

New York Times suggests Woods skip Augusta

Paper says Woods' absence would send message that barring women is wrong

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NEW YORK — The New York Times suggested in an editorial Monday that Tiger Woods skip the Masters next year because of the all-male membership at Augusta National Golf Club.

"A tournament without Mr. Woods would send a powerful message that discrimination isn't good for the golfing business," the editorial said.

Augusta National declined comment.

In interviews this month, Augusta National chairman Hootie Johnson was adamant that a woman would not be among the 300 members at Augusta by the start of the Masters in April.

Johnson's comments were the first on the subject since he criticized Martha Burk and the National Council of Women's Organizations for trying to coerce change at the golf course.

The Times said that if Augusta National "can brazenly discriminate against women, that means others can choose not to support Mr. Johnson's golfing fraternity. That includes more enlightened members of the club; CBS Sports, which televises the Masters; and the players, especially Tiger Woods."

The editorial said Sanford I. Weill, the chief executive of



Tiger Woods is one of the favorites to wear the green jacket at the next Masters in Augusta, Ga.

Citigroup, and Kenneth Chenault, chairman of American Express, should "lead the way" for other prominent members and resign from the club.

Weill and Chenault have said Augusta National should admit female members. A spokeswoman for American Express refused comment, and a

telephone message left for Weill at Citigroup was not returned.

Woods was headed to this week's Dunlop Phoenix tournament in Japan and was not immediately available for comment.

Woods has said he would like to see a female member at Augusta National, but that the

club had a right to set up its membership however it wanted.

"CBS will broadcast the Masters in April," CBS Sports VP LeslieAnne Wade said, declining further comment.

The network has had a series of one-year deals since 1956 to televises the Masters, the highest-rated golf tournament.

Local high school harrier to compete in championships

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

CHARLOTTE — Top high school harriers will compete at the Foot Locker Cross Country Championships South Regional race Nov. 30 at McAlpine Greenway Park in Charlotte. A national finalist in 2001, Matt DeBole of Winston-Salem, returns to compete against some of the best runners in the region for a coveted spot on the national team.

DeBole, a senior at Mount Tabor High School, placed second in last year's regional race and 16th at in the 2001 National Finals.

The 5,000-meter seeded race will begin at 10 a.m. for the girls and at 10:30 a.m. for the boys. The top eight boys and the top eight girls in the seeded races qualify for the Foot Locker Cross Country Championships National Finals Dec. 14 at Balboa Park in San Diego, Calif.

Entering its 24th year, the Foot Locker Cross Country Championships consists of four

regional 5K races across the country. The Northeast Regional (Bronx, N.Y.) and the Midwest Regional (Kenosha, Wis.) will also be held Nov. 30. The West Regional (Walnut, Calif.) will take place Dec. 7. Thousands of the nation's top runners are expected to compete in the regional meets.

Competitors in the South Regional will come from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky,

Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Virginia, and West Virginia.

All high school students in grades 9 to 12 are eligible to compete in the Foot Locker Cross Country Championships. Entry forms are available at Foot Locker stores throughout the country or by visiting www.footlockercc.com.

Saint Augustine's volleyball team will make 2002 NCAA appearance

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INDIANAPOLIS — The NCAA Division II Women's Volleyball Committee announced the field of 48 teams for the 2002 NCAA Division II Women's Volleyball Championship, and Saint Augustine's College is one of the 48.

The committee selected six teams from each of the following regions to participate in the championship: North Central, Pacific, South Central, Southwest, Atlantic, Great Lakes, Northeast and South.

Eight six-team regionals will be played at on-campus sites. Regional competition will be single-elimination best three-of-five game matches and will not include a third-place match. The winners of each of the eight regionals will advance to the finals, Dec. 5-7, on the campus of one of the final eight institutions. Competition at the finals site will be single-elimination, best three-of-five game matches.

The dates, sites and team match-ups are:

• Atlanta Region, Nov. 21-

23 at Indiana, Pa. — Indiana (Pa.) (32-3) vs. winner of St. Augustine's (28-2) vs. California (Pa.) (16-13); Edinboro (24-8) vs. winner of Clarion (31-4) vs. Lees-McRae (27-16).

• Great Lakes Region, Nov. 22-24 at Allendale, Mich. — Grand Valley State (29-2) vs. winner of Lewis (25-4) vs. Southern Indiana (25-7); Northwood (28-5) vs. winner of Ferris State (24-6) vs. Wheeling Jesuit (35-8).

• North Central Region, Nov. 21-23 at Greeley, Colo. — Northern Colorado (29-2) vs. winner of Minnesota State Mankato (23-6) vs. North Dakota State (21-11); Minnesota-Duluth (27-2) vs. winner of South Dakota State (26-6) vs. North Dakota (24-10).

• Northeast Region, Nov. 21-23 at West Haven, Conn. — New Haven (32-5) vs. winner of New York Institute of Technology (24-13) vs. Dowling (24-11); Bentley (33-6) vs. winner of Bryant (27-10) vs. Massachusetts-Lowell (25-

10).
• Pacific Region, Nov. 21-23 at San Bernardino, Calif. — Cal State San Bernardino (28-2) vs. winner of UC San Diego (25-40) vs. Chaminade (15-7); Brigham Young-Hawaii (22-2) vs. winner of Western Washington (12-2) vs. Cal State Los Angeles (19-10).

• South Region, Nov. 22-24 at Tampa, Fla. — Tampa (25-6) vs. winner of Armstrong Atlantic State (30-9) vs. Florida Southern (25-11); Barry (17-8) vs. winner of North Florida (28-5) vs. Carson-Newman (31-6).

• South Central Region, Nov. 21-23 at Topeka, Kan. — Washburn (29-4) vs. winner of Central Missouri State (24-8) vs. Harding (29-6); Truman (24-8) vs. winner of North Alabama (29-4) vs. Albany State (Georgia) (20-12).

• Southwest Region, Nov. 22-14 at Canyon, Texas — West Texas A&M (33-2) vs. winner of Nebraska-Kearney (31-3) vs. Central Oklahoma

(30-6); Rockhurst (36-4) vs. winner of Metropolitan State (25-5) vs. St. Edward's (Texas) (30-8).

Lady Falcons

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assisted blocks in the losing effort.

Statistically, Saint Augustine's almost doubled N.C. Central in kills (51-27). The Lady Falcons (28-2) will advance to regional play while the Lady Eagles finish the season at 29-27.

2002 CIAA Volleyball All-Tournament Team:

Porché Williams, N.C. Central

Magaly Gomez, Saint Augustine's College

Josephine Prince, Fayetteville State

Ebony Douglas, Winston-Salem State

DeShondra Goree, Shaw University

Nicole Whitfield, Virginia Union University

Lauren Coleman, Virginia State University

Maribell Culderon, Bowie State University

Carmen Larrain, Saint Augustine's College

2002 CIAA Volleyball Championship MVP:

Magaly Lopez, Saint Augustine's College

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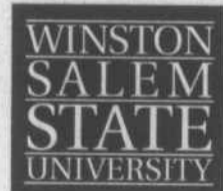
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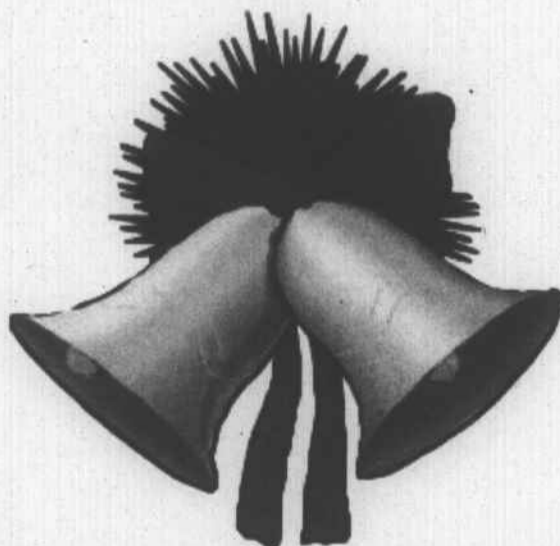
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