

## GOLF

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates

### Woods chases leading Englishman in Dubai

Eight years ago, Ross Fisher was fetching balls for Tiger Woods on the practice range. Now, the Englishman holds a five-shot lead over the defending champion entering the third round of the Dubai Desert Classic.

Fisher shot a second straight 7-under-par 65 Friday and was at 14 under halfway through the tournament. Woods struggled with his putting again and finished with a 67 to stand at 9 under.

"It was kind of weird," Woods said. "I just didn't feel like I made many putts today. I was all around the hole, and most of them were actually misreads."

SYDNEY, Australia

### Webb takes lead after two rounds of Australian Open

Karrie Webb shot a 1-under 71 Friday to take a one-stroke lead after two rounds of the Women's Australian Open.

Webb, who trailed Sarah Kemp by one after the first round at Royal Sydney, moved to 6 under for the tournament to take a one-stroke lead over Taiwan's Wei Yun-jye, who also finished with a 71 Friday. Australian Nikki Campbell carded a 1-over 73 in the second round and is third, just two behind Webb.

## BASKETBALL

LEEDS, Maine

### Coach who told players to 'check manhood' fired

A high school basketball coach was fired after telling his players at halftime to reach into their pants to "check their manhood," administrators said.

Leavitt Area High School Principal Patrick Hartnett said coach Mike Remillard told the varsity boys Jan. 23 that "tonight's game was about who had the biggest (male genitalia) in town." "He then required his players to all stand up and put their hands down their pants and check their manhood," Hartnett said in the statement, which was read to school board members Thursday by Superintendent Thomas J. Hanson a day after the coach was dismissed.

All but one player followed the coach's instructions, Hartnett said.

## Pool

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tendon goes over the bone. Physical therapy didn't help. Skip Reese, Catie's father, didn't know what her pain tolerance was and wasn't sure his daughter was doing everything she could to get better.

"We were wondering because the doctors couldn't find anything," he said. "We kept spending money on doctors, and no one could find anything."

At the end of September, Skip received word from Catie's doctor that the reason for her discomfort was a tumor the size of a golf ball that had hollowed out the right side of her hip bone.

"They said, 'We found a tumor. You have to be at Riley's (Hospital for Children) tomorrow morning at 8,'" Skip said. "My whole mind was mush. I couldn't believe it. It's a parent's worst nightmare."

Sue is a dental hygienist and had a patient in the chair when she got the call from Skip.

"My heart just dropped. It had never entered my mind that that's what was going on," Sue said. "I couldn't up and leave, and I had to act like nothing was wrong until I was done with the patient."

Sue and Skip took the rest of the day off from work, met at their house and took a drive to Brown County to regroup.

The word "tumor" sent frightening thoughts through their minds. Catie's outlook was a bit more casual.

"The doctors were talking about a tumor, and I was totally oblivious to it, and I was just thinking, 'How long until I can swim?' It's a big part of my life. That's what I was really thinking about."

Catie had surgery the next day at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. But even after the surgery, doctors were unsure whether the tumor was cancerous or benign.

When the surgeon spoke with Skip and Sue, they weren't

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL



Indiana guard Roderick Wilmont reacts after making a steal during a game against Wisconsin in Bloomington on Wednesday. The Hoosiers won 71-66.

# Hawkeyes to host surging Hoosiers

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### DES MOINES, Iowa

Faced with the prospect of yet another road loss, Iowa came out for the second half of Wednesday's game at Michigan with something it has lacked too often this season.

Swagger.

Led by Tony Freeman's breakout performance in terms of production, leadership and spunk, the Hawkeyes (12-10, 4-4 Big Ten) rallied from an 11-point deficit to pick up their first road win and get back to .500 in the Big Ten.

All indications are that Freeman, a sophomore point guard whose minutes, much like his play, have been all over the map this season, will get another crack at leading Iowa's resurgent attack today when it hosts Indiana (16-5, 6-2).

"What keeps them from really getting to be the team they want to be is playing with that level of excitement," Iowa coach Steve Alford said. "It's a pretty quiet group, and I thought Tony brought an awful lot of enthusiasm to that game against Michigan. He talked out there. He played with emotion."

Freeman's strong effort against the Wolverines was exactly what the Hawkeyes

needed, because they haven't gotten enough out of their point guards this season. Freeman was inconsistent in the early going, leading Alford to go with senior Mike Henderson at the point.

Until Wednesday, neither had made much of an impact directing Iowa's offense in Big Ten play. Alford stuck with Freeman when he got rolling in the second half against Michigan, playing him a career-high 34 minutes.

It sounds like Alford plans to stick with him again today.

"I would look for Tony to be in the lineup," Alford said. "I thought he did a tremendous job, and he gave us tremendous energy" against Michigan.

Like Iowa, Indiana is coming off its biggest win of the season, a 71-66 upset of No. 2 Wisconsin. The Hoosiers have something else in common with Iowa. Both teams are higher in the Big Ten standings than most folks thought they'd be come February.

Iowa, despite a rough start, is tied for fourth with Michigan State and Michigan. The Hoosiers sit third in the league and have been on fire since opening Big Ten play with a loss at No. 4 Ohio State.

Indiana has won seven of its past eight, capped off by a victory against a Badgers team that had won 17 straight.

she competes against thought of her," said Harlow, Catie's best friend since the seventh grade. "She was like 'I don't think they like me because I'm swimming against them.' But they were the ones that brought her stuff. It was a good feeling for everyone that it's just one big swimming family."

Catie had trained in the past with 2004 Olympic gold medalist Rachel Komisarz, who was from Louisville, Ky., and became a fan of the swimmer.

Sue Reese sent Komisarz an e-mail letting her know about Catie's situation, and Komisarz called and sent e-mails back asking how Catie was doing.

"Things like that made a huge difference," Sue said. "For someone like that to take the time out of their training with literally just a fan was pretty cool."

**Back in the water**

During the summer, Catie swam six days a week, sometimes twice a day. She would get up at 6:30 a.m. to swim, attend a driver's education class and then return to the pool for an afternoon swim.

After narrowly missing out on a trip to the state meet last year, she was driven to reach the state finals this season.

After her surgery, doctors told her she would need up to three months recovery time before getting back in the pool.

Catie was back in two weeks. "Why wait? I worked so hard this summer to get to where I'm at, and I'm not wasting any time getting back," she said. "I waited for the incision to heal. I taped it up and was back in the pool before my stitches were out."

Sue and Skip wondered if Catie was rushing things but decided the quicker Catie returned to the pool, the quicker a sense of normality would return.

"It was best for her mental health to get right back in there," Sue said. "Her teammates and coaches were fantastic as far as making sure she was OK. They helped her carry things and watched out for her. If I hadn't

trusted (coach Brad Smith) so much, she probably would've been out the whole season. I might not have let her back in there."

There was no keeping Catie away from the pool, but that doesn't mean there weren't obstacles.

Catie still was on crutches, and the slick pool deck caused her some problems. She slipped and fell on the deck and landed on her hip. After that, the decision was made to put her in a wheelchair when she was around the pool.

Carter and Harlow took turns pushing her wheelchair from the locker room to the side of the pool and helping her into the water.

For the first week, Catie swam in the diving well using only her arms.

It wasn't an ideal return. She wanted to get right back in with the team.

"I was excited to get back in, but I got bored because I was working out by myself," she said. Smith said that once Catie returned to the team her teammates' outlook was altered.

"Catie had half her hip taken out. What's your excuse?" he said. "It's kind of hard to have excuses when you look across the water and see Catie."

When she returned to the main pool and began to swim in lanes, she was swimming one-legged for a while. She couldn't do a flip turn or a start because she couldn't put any pressure on her leg.

Having to rely on her arms more has made her a stronger swimmer, Catie said. And the results don't lie.

Catie set an Indian Creek school record last year at sectionals in the 100 butterfly. This season, she has broken her record three times.

Catie's quick recovery and success has surprised even her. "I had no idea I'd be back so quick," she said. "I'm faster than I was last year at this time."

"When I first broke my record this year, I was completely in shock. ... I was confused, but at the same time I guess I have to think I can do stuff or else it won't happen."

# Don't bet on measure clearing legislature

The senior license to fish is back in business this year in the legislature, but it is not expected by the authorities to go any further this year than any other year in its lengthy history.

As it stands in the House Committee on Natural Resources, the bill would provide an extra \$700,000 or thereabouts for the Division of Fish and Wildlife, which doesn't seem to be having any unsurpassable problems of divesting itself of an estimated \$30 million or so, including federal matching funds.

Special licenses for older anglers has been an issue in the Indiana General Assembly and the governor's office for some time. While it seems promising every year, that is the end of the line for the trolley, and we drop another million or so in federal matching funds.

It apparently isn't a do-or-die situation, for Division and Fish and Wildlife still is operating. The point in this real, live case is that state government is giving old folks something every year, and one little arm of state government is paying for it.

As they would say where I come from, "It don't get no better than that," especially for those unfortunate souls who get elected to the legislature.

You see, many years ago (somewhere around the 1930, I believe), Congress authorized the formation of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and established a nationwide excise tax on some outdoor paraphernalia to fund it.

Some excess funding is returned to the states in the form of matching funds for state and federal partners. A 75-25 split is usual, and it can be used by the state fish and wildlife agency in many ways related to outdoors.

Division officials point out that the state has some 90,000 residents who are getting the right-to-fish fee. Not all of them fish, but those who do fish cost the state some \$711,000 each year.

That's where the rub comes in. There have been years in the past when we didn't have enough of the 25 percent to use all of their 75 percent. Now we have it, I am told. But when we can't use federal matching funds, they simply are apportioned to other states. It boils down to the fact that our share may be going elsewhere.

The concept was considered during the summer by the legislature's Summer Study Committee, a bipartisan panel of legislators that has a purpose, in effect, of



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separating potential legislative seed from chaff. The concept always has a lot of support in the summer, but it tends to die.

Could it be that the \$3 fishing license for senior citizens would amount to another loss of clout for the legislature?

### Antler hunting

An unsigned e-mail poses this question on shed (deer antler) hunting.

Question: "My question is when is the best time to go hunting for shed antlers? I live in Grant County. I know you are very busy, but I may be too late already, for all I know. If you find the time, could you please e-mail me back? Thank you for your time."

Answer: Shed hunting can start as early as November, but generally it does not start to roll really good until late December. It may carry over with some animals until the spring, but the bulk of the action will be in January and the first part of February.

However, the shed hunter must remember that other animals will cause some chewing damage to the shed if it is left in a discarded condition for long periods of time. The same can be said of mouse and rat damage, although I have had no damage to trophies, nor do I know of anyone who has.

Ordinarily, only one side of an antler will be found, but I have heard of a few where both sides were recovered. A good bet is thick underbrush that is bisected by a deer trail, or both sides of a high fence or obstruction that causes deer to jump (and thus dislodge weakening antler anchors). Winter rubs, however, could produce, the way a loose tooth drives you batty.

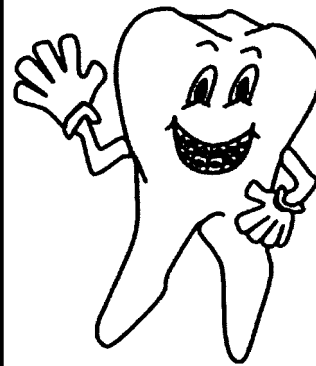
I like to hunt sheds as I hunt rabbits.

My Web site, ([www.bayoubill.com](http://www.bayoubill.com)) is stocked with a number of references to shed hunting.

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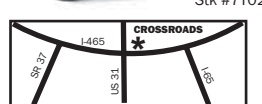
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