



James Folk, right, and caddy Carson Kawasoe celebrate following a long putt made by Folk on the seventh hole in Monday's round. More photos online at dailyastorian.com

# Coast Invitational brings out champions

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WARRENTON — The first day of match play in the 106th annual Oregon Coast Invitational is in the books, after Monday's action at the Astoria Golf & Country Club.

The Grand Champions and Junior/Seniors hit the links to officially open the competition in the annual event, which continues today and runs through Saturday.

Fresh off his medalist victory in the qualifying round over the weekend, Astoria member James Folk teed off at 8:04 a.m. against Scott Hamilton in a first round match in the Junior/Seniors division.

Results of Monday's matchups were not available.

Five former champions were in action in the Grand Champions division, including a trio of two-time winners.

John DeLong (2003, '08), Jeff Canessa (2007, '09) and Jay Ross (2006, '10) all had afternoon tee times, while Chris Shepard (2011) and Anthony Arvidson (2013) are also in the field, in search of their second OCI titles.

Action continues today with play in the Women's, Senior and Super Seniors divisions.

Women's qualifying medalist (and three-time cham-



Allan LaPlante follows his tee shot on the fourth hole in Monday's action in the Junior Seniors division.



Longtime Oregon Coast Invitational participant Steve Hval tees off over the water hazard on the ninth hole during Monday's round in the Junior/Seniors division.

pion) Amanda Jacobs will face Kristin Finnegan in a first round matchup, while other championship flight matches include sisters Cappy Mack vs. Nikki Mack; and Astoria members Katie Sturgell vs.

Mary Swingle. A featured Super Senior matchup (with a combined 12 OCI titles) includes Jeff Leinassar vs. Mike Graham. Monday's results can be found at oregoncoastinvite.com

# Athletes using platforms to push for social change

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Athletes today are using their platforms as sports celebrities to bring attention to the violence that has erupted across the country and recently Carmelo Anthony has been one of the most outspoken.

The New York Knicks All-Star is taking a break from his preparation with the Olympic basketball team Monday to host a meeting in Los Angeles with athletes, politicians and people in the community to advance the conversation about what he's called a broken system.

University of California-Berkeley professor emeritus Dr. Harry Edwards said today's athletes have a level of power that Muhammed Ali and others didn't have in the 1960s, and they have begun using it to speak out against violence both by and against police.

How much change they can effect remains to be seen, as Ali changed the world.

The newfound power of today's athlete comes from monetary wealth, celebrity status and having the vehicle of social media to communicate directly with the masses. They can reach hordes of people, encouraging them to get involved in social change.

"Joe Louis and Jack Johnson and Jesse Owens struggled for legitimacy," Edwards said. Then "you began this struggle for access. Which is what Jackie Robinson and Larry Doby and all those guys were involved in. In the 1960s, the struggle was for respect and dignity.

"Now the struggle is for power. And these men have power. So they have a different forum than we had in the late 1960s to be able to go on network television and make a statement concerning violence and the killing of black men, women and children in this country. ... That's an exercise of power. They have the capability today that we only dreamed about in the 1960s when only one or two athletes even had endorsements."



Photo by Chris Pizzello/Invision/AP

NBA basketball players, from left, Carmelo Anthony, Chris Paul, Dwyane Wade and LeBron James speak on stage at the ESPY Awards in Los Angeles in July. The four gave an anti-violence speech and expressed their support of the values behind the Black Lives Matter movement.

### Anti-violence

Anthony, LeBron James, Chris Paul and Dwyane Wade gave an anti-violence speech at the ESPYS and expressed their support of the values behind the Black Lives Matter movement. University of Missouri football players threatened to boycott games last year in support of student groups protesting the school's racial environment. School President Timothy Wolfe eventually retired. Serena Williams spoke out against the violence at Wimbledon. Members of the WNBA's Indiana Fever, New York Liberty and Phoenix Mercury recently wore black warm up shirts in the wake of recent shootings by and against police officers, and were fined by the league.

The league rescinded the fines after a public backlash.

Anthony's meeting in Los Angeles coincides with the latest stop on the Olympic men's team exhibition scheduled for the Rio Games.

### Power, influence

It is nearly economically impossible to ignore today's athletes as the power they wield reaches farther than their own bank accounts.

James is literally worth millions of dollars to the Cleveland economy as the success of the Cavaliers motivates thousands of people to spend. Cavs' attendance ranked No. 2 in the league in 2009-10 and the last two sea-

sons, but dipped as low as No. 22 during James' four years in Miami.

Their influence goes beyond promoting merchandise and ticket sales.

Edwards said sports have become a religion in this country and around the world, giving athletes more influence than in the past. He believes as "walking corporations" they carry more weight than "the doctor up the street or the lawyer around the corner or even the community organizer."

"Sports in modern societies really amount to secular religions," Edwards said. "Athletes have a phenomenal megaphone. ... So that obligation to speak up, especially in regards to the African-American outcomes and interests, is critical."

Social media allows athletes to directly communicate with millions of fans and followers with a few keystrokes and encourage action. Edwards explained ISIS has used it in a similar way to recruit self-radicalized people. The difference is in the message.

Dr. Joseph Cooper, assistant professor at the University of Connecticut, said any major social policy — civil rights movement, feminist movement, passage of Title IX — began with multiple conversations. But there must be action behind the words.

Both Edwards and Cooper said that's the next step in the process.

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Table with columns for time slots (6 PM, 6:30, 7 PM, 7:30, 8 PM, 8:30, 9 PM, 9:30, 10 PM, 10:30, 11 PM, 11:30) and rows for various TV channels and programs.

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