

Bluegrass Sports



Hang in there Phil...

Phil Mickelson has become professional golf's answer to the Chicago Cubs or the Boston Red Sox. He inspires fierce loyalty and great expectations, but he always finds a way to break your heart. After another brutal loss in last week's PGA Championship in Atlanta, he'll have to carry the onerous tag of "Best Golfer Who Hasn't Won a Major" through another long winter.

In Sunday's final round, the vast majority of the galleries watching Mickelson's duel with David Toms were rooting hard for Mickelson. Before CBS went on the air, anchor Jim Nantz cautioned his analysts and reporters to not show favoritism to Mickelson.

I wasn't that anybody had anything against Toms, a fine player who won the title with a splendid display of grit and intelligence. It's just that Mickelson is such a good player, and such a genuinely good guy, that he DESERVES to get that goil off his back and have his day in the sun.

But, of course, nobody ever said that the sports world is fair. You didn't have to be a Cubs fan to root for Ernie Banks, baseball's Mr. Sunshine, to make it to the World Series. It never happened. The same fate might be in store for current Cubs' star Sammy Sosa, another superb ambassador for the game.

Former Buffalo Bills' coach Marv Levy, another nice guy, took four teams to the Super Bowl, but never won. That seems unusually cruel. Grandfatherly Ray Meyer totaled 42 years at DuPont and won 724 games, but never cut down the nets after an NCAA championship. The one year he made the Final Four, in 1979, Michigan State was there with Magic Johnson and Indiana State was there with Larry Bird.

George Woolf, perhaps the greatest jockey of his generation, never won the Kentucky Derby. He wanted it so badly that when he went into the restaurant, the business in Arcadia, Cal., he named his joint "The Derby." Arnold Palmer, the man

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Commentary

Affordable Prepaid Tuition Program is buzzing

With the official launch of Kentucky's Affordable Prepaid Tuition (KAPT) only weeks away, the program is buzzing with new developments and initiatives. KAPT will soon make it easier for Kentucky families to afford a college education, by guaranteeing the cost of tomorrow's tuition at today's lower prices—all through a completely tax-free investment.

I write to update you—and ask for your help in spreading the word in time for our Oct. 15 launch. New web site: This week, we are launching KAPT's new web site, www.getKAPT.com. Check it out today to learn more details about how the program will work and about the options for your children and grandchildren. Within a few weeks, the web site will contain detailed price information for our Value, Standard and Premium plans. If you do not have web access, you can always reach us at our toll-free number, 888-919-KAPT.

KAPT Foundation: As prepaid tuition programs in other states have demonstrated, KAPT's affordable monthly payment plans will open up college to thousands of new lower to middle class Kentuckians. Still, there are children KAPT cannot reach—from those families who have no savings to put aside. That's why we are establishing the KAPT Foundation to fund prepaid tuition scholarships for these Kentucky youth. The foundation will be funded entirely by private contributions. For more information on the foundation, or to contribute to the

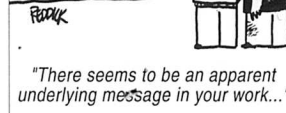
program, check out www.getKAPT.com or call us at 888-919-KAPT. KAPT logo: As part of our extensive grassroots marketing campaign, we are asking Kentucky businesses and organizations to prominently display the new KAPT logo—on their internal communications, their promotional materials and their places of business. Please join in our efforts. The logo—which directs viewers to our web site and toll free number—can be downloaded at www.getKAPT.com.

House parties: Our grassroots marketing effort will also involve hundreds of small house parties across the state, during which 1 or a KAPT representative will make a presentation about the program and answer questions of those in attendance. If you are interested in hosting 10-20 couples in your home sometime at your convenience this fall, please e-mail us at rebate.com@mad.skateky.us, or call us at 888-919-KAPT. Payroll deduction: Dozens of private companies have agreed to join state government in offering a

KAPT payroll deduction to their employees. Payroll deduction is an excellent way to afford a college education for your children or grandchildren. To obtain our new KAPT Payroll Kit, which provides sign-up forms and materials to distribute to employees about the program, check out www.getKAPT.com or call us at 888-919-KAPT. We will continue to update you on the program's progress before our Oct. 15 launch. Until then, I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer.

be Kentucky KAPTians: individuals who will help spread word of KAPT to their communities through visits to school and civic groups and the distribution of brochures and posters. To obtain our KAPTians to join us, so if you or someone you know might be interested, please sign up on our e-mail list at www.getKAPT.com or call us at 888-919-KAPT.

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- Magistrate: Avery Thornsburn, Jeff Randolph

- Magistrate: Steve Hamilton

September highlights at Morehead State

- Sept. 3, Labor Day holiday, no classes or office hours. Classes resume and offices reopen at 8 a.m.
Sept. 5, comedian Tim Young, Burton Auditorium 8 p.m.
Sept. 8, Board of Regents work session, location and time TBA.
Sept. 12, comedian Buzz Sutherland, Burton Auditorium, 8 p.m.
Sept. 13-13, "Dr. Coo" Tom Rossman, game room, Adron Dorian University Center, all day, free.
Sept. 15, Red Cross blood drive, Burton Drill Room, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sept. 15, Blue and Gold Festival of Marching Bands, Jayne Stadium, all day.
Sept. 21-23, Family Weekend, campus.
Sept. 22, Family Weekend Golf Scramble, MSU's Sunnybrook Golf course.
Sept. 22, Eagle Football: MSU vs. Valparaiso University, Jayne Stadium, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 24, Future Business Leaders of America Fall Workshop, campus, all day.
Sept. 29, Eagle Football: MSU vs. Valparaiso University, Jayne Stadium, 4:30 p.m.
Due to early press deadlines, some listing may be subject to change.

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who single-handedly took golf out of the country clubs and brought it to the masses; was 0-for-37 in the PGA Championship, pre-venting him from joining Gene Sarazen, Ben Hogan, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, and Tiger Woods as the only golfers to win all four major titles.

Each of you can probably remember a coach or player from your hometown, who did everything the right way and deserved that scholarship or that championship, but always fell short. We've all known a Phil Mickelson somewhere along the line.

It can be argued, of course, that it's silly to feel sorry for a 31-year-old who's in perfect health, who has a home and lovely family, and who has earned almost \$18 million, second on the all-time list. Yet with most of the great pro athletes, it's not about money or numbers. It's about immortality and winning the trophies that are most prized.

I'm not going to beat myself up, it's a dejected Mickelson said, "but it's long time before Augusta (and next year's Masters). I'm trying to win a lot of majors, but it can't seem to win the first one. It's frustrating."

It might help Mickelson to remember Payne Stewart. In the 1999 U.S. Open, Stewart snatched the title away from Mickelson with a great putt on the final green, much as Toms did last Sunday. Right away, in a marvelous display of class, Stewart rushed to console Mickelson. He reminded him that he had just become a father, a gift more important than any trophy.

Only days later, Stewart died in a plane crash.

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