

Muskegon Country Club. Vozza, 22, who beat Jimmy Chestnut of Grand Blanc 2 and 1 in the semi-finals, opened the championship match with a pair of bogeys but rallied with four consecutive birdies.

"I was a little nervous out of the gate but then I made a couple of birdies and got my rhythm going," Vozza said. "Today I felt like I could make anything I looked at from 20 feet in. I'm a feel player so if I start making a few, I get in a rhythm."

Michigan Women's Amateur Championship

Mandi McConnell, a junior at Michigan State, won the 89th Michigan Women's Amateur Championship by defeating Western Michigan University sophomore Laura Bavaird 6 and 5 in the championship match at Radrick Farms Golf Club in Ann Arbor.

McConnell, 20, who was named Michigan's 'Miss Golf' in 2003 when she was a senior at Grand Blanc High School, won the first hole of the championship match with a birdie and won the next two holes with pars. "I stayed calm and tried to stay focused on what I was doing," said McConnell, who beat Rosemary Cassard of Grand Rapids 3 and 2 in the semifinals.

"It's exciting, really exciting," McConnell said of the championship. "I made some putts when I had to and I hit a lot of greens." *MG*

U of M's Harris Wins 88th Detroit Newspapers Michigan Open

By Michael Patrick Shiels

Michael Harris, a 27-year-old touring professional from Troy, shot 69 on

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The Bear in Thursday's fourth and final round to win the 88th Detroit Newspapers Michigan Open Championship. With rounds of 67-67-65-69 (268) Harris finished the championship at 20-under-par - the lowest four round total ever shot on The Bear at Grand Traverse Resort and Spa. The record-setting performance allowed Harris to finish six strokes ahead of Colby Beckstrom, a Muskegon rookie professional who closed with a 69 for a total of 14-under-par. Harris's share of the \$110,000 purse is \$13,000. Beckstrom, a past Michigan Amateur champion competing in his first event as a profes-

sional, hit the right shots at the right time, you can get there. Still, I wouldn't have believed it," said Harris, who made the Michigan Open his first-ever four-round victory as a professional. "I started out today wanting to break 70 in all four rounds. It was a lot windier today and a lot tougher, and the pins were tough. You have to respect that on a tough golf course. I knew the putter was there and I knew my game was still there, I just had to have the patience to let it come through."

Harris, a three-time all Big Ten golfer has twice won the three-

round Michigan PGA Tournament of Champions since he left the University of Michigan in 2000. He's finished as runner-up four times during his Canadian Tour career and, with earnings just under \$30,000 in six events this year, ranks eighth on the Canadian Tour's Order of Merit. He has also played on the PGA Tour's Nationwide Tour.

Harris began the day with a six shot lead over 22-year-old Beckstrom, who had been attending Texas Christian University but turned professional when he was eliminated from last week's Michigan Amateur Championship. Harris tried to quash any uprising by making 20 and 30-foot birdie putts on the first two holes.

“I played as hard as I could and it was almost impossible to catch him - one little falter and I might have been back in it. I never gave up hope, but he just doesn't falter and he doesn't make mistakes,” said Beckstrom, who hung tough and tightened his deficit to three strokes by the eighth hole - before losing momentum with a bogey on the ninth and letting Harris cruise away with a pitch-in eagle on the par-five 10th. “The eagle he made said to me 'It's not going to happen.' But the biggest learning experience this week was showing myself that I could do it.”

Beckstrom's 14-under finish would have tied the four-round championship record on The Bear - had it not been eclipsed by Harris's 20-under.

“That's the game. He could have shot 19-under and lost. That's the game, though,” said Harris. A lot of professional golf is timing. You have to play well on the right week. Sometimes it's just 'your time,' and I think this week was it for me.”

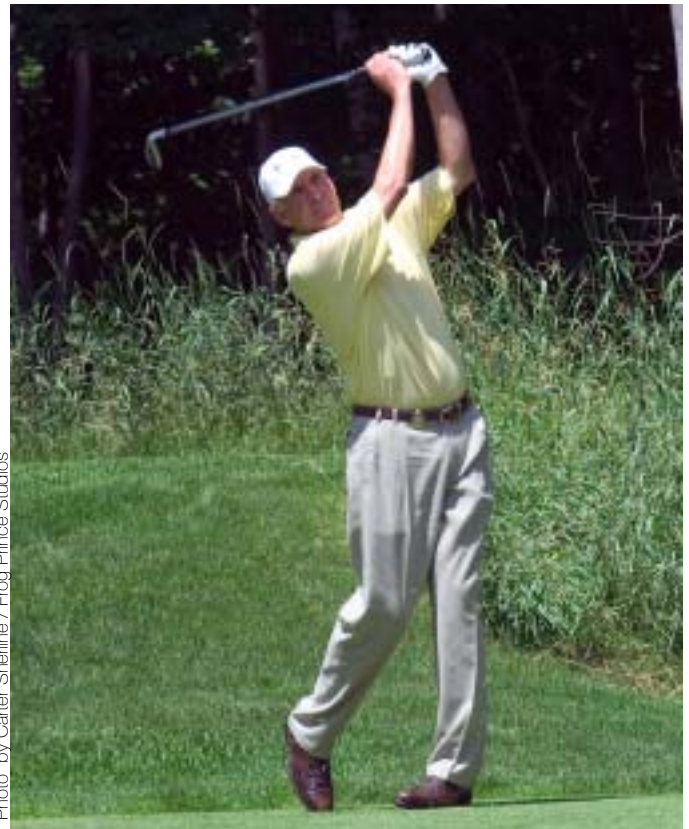


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Andy North took home the big check at the Tylenol Par 3 Shootout at Treetops.



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Heather Bowie captured the 2005 Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic presented by Kroger

Nevertheless, Beckstrom was pleased with his second-place finish and \$8,400 pay day. "I've been dreaming of this day forever. My goal was to win my first professional event and I got close. I put everything I had into it," said Beckstrom, who had never even seen *The Bear* other than a lone, pre-round practice tournament.

Third-place finisher Korey Mahoney, from Crystal Mountain and Eastern Michigan University, was also the championship's lowest amateur finisher, with a four-round total of 277 (-11.)

Scott Hebert, a five-time Michigan Open champion who won all of those titles at Grand Traverse and once worked as an assistant professional at *The Bear*, began the day in third place - eight strokes behind Harris, but the Sunnybrook Country Club assistant professional limped in with a 3-over-par 75 to finish the event at 6-under-par. **MG**



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Forrest Gump was one of many celebrities participating in the 10th and final Jeff Daniels Comedy Golf Jam.



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Cristina Baena of Pereira, Columbia was the 2005 winner of the Bank of Ann Arbor Futures Golf Tournament.