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Disney notebook

Duval makes history? David Duval's victory Sunday sent PGA Tour officials scrambling through the record book. It is believed he is the first player to win his first two tour victories back-to-back in playoffs.

Billy Andrade in 1991 is the last player to claim his first two career victories back-to-back, but they were not in playoffs. **Fred Funk** was the last player to compete in playoffs in consecutive weeks, winning last year at the BC Open, then losing the next week in a five-way playoff won by **Michael Bradley** at the Buick Challenge.

Surprise for Goydos: No one was more surprised to see **Paul Goydos'** name climbing the Walt Disney Classic leader board than Paul Goydos, who shot a final-round 66 — low round of the day — to finish 15-under for fifth place.

"I don't think I've ever made the cut here, so anything I get out of here is great," Goydos said. "The only reasons I came was because my kids wanted to go to the park."

But Goydos got his putter rolling Sunday and enjoyed the ride.

Woods frustrated: Tiger Woods did not defend his title, dropping quietly down the leader board with a final-round, 1-under 71 to finish 16-under and tied for 26th. Nevertheless, he left with style.

Woods birdied the 18th hole by hitting a 210-yard 3-iron out of trees along the left rough to inches of the pin.

"It was a fun week but the golf was frustrating," said Woods, who was defending a title for the first time as a pro. "I was hitting it off the tee the best I have in months, but didn't hit my irons. Then today, I hit my irons pretty good but my putter left me."

Still, with the $10,655 Woods collected, he pushed his single-season PGA Tour money record to $1,960,570 and is assured of breaking the $2 million mark with an appearance in the Tour Championship, where last place pays $75,000.

Lucky Duval: It sometimes takes a little luck to win. Duval made birdie on the par-5 17th hole when his tee shot went left, hit a tree and bounced right, back into the fairway. If the bounce went left, the ball finds water.

Second-round leader **Payne Stewart** began Sunday four shots back but labored to a 75 to tie for 10th.

— Mick Elliott

DUVAL/Win is his 2nd consecutive

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a sudden-death playoff.

Sunday afternoon he did it again, this time defeating Dan Forsman on the first playoff hole to win the Walt Disney Classic. Duval shot a final-round 2-under 70 and Forsman a 3-under 69 to end regulation play tied at 18-under 270, two shots in front of third-round leader Len Mattiace (74) and Ted Tryba (69).

"Things are looking up," Duval said. "I don't know what to say. I always thought I could win out here. I was never a quick study through junior golf or college golf or amateur golf.

"It just boils down to finding your comfort level and realizing you don't need to play excellent golf to win a tournament. You just need to play well and smart and not make mistakes."

And fix them when you do.

When the playoff began on the 455-yard par-4 18th, it returned Duval to the hole where minutes earlier he had bogeyed from the greenside bunker to give Forsman a share of the lead. And after splitting the fairway with his drive, Duval again found sand with his 6-iron approach.

But this time the 25-year-old Jacksonville native dropped a 15-foot putt to save par, after Forsman stabbed a chip from the fringe and missed a 20-footer for par.

For Forsman, who has played 195 PGA Tour events since his last win in 1992, the fat chip left him disappointed, embarrassed, surprised and shocked.

"All of the above," he said. "When he hit his bunker shot, I thought, 'yeah, the table's set. If I can chip this close, put some pressure on him and win the tournament.' But it was a tricky little shot for me and my hands were shaking to be honest with you.

"I don't know what it was, if I stabbed at it or didn't have the right approach. It was one of those if you hit it and it comes out hot it would roll off the green. So I had to guard against that. I just made the wrong choice and stabbed it and made a poor shot after that."

Duval pocketed $270,000 for the win, moving him to eighth on the money list with $1,165,308.

"I always said the breaks were going to even out," Duval said. "Maybe I am getting some of them back now."

AP photo

David Duval gets out of trouble in the playoff.

In Brief

COLLEGE SOCCER

Nebrelius' 4 goals ignite Spartans

Henrik Nebrelius scored four goals Sunday afternoon to lead the seventh-ranked University of Tampa men to a 6-3 victory past Alabama-Huntsville.

The Spartans (10-1) took the lead in the 13th minute on a Nebrelius goal. UAH (11-1) tied the game six minutes later, but Tampa added three more goals, including one by Nebrelius, to take a 4-1 lead at the half. Nebrelius scored twice in the second half.

USF men blank DePaul: South Florida (9-4-2, 5-1-2) held DePaul (5-8) to two shots and Chris Lewin recorded his second straight shutout as the Bulls won 3-0 in a Conference USA game.

Saint Leo men win: At St. Leo, Gavin Redmond and junior Jon Akin scored to lead Saint Leo (8-4) to a 2-0 victory against Dowling (N.Y.) College.

USF women win: At DeLand, Andrea Zenone and Kristine Edner scored goals to lead USF (9-5-1) to a 2-1 victory against Stetson (2-9-2).

AUTO RACING

NHRA: At Ennis, Texas, Cory McClenathan won the top fuel title in the Revell Nationals with an effort that included the first 320 mph run in drag racing history.

McClenathan, who matched a top fuel mark with his sixth victory of the year, had a run of 4.570 seconds at 321.77 mph in his first-round win over Spike Gorr.

Al Hofmann won the funny car division and Jim Yates won his fourth straight pro stock title.

Kenwood 300: At Fontana, Calif., Todd Bodine drove the final 142 miles without a pit stop to win the inaugural Kenwood Home & Car Audio 200.

BOXING

St. Pete fighter wins: At Budapest, Hungary, St. Petersburg middleweight Jeff Lacy was the only one of five U.S. fighters to win during Sunday's World Amateur Boxing Championships. Lacy, 20, needed less than two minutes to beat Thapelo Setlaleki-gosi of Botswana.

Ali items auctioned: The robe that Muhammad Ali wore in 1974 when he beat George Foreman for the heavyweight title in their "Rumble in the Jungle" sold for $140,000 at an auction of Ali memorabilia in Beverly Hills, Calif.

BASKETBALL

Report: Tarpley failed tests: Roy Tarpley, banned from the NBA for drug and alcohol use, repeatedly failed drug tests while he was at Michigan but was allowed to play by Coach Bill Frieder, former teammate Leslie Rockymore told The Detroit News.

Frieder denied Rockymore's accusations.

FAU player dies: At Boca Raton, Walter Turner, 18, a freshman at Florida Atlantic, collapsed during stretching exercises at practice and died.

GOLF

Irwin wins 9th title: At Kaanapali, Hawaii, Hale Irwin tied a 12-year-old Senior PGA Tour record by winning his ninth tournament of the year, capturing the Kaanapali Classic by three shots. The win tied the record set by Peter Thomson in 1985.

Irwin shot a 1-under-par 70 in the final round for a 54-hole total of 13-under 200.

Inkster wins playoff: At Seoul, South Korea, Juli Inkster birdied the first hole of a playoff to defeat Kelly Robbins and Helen Alfredsson and capture the $525,000 World Championship of Women's Golf, her first victory since 1992.

Dunhill Cup: At St. Andrews, Scotland, Sweden's Joakim Haeggman shot a record-tying 27 for nine holes in beating U.S. player Justin Leonard in the semifinals but was outplayed by Ernie Els in the final as South Africa won its first Dunhill Cup.

ETC.

Bowling: At Bay City, Mich., Jason Couch averaged 256.5 to take a 24-pin lead over Dennis Horan after the second round of the Mobil 1 Classic. ... **College tennis:** At Gainesville, Florida's Dawn Buth beat teammate and Tampa native Stephanie Nickitas 6-2, 6-2 in the Flight A singles final at the Gator Fall Classic. USF's Alicia Kerstyn and Katherine Tessier won the Flight B doubles consolation final. ... **Volleyball:** Paula Araujo had 19 kills to lead USF (17-6, 8-1) to its 10th straight victory, 15-9, 15-9, 16-14 against Cincinnati (12-11, 6-3) in a Conference USA match.

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Ward ends triathlon short of goal

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii — Jim Ward, the first octogenarian to compete in the Ironman Triathlon, fails to finish.

By LISA MAGENHEIMER
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Jim Ward wasn't the only celebrity competing in Saturday's Ironman Triathlon World Championship along the scorching lava-covered Kona coast.

It just seemed that way.

Ward

Sure, there was "Baywatch" actress Alexandra Paul, New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson, AIDS survivor Timothy Jacobs and NASA astronaut/Endeavor pilot William Gregory.

They garnered plenty of stares but all eyes were fixed upon wristwatches and 80-year-old Ward, the first octogenarian to compete in the 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike and 26.2-mile run event. A four-time Ironman finisher, Ward failed to complete the race in 1995 and '96 after he missed the 10½-hour bike cutoff.

This year was supposed to be different.

Despite an intense weight training program and increased cycling and swim training, the Sequoia resident fell short of the bike/run transition by 15 minutes and wasn't allowed to continue the race. Undoubtedly in the best physical shape since his first Ironman competition in 1990, Ward was only seven miles from finishing the bike segment when Ironman officials told him he missed the cutoff.

"I was disappointed, but I did have a moment of elation," said Ward, referring to former Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Butch Johnson, who made the bike cutoff by a minute and went on to finish in 16 hours, 45 minutes, 37 seconds. Johnson, who swam and biked beside the 80-year-old throughout most of the race, began competing in triathlons at Ward's urging.

The spotlight will grow only larger as Ward plans to compete in the ITU World Championship in Perth, Australia, Nov. 16.

"I've got to hurry up and finish this race," he said. "I'm running out of time before I get too old."

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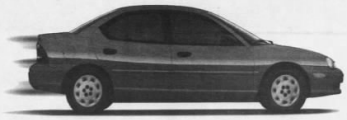

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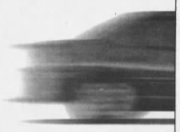

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