

SPORTS

GOLF-PAK WINS AGAIN AS PEPPER FALTERS AT GIANT EAGLE CLASSIC

Rookie sensation Pak Se-ri made it three wins in four weeks by capturing the LPGA Giant Eagle Classic Sunday as Dottie Pepper lost track of the score and missed a putt that would have forced a playoff.

The 20-year-old South Korean, winner of two major titles this season, recorded the fourth victory of her remarkable freshman season on the LPGA Tour when Pepper missed a four-foot birdie putt at the last hole.

Pepper, who mistakenly thought Pak had missed a birdie putt at 18, believed she was headed for sudden-death after taking par before realizing she had let that opportunity slip away.

Pepper had a chance to win outright, but missed her 60-foot eagle putt before rolling the birdie try left of the hole.

"Amazingly, I had no idea what

was going on," Pepper said.

"We had to wait to hit our second shots on number 18. I saw Se-ri miss on number 18 and I thought it was for birdie. All along, I thought I had to two-putt to win.

"I asked my caddie when he took his bib off, Aren't we going back to the tee?" He said, "No, Dottie."

"I was flabbergasted," she added. "I had no idea."

Pak started the day tied for third, three strokes behind Pepper, but fired a five-under-par 67 to win with a 54-hole total of 15-under-par 201, one stroke short of Michelle McGann's 1996 tournament record.

"I played well but I didn't know I won," Pak said. "I didn't see her putt. I was waiting for a playoff. I didn't know what happened. Someone said, 'You have a playoff.' Someone said, 'You win.' So I didn't know."

With the \$120,000 first prize,

Pak took over the top spot on the LPGA money list. A virtual unknown when the year began, Pak increased her earnings to \$768,211 and moved past Sweden's Annika Sorenstam.

At next week's du Maurier Classic, Pak can become the first woman to win three majors in one year since 1961.

Pak became the first woman to make major tournaments her first two career wins when she followed her LPGA Championship win with an unprecedented 20-hole playoff triumph at the U.S.

Women's Open. One week later, on July 12, she matched the 72-hole LPGA scoring record in winning the Jamie Farr Classic.

"I just want to play. I don't want to think of a major or if it is big or not," said Pak. "I don't want to think about making history."

Jordan Has No Word on Bulls Coach



Phil Jackson ended his tenure as coach of the Chicago Bulls last month by riding off on his motorcycle. Could Michael Jordan be next?

Jordan, driving a cream-colored BMW motorcycle, arrived at the summer basketball camp bearing his name Friday. Spotting TV cameras at the back entrance, he zoomed to a spot in front of the building.

Brushing past reporters, he had no comment on the latest round of the Bulls' soap opera. Tim Floyd was hired

Thursday as director of basketball operations and made the team's coach-in-waiting.

Jordan has said he won't play for anyone but Jackson. The Bulls - throwing the ball back in Jordan's court - said they will try to get Jackson back. But the ex-coach said Friday he is not interested.

"It doesn't mean it's over for the team. It just means it's over for me," Jordan told Chicago's WLS-TV from his Montana vacation home.

"Michael hasn't made up his mind and probably won't until October, from what he talked to me about. Until then, there is going to be a lot of speculation. It's going to be hard to say goodbye to Michael," Jackson said.

Jordan said last week he would not

announce his final decision until the NBA's lockout ends.

"The golf game is good," was about all Jordan would mutter as he entered the door at Elmhurst College on Friday.

Once inside, Jordan had the young campers enthralled. First, he made one participant who lost his room key do 10 pushups to get it back.

Then he taught those in attendance the art of free throw shooting. He even offered a small bribe to the lucky few he called to the line to shoot in front of the whole camp - a new pair of shoes if they made it.

"Don't mind all the cameras," he told campers as flashbulbs from photographers and fans went off all over the gym. "I'm sure they're not here to see you guys."

Baseball Fireworks Predicted This Season; The Weather Channel Says High Heat + High Humidity = Hits, Homeruns

Next week's All-Stargame at Coors Field in Colorado may set off some post-4th fireworks that look remarkably like baseballs.

More and more baseballs are taking to the high sky this season, as Mark McGwire threatens to beat Roger Maris' homerun record set nearly 40 years ago, and Ken Griffey Jr. and Sammy Sosa stay close behind, knocking them out game after game.

So what's it all about? And does that much-maligned El Niño have anything to do with it?

According to the most reliable weather information source, The Weather Channel, chalk it all up to the WUVEM theory. (That's pronounced "Wah-Yum.")

"The 'WUVEM theory' is tried and true, and it makes for a great baseball season," according to Mike Eckert, The Weather's Channel's CEO and a die-hard Chicago Cubs fan. "Any object, be it a baseball, a frying pan or a boomerang, will travel farther when both the temperature and the humidity are high."

It all comes down to science: high heat + high humidity = higher number of hits and homeruns. To be more specific, Water Vapor Molecules (WVMs) are lighter than most other gases that make up the air. High humidity means more WVMs and less air resistance, thus a smoother path for that frying pan. And, because it a sphere, a baseball has an even easier

time of it.

For more information or to schedule an interview with The Weather Channel, contact Becca Parrish at 212-780-1900 or Kathy Lane at 770-226-2102.

COMPANY BACKGROUND:

The Weather Channel, television's 24 hour national weather network, is seen in more than 70 million U.S. cable households. The Weather Channel website, www.weather.com, attracts up to 20 million hits and 1.5 to 3 million page views per day. It is owned by Landmark Communications, Inc., a Virginia-based media company with operations in newspaper, magazine publishing, broadcast and cable television as well as other video enterprises.

Three Fans Killed in U.S. 500 Crash

By MIKE HARRIS

As they heard the noise of a crash below, brothers Gerald and Rich Bramer stood up to see what was going on during the U.S. 500 on Sunday at Michigan Speedway.

"The next thing I know, a tire was flying in the air right at us," Gerald Bramer said.

Three spectators were killed and six others injured when the one-car crash hurled a tire and other car parts into the grandstand at the fourth turn. It was the first time in more than a decade that spectators were killed at a major auto race.

Dr. Gregory Baumann, the chief medical director at Michigan Speedway, said two people died

instantly from the impact of the debris. A third person was taken to a track medical unit, where resuscitation failed.

Officials identified the victims as Michael Terry Tautkus, 49, and Sheryl Ann Laster, 40, both of Milan, Mich., and Kenneth Dale Fox, 38, of Lansing, Mich.

Six spectators were taken by helicopter to Foote Hospital in Jackson. Hospital spokeswoman Robin Kirkpatrick said the six had injuries ranging from a fractured leg to neck and back pain. All were expected to be released Sunday night, she said.

The area where the fans were hit included a block of seats that the hospital had complimentary tickets

for, and one of the injured worked at the hospital, Kirkpatrick said.

Gerald Bramer said he threw up his arm to block the tire from Mexican driver Adrian Fernandez's car as it brushed by him. It hit Rich Bramer in the back, but neither was injured seriously.

Becky Lutgen, the news director of Lansing's WLNS-TV, was at the track with her boyfriend watching Fernandez's car as it rounded the bend. She said they didn't see the tire from his car until it hit the stands and then landed about four or five rows behind them.

"It ricocheted in the stands and came to rest between some rows. It went by so fast," Lutgen said.

Seahawks Reach 3-Year Preseason Deal with King 5

A three-year deal has been reached with KING 5 to televise the Seahawks preseason games, the team announced.

"We are very excited about the upcoming preseason and our new TV contract with KING TV," said Senior Vice President/Marketing Operations Harry Hutt. "We think that Seahawks fans and sponsors are going to like the new 'Seahawks TV Experience.' KING has been a terrific broadcast partner for the Seahawks over the years and we are happy that the partnership is going to continue, not only with the preseason TV games, but also for the weekly Seahawks TV show. We are doubly excited to have the production and some talented broadcast production and sales people."

KING 5 will broadcast Seahawks '98 throughout the preseason for each of the Seahawks four preseason games. Those games include stints with the Dallas Cowboys (7/31, 6:00 pm); Indianapolis Colts (8/8, 7:00 pm); Arizona Cardinals (8/22, 7:00 pm) and the San Francisco 49ers (8/28, 7:00 pm). The Seahawks' August 15 game against the 49ers in Vancouver, BC is not included in the package and will be broadcast nationally on CBS at the Ameri-

can Bowl.

"Our partnership with market leader KING-5 gives the Seahawks a strong broadcast presence, while offering exclusive programming and strong audience delivery to a growing number of regional and national Seahawks sponsors", said Scott Patrick, Seahawks VP/Corporate Sales.

Seahawks '98 continues each week of the regular season with Seahawks Saturday, a series of 17 weekly maga-

zine shows. Each week the show will feature a behind-the-scenes look at the team, players and the organization, providing exclusive insights into life in the NFL, Saturdays at 4:30 pm on KING-5.

Rich Waltz, ESPN/ESPN 2 and Fox Sports Northwest announcer will handle play-by-play and former Seahawk Sam Adkins, who enters his 11th year as color announcer, will join Rich on the broadcast team.



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