season in a few weeks, so we want to look at a number of different possibilities."

Barrow wasn't sure what to think when he arrived at work Monday morning and was told to go to Capers' office.

"I'm thinking, 'What, do they want their money back?' Barrow said.

Sting face Monarchs and Comets

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the ball to the hoop and score."

Charlotte can't afford to slip against 8-14 Sacramento and Houston, which is 4-0, including exhibitions, against the Sting. Mapp noticed in pregame warmups Monday that Charlotte wasn't focused, something it needs to be successful.

"I could tell that we weren't all there and it kind of carried over to the game," she said. "We've got to come out with that intensity, we've got to be emotional, we've got to get the crowd into it, we've got to play up to our expectations. We've got to play up to our capabilities."

Stinson, Charlotte's leading scorer and a candidate for most valuable player, said the best teams down the stretch will make

the playoffs. In a season that saw expected powers New York and Los Angeles stumble in spots, anything could happen.

"(Houston) can lose any game down the road, Cleveland could lose, New York could continue to lose," she said. "It's not any pressure (to win every game)."

"We've got to go out Thursday and beat Sacramento," Mapp said. "We're not going to think about Houston. We're just going to think about Sacramento. We've got to use this as a stepping stone. Whatever mistakes we made against Houston, we need to correct it against Sacramento, then play Houston Saturday."



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Tiger ready for PGA

By Ron Sirak
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MAMARONECK, N.Y. — Tiger Woods hit his tee shot on the first hole at Winged Golf Club down the middle, played his approach to the green then wandered off into the rough grown extra long for this week's PGA Championship.

He took a ball from his pocket, tossed it into the tangled grass and watched it disappear from sight.

He tossed another ball and it too vanished.

"I could hit it if I was going that way," Woods with a laugh, taking a stance that aimed back down the fairway toward the tee, which was the way the grain of the grass was growing.

Never more than a stride away from Woods at any time during the nine-hole practice round Monday was Butch Harmon, his coach and the famed teacher whose father was the professional at Winged Foot for 33 years.

Harmon watched with amusement as Woods tossed the balls into the rough and saw them disappear. Then he leaned over and offered Woods wise advice from his years around Winged Foot.

"Better keep it in the fairway," Harmon said.

Both men roared with laughter, but there were no wiser words for this week's PGA.

The rough is up at Winged Foot — the PGA says to 4 1/2 inches but it was more like a half-foot in many places — and the fairways have been narrowed. As always, the fairways and greens are guarded by towering trees and massive bunkers.

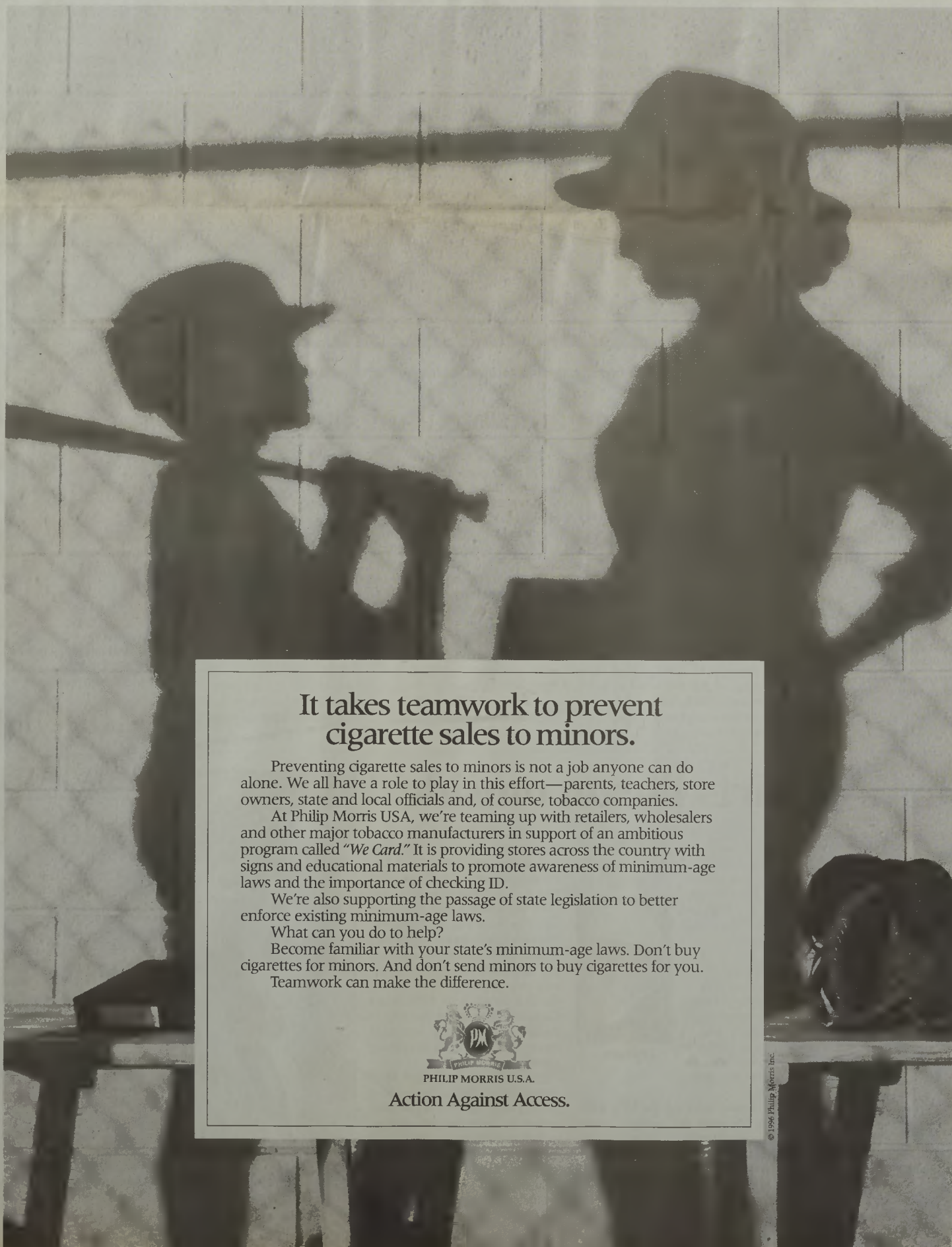
The greens are narrow targets with extremely fast and severely sloped contours. Big greens, course architect A.W. Tillinghast believed, lead to "slovenly golf."

It will take extremely lean and mean golf to get under par

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Woods



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