

Dailey Puts Zirolli to Rest; Captures Second Match Play Challenge

South Windsor, Conn. – On a weekend that included soppy spring like conditions one day, and February like temperatures on another, John Dailey recovered from a sloppy start to the CT Match Play Challenge to rebound and defeat Marc Zirolli 13&11 to win his second match in as many years. “It feels good,” said Dailey in his post round press conference in front of local media in the Grille Room at the Topstone Golf Club. “I didn’t play well yesterday, but I came in today in some really cold temperatures and got the job done.” Believe it or not, Marc Zirolli was only three holes down to Dailey after he buried a bomb for par on the 10th hole of the match at the H. Smith Richardson Golf Club in Fairfield on Saturday. Things then changed drastically soon after as Zirolli lost holes 13, 14, 16, and 18 to go seven down heading into the final round, two better than 2007. “I felt like I was in a good position, and if I won a couple of holes early on Sunday, I’d be right back in the match,” said a dejected Zirolli on Sunday night. Just the opposite happened Sunday, as Dailey won the first three holes to all but seal the deal early on. “I’m glad it ended early,” said Dailey. “It was way too cold out there to play golf, but I seemed to block it out nicely. I felt like pars would be good enough as I knew the pressure was on Marc as he was playing with his back to the wall.” Zirolli lost the first hole to a par, and then had a golden opportunity when Dailey made a bogey on the short Par 5 second hole, but he made double to lose that hole, then proceeded to hit his tee ball out of bounds on #3 to go 10 down. “I know Marc didn’t have his best stuff this weekend. I wish him the best of luck at the ECI.” Both players will travel North in three weeks before separating into their own schedules for the remainder of the year with tour events and CSGA State championships. Dailey shot even par 36 in the final 9 holes of play while Zirolli had 46.