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It looks so easy, but damn I couldn't do it

Golf — the game of little white balls and big swinging sticks

BY ADAM HALL

ST. CATHARINES (CUP) — Goofy looking pants and a fat ass may describe the person you picked up at the bar last night, but it also describes the way many people look at the sport of golf.

Some people think of golf as one of the world's most unattractive sports. I mean, why chase around a little white ball? It seems pointless.

These same people feel that professional golfers aren't making a living, they are making fools of themselves.

These critics also tend to believe that, if they chose to, they could be as good as any of the professional players they see on television. How hard is it to hit a little white ball, anyway'

For those of you who approach the game this way, I challenge you to drop a ball and try your best to hit it 300 yards down the middle of a fairway.

These professionals that you see on television aren't just having fun, they make a living off the sport. And just like everyone else they take their job very seriously.

Recently I had an opportunity to use my press privileges to pick up a three-day pass to watch the Bell Canadian Open.

This is a stop on the Professional Golf Association tour that took place in Oakville at Glenn Abbey Golf and Country Club.

This was an opportunity for me to realize, first of all, how

horrible I actually am at golf, and secondly, how the lifestyle of a golfer is not always as much fun as I had at first anticipated.

I assumed these golfers were like all regular swinging hacks. They would go out and play their round of golf and afterwards take turns buying rounds for one another in the clubhouse.

To my surprise, their job was taken much more seriously then I had ever anticipated.

The players would get up at approximately 6:30 a.m. and proceed to hit a bucket of balls at the driving range.

They would then head to the course, play 18 holes of golf and after they had completed their round, would go back to the driving range and do it all over

For anyone who thinks that golfers live the easy life, try being away from your family 10 months of the year, constantly stuck in a

After seeing the effort these professionals put into their sport, I came to the realization that maybe the players that are constantly on top, pulling in hundreds of thousands of dollars each tournament, are not living the life of the average PGA tour pro.

I also learned that the lifestyle might not be as easy as I had first expected, and that the average golfer in goofy pants and a fat ass cannot and will not reach the professional level.

Dalhousie/Pepsi Athletes of the Week

Stef Finateri Women's Soccer

2nd year

Sault St. Marie, ON

Stef Finateri of the Women's Soccer team is the Dalhousie Tigers Athlete of the Week for the week ending September 26, 1999. Finateri, a second year striker from Sault St. Marie, Ontario, had two solid games for the Tigers over the weekend enabling them to move into a first place tie in the AUAA's East Division with their arch rivals from St. FX. On Friday, Finateri scored two goals to lead the team to a 6-0 win over Acadia and then added two more goals on Sunday, after setting up the winning goal in a 3-0 win over the X-Women. Stef, who had returned to the Dalhousie lineup after a one year absence, has been instrumental to the Tigers this year and their four game winning streak. Through five league games, the BA student has scored five goals, moving her into first place tie in the league for scoring with teammate Julie Pigozzo.

Jeff Hibberts Men's Soccer

Commerce Windsor Junction, NS

Jeff Hibberts of the Men's Soccer team is the Dalhousie Athletics Male Athlete of the Week for the week ending September 26, 1999. It was a record breaking weekend for Hibberts as he made solid contributions in two weekend wins that pushed the Tigers into first place in the East Division, three points ahead of St. FX. In Friday's 1-0 win over Acadia. Jeff scored the lone Tiger goal and was named Pepsi Player of the Game for his efforts. Not only did the goal win the game for the Tigers but it gave jeff 27 career goals, breaking the team record of 26, a record set in 1976. Hibberts continued his strong play as the Tigers faced St. FX on Sunday for the first place in the division. He scored another goal to contribute in a 30 victory, leaving the Tigers as one of the only two undefeated teams left in the AUAA. The striker, a fourth year Commerce student from Windsor Junction, Nova Scotia, is second in the AUAA in scoring with four goals.

Dalhousie Athletics This Week

Men's Soccer

Fri., Oct. 1 - Dal at Acadia, 4:30pm Sat., Oct. 2 - Dal vs UCCB, 4:00pm Sun., Oct. 3 - Dal at St. F.X., 4:00pm

Women's Soccer

Fri., Oct. 1 - Dal at Acadia, 2:30pm Sat., Oct. 2 - Dal vs UCCB, 2:00pm Sun., Oct. 3 - Dal at St. F.X., 2:00pm

Men's Hockey

Kelly Division Classic Tournament at Wolfville Sat., Oct. 2 - Dal vs Acadia, 7:30pm Sun., Oct. 3 - TBA

Swimming

Sat., Oct. 2 - Dal vs UNB at Dalplex, 2:00pm