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## Past O&E champ on streak

If the Observer & Eccentric meas golf tournament goes to a playoff, one past champlon should be the heavy favorite. 

John Van Vieck of Parmington Hills has won tiles in 1976, '77 and '83, and the way he's playing this summer, there's reason to believe he might win again. Not that Van Vieck is playing all that well, but luck can be just as important a deciding factor.

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"I haven't been playing that out-standing," admitted Van Vicek. "It's not that I'm winning these tourna-ments. I just keep squeaking them out."

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What Van Vleek has "squeaked
out" is more than remarkable. It
proves the value of luck. He has been
involved in four important tournament playoffs, and he has come
away a winner — of sorts — all four

THE LATEST was Aug. 8 in the U.S. Amateur qualifier. Van Vleck shot a 72 at Western Country Club in Redford, then drove to

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Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville and shot a 75. He no sooner finished his second round when he was notified he would have

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come as no surprise. Earlier this summer at the Golf Association of Michigan qualifier at West Bloomfield's Wabeek Country Club, Van Vieck shot an 80 and found himself in another playoff. Four extra holes later, he had qualified for the GAM (at the GAM tournament, he shot 80-75 and missed the cut).

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The Michigan Open qualifier at Salem Rills in Northville provided another setting for a miracle. With two holes to play, Van Vicek figured a strong finish might get him into the tournament. He got two birdles for a 77 that landed him the final qualifying spot. In the Open (played at The Bear in Acme), Van Vicek was 10th among amateurs.

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O&E tournament record (70-68/138), said.

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SAME FORMULA worked, though not quite as welf, at the U.S. Open qualifier at Toledo's Inverness Country Club. Van Vleck shot 77-75 and got into a five-man playoff. He ended up as the first alternate, but didn't go.

There were some other "minor" miracles for Van Vleck, too. In Michigan Medal play at Detroit Golf Club, he dropped in a hole-in-one on the 71st hole, and at the Syron Tournament at Pontiac Country Club he strups together flue bridles to card a strupt together flue bridles to card a

# Weddle likes Trojans' speed

Ralph Weddle, embarking on his and gridiron season at Livonia larenceville, doesn't mince words ben talking about prospects for the

when talking about prospect.

"The potential is there, but a lot of people have to come through," he said. "If they don't, it will be a long year. But everybody is working hard and coming to practice and that "if I can ack, it, if goalcies and that "all I can ack, it is goalcies and that "all can ack and a second that the property of the property o

Clarenceville was bard it by grad-uation after winning seven of nine games last season. The Trojans lost several standouts including quarter-back Gregg Buell and tight end/de-fensive end Bubba DeRoeck. Both have moved on to Saginaw Valley State.

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"We lost our whole backfield, all were three-year lettermen, but our greatest concern is replacing the line," Weddle said. "We have a lot of underclassmen (in the backfield), but they have very little experience."

The players put on the spot will be

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senior halfback Eric Conkright, jun-ior fullback Jay Larson and junior tallback Andy Weighill.

BUT ACCORDING to Weddle,

Larson should alleviate the some of the voids left in the backfield.

"He's a good athlete," said the Clarenceville coach. "He'll do the punting, handle the klekoffs and play linebacker. He's one of the guys that has to come through for us to do anything."

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If Clarenceville hopes to challenge perennial Metro Conference power Auburn Heights Avondale, the Tro-jans must utilize their quickness.

"This is the fastest backfield we've ever had with Larson and Weighill," said Weddle. "Larson runs a 4.6 (in the 40-yard dash) and that's as good as anybody we've had."

Another speed merchant is 5-foot-19, 142-pound sophomore tailback/ wide receiver Kendrick Harrington, an Anthony Carter-type who is a some breaker. As a freshma last an Anthony Carter-type who is a game breaker. As a freshman last year on the varsity, Harrington averaged 22 yards per play every time he touched the ball.

"He's kind of wirey, but a good blocker and a good defensive back," Weddle sald. "He can do anything and this year he's a little more pol-

ished."
Architer question mark is at quartentack, where Derrick Herr, Buell's
backup last season, and Chris Foss,
up from the JV team, are contesting
for starting time.

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WEDDLE SAID the two juntors "should push each other."
"Talent-wise they're even," said Weddle. "They can throw, but can they throw under pressure?
"I believe in a balanced attack. They're both quick and can run the Veer (offense)."

They're both queck and can run tae Vect (offens), or the line are two monsters, 6-6, 235-pound Darrin Dunn and 6-5, 232-pound Scott Fyle. Pyle played some at fullback and tight end as a junior, but appears to be ticketed for the line this season, according to Weddle. Pyle has also been slowed by a trick knee, while Dunn is hampered by a bad back. "Pyle's got great hands, but I told

him he has to be down to 250 if he's going to play tight end, "Weddle said. "Right now we're waiting for a knee brase so I don't know if he'll be a factor the first couple of games. "Dunn is going to be fine if his back holds up."

Another veteran is nose guard/ center Rusty Medinyre, who will be flanked on the line by 6-2, 195-pound sonior Rex Agar, an offensive tack-le/defensive end, and 6-1, 185-pound senior Sext Trombley, who will play guard on offense and end on defense.

"DEFENSE SHOULD be our strong suit," said the Clarenceville coach. "Hight now I'm less concerned with the defense than the offense. And we're not going to have the kicking game as we had in the past, but it won't be had."

The Trojans were hurt by the loss of linebacker Carlos Perez, a securionam All-Metro Conference pick. Weddle said Perez is academically ineligible.

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But Weddle wasn't moaning Monday during the first day of practice because the Acito brothers, Nick and Adam, had shown up unexpectedly. They are transfers from Spring High School near Houston, Tex.
"Maybe they can help us," said Weddle, who opens the season Sept. 2 at home against Reddord St. Mary's of Detroit. "It can't burt to find out."

### Little Caesars bumped from Johnstown early

Livonia Little Caesars got in its licks last week at the All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament in Johnstown, Pa. Unfortunately, the opposition collected more than its share of base hits as the Livonian Collegiate Baseball League champions went aut in two straight.

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JOE BURNETT sparked New Orleans with four hits, including an inside-the-park homer in the eighth inning. Chris Turpin added a two-run shot in the sixth, while Dan Louque contributed a solo homer. Caesars, which left eight runners on base, got three hits from catcher Detrick Dowling and two each from Kevin Ritter and Steve Looney.

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Looney, who shared team-high RBI honors with teammate Art George (two each), smashed a solo homer in the eighth.

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Steve Witt was the losing pitch-er. He was followed by Rob Jamula and Joe Mackiewicz.

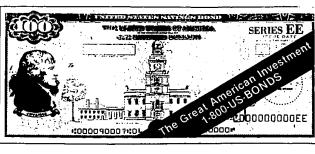
and Joe Macklewicz.

IN THE TOURNAMENT opener
Monday at Roxbury Field (No. 1),
Buffalo, N.Y. trimmed Caesars, 8-5,
building leads of 6-0 and 6-1.
Dave Bankoske keyed a five-secon for Buffalo, socking a twosecon for Buffalo, socking a twobuffalo, socking a twobuffa

pitcher, collected two RBI.
Caesars left 13 runners stranded.
The Johnstown (Pa.) TribuneDemocrat contributed to this re-

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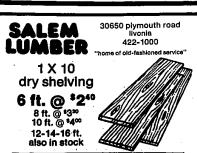


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