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GILL TRYING NEW STRATEGY FOR TRAVELERS QUALIFIER



CLINTON, Conn. – Brian Gill, the Endicott College Invitational tournament defending champion, has named his brother, Fish, to carry his bag at this year's ECI. Gill feels that having his brother loop will get the two-man team ready for the upcoming qualifier for the Travelers Championship in June. The Travelers, on the PGA Tour's FedExCup schedule, is played at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, Conn., where ironically ECI co-chairman Marc Zirolli is a social member.

"This is the third year in a row I will be competing for that elusive spot in the field at the Travelers. This has been a goal of mine for a long time and what a treat it will be if I make it. Having Fish on my bag at the ECI will help us get to know each other a little better before the qualifier," said Gill from his office at Clinton (Conn.) Country Club.

Brian Gill is a two-time champion of the ECI, first winning in 2004. He looks to become the third player in tournament history to successfully defend his title.

ZIROLLI SPENDS SOME QUALITY TIME WITH TITLE SPONSOR



CLINTON, Conn. – On Sunday, co-chairman Marc Zirolli visited patrons at the Clinton Crossing Nike Outlet Store to receive new apparel and sign autographs. It was Zirolli's



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second public appearance of the young season and after not opening the season as scheduled on Final Four weekend, the putting magician is ready to go.

“At first, I was a little skeptical coming out of the gate because of this harsh winter we endured, but after a few sessions on the range, I’m loose and very anxious to get out there and just play,” said Zirolli. “First it’s the match play challenge this weekend, an early scramble at Chicopee (Mass.) Country Club next week, and then it’s on to the ECI, the first major of the year – bring it on!”

Though the last few years have been disappointing at Red Tail, Zirolli has shown signs in the past that he could compete late in the day if he can consistently keep the ball out of trouble off the tee. He can hit it a long way and that can benefit him greatly as his short game is usually stellar.

Zirolli seeks his first ECI title of his career. – *Thomson Reuters*