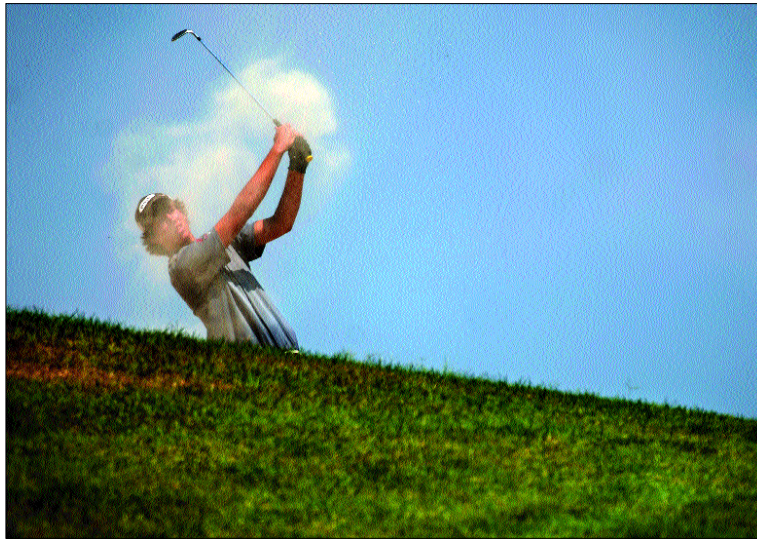


HERITAGE GOLF INVITATIONAL | London Downs Golf Course



Staff photos by Chet White

A cloud of sand covers Jefferson Forest's Brad Carner as he keeps an eye on his approach shot on the fourth hole at London Downs.

Out of the Blue

Vikings tie defending champ Spartans

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NEW LONDON — Northside won both of the tiebreakers that mattered most at Monday's Heritage Invitational at London Downs Golf Course.

The Vikings finished tied for first with defending champion Salem in the 24-team event with a round of 304, 16 strokes better than third-place Franklin County. Northside edged the Spartans for the team trophy based on the score of its fifth golfer, Corey Woodring (83), over Salem's top-seeded Ryan Davis (86).

"We were hoping to play well, but I didn't think we would have won it," Vikings coach Jim Wolfe said.

Northside's Chad Jarrett, who shot an even-par 72 to finish tied with Appomattox's Josh Bradshaw for first place individually, beat Bradshaw in a two-hole playoff to earn medalist honors.

"I was surprised and pretty excited," said Jarrett, who also plays third base and pitches for the Vikings' baseball team, which played against Bradshaw and Appomattox two years ago in the Region III tournament. "I was hitting the ball pretty straight all day. It really helped that I hit a bunch of fairways. I made a lot of big punts on the back nine."

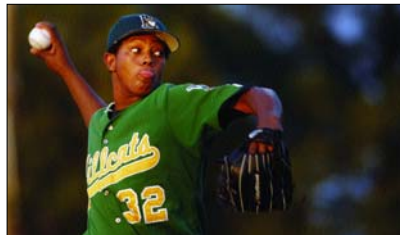
In the playoff, both golfers bogeyed No. 1 before Bradshaw had

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Godwin's Freddie Carleton watches one of his approach shots early in the day.

New attitude beginning to prevail for Hillcats



Staff photo by Kim Raff

Hillcats pitcher Jose Diaz allowed 3 hits and 2 runs in 6 innings of work.

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Brad Corley has an interesting theory that the Hillcats' most recent road trip — which ended with a 1-6 record — actually helped spur on the team's recent success.

"I think we lost so many games late," Lynchburg's right fielder said. "After so many, you just get so deflated that ... you kind of bottom out. You don't have any more to give or to care, so you just come out and say, 'What have I got to lose?'"

The new-attitude Hillcats continued their winning ways Monday night, beating Myrtle Beach 5-2 at City Stadium for their fourth straight win. It's the first time in a month and



HILLCATS 5, PELICANS 2

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MYRTLE BEACH: **THOMAS HANSON**
(2-2, 4.35) AT
HILLCATS: **TOOD REDMOND** (7-9, 4.50)

the third time this season Lynchburg (22-27) has run off four straight victories.

"Everything's clicking right now," Hillcats manager Jeff Branson said. The Hillcats got a strong outing

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Michael Vick Two others enter plea

Vick's co-defendants expected to plead guilty in court on Thursday

The Associated Press

RICHMOND — Michael Vick's remaining two co-defendants in a federal dogfighting case on Monday scheduled hearings to enter plea agreements.



Vick

Another of Vick's original co-defendants, Tony Taylor, pleaded guilty July 30 to his role in a dogfighting conspiracy he says was financed almost entirely by the Atlanta Falcons quarterback.

As part of a plea agreement, Tony Taylor pledged to fully cooperate with the government in its prosecution of Vick, Peace and Phillips, who are accused of running an interstate dogfighting enterprise known as "Bad Newz Kennels" on Vick's property in rural Surry County.

Peace's lawyer, Claire Cardwell, and Phillips' attorneys, Franklin Swartz and Jeffrey A. Swartz, did not immediately return phone messages seeking comment.

Collins R. Spencer III, a spokesman for Vick's defense team, said the lawyers were surprised by the plea deals.

"They didn't see it coming," Spencer said.

He added, "The only other comment that they want to make is that this won't affect the way they proceed with the case. We're moving forward with taking the case to trial on Nov. 26."

He also said they assume the two agreed to cooperate with the government.

Federal prosecutors have said a superseding indictment would be issued this month, meaning Vick, Peace and Phillips could face additional charges. Taylor's plea deal required him to testify against Vick and the other two, but shielded him from getting a stiffer sentence or facing any new charges.

Taylor, 34, of Hampton, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to travel in interstate commerce in aid of unlawful activities and conspiring to sponsor a dog in an animal fighting venture.

Vick and the others pleaded not guilty to the same charges in July.

The gruesome details outlined in the July 17 indictment have fueled public protests against Vick and prompted the suspension of some of his lucrative endorsement deals. Also, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell has barred Vick from the Falcons' training camp.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Monday the league had yet to complete its investigation of Vick and that Goodell had not made a decision on whether to use the NFL's personal conduct policy to suspend him for the 2007 season.

The summary of facts signed by Taylor supports the indictment's claims that the dogfighting ring executed underperforming dogs by drowning, hanging and other brutal means.

Vick, 27, attended several dogfights in Virginia and other states with his partners, according to the statement. Prosecutors claim the fights offered purses as high as \$26,000.

Taylor will be sentenced Dec. 14. He faces a maximum of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, although federal sentencing guidelines likely will call for less.

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► 1-4, 3 strikeouts
IN 7-2 LOSS

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Detroit Tigers third baseman Brandon Inge is a Brookville High School graduate.

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