

Update

Nolan Ryan gets a scare

Nolan Ryan, who has never had a heart attack, now has a pretty good idea of what one feels like.

"All I know is I was having a hard time sleeping," Ryan said. "I had never experienced a heart attack before, but I thought I was then."

The diagnosis after an electrocardiogram at Arlington Memorial Wednesday: a strained muscle attached to his breastbone.

He's back!

Oakland third baseman Carney Lansford said he expects to complete rehabilitation from reconstructive knee surgery within two weeks and return to the Athletics to resume his quest for 2,000 career hits.

Lansford, 34, underwent major surgery Jan. 16 to graft a leg tendon to the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee, which snapped when he landed after jumping clear of his snowmobile just as it plowed into a barbed-wire fence on New Year's Eve.

'Seed'lings

Steffi Graf and Gabriela Sabatini are already there. Stefan Edberg and Boris Becker are one match away.

The Wimbledon seedings are holding true, with the top two women having reached the final.

The men's field was narrowed Thursday to top-seeded Stefan Edberg, No. 2 Boris Becker, No. 6 Michael Stich and unseeded David Wheaton.

Buy, Seles

Tennis star Monica Seles, whose quick exit from Wimbledon caught the attention of tournament watchers, was spotted browsing and shopping in Bloomingdale's and a Publix grocery store in Palm Beach, Florida.

Farr fetched

Play in the \$350,000 Jamie Farr Classic begins today at the Highland Meadows Golf Club outside of Toledo.

LPGA Championship winner Meg Mallon of Birmingham is one of only a handful of top money winners entered. The Farr Classic is sandwiched between the \$1 million LPGA Championship and the \$500,000 U.S. Open.

Forelsome

In a movie about the greats of golf, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Lee Trevino would share top billing.

Palmer, Nicklaus and Trevino comprise today's final three-some in the first round of the \$600,000 Kroger Senior Classic in Mason, Ohio.

Ray of hope

Ray Floyd went back to his old, natural swing and suddenly is playing like a younger Ray Floyd.

Floyd turned in a 6-under-par 66 that staked him to a share of the first round lead in the transplanted Western Open.

Pair of aces

Mattias Herrstrom, a 12-year-old Swedish boy, swung himself into history when he made two holes-in-one in the same round on an 18-hole golf course.

Herrstrom scored his first ace in strong tailwinds on the 309-yard 10th, a par 4.

Herrstrom made the second ace on the 13th hole, a 160-yarder.

They were tops on the links

By Joe Ballor
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Seaholm sophomore Patricia White enjoyed a dream season in 1991. Now, the only question remaining is what she can accomplish in the future.

White, *The Daily Tribune's* All-Area Golfer of the Year, won the Class A state championship by shooting a two-over par 75 at East Lansing's Forest Akers East Course and winning a playoff with Lauri Beres of Jenison.

And that was just the crowning achievement of a successful season. She averaged 42.04 strokes and was medalist 15 times in dual meets and tournaments. She was medalist at the state regionals at Sylvan Glen (85) and the Ann Arbor Huron Invitational (85 at University of Michigan Golf Course), runner-up at the Oakland County meet (86 at Pontiac Country Club) and the Brighton Invitational (85) and fourth at the East Lansing Invitational (86 at Forest Akers East).

And she was no slouch as a freshman either, averaging 43.9 strokes and earning a spot on the

All-State Super Team.

"She's the best competitor I've ever had and I've been fortunate to have some awfully good kids," Seaholm coach Don Wadsten said. "She is almost unflappable. She just doesn't get flustered and she never chokes at all. She doesn't get rattled and that's a big part of golf."

"She has good physical skills too. This year, I didn't see any weaknesses in her game. Last year, her short game was a little weak and she worked very hard on it. She got bigger and stronger and everything else fell in place too. I don't know where this kid is going to end up. She astounded me this year and I don't know what to expect from her next year. She is driving 30-40 yards further than last year."

White, who lives with her parents, Bob and Nancy White, in Birmingham, started golfing with her father at the age of 8. She began competing in tournaments at 13. She wasn't surprised by her

achievements. "I figure that if I work hard, I'll get what I deserve," she said. "I've been working hard and trying to be the best golfer I can be and then just letting things fall in place."

"I don't put pressure on myself. I just try to be satisfied with the way I play."

Golf is perfectly suited to White's temperament.

"I'm a really independent person," she said. "I love the competition better than anything else, just seeing all my hard work pay off. I get the credit when things go well and I take the blame when things go bad. It all depends on me and I don't have to rely on anyone else."

White intends to continue improving her game. That's bad news for her opponents.

"I'd like to play college golf and, depending on how things go, possibly try for the LPGA Tour," she said. "I've wanted that for a long time. That's my long-range goal."

Her's a look at the other players on the All-Area Team:

FIRST TEAM

Tamaira Ross, Rochester: Ross is another early starter. She began knocking the ball around with her parents, Gene and Beverly Ross, at age 7, using only a 5-iron and a putter.

A three-year varsity player, Ross averaged 47.0 strokes as a junior. She was third at the Davison Invitational at Davison Country Club (87), fourth at the Oakland County meet (94) and tied for fourth in the Metro Suburban Association. Her low round was 40 at Lincoln Hills in a dual meet against Groves.

A long hitter, Ross recently qualified to the USGA Public Links national championship at Birdwood Golf Course in Charlottesville, Va.

"Playing high school golf (as a freshman) was my first experience playing competitively," Ross said. "That was definitely a new experience. I like to compete. From high school golf, you can go on to a lot of other tournaments. It's a springboard to other things."

Ross isn't setting specific goals for her senior season.

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Staff photo by Dick Hunt

Seaholm's Patricia White won the Class A state championship as a sophomore.

ALL-AREA GOLF		
FIRST TEAM		
PLAYER	SCHOOL	YEAR
Patricia White	Seaholm	Sophomore
Tamaira Ross	Rochester	Junior
Christie Dalbec	Troy	Junior
Drea Wieme	Athens	Senior
Sue Schults	Seaholm	Senior
Janet Laskowski	Troy	Sophomore
SECOND TEAM		
Meghan Roekle	Rochester	Junior
Sara Voit	Troy	Sophomore
Ann Gravelle	Athens	Sophomore
Kristy Rowan	Groves	Junior
Dana Hinde	Adams	Senior
Christie Baker	Troy	Senior



Photo by Chuck Kowal

A blistering feat

Obviously, somebody didn't get the message about the 10-mile distance between Groves and Mason. How else can you account for the fast times registered by the nearly 200 runners who participated in Thursday morning's Firecracker Mile? The men's champion, Harvey Mitro of Sarnia, Ontario (above left) finished in 4:04.7. Mike Michno of Huber Heights, Ohio was second in 4:05.3 and Detroit's Brad Norton came in third at 4:06.7. Even the 25th fastest man ran an amazingly quick 4:51.4. Mary Peruski of Dearborn (above right) was best among the women at 4:52.3. Both were repeat winners. Still, all the winners didn't necessarily cross the finish line first. Royal Oak's Kevin Jewett and six-year-old son Kevin (left), worked up quite a sweat, too.

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