

# 2 Big Ten-tested golfers to shoot for title

By John Raby  
special writer

Two area golfers will give it the old college try next week in the 66th Women's Michigan Golf Association Championships at West Bloomfield's Tam O'Shanter Country Club.

Birmingham's Meg Mallon, a member of Ohio State University's women's golf team, and Livonia's Lisa Speaker, a Michigan State University golfer, are entered in the tourney which begins with a qualifying round Monday.

Mallon, a sophomore at OSU, began competition play at Farmington, Our Lady of Mercy High School and was a two-time all-state selection.

"I was really impressed with Ohio State's program and its coach (Steve Groves)," said Mallon. "He used to be an assistant coach in Orchard Lake. He was familiar with this area and I contacted him."

Speaker, a senior this past season, was voted All-Big Ten and received MSU's Big Ten Medal of Honor for academics and athletics — quite an achievement considering the fact that trackster Molly Brennan, a former world-record holder and a Rhodes Scholar, was also in the running.

**SPEAKER HELPED** the Spartans win the Big Ten golf championship this spring after a season-long head-to-head battle with Ohio State. Early in the season, the Buckeyes captured the MSU Invitational and were favored to win the conference. But MSU won the crown and was the only northern school to be invited to the 19-team field at the national championships in California.

Two of Speaker's MSU teammates, Nina Spatafora of St. Clair Shores and Mt. Pleasant's Syd Wells, also are entered in the upcoming tournament. Wells was last year's low medalist with a score of 75.

Speaker and Mallon sport two of the best handicaps in the 112-player field with four and six respectively. Farmington's Trish Lapham also has a four handicap.

Mallon practices five days a week at Edgewood Country Club in Orchard Lake. Speaker practices at the Sycamore Country Club in Lansing.

Four tournament champions — Pat Boies (1971, '73, '76, '79), Sue Conlin (1975), Sue LeClair (1980, '82) and Sue Serjosema (1980) — are among this year's hopefuls. Elaine Crosby, last year's champion, has turned professional.



Meg Mallon  
eyes tournament title

**TAM O'SHANTER** pro Dennis Spaulding commented on the 6266-yard, par-73 "Red Course" the women will be playing.

"It's fairly tough because the par

threes and fours are long," he said. "Our par fives are fairly short, but it more than makes up for it with the toughness and the lengths of the par threes and fours."

Two dangerous holes are the par-four 13th and 14th. "They're very, very tight holes which will probably be the turning point of the matches," Spaulding said.

Both holes have water and out-of-bounds hazards to contend with. On No. 14, a player must hit over a creek before turning uphill and to the right. Woods on the right leave a player almost nowhere to go, according to Spaulding.

The par four No. 18 is also an uphill battle to an elevated green, which is

sloped and hard to handle. The only real change in the course has been on the 10th hole.

"Our No. 10 green, which was rebuilt two years ago, is so long... it's huge," Spaulding said. "If you get on the front of that green and the pin is all the way back, it's not three-putt territory, it's four-putt territory."

## Scot kickers rule at Wolverine

By Ken McDonald  
special writer

Detroit area teams captured six of 11 crowns during last weekend's Wolverine III Soccer Tournament, but none caught the glamour or attention that the Kilmarock Colts of Scotland enjoyed.

The largest crowd of Monday's eight finals at Schoolcraft College saw the Colts down the Troy Strikers, 4-0, to win the Under 14 Boys Division I title. However, the game, which the Scots won easily, was not the source of excitement for many of the fans. Three

television cameras, part of Reid Dolph Productions' hour-long show for Nickelodeon, a children's cable network, filmed the entire match.

Two Scottish flags waved in the wind while the crowd cheered for the Colts. World Cup fever hit Livonia as fans with the smallest amount of Scottish blood shouted for the motherland.

Meanwhile, two fields away, the Knights of Bloomfield Hills stormed into town banging a large drum. The plan worked as the Knights, members of the Bonanza-Express Soccer League (BESL), thumped favorite Troy United, 2-0, for the Under 19 Boys' championship.

The Red Devils turned back the WSSL Spartans, 3-1, behind the goal-scoring of Jennie Huegli, Kristi Jones and Sherrie Sudek. Coach Dan Green's team won five games with goalie Shelby Jones allowing just four goals.

Defending Under 16 Girls' champions, the Virginia Bluebelles, kept their crown with a 4-1 win over the FLIP Rowdies, a team comprised of players from Farmington, Livonia and Plymouth.

**THE BLUEBELLES**, hot off a victory a week earlier at the prestigious Robbie International Tournament in Toronto, broke away from a 1-1 half-time tie with three second-half goals.

Minnesota rivals KPAC of Minneapolis and the Thunder of Bloomington battled for the Under Girls 19 final. KPAC squeaked out a 3-2 win, but the Thunder had a chance to avenge that defeat as the two teams met Wednesday, this time in their home state.

Twenty-nine Canadian clubs entered the tournament, but only one came through with an age group championship, Papa's Pizza of London, Ont.

Papa's flipped and sliced the BESL Cosmos, 2-0, in the Under 16 Boys final. In a semifinal game, London eliminated the BESL Arsenal, three-time Michigan State Cup champions, 3-2.

## Auburn Heights wins tourney

By Marty Budner  
staff writer

Auburn Heights celebrated the holiday weekend with an explosion of its own.

Despite going in as an underdog, Auburn Heights cracked 14 hits to win the eight-team, rain-shortened Firecracker American Legion Baseball Tournament over the weekend.

The tourney was reduced from double-elimination to single-elimination since rain wiped out action on Saturday. Sunday's sunshine couldn't save the rain-sogged Oakland University field, so all games were played at the host area, Auburn Heights.

In the championship game, Auburn Heights defeated Troy-Birmingham 10-3. The game was called after five innings since Troy-Birmingham ran out of pitchers.

Winning hurler Mike Fisher was the beneficiary of a very productive Auburn Heights attack. The losing pitcher was David Kent.

Tim McClure contributed mightily to the lopside victory with a grand-slam home run. He finished with six RBI in the game.

Also, Jim DeClerk, Fisher and Dave Miller each had two hits.

Brian Marzoff had a double, and Kirk Lawitzke smashed a home run to account for two of Troy-Birmingham's three hits.

IN SEMIFINAL action, Auburn Heights defeated Bloomfield Hills in a closer game, 5-4.

Auburn Heights had the lead throughout the game and held on as Bloomfield Hills rallied late in the game. Steve Mandarini's solo home run — his second of the game — in the sixth inning was the eventual winning run.

McClure, Jim Zubkus and Miller all had key hits for the winners. The winning pitcher was Ryan Sharick, who allowed seven hits.

Chad Switzer had three of Hills' hits, including a double and two singles. Jim Robnett, Ken Granader and Dan Dickson accounted for the other hits.

Troy-Birmingham qualified for the finals with a 4-2 semifinal victory over Cheesing behind the spirited play of winning pitcher Mark Keeney.

In other first-round games, Auburn Heights pinched Owasco 7-3 behind Miller's pitching and the clutch hitting of Steve Matoney and Sharick; Troy-Birmingham tripped Royal Oak, 7-1; Cheesing ripped Rochester, 5-0; and Bloomfield Hills snuck past Ferndale in nine innings, 5-4, behind Switzer's two home runs.

In regular 18th District American Legion baseball league action last week, Auburn Heights posted a 6-4 victory over Bloomfield Hills.

Zubkus, who allowed only four hits, was the winning pitcher. Chip Vaughan took the loss.

Auburn Heights scored four times in the second inning and twice in the fourth to take a 6-0 lead before Bloomfield Hills staged a counter-offensive that fell just short.

Zubkus had two hits — both doubles — and one RBI, while Willie Holoman

had two hits and Sharick one hit and two RBI. For Bloomfield Hills, Bill Rankin and B. J. Cameron were the hitters of note.

Bloomfield Hills hosts Novi in a double-header 3 p.m. Sunday at Bloomfield Hills Andover High School.

18th District American  
Legion Baseball Standings

1. Ferndale, 9-1; 2. Royal Oak, 10-2; 3. Bloomfield Hills, 7-4; 4. Auburn Heights, 6-4; 5. Rochester, 5-5; 6. Chief Pontiac, 4-4; 7. Berkley, 4-5; 8. Oakland, 5-6; 9. Troy-Birmingham, 4-7; 16. Milford, 2-7; 12. Novi, 2-7; 12. Farmington, 2-9.

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