

Shackamaxon Pro Discusses Hitting From Uneven Lies

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Hitting shots from a range mat is somewhat easy but there is not one perfectly level golf course. Most golf shots that you will face will be on an uneven lie. Some will be severe enough that you will have to change your approach to the shot.

The type of uneven lies that will affect your shot the most are side hill lies. There are two types of side hill lies. The first is when the ball is above your feet. In this type of lie, the ground is sloping towards you and the ball will have a tendency to curve to the left. You are going to need to aim slightly to the right to compensate for this type of shot.

The second type of uneven lie that you will come across is when the ball is below your feet. In this type of lie the ground is sloping away from you and the ball will have a tendency to curve to the right. You are going to need to aim slightly to the left to compensate for this type of shot. Remember, the ball is going to curve the way the ground is sloping.

Another helpful hint when you are approaching an uneven lie is to take practice swings to see where you are striking the ground in response to an unorthodox lie. When you find that

spot, place the ball in that position because you will make better contact.

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SPF U12 Sharks Nip SPF U14 Rigano, 1-0

The Scotch Plains Blue Sharks U12 Girls intercounty soccer team used a similar formula of airtight defense, clutch goalkeeping and opportunistic offense to win their second straight game against a U14 Scotch Plains opponent, edging the Scotch Plains Rigano 1-0, on May 7.

Emily Cohen's goal midway through the second half decided the tight battle. Until then, each team had several chances to score with the Sharks enjoying a small territorial advantage. Goalie, Melissa McKenna, once again abetted by the sturdy defense of Lauren Berk, Sarah Lazarus, Toni Ann Capece and Sarah Weber, stopped everything as the Sharks were able to hold on to improve their record to 2-2-1. Leading the Rigano was forward Stephanie Baier and midfielder Caitlin Hoynes-O'Connor.

Other standouts for the Sharks included Amanda Rodriguez, Alyssa Young, Jessica DiGiacomo, Erin Brown, Kara Gaynor, Rebecca DiGiacomo, Jessica Feeley, and Desli DeMarsico.



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F-SP 'Y' Gymnasts Wrap Up Regular Season Competition

Competing against the Montclair and South Mountain YMCA gymnastics teams on April 16, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA "C" Division gymnasts delivered strong performances in their final regular-season meet.

In the nine-and-under age group, Kacie Bumiller captured the all-around title, placing first on vault and second on uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise. Lauren Lockfield placed second in the all-around, finishing first on bars, second on vault and third on floor. Marissa DiBella earned first place on floor, while Zoe Stein placed third on both vault and beam. Jenna Gouldy also performed well throughout the competition.

For the 10-year-olds, Kaitlyn Frey took first all-around, first on bars and floor, second on beam and third on vault. Katie Buchbinder captured second in the all-around, placing first on vault and beam, second on bars and third on floor. Leya Quinones took third on both bars and beam.

In the 11+ age group, Alexa Uvino captured first place not only in the all-around, but also on all four individual events. Tori Berman took second in the all-around, earning second on vault and bars, as well as fourth place on beam and floor. Lisa Matrale earned fourth all-around honors, finishing second on beam, third on both vault and floor and fourth on floor.

ishing second on beam, third on both vault and floor and fourth on bars. Taylor Robustelli placed second on floor and fourth on vault and beam. Tori Ingato took fourth on beam and the sixth on vault.

The team is looking forward to competing in the New Jersey State Championships on May 21 at the Madison Area YMCA. For further information regarding the gymnastics program, please call (908) 889-8880.

WF PAL Introduces Youth Rugby League

The Westfield PAL, along with the Union County Rugby Club, will be sponsoring a youth, coed flag rugby league for boys and girls ages five to 13 this summer (June 21 to July 30). Practices will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Edison Intermediate School and games will be on Saturday mornings.

The program teaches basic skills, game rules and team play, in a fun and enjoyable atmosphere. All participants play and are involved on an equal basis. Parents wishing to volunteer to help with the practices or running home events are welcome. To sign up or for more information, visit www.mudturlerugby.com. Sign up deadline is June 7.

Union County Senior 50+ Softball League Results:

50+ DIVISION 1:

TEAM	W	L
Antone's Pub & Grill	2	0
D&K Associates	2	0
Linwood Inn	0	2
Lombardi/Greenkeepers	0	2

50+ DIVISION 2:

TEAM	W	L
Marion/Jacobson Roofing	2	0
The Office	2	0
Awings Galore	1	1
Northwestern Mutual	1	1
Crest Refrigeration	0	2
Union Center National Bank	0	2

SUPER SENIORS DIVISION:

TEAM	W	L
Creative Industries	2	0
Legg Mason	1	0
Il Giardino Ristorante	0	1
L.A. Law	0	2

Antone's 11, Lombardi & Greenkeepers 10

L&G (formerly Comcast), scored four runs in the top of the seventh to take a 10-8 lead, but Antone's came back with three runs. Joe Tarulli had the game-winning hit. Dave Ball and Steve Fatula had four hits apiece for the winners. Keith Gibbons and Tony Williams hit homers for L&G. Larry Berra, Steve Ferro and John Mc Laughlin had two hits apiece.

D&K Associates 21, Linwood Inn 3

D&K got four hits apiece from Al Feigenbaum (2 Hrs) and Phil Spinelli. Cliff De Anna and Gerard McDermott contributed three hits apiece.

The Office 18, Crest Refrigeration 1

Ken Dunbar pitched an eight-hitter for the victory. Dennis Kosowicz and Bob Matten belted homers and Bob Seegar finished with three hits.

Marion & Jacobson Roofing 17, Northwestern Mutual 14 (6 innings darkness)

Steve Falco and Pete Osborn led Northwestern with three hits apiece. Rich Polonitza had two hits, including a homerun. Tony Abbaleo, Bob Bierman, Rich Grossberg, George Gonzalez and Tom Murray all had multiple hits.

Awings Galore 8, Union Center National Bank 5

In a well-played game, with plenty of defensive highlights, Dan D'Arcy (2-doubles), Roger Grutzmahr, Dennis King, Steve Lemanowicz and Joe Matarotonda each had two hits for the Bankers.

D&K Associates 9, Lombardi & Greenkeepers 6

D&K exploded for five runs in the sixth. Cliff De Anna and pitcher Tony Falzone led D&K with three hits apiece. Brian Hill, Brian Mc Dermott, Joe Salerno and Phil Spinelli each contributed two hits. L&G got three hits from Angelo Corbo, a double and homerun from Keith Gibbons and a single and

double from John McLaughlin.

Antone's Pub & Grill 11, Linwood Inn 4

Antone's blasted 17 hits, including three from Don Montefusco. Dave Ball, Ron Kulick, Don Pencinger and Joe Viso each contributed two hits.

The Office 18, Union Center Nat. Bank 13

The Office exploded for seven runs in the third, highlighted by run-producing triples from Jerry Peroulie and Ernie Spinelli. Lou Koehler cracked three hits. Jim D'Arcy rapped four hits while Charles Grier and Roger Grutzmahr had three hits each for the Bankers.

Northwestern Mutual 22, Crest Refrigeration 7

Lee Haliniewski, John Malone, Ed Mc Colgan and Jim Price powered the winners with three hits apiece, and Bob Bierman homered.

Marion & Jacobson Roofing 13, Awings Galore 10

SP's Kevin Ryan Earns Basketball Honors

GROTON, MA - Kevin Ryan, a senior from Scotch Plains, earned honorable mention from the Independent School League (ISL) for his performance on Lawrence Academy's varsity basketball team during the past winter season.

A student speaker at the awards ceremony, Kevin spoke of having to "learn a real sense of responsibility," knowing that "if we didn't give it our all, we would be letting a lot of people down, besides ourselves."

Kevin led the league in assists at just under six per game and was among the top three ISL players in steals. He also received honorable mention last year when his team made it to the finals of the NEPSAC Class C championships. Kevin, who also plays varsity golf for Lawrence Academy, is the son of Karen and Kevin Ryan.



Kevin Ryan

Feller Leads SP-F Orioles To, 7-5, Win Over A's

Oriole Freddy Feller drove in Nowell Whitehouse with the eventual winning run with a ground ball in the last inning of Scotch Plains-Fanwood Youth Baseball Association action against the A's.

Whitehouse led off the inning with a walk, and promptly stole second and third. After the A's committed to retiring Feller at first, Whitehouse scampered home with the go-ahead run. Nick Galasso doubled off the wall in center to drive in Evan Lubranski with the final run in the 7-5 triumph.

In the first inning, Galasso smacked a leadoff home run over the leftfield

wall. Ian Johnston scored the second run on a ground out by Matt D'Apuzzo. Down 3-2 in the second, the Oriole Whitehouse singled hard to right and Raymond Taylor tapped an RBI single to tie the score.

In the third, Whitehouse doubled home D'Apuzzo who had walked but the A's came back with a run in the top of the fourth. With Galasso on base, Brian Dempsey added an RBI with a hard base hit to centerfield. The A's came right back in the fifth to tie the game 5-5 on a long triple by Alex Tannenbaum, driving in Matt Harnett who had reached on a walk, and setting up the dramatic finish.

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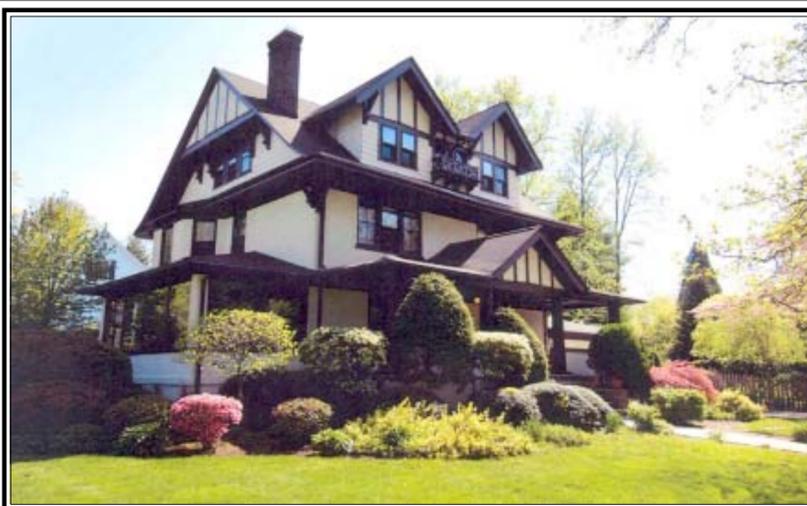


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