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### 36 Holes Awaits for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ECI

**DEVENS, Mass.** – After a mild winter, and days already hitting the 90 degree mark here in New England, temperatures are more back to normal as we approach the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Endicott College Invitational. What's not normal about this weekend is players are preparing for an extra 18 holes this time around as the championship has gone to a two-day format for the special anniversary. "We wanted to do something different to celebrate the 10-year milestone" said Co-Chairman Marc Zirolli during media day two weeks ago at the Red Tail Golf Club, site of this weekend's final round. "We thought 36 holes would add extra drama to the tournament and it would give more time for our contestants to recall past tournaments, and catch up with each other." The tournament committee chose Blackstone National Golf Club in Sutton, MA to host the first round of the event, a golf course not too far from Red Tail. "We were really pumped when the ECI chose us to host the first round," said Blackstone course superintendent Walt Szczyberiakiey. "Our golf course will present a nice challenge for the players with some tough holes, and some holes where birdies can be made." John Dailey returns as champion for the third time in four years and is excited about the two day change. "It's going to add a new dynamic this year for sure. I know we will be re-pairing for Sunday; guys will have to play with leads, or try and make comebacks. It's going to be a fun atmosphere out there." As always the usual suspects look to win this coveted title, but some are yet to win, and patrons question if the pressure is getting to be too much for these players. Ken Tessier has six Top 10 finishes in nine years, while Justin McLear has been knocking on the door as well. "It's definitely been frustrating coming so close so many times," said Tessier from his home in Georgia. "I just have to keep on believing that my time will come." McLear wants to win, but says you can't think like that. "If I put all this pressure on myself, it will never happen. I have to go in with a loose attitude this weekend." Ken Dargon won the first ECI 10 years ago! CBS-Boston will be airing a special on Friday evening recapping his special victory from Cyprian Keyes at 9 pm. Thirty-six holes will certainly test the best players, and whomever wins come Sunday afternoon, will definitely have deserved it.

### **Players to Watch**

#### ***Brian Gill:***

The two time champ looks to return to the winners circle.

#### ***Ken Tessier:***

Is this his week? He'd like nothing more than to win on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

#### ***Nick Turczak:***

It's been four years since Turczak has hoisted the title. He was injured in 2011, but feels healthy this year and looks to content.



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### ***Justin McLear:***

McLear says he's never played worse heading into this weekend, but has been working hard on making some swing changes with coach Tom Waters, which he hopes will pay dividends on Sunday afternoon.

### ***Matt Barnes:***

Barnes was a late commitment to the championship. He's another player that has yet to break through here.

### ***Matt Davis:***

Davis was injured in a ski accident two weeks ago and won't be 100% this weekend.



### ***Alex Lawner:***

Lawner is also nursing a bad back from excessive ejaculation in recent weeks. The hard hitting Lawner hopes to get some rest this week before driving down to Sutton for Round 1.

### ***Carl Bean:***

Back in jail.

### ***Ken Dargon:***

Ten years ago Kenny Dargon won the inaugural ECI. Kenny would like nothing more than to win this weekend.



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***Marc Zirolli:***

Zirolli fired 87 this past weekend in the President's Cup qualifier on the Smith Richardson Amateur Tour. If he can keep his nerves in check, and get off to a good start Saturday, he could be in the mix come Sunday.

***Craig Roderick:***

The Bopper himself claims he's going to play real well this weekend. Time will certainly tell.

***John Dailey:***

Dailey looks to become the first four-time champion this weekend.

***Pete Woodward:***

Woodward says his game is in shape and looks to draw some of that lefty magic from Bubba Watson this weekend to capture his first ECI.

***Josh Clark:***

Still mingling with college girls at Endicott.

***Derek Sharron:***

Home nursing a swollen bean bag.

***Matt Gajda:***

*The Dailey News* sleeper pick.

***Tim Byram:***

Slapping fannies at volleyball practice.

***Jerry Miceli:***

Always solid, usually mistake free. Could the 2<sup>nd</sup>-year ECI vet roar to the top??