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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 today through Wednesday 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 Regionals as an at-large participant and are once again led by senior Nina Muehl. Meanwhile, freshman Sam Evans has been a consistent contributor to the Bucs this season.

A year ago, at Venetian 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 Kayla Kelly, Cathi Conley, Albany Kelly, Hallie Winfrey, Jessi Rose Remelg and Ahmea 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 (Plainfield, Ind.) picked up an impressive victory, and the Buffaloes cruised to the victory.

The Milligan women finished AAC play with a 4-0 record and improved to 12-4, while the men improved to 5-9 overall and 2-2 in conference play.

AUTO RACING

Vettel wins Formula One race

Red Bull driver Sebastian Vettel led the Formula One Malaysian Grand Prix on Sunday, giving the German back-to-back wins to open the season.

The pole sitter led throughout and beat McLaren's Jenson Button by 3.2 seconds, with Renault's Nick Heidfeld lagging 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 Dario Franchitti was third on the 2.36-mile road course at Barber Motorsports Park.

Power was the first IndyCar driver to lead wire to wire since Franchitti did it at Sonoma in 2006.

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 raffle drawing that paired them with a professional playing in the Masters. After Saturday and Sunday rounds, club members scores and professionals are combined to determine the winner.

Harkleroad, paired with R.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 Schaefer was paired with Brandt Suedecker 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 Mardy Fish in 2006.

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 Oaks Country Club pool.

Sweeting earned \$80,650, 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 second set.

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

Andujar broke the fifth-seeded Starace'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.

■ Eracszt Gullis of Latvia beat 14th-seeded Alexandr Dolgopolev of Ukraine 6-1, 6-4 in the first round of the Monte Carlo Masters on Sunday.

Gullis, who hit nine aces and broke Dolgopolev's serve twice in each set, next meets Milos Raonic after the Canadian beat Frenchman Michael Llodra 6-3, 6-6, 6-0.

■ 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 Andalucia Tennis Experience. 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