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## Golf Team Ranked No. 8 in Country

The Bryant College golf team, 1987 New England Intercollegiate Fall champion, has been ranked 8th in the first national NCAA Division II golf poll released by *Golf Week* magazine this winter.

The Indians earned their national ranking by winning three championships last fall and also placing among the top teams in several tournaments that included Division One teams.

In addition to its New England crown, Bryant also won the Rutgers Invitational and the Northeast 10 Conference championship last fall.

Bryant is the only team not located in the southern or west coast regions ranked in the top 10.

The rankings:

1. Columbus College, Georgia.
2. University of Tampa, Florida
3. Cal. State-Northridge, California
4. Troy State, Alabama
5. Abilene Christian, Texas
6. Florida Southern, Florida
7. Cal. State-Davis, California
8. BRYANT, RHODE ISLAND
9. Cal. State-Sacramento, Calif.
10. Rollins College, Florida

## All-America List Grows With Araujo Selection

The list of Bryant All-Americans grew a little longer in December when junior Silverio "S.A." Araujo was named to the U.S. Soccer Coaches Association Division II All-America team.

Araujo's selection as a member of the 11-player second team marks the second consecutive year a Bryant player has been named All-America by the U.S. soccer coaches. Last year Mark Verille, a 1987 grad, earned first-team All-America honors.

Araujo was honored along with the other members of the Division Two team and the Division One and Three selections at the national Coaches Awards dinner on Jan. 16 at the Hyatt Regency in Washington, D.C.

"I am very pleased for S.A. and the Bryant soccer program," said Bryant soccer coach Lou Verrochi. "Nobody deserved the honor more than S.A. He is one of the hardest workers I have ever coached. But he is more than just a phenomenal player. He is an outstanding young man. I hope my son grows up to be just like S.A. That's how proud I am of him.

"It's also great for our program to have two All-Americans in two years," Verrochi continued. "It shows Bryant soccer finally is being recognized throughout the country."

Last fall Araujo, a midfielder, tallied 22 points on 10 goals and 2 assists. His performance helped Bryant post a 13-3-2 record, the most successful record in the history of Bryant varsity soccer.

"Becoming an All-American isn't something that you establish as a goal for yourself at the beginning of the season," S.A. explained. "But as the season progressed, coach kept telling me to keep up the hard work and I'd have a shot at it.

"But I look at this as a team award, not just an individual honor," Araujo continued. "It takes 11 players to have a successful soccer team so without the rest of the team, this couldn't have been possible."

His 22 points this season gives Araujo a total of 41 points in only two years of collegiate soccer competition. Last year, in his first of varsity competition after sitting out his freshman season, Araujo collected 19 points on 8 goals and 3 assists.



Silverio Araujo

The All-America honor was the third award Araujo had received for his play last fall. Earlier, he also had earned first team All-New England and first team All-Northeast 10 Conference selection.

Two other Bryant players, Rick Solomon and Bob Bevan, also were named to both the All-New England and All-Conference squads.

Araujo's All-America selection also is the third All-America honor won by Bryant athletes in the past nine months. Last spring both Dave French and Gary Young were named to the U.S. Golf Coaches Division Two All-America team.

## Alumni Soccer Game Slated for April 30th

The second annual alumni-varsity soccer game has been scheduled for Saturday, April 30, as part of the Bryant Spring Weekend activities.

Any former varsity soccer player who would like to participate in the game is asked to call (401) 232-6070 or write coach Lou Verrochi at the Bryant athletic department. Game time is scheduled for 1 p.m.

## Women's Basketball

# Mahler Leads Conference Title Bid

Some basketball coaches call post-season tournaments a new season. But Bryant women's coach Ralph Tomasso hopes it's the same old story in this year's Northeast 10 Conference tourney.

Tomasso, who directed the Lady Indians to a 15-6 record during the first two months of the 1987-88 season, doesn't want to see too many changes over the final few weeks of the regular season campaign and post-season play.

Despite having only two seniors on the roster, the Lady Indians have become one of this year's top New England Division 2 teams. They also could be in contention for a berth in the NCAA national tournament if they continue their winning ways in the playoffs.

Going into the final three weeks of the regular season, the Lady Indians were in second place in the NE 10 with a 15-6 overall record and a 9-3 mark in Conference play.

"Like all young teams, we have up and down nights," Tomasso said. "I think we have proven we could do very well in the tournament if keep working the way we have in the first two months of the season."

A big reason for the early season success has been the play of senior Lori



Lori Mahler works in traffic

Mahler. The 5-6 guard from Dennis, Mass., was one of the NE 10's top scorers over the first two months of the season with an 18.5 ppg average.

After missing two games because of an ankle injury, Mahler returned to the lineup on Jan. 14 and tied a Bryant record for most points in one game with a 35-point performance in a NE-10 game against St. Anselm.

Over the first seven weeks of the season, she was named to four NE-10 Conference

weekly Honor Rolls and also was named the ECAC Division II Player of the Week for the week of Jan. 12.

Another key to the Lady Indians' success has been their balanced attack. In addition to Mahler, there are two other players — Stephanie Ladd and Laura Scinto — averaging in double figures and four more players collecting more than five points per game.

"We have a lot of players who can help us offensively," Tomasso continued. "We need that balanced attack if we hope to be successful. We can't count on Lori (Mahler) scoring 25 or 30 points every game."

One of Tomasso's most pleasant surprises has been the play of senior Patty Coelho.

After seeing only limited playing time in her first three years, Coelho moved into the starting lineup this season and has become one of the NE 10's top rebounders.

Through the first 19 games of the season, the 5-9 forward from Bermuda has pulled down 152 rebounds for an 8.0 per game average. She also is one of the leading Division Two free throw shooters in the country, hitting on 86 percent of her 50 attempts.

## Bowlers Roll Back Into Conference Contention

One thing bowling coach Ken McKenzie has learned in eight years at the helm of the Bryant keglers is not to panic.

If McKenzie was ever going to push the panic button, it would have been in the first few weeks of this season.

With most of last year's team returning and several outstanding new bowlers, McKenna had expected to be one of the top teams in the Eastern Intercollegiate Bowling Conference. But after the first four matches of the season, the Indians were 0-4.



Joe Emma



Tim Quint

The 1,380 six-game total also was the second highest individual performance of the season in EIBC competition.

Since Emma entered the lineup in mid-November, the Indians have steadily progressed up the EIBC standings. By mid-January, McKenzie's squad had moved into third place in the eighth-team circuit with 164 points, trailing only St. John's University and William Patterson College.

Emma has been the Indians' top scorer with a 208 average. Following close behind is sophomores Bill Crane and John Legere, freshmen Mike Leist and Tim Quint and sophomore Ken Brunner.

"Ken (Brunner) has made great strides with his game," said McKenzie. "He has put in a lot of work and it has shown. I think he is really going to help us in our bid for a berth in the national championships."

"We are a young team this year, but we are getting better," McKenzie continued. "If we keep working, I think we have a chance to qualify for the national tournament."

The first step toward a berth in the national tourney, scheduled for April in Florida, will be in the Eastern Regional roll-offs in early March.



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Rather than panic, McKenzie simply reshuffled his lineup and, in the fifth match of the season, came up with an ace in freshman Joe Emma.

Emma, used in just one game in the first four matches, didn't waste any time showing his coach what he could do as he rolled three-game sets of 695 and 685 in his first two matches as a starter.

Emma's performance led the Indians to a 22-4 victory over Montclair State and a 15½-10½ triumph over Queens College.

# Hard Work Earns Hallet Spot on PGA Tour

The first time he reported for a golf team practice he was wearing work boots instead of golf shoes.

Suddenly, golf coach Archie Boulet started thinking "maybe this Hallet kid isn't the hot shot golfer everybody says he is."

That was back in 1979 when Jimmy Hallet was splitting his time between golf and hockey — and hockey had the upper hand, at least when it came to purchasing equipment.

"I needed both new golf shoes and new hockey skates, but I couldn't afford both," Hallet once related. "You can play golf without golf shoes, but you can't play hockey without skates, so I bought the skates."

A few weeks after he started his collegiate golf career, Hallet won the Toski Invitational tournament. One of the prizes was a pair of golf shoes.

## Work Boots and Sneakers

"I probably would have played my entire freshman season in work boots and sneakers if I didn't win that tournament," Hallet quipped.

Since then, Jimmy Hallet has won a lot more than shoes on the golf course.

When Bryant dropped its varsity hockey program after Hallet's freshman year in 1980, the South Yarmouth, Mass. native dedicated all of his time to golf. What resulted was the most successful collegiate golf career in New England history.

In the spring of his sophomore year he began a record-setting string of five consecutive New England Intercollegiate individual championships.

## Began Quest in '84

In 1984 he began his quest to become a professional golfer, a quest that would take him around the world.

For three years he made a good living, earning nearly \$100,000 each year.

But he did it the hard way. He won on the winter mini-tour at obscure courses in little Florida towns like Plant City and Winter Park. And he won in the summer, New England open tournaments where the top prizes were only \$4,000 or \$5,000.

Last year he was the leading money winner (approximately \$40,000) on the Asian professional tour where the tournaments includes such events as the Calcutta Open and Hong Kong Classic. The performance earned him a berth in last year's British Open.

The only disappointment in his career had been his inability to earn a spot on the U.S. PGA Tour. A chance to play for a top prize of \$140,000 or \$150,000 rather than \$4,000 or \$5,000.



For three years he reached the final round of the PGA qualifying tournament where 150 players out of an original field of 1,200 battle for 50 new PGA playing cards. But each year he failed, once losing in a playoff for the final berth.

But every time he missed, he packed up his clubs and headed back to another obscure tournament, determined he could make the big time if he kept working at it.

In December, the work finally paid off. Firing 13-under par for the first three rounds of the six-round PGA qualifying tourney in Florida, he easily won the right to play on the 1988 PGA tour with a second place finish, one stroke behind the leader.

The second place finish earned him a berth in at least 41 of the 45 events on this year's PGA tour.

"I guess you can say I paid my dues," Hallet said after finishing the qualifying tournament. "Sometimes it was a little

discouraging, but I always knew I could do it. Now I'm looking forward to a successful career on the tour."

What Hallet will be trying to do over the next 10 months is become one of the top 125 money winners on the PGA tour. Each year the top 125 on the money list automatically qualify for the following year's tour. In 1987, the cutoff for the top 125 was \$69,500.

Although most of the 175 golfers on the tour are graduates of collegiate golf programs, Hallet is one of the few who graduated from a school in the northeast.

"Jimmy proved a player from the north can do it if he is willing to work," said Boulet. "When he was here at Bryant, he would spend all winter hitting golf ball in the cage in the gym. He has worked as hard, if not harder, than anyone on the tour."

## 1988 PGA SCHEDULE

Jan.	20-24	Bob Hope Classic, Palm Desert, Calif.
Jan.	28-31	Phoenix Open, Scottsdale, Arizona.
Feb.	4-7	Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, Pebble Beach, Calif.
Feb.	11-14	Hawaiian Open, Honolulu.
Feb.	18-21	Andy Williams Open, La Jolla, Calif.
Feb.	25-28	Los Angeles Open, Pacific Palisades, Calif.
March	3-6	Doral Open, Miami.
March	10-13	Honda Classic, Coral Springs, Fla.
March	17-20	Bay Hill Classic, Orlando, Fla.
March	24-27	Tournament Players Championship, Ponte Verda, Fla.
March	31-3	Greater Greensboro Open, Greensboro, N.C.
April	7-10	Deposit Guaranty Classic, Hattiesburg, Miss.
April	14-17	Heritage Classic, Hilton Head Island, S.C.
April	21-24	USF&G Classic, New Orleans.
April	28-1	Houston Open, The Woodlands, Texas.
May	4-8	Las Vegas Invitational, Las Vegas, Nev.
May	12-15	Byron Nelson Classic, Dallas.
May	19-22	Colonial National Invitational, Fort Worth, Texas.
May	26-29	Memorial Tournament, Dublin, Ohio.
June	2-5	Kemper Open, Potomac, Md.
June	9-12	Westchester Classic, Rye, N.Y.
June	16-19	U.S. Open, The Country Club, Brookline, Mass.
June	23-26	Atlanta Classic, Marietta, Ga.
June	30-3	Western Open, Oak Brook, Ill.
July	7-10	Anheuser-Busch Classic, Williamsburg, Va.
July	14-17	Hardee's Golf Classic, Coal Valley, Ill.
July	21-24	Sammy Davis Jr.-Greater Hartford Open, Cromwell, Conn.
July	28-31	Buick Open, Grand Blanc, Mich.
Aug.	4-7	St. Jude Classic, Corodova, Tenn.
Aug.	11-14	PGA Championship, Edmond, Okla.
Aug.	25-28	Provident Classic, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Sept.	1-4	Canadian Open
Sept.	8-11	Greater Milwaukee Open, Franklin, Wis.
Sept.	15-18	Bank of Boston Classic, Sutton, Mass.
Sept.	22-25	B.C. Open, Endicott, N.Y.
Oct.	6-9	Gatlin Brothers Southwest Classic, Abilene, Texas.
Oct.	13-16	Texas Open, site TBA.
Oct.	20-23	Pensacola Open, Pensacola, Fla.
Oct.	27-30	Walt Disney World Classic, Lake Buena Vista, Fla.
Nov.	3-6	Tucson Open, Tucson, Ariz.
Nov.	17-20	Kaplua International, Kapalua, Hawaii.

# Higgs Dribbles His Way to Wall Street

Basketball has taken a lot of New York kids off the street.

But for Bryant's Derek Higgs, basketball helped put him on the street — Wall Street.

Last summer, instead of dribbling a basketball around the playgrounds of his Queens, N.Y. neighborhood, Higgs, a 6-4 junior forward, spent two months testing his computer system skills as an intern for a Wall Street management firm.

The internship was part of an extensive intern program initiated at Bryant a few years ago as an opportunity to give Bryant students real workplace experience in their chosen field of academic concentration.

For Higgs, a 21-year old Computer Systems major, it was another opportunity to develop his talents in a field that has battled with basketball for the lions share of his time since his early teens

"I have been interested in computers since I saw a secretary at my junior high school working on one 10 or 11 years ago," Higgs related. "Since then, computers and basketball have been my main interests."

It was basketball that brought Higgs to Bryant three years ago after an outstanding high school career at Springfield Gardens High in Queens. But since his arrival in Smithfield, his time has been evenly divided between the court and the College's ever-increasing computer-education facilities.

"I never would have come to Bryant if it wasn't for basketball," Higgs continued. "I knew I wanted a school where I could combine a business education with my interest in computers, but Bryant wasn't on my list of schools.

"Then the basketball coaches started talking to me and I became very interested in Bryant. In the end, it came down to Bryant and Tennessee State and I chose Bryant because it had a better academic reputation," said Higgs.



**Derek Higgs in action**

"The internship last summer was a great experience. I worked on updating the programs on a special package of about 900-1,000 programs that the firm sells around the world," he added.

Since the opening of the new Koffler Technology Center last fall, Higgs has worn a path between the Center and the Bryant Gymnasium.

"I'm always in there (the Center)," he said. "If I'm not in the gym, you usually can find me in the new center. In addition to my own work, I'm also a teacher's aide so I spend a lot of time there."

The extra time at the Tech Center hasn't limited Higgs' production on the basketball court, however.

Over the first two months of the season, his play was one of the few constant bright spots in a season of struggle for coach Leon Drury's young men's hoop team.

With only two seniors among the top seven scorers, the Indians won only 5 of 23 games through Feb. 11. Included in the 5-18 record was a 3-9 record in Northeast

10 Conference competition.

Higgs has been one of the conference's most consistent scorers and rebounders, averaging 13.8 points and 9.5 rebounds per game. At press time, he was the No. 2 rebounder in the conference. His .534 field goal percentage also was the top shooting mark among the Bryant regulars.

Only two other players, guards Jamie Ryan and Tom Larranaga, were averaging in double figures at the start of the final month of the season.

Larranaga, a 5-11 senior, led the attack with a 15.2 ppg average, including 156 points on three-point shots. His 52 conversions on 116 three-point attempts made him the No. 5 three-point shooter in the NE-10 Conference.

Ryan, a 6-0 junior, also was one of the leading three-point scorers with 54 conversions in 136 three-point attempts. The performance gave him a 14.6 ppg average.

Another bright spot has been the play of freshman Julius Sacko during the second half of the season. Sacko, a 6-4 former Rhode Island schoolboy All-Stater at Providence's Classical High, averaged 10.3 ppg in games from Jan. 11 to Feb. 10.

His top performance came on Feb. 10 when he scored eight points in the final three minutes, leading the Indians to a 60-58 NE-10 victory over Merrimack. The eight points, on four-of-four field goal attempts, gave him a total of 17 points for the night.

Sophomore Bob Arneemann also began making a substantial contribution after the holidays. Arneemann, a 6-7 center, averaged 12.7 points and 6 rebounds in 12 games from mid-January to Feb. 10. His top effort was a game-high 23-point performance against Stonehill on Jan. 16.

The Indians will be trying to play the role of spoilers when the conference tournament begins Feb. 28.

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