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BRIEFLY

COLLEGE WOMEN'S GOLF

ETSU ready for A-Sun event

The ETSU women's golf team will be attempting to return to the top of the Atlantic Sun Conference this week as the Buccaneers take on a field of 10 at the 2011 A-Sun Championships, which begins today at the Victoria Hills Golf Club in DeLand, Fla. ETSU has won the A-Sun championship once, capturing the title back in 2008. A year ago, the Buccaneers advanced to the 2010 NCAA Women's Division I championship and are once again led by senior Niva Muchi. Meanwhile, freshman Sam Evans has been a consistent contributor to the Bucs this season.

A year ago, at Veneracion Bay Golf Club, the Stetson Hatters shot the lowest team score in championship history to rally from a 12-stroke deficit to successfully retain the title. Stetson returns each of the previous two individual runner-ups.

COLLEGE TENNIS

Lady Buffs claim AAC crown

The Milligan College women's tennis program captured the regular season AAC crown on Sunday afternoon with a 9-0 victory over Bluefield College in Bluefield, Va. The Buffaloes also saw the men's team take a 9-0 victory.

After sweeping doubles action, the women saw Kavita Kelly, Caitlin Conley, Albany Kelly, Hallie Windrey, Jessie Rose Remegi and Ahmee Kelly all captured victories in singles action.

"After starting 0-2 in the spring, it is great to bounce back and win eight of our last nine matches," head coach Ryan Reynolds said. "We have really played well of late, and everyone is playing their best heading into the postseason."

On the men's side, senior Adam Knust (Bluefield, Ind.) picked up his 10th consecutive victory and was named co-player of the victory.

The Milligan women finished AAC regular with a 4-0 record and improved to 12-4, while the men improved to 8-9 overall and 2-2 in conference play.

AUTO RACING

Vettel wins Formula One race

Red Bull driver Sebastian Vettel won the Formula One Malaysian Grand Prix on Sunday, giving the German back-to-back wins in the opening series.

The pole sitter led throughout and beat McLaren's Jenson Button by 3.2 seconds, with Renault's Nick Heidfeld hanging on for third.

Red Bull's Mark Webber recovered from a poor start to finish fourth, with Ferrari's Felipe Massa fifth.

■ Will Power started up front and never relinquished his spot to win the Indy Grand Prix of Alabama.

The Australian extended his lead in the final laps and finished 3.38 seconds ahead of Scott Dixon on Sunday, while Bruno Franchitti won during the 2.36-mile road course at Barber Motorsports Park.

Pocono was the first IndyCar driver to lead wire to wire since Franchitti did it at Sonoma in 2009.

LOCAL GOLF

Harkleroad wins tournament

Randy Harkleroad won the inaugural Blackthorn Club Masters Golf tournament Sunday.

The tournament is held in conjunction with the Masters event in Augusta, Ga. Golfers gathered on Friday for a random drawing that paired them with a professional playing in Masters. After two rounds of Monday rounds, club members scores and professionals are combined to determine the winner.

Harkleroad, paired with K.J. Choi, shot rounds of 71 and 69. Choi's 71 and 72 gave the duo a total of 283. Steve Marrs, paired with Luke Donald, was second at 285. Bill Schoefer was paired with Brandt Snedeker and finished third with a 288.

TENNIS

Sweeting takes Clay Court title

Ryan Sweeting held off Japan's Kei Nishikori 6-4, 7-6 (3) on Sunday to win the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championship for his first ATP World Tour title.

The American became the fifth first-time winner on the ATP tour this year and the first U.S. Clay Court wild-card champion since 1992.

Sweeting fell to the court in jubilation and fatigue after the hard-fought second set and later took a cannon ball victory dive into the River Oka Country Club pool.

Nishikori earned \$90,650, and Nishikori took home \$42,450.

Nishikori was trying to win the tournament to give inspiration to his tsunami-torn country and he almost pulled off a comeback late in the final set.

■ Pablo Andujar of Spain won his first career title after beating Petko Starcev of Italy 6-1, 6-2 in the Grand Prix Hassan II final Sunday.

Andujar broke in 10th-seeded Starcev's serve twice in each set and saved the only two break points he faced, continuing the form he displayed in knocking out top-seeded Albert Montanes in the semifinals.

■ Ernests Gulbis of Latvia beat 14th-seeded Alexander Draganov of Ukraine 6-1, 6-4 in the first round of the Monte Carlo Masters on Sunday.

Gulbis, who hit nine aces and broke Dolgopolov's serve twice in each set, next meets Milos Raonic of Canada. Raonic beat Frenchman Michael Llodra 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

■ Top-seeded Victoria Azarenka of Belarus captured her second straight title Sunday, beating Irina-Camelia Begu of Romania 6-3, 6-2 to win the Indian Wells tournament.

Azarenka broke Begu's serve four times in the first set and three times in the second, continuing the dominating play that earned her a victory in Key Biscayne last weekend.

— from staff and AP reports