

Dailey Captures 2010 Match Play Challenge



Fairfield, Conn. – On a day where the brotherly rivalry seemed to be more on the line than an actual golf tournament, John Dailey fended off an upset to brother Colin Dailey to win the CT Match Play Challenge 3 & 1 over the holiday weekend, kicking off what looks to be an exciting 2010 season in the Fairfield County area. “I definitely sweated this one out,” said John after the round. “Colin played terrific golf today, and I was fortunate to take advantage of a couple of his mistakes late to win.” Colin was 1-up in the match after 14 holes, but bogeys at 15, 16, and 17 did him in. “I kind of blew it late,” said Colin in his press conference. “Those three holes right there decided the match.” Some may think brother John was at an advantage as he may have had fresh legs late in the round seeing he coasted to an 8 & 6 win over Marc Zirolli in the semi’s, while Colin ended up going 16 holes with Jim Kuhn in his semifinal match. “The thing about Colin is he never makes crazy mistakes; he’s always going to be in the hole, and you can never relax when playing him.” This was Dailey’s 4th match play title in four years.

In the consolation match, Marc Zirolli stunned 2009 Wheeler One-Day Champion Jim Kuhn and battled out a tie to share 3rd place. Kuhn was up Dormie-4 and looked to be in the driver’s seat in the match, but bogeys at 15 and 16, and debacles at 17 and 18 cost him third place alone. Zirolli pared 15 and 16 to win, and when Kuhn hit the wrong golf ball on 17, and his ball out of bounds on 18, Zirolli just needed a shuttle back to the clubhouse. “My head wasn’t into the round late,” said Kuhn. “I don’t know if I thought the match was over or what, but it wasn’t in the cards for me to play well today.” Meanwhile, Zirolli had one of his better rounds and is excited about the future. “I beat a very good player today in the area, and I’m proud of the way I hung in there.”

Happy Easter to all!

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