

Sports



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Tim Iley, host of Comcast Cable 7's "On the Green," and John Magnus, business manager at Hunter Golf Club, discuss strategy as Marissa Joyner, production coordinator video tapes them. The episode, video taped March 13, will debut in May.

Hunter welcomes 'On the Green' to the green



Tim Iley, host of Comcast 7's "On the Green," takes a swing at Hunter Golf Course. Iley came to Hunter March 13 to video tape an episode of the show which will debut in May.

Nondice Powell
Hunter Army Airfield

The sounds of aircraft whir overhead as yet another military helicopter passes over Hunter Army Airfield. It is a normal occurrence here at Hunter, home of the 3rd Infantry Division's Aviation Brigade, but it is not a sound most golfers would expect to hear.

"I think it's great," said Tim Iley, host of Comcast Cable 7's "On the Green" and executive director for the Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf Tournament. "I know we got some shots of some of the helicopters and planes flying over. It's great. I'm really, really happy to be out here at Hunter."

Iley brought production coordinator Marissa Joyner and Producer/Director Brian McGraw with him to the Hunter Golf Club March 13 to highlight Hunter in an upcoming episode of "On the Green."

"We profile golf courses all over the low country; both private and public," Iley said. "We interview the head professionals; we go out and play a couple of the holes and just get a good feel for the different courses around the area."

Joyner and McGraw were often found discussing shots and determining how they would get the video they needed.

"One more time," said Joyner when Iley and John Magnus, business manager at the Hunter Golf Club, missed their mark. "In three, two, one..."

Tommie McArthur, director of golf at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, and others who work at the golf courses are excited about the opportunity to showcase the golf course at Hunter.

"It's a big plus," McArthur said. "We're extremely proud to be part of the 3rd Inf. Div. and to be able to have a facility that our Soldiers and family members can enjoy. We also want the Savannah community and the surrounding counties to be able to come out and enjoy what the military family enjoys."

Magnus took Iley to play two holes on the course. They played the second and fourteenth tees. There is a unique bit of trivia with the fourteenth tee.

"We're up here on what is supposedly one of the highest points in Savannah," said Iley during the video-taping.

"The black tee box is unofficially the highest point in Chatham County," said Magnus. "It's about 35 feet above sea level."

With each swing of the club, the sounds of aircraft continued to fill the air, serving as a reminder that the course is on a military installation.

"It's something," said McArthur. "As we were doing the show, several helicopters were flying. It blended in that this is military, this is Hunter Army Airfield, this is Fort Stewart, this is the 3rd Inf. Div. It mixes it all together."

Iley enjoyed the opportunity to come to Hunter.

"I loved the greens," said Iley. "I've been playing golf since I was seven years old. So I can really appreciate small elevated greens like they have out here. I'm anxious to get back out here and play more than the two holes we played today."

In addition to his appreciation for the golf course, Iley also appreciates the service of the men and women of the Armed Forces.

"I think what these men and women are doing for us is just fantastic," said Iley.

The show will debut in May and will air three days a week during the month. It will air again during January through March 2008.

"A lot of eyeballs are going to be right here on this golf course," said Iley. "From Brunswick all the way to Beaufort and west into Waycross, Statesboro, some areas like that. So it's up and down the coast. It has a good viewership."

The Hunter Golf Club is just one of the golf courses the 3rd Inf. Div. has to offer. Fort Stewart is home to Taylors Creek Golf Course. The two courses are open to the public as well as service members and their families. For more information, call 315-9115 or 767-2370.

Basketball Championship



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If you can't make it, watch it live on Marne TV



Don't miss the Division basketball Championship, 7:30, March 22, at Newman Fitness Center. Also, it will be live on Marne Television!

Savannah Shamrocks overrun Ospreys 18-12

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Coastal Courier

The Savannah Shamrocks slung some Irish grit and won their first game 18-12 at the St. Patrick's Day Rugby tournament against the University of North Florida Ospreys.

The Shamrocks held a steady lead for most of the game, but they let it diminish against the younger and faster Ospreys.

"During the first half, we surely could have played better as we had trouble adjusting to our game plan," Shamrocks coach Hansie Dirksen said. "In the second half though, we utilized our forwards and focused on tackling to contain our opponent."

In the first half, the Shamrocks led 8-0, but as the game wore on, the stalking Ospreys quickly diminished the lead and came within one. "We started off a little

slow in the beginning, and they were able to stage a come back," Shamrock captain Robert Evans, who coaches football and teaches at Bradwell Institute, said. "At the end of the game though, we read their play, intercepted the ball and sealed the game with our final score."

For this particular tournament, teams came from several different states to play against one another.

The leagues differ from Premiere, Division I, II and III, women's and college.

"We are a division III team, but you do not have to stay within your division in this tournament," Evans said. "If you want to try and step it up, you can play any team you like and we wanted a go at the college level."

The latter half of the tournament resumes today at Daffin Park in Savannah where the rugby onslaught will close as only the winners will be left standing.



John Dieke

The Savannah Shamrocks and North Florida Ospreys get ready for the ball to be thrown in.

High School track team takes second

Jimmy Currier
Coastal Courier

Fresh off a home-sweep against McIntosh County Academy, Bradwell Institute's track teams took second in the 18-team Camden Relays on Saturday in Kingsland.

Camden County took first for the girls, while Ware County took first for the boys.

Bradwell's girls placed in the top six in 10 events, while the boys placed in the top six in nine events.

Shapale Snowden tied two other jumpers in the high jump, clearing 4-feet, 8-inches. Meanwhile, Larry Henry continued his dominance in the boys' high jump with a 6-foot, 2-inch jump. Antonio Allen finished fifth, soaring 5-feet, 10-inches.

Vontavious Pennyman outsprinted the competition in the 200, finishing the race in 22.2 seconds. Richard Hobbs won the 300 hurdles, finishing in 40.24 seconds.

Unfortunately, Hobbs was unable to compete later in the meet because he pulled his hamstring after stepping into a hole in the track. However, Bradwell coach Emmett Watkins is confident that one of his best athletes will quickly return to the track.

Overall, Watkins was pleased with his Tigers' performance. "I'm impressed with how we ran. We just have to stay healthy," he said. "I want us to improve on our times and we will get better as we go."

Bradwell boys results:

Long jump: 5. Joshua Gray 19-8.
Shot put: 2. Deron Jordan 46-.5. 6. Keddrick Brown 42-6.
Discus: 5. Brown 110.
1600: 2. Malachi Bell 5:08.55.
3200: 5. Bell 11:42.
110 hurdles: 5. Antonio Allen 18.02.

Bradwell girls results:

800: 6. Camille Jackson 2:43.73
Long jump: 2. Jammie McLemore 15-1.25.
Triple jump: 4. McLemore 30-5.25
Discus: 2. Janniequeen Tui 92. 3. Crystal Tui 89.
400: Kissimee Herring 1:05.
4 x 100 relay: 3. McLemore, Jasmine Amiker, Kwajelin Holsendolph, Jackson 53.28.
100: 3. Holsendolph
200: 3. Holsendolph
4 x 400 relay: 2. Herring, Holsendolph, Jackson, McLemore.



Jimmy Currier

Bradwell's track team runs toward another successful season.

Army whirls through Hurricane Invitational

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CORAL GABLES, Fla. – Rudy Mejia won the long jump, John Mickowski placed runner-up in the 3,000 meters and Kevin Kumlien finished fifth in the javelin to lead the Army men's track and field team at the prestigious Hurricane Invitational Saturday afternoon.

Mejia topped a competitive field in the long jump, leaping 24 feet, 0 1/2 inches. The mark fell just short of qualifying for the 2007 NCAA Regionals.

Mickowski clocked a time of 8 minutes, 30.72 seconds to place second in the 3,000m. Teammate Stephen Kraus joined Mickowski in the Top 10, placing 10th in the discipline with a clocking of 8:55.22.

Kumlien took fifth in the javelin with a heave of 192-11. Mike Nulk chipped in a sixth-place showing in the event with a mark of 190-7.

Reagan Rafferty placed fourth in the high jump, clearing 6-6 3/4. Steve Zhang took third in the triple jump with a leap of 48-3 1/2.

Dan McLeod chipped in a sixth-place showing in the 400m hurdles, crossing the finish line in 53.36.

A pair of Army athletes finished within the Top 10 in the hammer throw with Brendan McNichol placing seventh (172-2) and Kevin Filer taking eighth (170-9).

Elsewhere on the track, Adrian Perkins posted two Top 20 efforts, taking seventh in the 400m (48.23) and finishing 16th in the 200m (21.99).

Women

Meghan Curran placed within the Top 10 in a pair of disciplines, Roxanne Wegman



Courtesy photo

led a 1-2 Army finish in the 3,000m steeplechase and four Black Knights notched Top 10 efforts in the field as the Army women's track and field team turned in a strong showing at the highly-competitive Hurricane Invitational Saturday afternoon.

Curran, a sophomore from Chelmsford, Mass., placed fifth in the 3,000 meters with a clocking of 10 minutes, 39.40 seconds. The second-year performer added a ninth-place showing in the 1,500m, crossing the finish line in 4:52.39.

Wegman took gold in the 3,000m steeplechase, breaking the tape in 11:47.90. Army dominated the event as junior Megan Howell took second with a clocking of 12:13.20 and sophomore Margaret Kim

placed fourth with a time of 13:00.20.

Senior Cherith Boycan paced Army's contingent in the field, placing third in the javelin with a mark of 135-3. Freshman Angela Jenkins added a pair of Top 10 showings, taking seventh in the triple jump (38-7 3/4) and placing eighth in the long jump (18-7 1/4). Fellow freshman Kim Mallard chipped in a sixth-place showing in the hammer throw with a heave of 153 feet, 0 inches.

Sophomore Geryah White set a personal-best in the shot put, recording a mark of 44-9 1/2 en route to placing 10th.

The Army men's and women's track and field team returns to action on Friday, March 23, when the Black Knights host the Dick Shea Open at West Point's Shea Stadium. Action is slated to begin at 12 p.m.

Army blasts Northwestern, 10-3

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BRADENTON, Fla. – Nick Hill went six strong innings and Army benefitted from five Northwestern fielding errors as the Black Knights closed out their spring trip to Florida on a positive note, cruising past the Wildcats 10-3, Saturday afternoon at the IMG Baseball Complex.

Army (6-8) trailed 1-0 after Northwestern plated a run in the top of the third inning when Tommy Finn walked and scored on a single up the middle by Aaron Newman. But the Black Knights answered right back, parlaying three base hits and three Northwestern fielding errors into five runs, all of which were unearned. Kyle Stramara delivered the key blow in the inning, registering a two-run single to center field. Cole White and J.P. Polchinski also singled against Wildcat starter Ryan Myers in the frame.

The Black Knights put the game out of reached with five more runs in the fifth

inning, pushing in front 10-1. White's leadoff double to the left-center field gap sparked the uprising. Chris Simmons followed with a single to right and Polchinski's run-scoring single to right scored White. Bo Cipra was hit by a pitch to load the bases before Caleb Love's walk forced in another run for the Black Knights. Barnes Connell's fielder's choice grounder delivered Polchinski with the Black Knights' eighth run of the game. Army would score its final two runs of the inning on wild pitches, building a 10-1 cushion.

After surrendering a run in the third inning, Hill retired seven of the next eight batters he faced. He yielded a two-run home run to Antonio Mule with two outs in the sixth, closing out the scoring. Hill permitted seven hits and three runs in running his record to 2-1. He struck out three and walked one.

White tossed two shutout innings of relief and Milan Dinga fired a scoreless ninth to close out the victory for the Black Knights.

A victim of shoddy defense, Myers (1-1) suffered the loss for Northwestern, allowing seven hits and 10 runs in 4.2 innings of work. Only three of Army's runs were earned in the contest.

White paced Army's offensive attack, finishing 3-for-4 with two runs scored, while Polchinski went 3-for-5 with one run scored and one run batted in.

"It was nice ending the spring trip on a winning note," said Army head coach Joe Sottolano. "The players battled tough elements all day and we were able to come away with the win.

"Once again, it was an outstanding trip being able to utilize the New York Yankees minor league complex for practices and playing against quality opponents. We came down here to get quality reps on a consistent basis and I believe we obtained that goal. We look forward to entering the next phase of our season, that being Patriot League play."



Jimmy Currier

Jeff Polk tags out a Wildcat runner at second base.

BI plays Camden close

Jimmy Currier
Coastal Courier

Bradwell Institute baseball coach Rhett Hellgren said if the Tigers kept it close early, then they would have the opportunity to win.

The Tigers (0-8, 0-1 Region 3-AAAAA) kept it close trailing 2-0 heading into the seventh inning, but that changed with one swing of the bat.

Tyler Snellgrove blasted a three-run homer over the left field fence to lead Camden (5-2, 1-0) County to a 5-0 Region 3-AAAAA opening win.

"Yeah, we had a chance," Hellgren said. "Camden is a good ball team. They're the top dog in our region. We hung in there but we just didn't get the crucial base hits. We didn't get the big hit."

Camden's Sid Cooper limited the Tigers to only two hits and only allowed one runner to third base.

Cooper, who pitched the complete game for the win, also had a good day at the plate. He went 2-for-4 with a triple.

Bradwell's starting pitcher senior Nick Franks pitched six superb innings constantly pitching out of jams. However, he seemed to run out of gas in the seventh inning. He hit the first batter, and then walked the second batter before Cooper's homerun.

"He's (Franks) a senior and he's our leader," Hellgren said. "He wanted the ball today, and I gave it to him. He came through today. Nick's a hard worker, one of the hardest workers on our team. He's going to be very successful in life because of his work ethic."

Franks struck out six batters and walked only four.

Steven Dill retired the final three Wildcat batters for Bradwell.

Catcher Josh Magaw helped extinguish some of Camden's scoring opportunities by throwing out two runners at second base.

Despite only two hits, the Tigers left four runners on base, including three in scoring position.

In the second inning, Dustin Belletty was left out to dry after a one-out double.

In the third, Magaw was stranded on third after a two-out hit and DeAnte Day was left on second after a walk.

The Wildcats also left men on base, stranding nine runners, including six in scoring position.

Hellgren remains optimistic that the Tigers will turn the corner.

"The kids are fighting. They really are," he said. "It's just frustrating that we're not getting any results from all the hard work we're putting in, but it's going to come. I keep telling them to trust me because we're going to get there."



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