

Chachi Shocks the Field as Cup Finals Take Shape at LaTourette

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LATOURETTE — The Latty Boys returned home to the Rock and found a stern test waiting: long rough, smaller greens, and crowned cups that demanded precision from tee to green. Even so, the field produced plenty of quality golf, with four players carding 73 and seven others matching or beating their handicaps.

Four Players Lead the Way With Rounds of 73

Pete Aloisio, Eric Delin, Brian Foley, and John Gino each fired rounds of 73 to headline the day's scoring. Delin and Mike Falcone posted net 69s, while Jim Fareri Jr. and Foley came in at 70, Gino finished at 71, Rich Piazza shot 72, and Johnny Scaglione also played to his number.

Gino-Falcone and Fareri-Kelly Share Team Honors

In weekly team action, the format was 2-Man Quota. John Gino and Mike Falcone finished at plus-four, matching Jim Fareri Jr. and John Kelly for overall winner honors. On the front nine, Fareri Jr. and Kelly, Delin and Jim Fareri Sr., Scaglione and Dominick Sciandra, and Foley and Guy Pennisi all finished at plus-one. The back-nine prize went to Gino and Falcone, who charged home at plus-five.

Closest-to-the-Pin Winners Make Their Mark

Chris Amore took closest-to-the-pin honors on No. 3, Joe Berardi II claimed No. 12, Scaglione won No. 16, Falcone took No. 5, and Fareri Sr. captured No. 11. Only Falcone and Berardi II converted their chances into birdies.

Delin Tops Par 3 and Par 5 Competition

Delin added another highlight to his day by winning the Par 3 and Par 5 competition with 14 points.

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Championship Flight: Delin and Foley Advance

Eric Delin made quick work of grinder John Garland, closing out the match on the 12th hole. Garland was left chasing Delin all afternoon as Delin moved one step closer to another cup.

Brian Foley also punched his ticket to the final, using a round of 73 that included three straight birdies on holes 7 through 9 to defeat Joe Berardi II, 4 and 3. Berardi posted an 80, but Foley's closing stretch proved too much to overcome.

The championship final will feature Delin, who is seeking his fourth cup, against rookie finalist Foley.

A Flight: Eller Sets Final With Scaglione

Dave Eller took advantage of a late tee time, getting in extra swings and putts before knocking off Tom Lally, 6 and 4. The win sends the No. 1 seed and defending champion into the final.

Johnny Scaglione was waiting on the winner and will now face Eller for the A Flight title.

B Flight: Falcone Upsets Sciandra, Fareri Sr. Awaits

In one of the year's biggest surprises, Mike "Chachi" Falcone defeated fellow rookie and Division I athlete Dom Sciandra, 2 and 1. Falcone picked the perfect time to shoot his best club round, while the upset left the oddsmakers shaking their heads.

Falcone, 28, now meets Jim Fareri Sr., who is 60 years older and looking to become the oldest member to win a club event (Scags breaks this record every time he wins). Asked about the matchup, Fareri Sr. calmly said, "I am shaking."

The finals are set for tomorrow, and the only thing that may slow Fareri Sr. down could be a cart-path-only ruling. Asked about that possibility, he answered, "Not for me." Falcone's "Happy Days" may be facing their toughest episode yet.

Patio Notes: Brews, Cameras, and Rumors

After the round, the usual patio crowd gathered for a few brews, joined by new member Johnathen "Scorce" Pineiro, who filmed Pedro Aloisio's 73. Some wondered where the tripod was last week at the Lally house.

Rumors also surfaced that Mrs. Lally has contacted TMZ about that situation in search of extra money for the Lally family, adding one more off-course storyline to a busy week at the Rock.