

Tiger Woods adds another record to his list



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Golf-N-Around

He was born in Cypress, Calif., on Dec. 30 he will celebrate his 24th birthday. He joined the PGA Tour in 1996 after compiling one of the best amateur careers in history. He won the 1997 Masters Tournament, which allows him to play in all PGA tournaments until 2007. We're talking about Eldrick "Tiger" Woods.

Last weekend Woods won the National Car Rental Golf Classic to become the first PGA Tour professional to win six tournaments in one year since Tom Watson did it in 1980. Woods' other wins in 1999 included: the Buick Invitational, the Memorial Tournament, the Motorola Western Open, the PGA Championship and the WGC NEC Invitational.

His career highlights are almost too numerous to mention. Woods posted two victories and three other top-10 finishes in only eight starts after turning professional in 1996. He won the Las Vegas Invitational after overcoming a 4-stroke deficit and became the first sponsor's exemption to win on tour since 1991. In 1996, Woods was named PGA Tour Rookie of the Year and Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year.

He was named PGA Tour Player of the Year in 1997, a season that included four victories and nine top-10 finishes. Woods' highlight of 1997 came at the Masters Tournament, where his four-round score of 270 and 12-stroke victory set tournament records. He was a member of the 1997 and 1999 Ryder Cup teams. The Associated Press named Woods' Masters win as the top sports story of 1997, followed by his designation as AP's Male Athlete of the Year.

Woods' amateur career was awesome. He won the 1991, 1992 and 1993 U.S. Junior Amateur

Championships when no one before or since has won more than one. In 1994, Woods became the youngest winner of the U.S. Amateur Championship. In 1995, he became the first amateur golfer to defend the U.S. Amateur title since Jay Sigel in 1993. In 1996, Tiger became the first player to win three consecutive U.S. Amateur titles. Woods owns the U.S. Amateur records for consecutive match-play victories (18) and winning percent (.909).

His six consecutive years of winning a USGA championship are second only to Bobby Jones' eight titles. Woods won the 1996 NCAA golf championship and was named Collegiate Player of the Year while attending Stanford University. Woods joined Jack Nicklaus and Phil Mickelson as the only players to win NCAA and U.S. Amateur titles in the same year.

The nickname "Tiger" came from a Vietnamese soldier who was a friend of his father's during the Vietnam War. He shot a 48 for

nine holes at the age of 3 and at age 5 was featured in Golf Digest.

The Tiger Woods Foundation, chaired by his father, Earl, was created to provide minority participation in the game of golf and related activities. Woods will definitely go down in history as one of the greatest sportsmen and golfers of all time. It certainly will be interesting watching this young man as he continues on his journey in professional golf. However, of more importance is what will be Woods' contributions to his fellow man. This writer is betting those contributions will far surpass his golf records, victories and accomplishments. Time will most certainly tell.

Local happenings: Seems as though "Butch" Wheeler threw another one of his famous tantrums during a recent match at Wilshire Golf Course. Charlie "Shorty" Coulter, Vic Johnson and Earnest Morris can provide the details.

The girls varsity golf team at Mt. Tabor High School qualified

for the state tournament. Coach Dennis Ring and the team are to be congratulated.

The Friday "Gangsome" at Reynolds Park did not have an overall winner. However, Harry Davis, "Booster" Thomas, Harry Robert "Heavy" Bethea won "skins." By the way, does anyone know Booster's first name?

Harold "The Masked Man" Hairston is getting his game together. He recently won a match against Calvin Stokes. According to talk at "The Lakes" (and not from Harold), "Joe Johnson and

others going on." The Masked Man's got it being on."

There is talk going around that David "The Good Doctor" Peay beat Bobby "Li'l Pro" Wofford in a putting contest at The Lakes. Li'l Pro, say it isn't so. Walt Foster is bragging that he tied James Lindsay, Lonnie Wellman and beat Joe Thompson in a recent match. hUntil next time, keep it in the fairway.

If you have ideas for Golf-N-Around call The Chronicle at (336) 723-8428 or e-mail Ralph Gaillard at ralphg@bellsouth.net.

Big offensive night nets LIFT Academy 48-13 win over Northside Christian

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CHARLOTTE - LIFT Academy shook off a lackluster start with 22 second quarter points and rolled up more than 600 yards of offense in a 48-13 victory over Northside Christian last Friday night.

The Jaguars, who improved to 8-1 with the win, trailed 7-0 at the end of the first quarter after squandering a scoring opportunity that carried to Northside's 1-yard line early in the game. LIFT moved the ball well behind the running of Antonio Johnson but couldn't punch in a score.

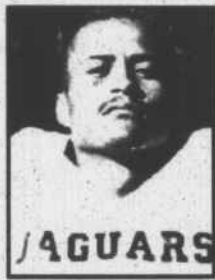
However, LIFT used the running of Chris Green and the passing combination of William Conrad to Jwan Walker to take a 22-7 halftime lead.

LIFT continued to roll in the second half, with Green, full-back Stephan McMillian, half-back Sedric McMillian and tight end Isiah France coming through with steady play. Green rushed for 137 yards on 19 carries and scored three touchdowns. Stephan McMillian

added a 9-yard touchdown run. Sedric McMillian backed Green with 118 yards on the ground, including a 55-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter that rounded out the Jaguars' scoring.

France hauled in two passes for 47 yards and added a two-point conversion. Walker pushed his receiving totals for the season to 34 receptions for 1,050 yards with five catches on the night for 117 yards and a touchdown of 27 yards.

"Overall, I thought it was probably our best offensive game of the season," Davis said. "We started slow with our young backs - Antonio Johnson and Phillip Ingram - in the game, but the veterans came in and stepped it up. They really responded the way you would like for your veterans to respond. They took the



France

game on their shoulders and made things happen out there."

LIFT's offensive line also played well, according to Davis.

"I've said all year these guys are not going to overpower you because they are so young and inexperienced," Davis said. "But they came in and played as hard as they could. We started three freshmen (Yurkoy Williams, Tyrone Johnson and Jermaine Richardson) on the offensive line and they did an outstanding job of getting in people's way. They carried out their assignments very well."

Defensively, the Jaguars responded well after Northside's early score. Roger Turner, Shawn Wolfe, France, Orlando Bryant and JaDon Barkley led the way.

"We're getting there as a team," Davis said. "I thought the defense had a major challenge with Northside's spread offense. We were a little confused by some of their formations and play-action passes early. But we bounced back with a solid effort."

One of the areas that Davis said his team showed the most

improvement was in the lack of mistakes it made, particularly in the second half. The Jaguars were not flagged for holding or clipping after intermission.

We played relatively mistake-free for most of the game," Davis said. "That shows we are maturing."

The Jaguars did a good job in special teams play. Malcolm Davis kicked the ball deep on each of his eight kickoffs and LIFT did a good job of covering them.

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Hastye leads Greensboro Dudley Jayvees to 24-0 win over Parkland in CPC game

By SAM DAVIS
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Greensboro Dudley' junior varsity football team bounced back from a tough loss against Carver the previous week to record a 24-0 win over Parkland last Thursday night.

The homestanding Panthers jumped out to an 8-0 lead at the end of the first quarter, increased it to 18-0 at the half and added a third quarter touchdown to round out their scoring. Quarterback Thomas Hastye led the way on offense for the Panthers with 89 yards on seven carries. Hastye scored his team's first touchdown and added the extra point at the 1:47 mark of the first period.

Dudley increased its lead to 16-0 at the 7:59 mark of the second quarter on Tyre Nelson's 2-yard run. Markiece Hayes ran in the two-point

conversion. The Panthers added two more points when Parkland snapped the punt out of the end zone on a punt attempt. Edward Manuel got Dudley's final score on a 9-yard run with 4:12 remaining in the third quarter.

Coach Chuck Hayes said his team came back with a vengeance after its loss to Carver.

"Coming off that tough loss to Carver, you don't know what it took out of our kids," Hayes said. "They came back as determined as ever - as though they had something to prove. We're real pleased and quite proud of the way these guys came back after facing adversity. These kids just don't quit and that's going to be a real plus for them when they become the varsity team."

In addition to Hastye's 89 yards on the ground, the Pan-

thers had key performances by Hayes, Nelson, Chris Goldston, Anthony McKormick and Edward Manuel as they totaled 328 yards rushing. Defensively, B.J. Rutledge had an interception in the first quarter and a 20-yard return that helped set up Dudley's first touchdown. He was backed by Brian Hicks, Travis Wilson, Nelson, Goldston, Maurice Wash, T.J. Thomas and Keith Hawkins also played well.

"If they can sustain the positive attitude and keep up

the good habits as they have all season, they're going to be a special group on the varsity," Hayes said. "Coaching these guys has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my 16 years as a football coach. It does a coach's heart good to see young men work so diligently to be the best they can be. They are a real special group of young men."

The Panthers conclude their season with a Piedmont Triad 3-A battle against Western Guilford today (Oct. 28).

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increased scrutiny?

If the School Board is so interested in the academic progress and attainment of all the students in the system, then it should go out of its way to provide more tutorial services and raise the requirements for graduation of all students in the system.

It is a documented fact that student-athletes as a whole score higher than their peers in their overall grade-point averages in both high school and college. In addition, their level of attendance across the board is much higher than students who don't participate in extra-curricular offerings.

Some people have muddled the argument on whether a mandatory GPA requirement is needed. They argue that student-athletes are required to have a minimum 2.5 average and 820 SAT score to be eligible to participate in collegiate athletics in their first year.

However, it must be noted that less than 10 percent of high school athletes move on to participate on

the collegiate level. What about the other 90 percent who will not have the opportunity to play sports beyond the high school level?

And what about African-American student-athletes? According to statistics released recently by the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School Board, African-American students in the system score significantly lower than their peers on end of grade tests on the elementary, middle and high school level.

For years it has also been postulated that standardized tests are culturally and socio-economically biased. So then, will African-American and other minority students be unduly hurt by the proposed policy?

That is not to say that African-American students shouldn't strive to excel academically as well as athletically or that any new legislation to improve the academic progress of students as a whole should be discounted. But any policy that singles out a particular group should be thoroughly examined before it is implemented.

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