

Norwalk's Wilson captures Met Am

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Staff Report

Youth was served in one of the oldest championships in golf, as 16-year-old Norwalker Cameron Wilson of Shorehaven finished off an outstanding week with an impressive 4 & 3 victory over John Ervasti of Sleepy Hollow in the final of the 107th Met Amateur Sunday at Hackensack Golf Club.

Wilson, a rising high school senior who turns 17 in November, broke the record as the youngest Met Amateur champion in history, eclipsing fellow Shorehaven member Tommy McDonagh of Wilton, who set the previous age record (17 years, 3 months) in 2006 at Baltusrol.

Wilson's victory is also the eighth by a member of Shorehaven Golf Club in Norwalk. The others are Jerry Courville Sr. in 1973 and '79, Jerry Courville Jr. in 1995, '97 and '98, and McDonagh in 2006 and 2008.

"It feels really good. I'm too drained to think about it too much, actually. I've played a lot of golf this week and I was too tired to celebrate when I won," said Wilson. "But I know it will really sink in once I get some rest."

This was Wilson's second MGA championship victory this week. On Wednesday, he triumphed in the Carter Cup, the 36-hole MGA junior stroke play championship, at Baltusrol.

He was able to sustain his strong play through 36 more holes of stroke play at Hackensack on Thursday, followed by

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Kevin Love (far right) of the Norwalk Little League all-stars is greeted at home plate by his teammates after slugging a towering two-run homer in the first inning of Sunday's Kinlock Tournament game against Cal Ripken at Tim Devine Field. It was the first of nine home runs in the game by the two teams and the first of two by Love, who finished with three hits and four RBIs. His second HR came in the top of the ninth and snapped a 7-7 tie. Ryan Evans followed with another homer as NLL won 9-7. Love also pitched two innings to pick up the win.

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Home Run Derby at Kinlock tourney

Norwalk LL, Cal Ripken combine for nine HRs in 9-inning thriller

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Norwalk LL	9
Cal Ripken	7

NORWALK — As scheduled, a charity Home Run Derby took place at Fox Run School Sunday.

Unscheduled was the one that took place across town.

The Norwalk Little League all-stars and the West Norwalk Cal Ripken all-stars combined for nine homers in a thrilling 9-7, nine-inning, Little League win in the Kinlock Tournament at Tim Devine Field.

"It was a great game between two well-matched teams," Norwalk Little League head coach Mike Newcomb said. "They hit the ball over the fence,

we hit the ball over the fence, and there was small ball when we had to."

In a game that saw not only power hitting and power pitching, a game-saving defensive play stole the show.

In the bottom of the seventh with the game tied at 7-7, Mikey Terzian, who had already homered twice for West Norwalk, stepped to the plate with one out and a runner at first. Terzian hit a rocket to left that seemed destined to end the game. But Edward Petrillo leaped high above the chain-link fence, rob-

bing Terzian of a walk-off homer.

"I thought I was going to catch it, I really didn't think anything else," Petrillo, who has the fence marks on his side to prove the catch, said. "It felt really good. It was the best feeling I've ever had in baseball."

West Norwalk head coach Andy Andriuk was just as stunned as everyone else in attendance.

"That was a catch of a lifetime for him," Andriuk said. "I was happy with how we battled back and was in the position to win the game there."

West Norwalk trailed 7-4 going to the bottom of the sixth before a three-run rally forced extra innings.

With one out, Terzian, David Balunek, Matt Downey, Marco Latella and Charles Lomanto hit consecutive singles to pull the Cal Ripken team within 7-6 and load the bases.

Still with one out, No. 8 hitter Kei Pritsker, who had struck out twice earlier in the game, put a good at-bat on Little League starter Ryan Evans and tied the game with a sacrifice fly to right field.

"This group has a lot of moxie and in the sixth inning it showed," Andriuk said.

After Little League left a pair of runners on in the top of the eighth, Kevin Love (3-for-5, two home runs, four RBI) launched

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Tiger rallies to win World Golf Championship

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The battle was everything Tiger Woods expected. The finish was nothing anyone imagined, except for Woods hoisting another World Golf Championship trophy at Firestone.

Woods was in trouble in the

trees on the famous par-5 16th hole, one shot behind Pádraig Harrington, trying to figure out how he could squeeze out a victory Sunday in the Bridgestone Invitational.

He delivered another signature moment, this one an 8-iron from 178 that wound up a foot from the hole for birdie. Moments later, with an official timing his every shot, Pádraig Harrington rushed his way

into a stunning meltdown. He hit five straight shots without losing his turn, made triple bogey and became a mere bystander the final two holes as Woods won for the 70th time in his career.

Woods closed with a 5-under 65, becoming the first player in PGA Tour history to win seven times on the same golf course and giving him back-to-back victories going

into the PGA Championship, his last chance to win a major this year.

Woods won it with an 8-iron that was pure theater.

"When I hit it, I knew it was going to be a good one," he said. "I thought it was going to be just a little bit past the hole. I was surprised it spun that much considering it was that much downwind. But it came back and ended up a kick-in."

He believes Harrington lost it with a stopwatch that was unnecessary.

They were timed earlier in the round, then told by John Paramor, the PGA European Tour's chief referee, they were on the clock on the 16th tee, with Harrington in the lead by one shot. Knowing he had no

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Johan does it all in Mets' win

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Johan Santana decided it was time to take matters into his own hands.

He not only pitched a strong game, but the light-hitting pitcher also contributed with his bat.

Santana threw eight solid innings and tied his career high with two hits and an RBI as the New York Mets avoided a four-game sweep with a 5-1 win over the San Diego Padres on Sunday.

"It was just one of the days where everything went right," Santana said. "I knew the importance of this game so I was trying to step it up and do my job. I was just lucky, I guess, at the plate. Any time you have a chance to do something like that it's very spe-



Mets' Johan Santana celebrates in front of Padres second baseman Oscar Salazar after he hit an RBI single in the sixth inning during Sunday's 5-1 win.

cial." very important one because of losing three games in a row," Santana said. "We went through the same thing last year here, losing four games in a row. We knew that somehow we had to stop that. We made it happen."

The win snapped the Mets' eight-game losing streak at Petco Park and was just their third win against San Diego in 15 games.

Santana also pulled into a tie for the major league lead in wins with Adam Wainwright of St. Louis and Boston's Josh Beckett.

"Johan is a tremendous competitor and every time when he gets the ball, he gets everybody involved," Mets manager Jerry Manuel said. "They respond to

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Scholarship honors past & present



Hour photo/ERIK TRAUTMANN

The Norwalk Old Timers Athletic Association recently established a new scholarship to honor longtime Board members Tom Corbo (left) and his brother Bob Corbo (right). The "Bob and Tom Corbo Scholarship" will be awarded annually to two players in the Norwalk Biddy League and entitle them to attend the Norwalk Board of Education Summer Basketball Camp at Brien McMahon High School for one week. Bob Corbo coached in the local biddy league for 25 years while Tom Corbo will begin his 50th season this winter. They have both also been on the Norwalk Old Timers Board of Directors for more than 40 years and have each served as president. The inaugural scholarship winners this summer were Trey Canevari (second from left) and Caleb Fuller (second from right).