

## A duel for the ages?

### Tiger Woods, David Duval try to become the next big rivalry in the world of sports

**L**adies and gentleman. On this tee, from Jacksonville Beach, Fla., standing 6 feet tall and weighing in at 180 pounds, the leading money winner on the PGA Tour this season, the man with the shades, David Duval. And on this tee, from Orlando, Fla., standing 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighing in at 160 pounds, the second leading money winner on the PGA Tour, the man with the magic sand wedge, Tiger Woods.

If Michael Buffer could get anywhere near the first tee at the Carnoustie Golf Club in Carnoustie, Scotland for the 1999 British Open, that is how he would probably introduce the two best golfers in the world as they prepare to square off.

For Woods, who has only won one major, and Duval, who has not yet captured a major, the British Open provides them a wonderful shot at snagging one.

Since 1995, the Americans have had a stranglehold on probably the most prestigious tournament in the world.

Ever since John Daly beat Constantino Rocca in a playoff in 1995, Tom Lehman, Justin Leonard and Mark O'Meara have all brought the Claret Jug back to the United States.

But beyond a win, this year's British Open provides Woods and Duval a perfect setting for their budding rivalry that everyone wants to see take off.

People are so eager to see it happen that they are starting it off under false pretenses. The folks at ABC Sports have scheduled a "Lord of the Links,"



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made-for-prime time match between Woods and Duval in which the winner will take home \$1.1 million and a big ego boost — but that's about it.

Rivalries aren't made in a made-for-TV setting, they are made on the field of play.

Competition might be the most important part of sports, but rivalries are what add the spice to them. Over the years, there have been some very heated rivalries.

In baseball, there was Mickey Mantle vs. Willie Mays; in basketball, it was Larry Bird vs. Magic Johnson; and before Woods and Duval it was Jack Nicklaus vs. Arnold Palmer in golf.

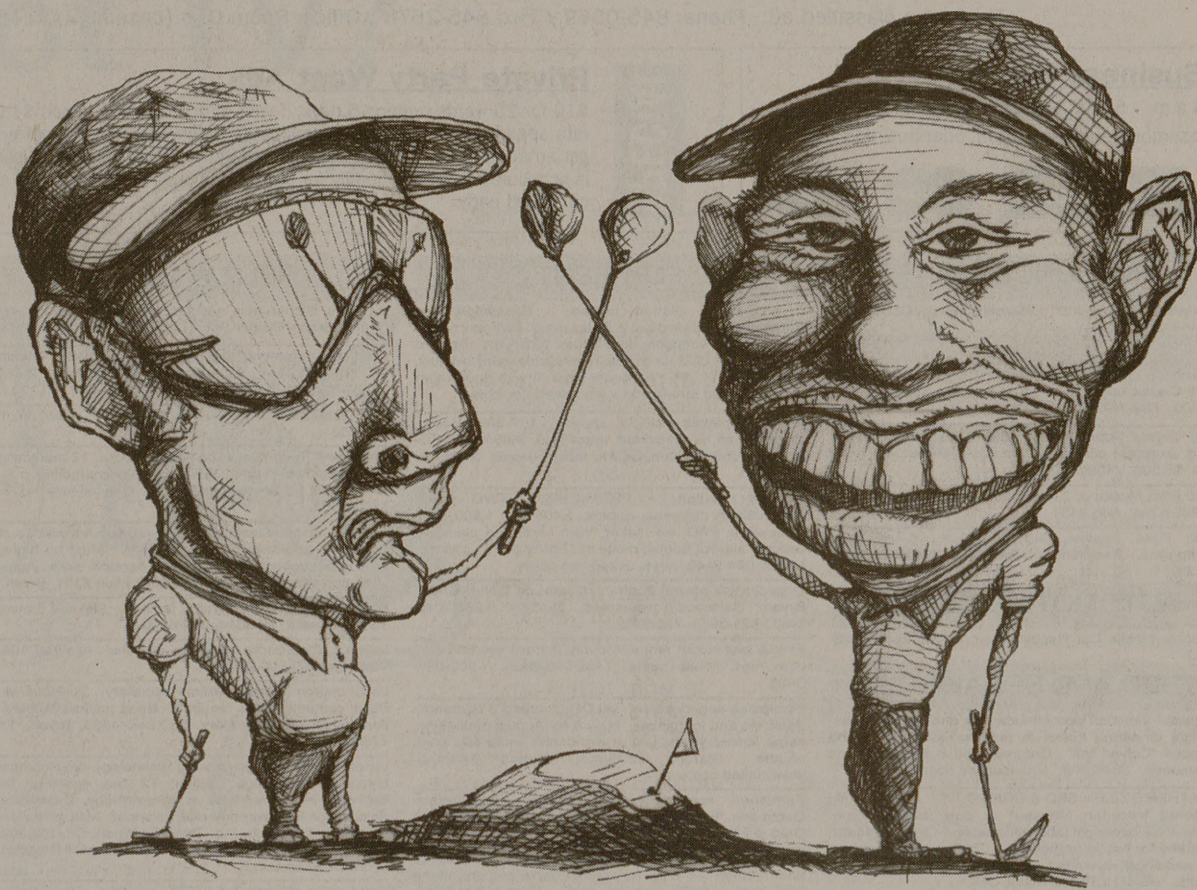
The only difference between Woods and Duval and the other rivalries is that the other men settled their rivalries on their playing field.

Mantle and Mays never held a home-run derby to determine their rivalry, they settled it in the World Series. Bird and Magic never had a three-point contest to see who was the better man, they duked it out in the NBA Finals. Palmer and Nicklaus duelled mano-a-mano on the final day of major tournaments, not in some made for TV event.

There is no doubt that Woods and Duval are the future of golf. Both have won multiple tournaments this year and in most major statistical categories they rank No. 1 and No. 2.

Duval has the most birdies on the PGA Tour while Woods is second, and Duval also leads Woods on the money list with over \$3 million earned this year, a tour record. Woods leads Duval in scoring average, top-10 finishes and just overtook the top ranking in the world from Duval.

However, in the recent major tournaments they have played in, Woods and Duval have done well



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but never challenged each other.

In last year's British Open, Woods finished third and Duval ended up tied for 11th. In this year's U.S. Open, Woods again finished third while Duval ended up in a tie for seventh. Not exactly battles for the ages.

The best thing that could happen for Woods, Duval and the sport of golf is to have the two of

them stroll up the 18th fairway on Sunday in Scotland tied for the lead in the British Open. That way we could see who is the real "Lord of the Links".

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Newly hired women's swimming coach **Steve Bultman** comes to College Station from the University of Georgia where he helped lead the Lady Bulldogs to the 1999 NCAA Women's Swimming and Diving Championship.

## Bultman brings experience to A&M

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Steve Bultman was named the new women's swimming coach for the 1999-2000 season. Bultman, a swimming coach with 20 years of experience, comes to Texas A&M from the University of Georgia, where he has been an assistant coach for the last four years.

While he was at Georgia, he helped establish the swimming program that eventually led the Bulldogs to the 1999 NCAA Women's Swimming and Diving Championship.

"I was happy at Georgia, but I was an assistant and the opportunity to come here and be the head coach was too good to pass up," he said. "A&M is a great school with tremendous facilities, and it is in the south, which was a big deciding factor."

Before coaching at the collegiate level, Bultman was primarily coaching for club teams.

He was a head coach for the Lin Piranha Swim Club in New Orleans, La., the Dynamo Swim Club in Atlanta, Ga. and also in Pensacola, Fla.

During his time at the Dynamo Swim Club, he had several swimmers win Olympic Festival gold medals and many set new junior national records.

In 1988, while he was coaching in Pensacola, he had three swim-

ers qualify for the U.S. Championship and make it onto the Olympic swimming team.

He was also selected as an assistant coach to accompany the team on the trip to Seoul, South Korea. That year the U.S. Swimming Team finished with the silver medal for overall team competition.

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"It was a great experience to be able to go over there and to represent our country in that manner," Bultman said.

During his stint as a head coach on the club level, Bultman coached three members of the 1991 World Championship Team and swimmers who participated in the 1985 Pan-Pacific games and the 1990 League of European Nations Cup.

Bultman had at least one na-

tional champion every year from 1985 to 1990.

Bultman began his swimming career at Jesuit High School in New Orleans, La., where he won the Louisiana State Championship in the 50-meter freestyle event.

He attended Louisiana State University, where he was a member of the swimming team, and he eventually became an assistant coach by his senior year.

After he graduated from LSU with a degree in psychology, he later went on to receive his teaching certificate in physical education from Tulane University.

While in Pensacola, he received his master's degree in physical education from the University of West Florida.

Last year A&M's women's swimming team finished 31st nationally and 4th place in the Big 12 conference, behind Nebraska, Texas, and Kansas.

Bultman remains very optimistic about this year's squad because of last year's outstanding performance of team captains Monica Williams and Tracy Evans and Big 12 Newcomer of the Year, freshman Clara Ho.

"We are looking to contend for the [Big 12] championship, as well as be within the top 10 on the national level," Bultman said. "As each girl individually gets better, the team as a whole will get better,

## Martinez, AL shine in All-Star game

**BOSTON (AP)** — On a night when history filled every crooked corner of Fenway Park, Pedro Martinez left his own mark on the mound.

Moments after Ted Williams threw out the first ball, All-Star game record book Tuesday night by striking out the first three hitters.

Mixing a blazing fastball, darting curve and tantalizing change-up, Martinez struck out five in two innings, leading the American League over the Nationals 4-1 for its third straight win.

With Hall of Fame pitchers Bob Feller, Warren Spahn and Bob Gibson looking on, Martinez did something that no one — not even the great Carl Hubbell — had ever done.

Martinez fanned Barry Larkin, Larry Walker and Sammy Sosa to start the game. The Boston ace, already halfway to the magic 30-win

mark at the break, kept up the streak by striking out Mark McGwire to begin the second inning.

After Matt Williams reached on an error by second baseman Roberto Alomar, Martinez got Jeff Bagwell on a 3-2 curve. And when Williams was caught stealing on the play, Martinez walked off to a standing ovation, his night finished after 28 memorable pitches.

Martinez said he wasn't really trying for the strikeouts.

"After seeing the guys in BP and in the home-run contest, I knew I had to get my pitches where I wanted or else I was going to get hurt," he said as he received the MVP award.

Martinez tied an AL record with his five strikeouts and became the first AL starter to win an All-Star game in his own park. And he did it on a night when the greatest living players in baseball had come

together for the final All-Star game of the 1990s.

Stan Musial, Willie Mays and Hank Aaron were among the many honored as part of an all-century team in a moving pregame tribute. As the sport's past met its present and future, the biggest ovation was left for Boston's own Splendid Splinter, with Ken Griffey Jr., Tony Gwynn and every other player in uniform forming a circle around Williams.

"Just to see so many glories of baseball all together at one time," Martinez said. "So many names that I recognize by just names and numbers they have out there."

Though the Green Monster was never a factor — no one came close to hitting the famed left-field wall — the AL got enough offensive support from Cleveland's quartet of starters in cutting its deficit to 40-29-1.

## Voting begins on baseball All-Century team

**BOSTON (AP)** — With nearly two dozen Hall of Famers sitting beside him, Bud Selig said Tuesday that, as long as he's commissioner, Pete Rose can pretty much forget about reinstatement to baseball.

The occasion was the launch of voting for baseball's All-Century team. While Rose is among the 100 players on the ballot, he wasn't invited to the news conference before Tuesday night's All-Star game and won't be asked to any ceremonies if he's among the winners.

"I don't think there's anything I would do to change what Bart Giamatti did," Selig said, referring to the former commissioner who kicked Rose out of baseball.

Because of the lifetime ban he signed with Giamatti in August 1989, Rose is ineligible for the Hall of Fame.

Rose applied for reinstatement in September 1997, but Selig hasn't announced a decision. From his statements Tuesday, it's clear the only two options Selig is considering are rejection or never acting on the petition.

"Without question, Pete Rose is one of the top players in the century," Hall of Famer third baseman Mike Schmidt said. "I truly believe the ball's in Pete's hands. Pete needs to take some serious steps in his life."

Of the 100 players on the ballot, 85 are in the Hall of Fame. The exceptions include eight active players: Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens, Ken Griffey Jr., Tony Gwynn, Rickey Henderson, Greg Maddux, Mark

McGwire and Cal Ripken. Also not in the Hall are recent retirees Dennis Eckersley, Paul Molitor, Eddie Murray and Ozzie Smith.

The only other three are Carlton Fisk, who fell 43 votes short of the hall this year; Shoeless Joe Jackson, who was bypassed by the baseball writers and the veterans committee before the prohibition against banned players took effect in 1991; and Rose.

Jackson was among eight Chicago White Sox players banned for throwing the 1919 World Series, and there's been a campaign to reinstate him, too. Selig said he expects to make a decision on Jackson's case later this year.

Twenty-nine of the 54 living players on the ballot attended the news conference, including 22 Hall of Famers, among them Hank Aaron, Willie Mays and Stan Musial.

Fans can vote for two players at each infield position, two catchers, nine outfielders and six pitchers, and a committee can select up to five additional players to make up for any imbalance slighting the early part of the century, bringing the total to 30.

Balloting runs through Sept. 10 and the team will be announced before Game 1 of the World Series. A panel selected by baseball will pick and All-Century starting lineup from the team.

## Ventura defends return to professional wrestling

**ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)** — Gov. Jesse Ventura defended his return to professional wrestling yesterday, insisting he's entitled to a life outside politics.

Ventura bristled when asked whether his renewed ties to the World Wrestling Federation threatened the dignity of the governor's office.

"If I were a nightclub singer in Caesars Palace, would you ask the same question?" he asked.

That wasn't the only time he compared himself to a Las Vegas lounge act. Within the hour, he was on Minnesota Public Radio, using an identical argument against his critics.

The governor, who wrestled professionally as Jesse "The Body" Ventura until retiring in 1986, scheduled a news conference today with the World Wrestling Federation.

He plans to participate Aug. 22 in the WWF's \$29.95 pay-per-view "SummerSlam" event.

Ventura's role has been billed as a return to the ring. Whether he will wrestle or referee is a secret for now. The sold-out event is scheduled for the Target Center in Minneapolis.

Ventura wouldn't divulge his role in the event or answer questions about how much he would be paid or where the money will go, though he said Monday some will

go to charity. He did respond to criticism.

"There's no rule that says a governor can't have fun," Ventura said. "There's no rule that says a governor on his own time can't be a human."

His appearance on the WWF event is simply a return to his profession before he was governor, he said.

"The perception is that people need to be professional politicians and that therefore being a politician is your entire life," he said. "Well, it's not Jesse Ventura's entire life and I think I was elected upon the fact that I came from being a private citizen."