

# Florida Open a tuneup for escaping

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The game of golf takes on an entirely different meaning when you're playing for your own money. Even an accomplished amateur doesn't know pressure like a 6-foot putt that will determine whether you sleep in a hotel or in the car that night.

The life of a struggling pro often comes down to such pressure. Yet thousands of young golfers turn pro each year to chase the dream. This week, the dream comes through Pompano Beach, where the 53rd Florida Open will be held today through Sunday at Palm-Aire Country Club.

Call it The Masters of the mini-tours, or call it a decent tuneup for the first stage of PGA Tour Qualifying School next week in Tampa.

It is really a \$100,000 tourna-

ment with a \$20,000 first prize, which is enough money to pay for another year of entry fees and maybe get yourself a good used car for another year on the road.

When Darron Stiles turned pro two weeks ago after a successful amateur career, he found out how little fanfare is involved. No cameras. No speeches. Not even official papers to sign. All you do is show up at a tournament with your entry fee. You are now a professional. Will that be cash or check?

Like the other 100 or so golfers in the Florida Open, Stiles put up \$450 this week. And although it is only his second pro tournament — he failed to make a dollar in his first — he already understands what it means to play well on the mini-tours.

"It means you'll be able to play next week," said Stiles, 22, of Plant City.

## 53RD FLORIDA OPEN

- **When:** Today through Sunday.
- **Where:** Palm-Aire Country Club (Cypress and Oaks Courses), Pompano Beach.
- **Who:** 160 pros, including some former PGA Tour players, such as Mike Donald, Lance Ten Brock, Tom Gamber and Eddie Pearce. There is also an amateur division. Miami's Cristie Kerr will become the first female in the tournament's history to play.
- **Television:** Tape-delay coverage in November on SportsChannel.
- **Admission:** Free.
- **Parking:** Free.
- **For more information:** Call 978-1737.

Actually, Stiles already knows he is playing next week. He has written his \$3,000 check to the PGA Tour, gathered his two letters of recommendation, made his travel plans to Tampa, where O School will determine if he

gets a spot on the post-PGA Tour or spends an entire year on the mini-tours.

Stiles turned pro with a bitter taste in his mouth. His last experience in amateur golf was also his worst.

## HIGH SCHOOLS

### ROUNDUP

## Lopez duo propels St. Brendan

Yasmin Lopez's eight service points and six kills helped St. Brendan defeat Pace 15-12, 12-15, 15-6 in a volleyball match Wednesday.

Billar Lopez added 12 service points and 4 digs and Marisa Nunez finished with eight service points, three aces and four kills for St. Brendan (5-7).

Pace's Susie Garcia had five aces, seven kills and five digs and Lisa Bolen added three kills, five digs and seven service points. The spaniards are 1-10.

### Boy's cross country

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### Boy's swimming

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### School-by-school

■ **American:** Tackles — Jon Morgan, 35; Javier Ferrera, 133; Diaz, 30; Interceptions — Lorenzo Johnson, 2; Wayne Favors, 1; Fumble recoveries — Williams, 2; Ike Walker, 2; Morgan, 1; Couba, 1; Sacks — Ferrera, 9; Walker, 3; Phillips, 3; Diaz, 3.

■ **Bradford:** Tackles — Chris Albury, 55; Almi Rodriguez, 43; Ray Ursula, 30; Interceptions — Fernando Exposito, 2; Juan Carriante, 1; Fumble recoveries — Henry Escobar, 2; Exposito, 1; Sacks — Jon Beach, 3.

■ **Central City:** Tackles — Darryl Mayer, 27; Moody, Louis, 25; Dan Barron, 22; Interceptions — Dekin Brown, 5; Stanford Gamble, 4; Diamond Denny, 2; Fumble recoveries — Brian Walker, 2; Octavio Jackson, 1; Denny, 1; Sacks — Williams, 1; Jackson, 1.

■ **Central:** Tackles — Darrin Cenic, 33; Rodney Monroe, 27; Interceptions — Willie Adams, 3; Sacks — Smith, 3.

■ **Columbia:** Tackles — Sam Bonifant, 2; Fumble recoveries — Bonifant, 1; Interceptions — Bonifant, 1; Sacks — Bonifant, 1.

■ **North Miami:** Tackles — Tony Williams, 26; Alex Gonzalez, 27; Willie Wright, 19; Interceptions — Ken Herring, 2; Fumble recoveries — Herring, 2; Wright, 2; Sacks — Wright, 4; Octavio Cruz, 1.

■ **Northland:** Tackles — Rashad Smith, 37; Smith Jean-Phillips, 28; Keno Wilson, 26; Interceptions — Ahmad Young, 3; Waverly Robinson, Craig Gardner, 1; Fumble recoveries — Jauron Dailey, 3; Toby Kennedy, Keno Wilson, 1; Sacks — Toby Kennedy, 3; Jauron Dailey, Smith, Jean-Phillips, 2.

■ **North Miami Beach:** Tackles — Piero Renard, 28; Marvin Archbold, 29; Djomo Dec, 15; Interceptions — Raggio Lucels, 7; Ronald Brantth, 2; Johnson, 1; Fumble recoveries — Six tied with one; Sacks — Djomo Dec, 7; Johnson, 2; Renard, 2.

■ **North Miami Beach:** Tackles — Darnell Woods, 47; Ishmael Thompson, 28; Marc Lorme, 25; Interceptions — Woods, 2; Lorme, 2; Anthony Thomas, 1; Fumble recoveries — Thomas, 2; Maurice Blackmon, 1; Woods, 1; Sacks — Mike Bourque, 4; Woods, 2; David Williams, 3.

■ **Northwestern:** Tackles — Wendell Achey, 46; Nathaniel Woodley, 39; James Burr, 19; Interceptions — Bush, 2; Tyrod Poole, 2; Byrd, 2; Fumble recoveries — Maurice Hamilton, 2; Gilbert Boyer, 2; Demarcus D.N., Chris Sherrard, Adrian Smith, Marshall Burns, 1; Sacks — Burn, 1; Smith, 1.

■ **Palmelle:** Tackles — Haven Felix, Anthony Charlton, 14; Sean Street, 11; Interceptions — Street, 1; Craig Gilman, 1; Derek Pedronis, 1; Fumble

■ **Belen:** Tackles — Oliver Gonzalez, 30; Jorge Vigo, 35; Matthew Powers, 34; Interceptions — Nick Ayala, 3; Danny Zumbar, 3; Four tied with 1; Fumble recoveries — Power, 1; Louis Diaz, 1; Alex Arrieta, 1; Carlos Marjellany, 1; Sacks — Diaz, 4; Andy Aguirre, 1; Benitez, 1.

■ **Curley:** Tackles — Alex Cruz, 49; Kevin Jacob, 35; Pat Collins, 29; Interceptions — Collins, 11; Anthony Grondin, 1; Fumble recoveries — Jacob, 2; Collins, 2; Michael Royals, 1; Grondin, 1; Sacks — Collins, 1; Jacob, 1; Finley Polymon, 1.

■ **Dade Christian:** Tackles — Kerry Boylito, 40; Louis Perez, 24; J.D. Donaldson, 17; Interceptions — Hernandez, 1; Fumble recoveries — Boylito, 1; Hernandez, 1; Sacks — Donald Fralier, 6; Quintero, 2; Three others with 1.

■ **Guilford:** Tackles — Joe O'Connell, 18; Juan Melis, 32; Jorge Gonzalez, 26; Tony Socarrin, 24; Interceptions — O'Connell, 1; Melis, 1; Jorge Ellis, 1; Fumble recoveries — Socarrin, 2; Melis, 1; Gonzalez, 1; Sacks — Mark Angles, 2; George Zaca, 2; Tony Gaudin, 1; Church, 1; Sacks, 1.

■ **Miami Christian:** Tackles — Rob Vega, 19; Fernando Rodriguez, 18; Luis Baim, 19; Interceptions — Vega, 7; Fumble recoveries — Baim, 1.

■ **Miami Country Day:** Tackles — Kevin Wiley, 64; Peter Bunn, 52; Ar. Garcia, 23; Juan Gold, 2; Interceptions — Wiley, 1; Bunn, 1; Gold, 1; Sacks — Wiley, 1; Bunn, 1; Gold, 1.

■ **Northwest Christian:** Tackles — Joe Wanda, 105; Tom Gilmer, 20; Alex Ross, 20; Interceptions — Wanda, 1; David Ross, 1; Sacks — Wanda, 1; Ross, 1.

■ **Palm:** Tackles — Tackles

# escaping mini-tours

He had led Florida Southern to the NCAA Division II national championship, made it to the semifinals of the Western Amateur and to the round of 16 at the U.S. Amateur.

He — and most observers — thought he had played well enough to earn a spot on the prestigious U.S. Walker Cup team, which would head to Wales to play a team of British and Irish amateurs.

But then a call came from the United States Golf Association selection committee, telling Stiles they were sorry.

"I probably won't get over it for a little while," Stiles said. "I felt I deserved to make it. I felt I played my way onto the team more than some of the other picks. But the USGA does funny things. Everyone thinks it was politics."

Then again, setbacks are nothing

new to Stiles. In 1989, a regular dentist's appointment turned up a cancerous lump in his left jaw. The doctors later told him his jaw had been as thin as a piece of paper and could've broken at any time. If that had happened, the cancer would have reached his bloodstream and spread.

It isn't a big deal to Stiles anymore. The cancer still drives him to succeed, but only because he feels it robbed him of a year's worth of golf, just like the USGA robbed him of the chance to play for his country.

But there is very little politicking involved in professional golf, at least at the mini-tour level. You put up your money. And if you play well enough, you get it back.

If you don't — well, let's hope your car has a big back seat.

## FOOTBALL FORECAST

### Look for Ridge to rebound

Life after Darren begins tonight for Southridge as the Spartans play their first game after losing to Miami High and losing Dade County rushing king **Darren Davis** to a broken leg.

Southridge had to endure a bye week after seeing its 26-game county-winning streak broken by MHS, and the Ridge (3-1) is eager to return to the field and its winning ways. Playing Sunset (0-5) should facilitate that, as Southridge will replace Davis at tailback with two juniors who should get some confidence built up against the Knights.

**Jameel Cook** — 5-11, 190 pounds — had a good game carrying the ball as Davis' fullback against MHS but couldn't get into the end zone in overtime as the tailback after Davis' injury. **Ryan Johnson** — 6-1, 180 — hasn't gotten many carries this year but has potential and will back up Cook.

There will be no replacement Davis in Southridge's varsity backfield this year. After big brothers Troy and Darren — the only two rushers in Dade history to eclipse 2,000 yards — the next is **Jason**, a freshman running back who this year has led Southridge's unbeat junior varsity. But while Jason "has that explosion," according to first-year Coach **Mark Quandt**, he lacks size at 5-5 and 120 pounds and needs time to grow and work in the weight room.

The Ridge needs to establish some things tonight, because the Spartans travel next weekend to Massillon, Ohio, for a Saturday night game against a traditional national power. A team of Ohio big boys and a crowd of 20,000 will await.

"We're hitting adversity now," Quandt said. "We've got a lot of season ahead of us, and we'll find out what kind of



**KEVIN DING**

## HORSE RACING

### CALDER TODAY

POST TIME 1 p.m.  
Apprentice allowance: 1-5, xx-7, xxx-10 pounds.  
Race times are approximate.

**FIRST—\$13,500; f; 2yo; alw; 6 fur. (turf)**

P.P. Horse	Jockey	Wt.	Odds
1 Little Bold Belle	Torbio A	115	9-5
2 J Jam	Castillo Jr.	115	2-1
3 Lulu's Ransom	H	115	2-1
4 Gilling Prospect	Valles E	115	3-1
5 Gileason	Boulenger G	115	4-1
Trainers: 1, Calasibetta J; 2, A. Medina A; 3, Tortora E; 4, Edwards O; 5, Medina A.			

**SECOND—\$3,750; f; 3&4yo; mdn clm; \$12,500; 1 1/16 miles; 1:26 p.m.**

P.P. Horse	Jockey	Wt.	Odds
1 One Real Princess	Rivera II J	119	2-1
2 Maas Road	Diaz S	119	2-1
3 C C's Fellow	Lopez R	127	4-1
4 Dictaphone	Delgado J	119	4-1
5 Misty Lucy Love	Madrid S	119	4-1
6 Aristobella	Jimenez E	119	4-1
7 C C's Billy Shilly	Lopez R	119	4-1
8 Calloway of Stars	Cedeno L	112	12-1
Trainers: 1, Gomez F; 2, Hinson A; 3, O'Connell K; 4, Knibbs F; 5, Glenn G; 6, Crosbie R; 7, O'Connell K; 8, Viera H.			

**THIRD—\$7,500; f; 2yo; mdn clm; \$25,000; 1 1/16 miles; 1:54 p.m.**

P.P. Horse	Jockey	Wt.	Odds
1 Dark Ravens	Cob E	117	2-1
2 Malt's Choice	Rivera II J	117	4-1
3 Raacho Carlita	Bain O	117	5-1
4 Silver Coin	Hosang G	117	6-1
5 Cho's Dancer	Morales C	117	6-1
6 A. M. Gal	Diaz S	110	12-1
7 Caroline Castle	Cedeno L	110	20-1
Trainers: 1, Weaver M; 2, Edwards O; 3, Reed R; 4, Ricci-Canessa W; 5, Lee O; 6, Hancock R; 7, Spall R; 8, Linares R.			

**FOURTH—\$8,750; 2yo; clm; \$12,500; 6 fur.; 2:22 p.m.**

P.P. Horse	Jockey	Wt.	Odds
1 Tembeau Dawn	Diaz S	110	2-1
2 Zero In to Win	Bain O	117	3-1
3 Whiskey Cup	Valles E	117	4-1
4 Minkler's Boy	Torbio A	117	4-1
5 Cheeky Guy	Hosang G	117	4-1
6 Cation	Copman K	115	6-1
Trainers: 1, Conel J; 2, Trilling M; 3, Richards Jr. R; 4, Warren F; 5, Olivares J; 6, Rowe H.			

**FIFTH—\$10,000; f; 2yo; clm; \$32,000; 8 fur.; 2:50 p.m.**

P.P. Horse	Jockey	Wt.	Odds
1 Favourite Doctor	Ramos W	115	2-1
2 Vbond Dmer	Castellano A	115	2-1
3 Malt's Choice	Rivera II J	115	4-1
4 Pyrite Tears	Torbio A	115	5-1
5 Giltarella	Rivera II J	113	6-1
6 Malt's Cover Girl	Bain O	113	6-1
7 Native Expressions	Buono J	113	6-1
Trainers: 1, Vivian D; 2, Woodhill S; 3, White W; 4, Richards Jr. R; 5, Sedore G; 6, Haverd O; 7, Sims A; 8, J. J. S.			

**SIXTH—\$12,000; f; 2yo; mdn; 1 mile; 3:10 p.m.**

P.P. Horse	Jockey	Wt.	Odds
1 Equisito Affair	Rivera II J	117	2-1
2 Gop's Plus	Brades R	117	2-1
3 Wild Tussle	Coa E	117	4-1
4 Runaway Dig	Hosang G	117	4-1
5 High Tech	Lopez R	117	4-1
6 Soro Bella	Torbio A	117	10-1
7 Hannabury	Henry W	117	12-1
8 The T.I. Art	Hosang G	117	20-1
Trainers: 1, E. Hines M; 2, Mills P; 3, Davis O; 4, Travers G; 5, Hines M; 6, Kaplan W; 7, Combs P; 8, Castillo C.			

**SEVENTH—\$8,500; 2yo; clm; \$20,000; 1 mile; 3:48 p.m.**

P.P. Horse	Jockey	Wt.	Odds
1 G. Lind	Castillo Jr.	112	2-1
2 L. G. Klash	H	112	2-1
3 L. G. Klash	H	112	2-1
4 Bar O Silver	Valles E	112	2-1

### CALDER PICKS

Bob Slater	Racing Form
1190-50	1177-30
1 Little Bold Belle	Little Bold Belle
2 One R P Cross	One R P Cross
3 Red Regal	Red Regal
4 Vbond Dmer	Vbond Dmer
5 Ex'cite Affair	Ex'cite Affair
6 B'ry's M'ler	B'ry's M'ler
7 C'ed's Baby	C'ed's Baby
8 N'BOOK P.C.	N'BOOK P.C.
9 Jackie's First	Jackie's First
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Slater's long shot: W. Dalhart (eighth).  
Winings based on \$2 win bet per race.  
Best bets in capital letters (total bet: \$2 for Slater, \$2.34 for Racing Form).

**EIGHTH—\$4,500; 1&2yo; 3yo up; \$10,000; 1 mile; 4:17 p.m.**

P.P. Horse	Jockey	Wt.	Odds
1 Cinderhead's Baby	Nunez E	117	2-1
2 Her Majesty	Coa E	117	2-1
3 Alexander's Will	Madrid S	117	4-1
4 Scent Of Irish	Henry W	117	4-1
5 Elizabeth's Gem	Rivera II J	117	4-1
6 Credit My Account	Peretz R	117	4-1
Trainers: 1, Olmauro S; 2, Suarez S; 3, E. S. Sedore G; 4, Pace J; 5, Cool R; 6, J. J. Morris B.			

**NINTH—\$13,500; 3yo up; alw; 4:46 p.m.**

P.P. Horse	Jockey	Wt.	Odds
1 N'BOOK P.C.	Torbio A	117	2-1
2 Third Glory	Rivera II J	117	2-1
3 Dead Undercover	Delgado J	117	4-1
4 Visual Attack	Diaz S	117	4-1
Trainers: 1, White W; 2, Gomez F; 3, Davis O; 4, Mills P; 5, Miller R; 6, Julian G; 7, Glavin A; 8, Pene A.			

**TENTH—\$5,500; f; 1, 2yo; mdn; \$12,500; 7 fur.; 5:18 p.m.**

P.P. Horse	Jockey	Wt.	Odds
1 Agood Excitement	Chapman K	117	2-1
2 Magnific Blue	Morales C	117	2-1
3 Whining Queen	Coa E	117	4-1
4 Malt's Choice	Rivera II J	117	4-1
5 Malt's Choice	Rivera II J	117	4-1
6 Malt's Choice	Rivera II J	117	4-1
7 Malt's Choice	Rivera II J	117	4-1
8 Malt's Choice	Rivera II J	117	4-1
Trainers: 1, Riba M; 2, Gomez F; 3, Davis O; 4, Mills P; 5, Miller R; 6, Julian G; 7, Glavin A; 8, Pene A.			

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