

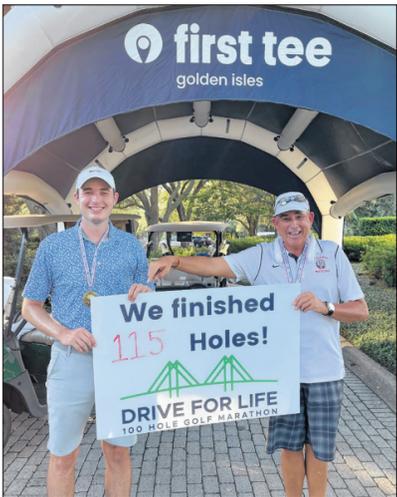
DRIVE FORE LIFE



Provided photo/Roy Boyd

Roy Boyd, right, and Ramie Shingler complete 100 holes for the Drive For Life Golf Marathon

Frederica graduate Roy Boyd raises money for First Tee



Provided Photo/Roy Boyd

A pair of golfers complete 115 holes for the Drive For Life golf marathon held by the First Tee.

By SEBASTIAN EMANUEL
semanuel@thebrunswicknews.com

Princeton's incoming freshmen Roy Boyd put together a golf marathon through the First Tee on Monday at Sea Island Golf Club's Retreat Course on St. Simons Island. With tee times starting at 7:45 a.m., 25 golfers and donors played 1,192 holes of golf in the 12-hour golf marathon that was put forth by Boyd and the team at First Tee of the Golden Isles. "We raised almost \$48,000 dollars," Boyd said. "It was to raise money for First Tee to help them create a local middle school golf tournament league in the Glynn, Camden, and McIntosh counties. I came to them with the idea in January, and I told them that I wanted to do a fundraiser to help raise money for them. "After we planned it for a few months, this is what we came up with this golf marathon idea. We had 25 people play and over 200-plus donors, which was really cool." For many, seeing that number of 1,192 holes of golf played by 25 people in a day seems impossible. Boyd clarified that donors were able to donate a one-time sum or a per hole for those who took part.

Boyd, a recent Frederica Academy graduate and varsity

Please see **Boyd, 2B**



Brynn Anderson/AP

Atlanta Falcon's quarterback Marcus Mariota takes part in drills at the team's practice facility Wednesday in Flowery Branch.

Mariota, Ridder take snaps at Falcons camp

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

FLOWERY BRANCH — Desmond Ridder has heard stories from NFL training camps where four or five quarterbacks line up for snaps, adding pressure to make the most of every repetition. There's no shortage of snaps for Ridder at the Atlanta Falcons' camp. Ridder, the rookie from Cincinnati, and veteran Marcus Mariota are taking almost every snap. The only other quarterback in camp, Feleipe Franks, is spending most of his time at tight end.

Second-year coach Arthur Smith wants to give Mariota, who opened camp as the starter, and Ridder, a possible long-term option, as much time as possible. "I mean, we'll still give Feleipe some reps at certain points, but when you have a limited number of reps, we're trying to make sure Marcus and Des get as many as they can," Smith said Wednesday, adding he has a "contingency plan" at the position.

That's just fine with Ridder. "I'm grateful for that," Ridder said. "Sometimes you might be a little tired out here because it's just two guys, but then you think you're working up to this point our entire lives ... and with three, four or five

guys in training camp you hear the stories that you might only get the one rep. You better make sure that rep counts.

"I'm just blessed to come in here and for right now be one of the two guys."

Ridder made a strong early impression as a quick learner at the rookie camp and minicamp. Even so, Mariota would have to be outplayed by Ridder to lose the starting job.

The Falcons signed Mariota to an \$18.75 million, two-year deal on March 21 after trading 14-year starter Matt Ryan to Indianapolis.

Mariota, 28, is motivated to take advantage of the opportunity to revive his career in his second stint with Smith, the former Tennessee Titans offensive coordinator.

Mariota, who was the Titans' top quarterback for his first four seasons, was limited to only a combined six starts the past three years with Tennessee and Las Vegas.

Now comes the fresh start he sought.

"I think for me, it's a great opportunity for me to prove, not only to myself but to those who have believed in me," Mariota said. "So I'm excited. The last couple of years was a great reset."

Mariota has 61 career starts and the added advan-

Please see **ATL, 2B**

Saudi-funded LIV Golf announces 2023 events

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEDMINSTER, N.J. — The Saudi-funded LIV Golf series announced a 14-tournament schedule for next year with 12 established team franchises and a chance for players to either be promoted or relegated through its series of Asian Tour events.

Greg Norman, the CEO and commissioner of LIV Golf, said Wednesday in a news release that the full schedule would be released later and would include stops across the world.

The rival league of the PGA and European tours plays its third event this week at Trump National Bedminster in New Jersey. The four additions to the 48-man roster of players are Henrik Stenson, Paul Casey, Charles Howell III and Jason Kokrak. The European tour stripped Stenson of his Ry-

der Cup captaincy for signing up with LIV Golf, after pledging full support to the tour when he was selected as captain in March.

Along with the 48-man field, no-cut events worth \$25 million in prize money, LIV Golf Investments has pumped \$300 million into the Asian Tour for "International Series" events. While details on promotion and relegation were not announced, players could earn their way into the LIV Golf League through their performance in these Asian Tour events, while those who finish toward the bottom of LIV Golf events would be replaced.

The news release said LIV Golf League players are expected to compete in "numerous" International Series events, which would mean playing more than the 14 tournaments on the 2023 LIV Golf schedule.



Evgenia Novozhenina/AP

WNBA star and two-time Olympic gold medalist Brittney Griner is escorted to a courtroom for a hearing, in Khimki just outside Moscow, Russia, on Tuesday.

Kremlin poker-faced on U.S. swap offer to free Griner, Whelan

By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV
Associated Press

MOSCOW — The Kremlin warned Thursday that a possible prisoner swap with the United States involving American basketball star Brittney Griner needs to be negotiated quietly without fanfare.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Wednesday that Washington had offered Russia a deal that would bring home Griner and another jailed American, Paul Whelan. A person familiar with the matter said the U.S. government proposed trading convicted Russian arms dealer Viktor Bout for Whelan and Griner.

Asked about the U.S. offer, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov replied that

prisoner swaps were typically negotiated discreetly behind the scenes.

"We know that such issues are discussed without any such release of information," Peskov told reporters during a conference call. "Normally, the public learns about it when the agreements are already implemented."

He emphasized that "no agreements have been finalized" and refused to provide further details.

In a separate statement, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said that Russian and U.S. officials have conducted negotiations about possible prisoner exchanges and "there has been no concrete result yet."

Please see **GRINER, 2B**

2 FREE

plus

Receive 2 drinks vouchers!

Make your Reservation NOW!

Mention this ad or bring it with you.

emeraldprincesscasino.com

Only for a limited time.

Television & More

HIGHLIGHTS

7:00 AM - Ch. A&E: PARKING WARS (CC) Citizens become irate after their cars are boot-ed. **7:30 AM - Ch. FX: MOVIE *** "American Made" (CC)** The true story of pilot Barry Seal, who transported contra-band for the CIA and the Medellin cartel in the 1980s. Tom Cruise, Domhnall Gleeson. **(2 hrs., 30 mins.)**

8:00 AM - Ch. HGTV: BEACH-FRONT BARGAIN HUNT (CC) Checking off a busy family's wish list for under \$450,000 is challenging. **8:30 AM - Ch. E!: MOVIE ** "Burllesque" (CC)** With help from a savvy stage manager and a gender-bending host, a cocktail waitress with a stunning voice becomes a performer in a club's musical revue. Cher, Christina Aguilera. **(2 hrs., 30 mins.)**

9:00 AM - Ch. 10: LIVE WITH KELLY AND RYAN (CC) Darren Criss (outdoor Broadway music festival Elsie Fest); emergency evacuation kit; a recipe. **(N) (60 mins.)**

9:30 AM - Ch. A&E: ROAD WARS (CC) Two drivers in Florida play a dangerous game of cat and mouse; two men pursue thieves in California. **(10:00 AM - Ch. 7: THE WENDY WILLIAMS SHOW (CC)** Candace Bushnell (Sex and the City); hot swimsuits; guest hosts Vivica A. Fox and Carson Kressley. **(60 mins.)**

10:00 AM - Ch. A&E: COURT CAM (CC) A murder suspect and his tiger flee from police; a violent offender attacks his attorney. **11:00 AM - Ch. 7: MAURY (CC)** Omar's sister thinks his girlfriend is pinning another man's baby on him. **(11:30 AM - Ch. 7: MAURY (CC))** Omar's sister thinks his girlfriend is pinning another man's baby on him. **(11:30 AM - Ch. 7: MAURY (CC))** Omar's sister thinks his girlfriend is pinning another man's baby on him.

FRIDAY MORNING													CM=Comcast AT=AT&T U-verse													JULY 29, 2022			
CM AT	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30									
NETWORK & AREA CHANNELS																													
WJXT	4	4	The Morning Show (N) (CC)				The Good Dish (N)	River City Live (N)	News	Relief	The Real (CC)	Wendy Williams	Kelly Clarkson	News	Inside														
WICT	5	5	Molly Wild	Hero	Almas	Curious Tiger	Donkey Elinor	Sesame Pink	Dinosaur	Clifford	Arthur Xavier	Odd Wild	Wild Road	Tell Me R.															
WCWJ	7	17	Nick Cannon (CC)	Kelly Clarkson	The 700 Club (N)	Wendy Williams	Maury (N) (CC)	The People's Court	Judge Mathis (N)	Paternity	Paternity	Jerry Springer (N)	Maury (N) (CC)																
WJAX	9	47	CBS Mornings (N) (CC)	The Doctors (CC)	Let's Make a Deal	The Price Is Right	News	Young & Restless	Bold	The Talk (N) (CC)	Tamron Hall (CC)	Dr. Phil (N) (CC)																	
WXXA	10	25	Good Morning America (N) (CC)	Kelly and Ryan	Drew Barrymore	The View (N) (CC)	Equity	Divorce	GMA3: What	General Hospital	First Coast Living	25	Jeopardy																
WTOG	11		CBS Mornings (N) (CC)	Morning Break	Let's Make a Deal	The Price Is Right	WTOG	Young & Restless	Bold	The Talk (N) (CC)	Drew Barrymore	WTOG	News																
WTVL	12	12	Today (N) (CC)		Today 3rd Hour (N)	Today-Hoda	First Coast Living	News		Days of our Lives	Blast	Blast	Drew Barrymore	Ellen DeGeneres															
WFOX	13	30	Action News	Action News	Minute	Minute	Rachael Ray (N) (N)	Dr. Phil (N) (CC)	Holly	Jdg Judy	Steve Wilkos Show	Hot	Jdg Judy	Jerry Jerry	Action N	FamFeud													
WISB	18	112	George George	George George	Broke Broke	Broke Broke	Friends Friends	Friends Friends	Friends Friends	Friends Friends	Friends Friends	Friends Friends	Friends Friends	Friends Friends	Friends Friends	Friends Friends	Friends Friends												
WVAD	202		Molly Wild	Hero	Almas	Curious Tiger	Donkey Elinor	Sesame Pink	Kitchen	Cook	Sesame	Donkey	Tiger	Go Luna	Nature	Wild	Almas	Xavier											
CABLE CHANNELS																													
A&E	32	132	Parking Parking	Parking Parking	Road Road	Court Court	Court Court	Court Court	Court Court	Court Court	The First 48 (CC)	The First 48 (CC)	The First 48 (CC)																
AMC	48	119	Theft Paid Prg.	Car Re	Health	(-15) ** "Youngblood" (1986)	Rob Lowe. (CC)	(-45) "National Lampoon's Vacation"	(-45) *** "The Breakfast Club" (1985) (CC)	"Sixteen Candles"																			
DISC	35	35	Shallow Water	Abandoned Waters	Rise of the Monster	Jaws Strikes Back	Lair of the Mega	Island Mega	Return to Lair	Monster Mako	Great White	Mega Jaws																	
DISN	16	302	Alice's Bluey (N)	Bluey (N)	Spidey	Bluey (N)	Bluey (N)	Bluey (N)	Bluey (N)	Bluey (N)	Bluey (N)	Bluey (N)	Bluey (N)																
E!	56	134	Sex-City Sex-City	Sex-City	** "Burllesque" (2010, Drama)	Cher. (CC)	Daily Pop (N) (CC)																						
ESPN	14	602	SportsCenter (N)	Get Up (N) (Live)		First Take (N) (N) (Live) (CC)		SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	This Just In (N)	NFL Live (N) (CC)																	
ESPN2	15	606	Keyshawn	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	Get Up (N)	Formula 1 Racing	First Take (N) (N) (CC)		Max	UFC Live	English Championship Soccer																	
FOOD	21	452	Paid Prg. Theft	Food Paradise	BBQ USA (CC)	Food Truck Race	Beachside Brawl	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive																	
FSSE	71		Boxing	Sports Sport.	Boxing	EntroBox: Christopher Diaz vs. Deivi Julio.		Live on the Line (N)	Rodeo Rodeo	Houston Wildcard.	3 Wide	Live on the Line	The Rally																
FSO	67		WNBA Basketball	Life	Spotlight	Tennis Classics	Tennis Classics	Live on the Line (N)	WNBA Basketball: Lynx at Dream	Golf Life	Live on the Line	The Rally																	
FX	38	129	Mom (N) *** "American Made" (2017)	Tom Cruise. (N)	*** "Deepwater Horizon" (2016) (N) (CC)	*** "Kingsman: The Golden Circle" (2017)	Colin Firth. (N)	** "Stuber" (2019) (N) (CC)																					
HBO	802		"What to Expect"	** "The X-Files" (1998)	'PG-13'	(-05) ** "Dracula Untold"	(-40) *** "Transporter 2"	Edge of the Earth	(-15) ** "Greenland" (2020)	'PG-13'	(-15) "Gravity" (CC)																		
HBS	39	450	Beach Beach	Beach Beach	Beach Beach	Battle on the	Battle on the	Battle on the	Battle on the	Battle on the	Battle on the	Dream	Dream																
HIST	49	256	Ancient Aliens (N)	Ancient Aliens (N)	Ancient Aliens (N)	Ancient Aliens (N)	Ancient Aliens (N)	Ancient Aliens (N)	Ancient Aliens (N)	Ancient Aliens (N)	Ancient Aliens (N)	Ancient Aliens (N)	Ancient Aliens (N)																
LIFE	28	360	Joyce M. Spaces	Grey's Anatomy (N)	Grey's Anatomy (N)	Grey's Anatomy (N)	Grey's Anatomy (N)	The Mentalist (N)	The Mentalist (N)	The Mentalist (N)	Castle "Nikki Heat"	Castle (N) (CC)																	
MAX	833		Frida 'R' (-32) ** "Death Warrant"	(-02) *** "Back to School"	"What's the Worst"	(-20) ** "Little Man" (2006)	** "Vanilla Sky" (2001)	Tom Cruise. 'R' (CC)	Jennifer																				
PARM	37	145	Paid Prg. Theft	Bar Rescue (CC)	Bar Rescue (CC)	Bar Rescue (CC)	Bar Rescue (CC)	Bar Rescue (CC)	Bar Rescue (CC)	Mom (N)	Mom (N)	Mom (N)	Mom (N)																
TLG	40	250	Hoard-Buried	Hoard-Buried	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper	900 Pound	40-Year-Old Child	Welcome	Welcome	Welcome																	
TNT	17	108	Charmed (N) (CC)	Charmed (N) (CC)	Charmed (N) (CC)	NCIS: New Orleans	NCIS: New Orleans	NCIS: New Orleans	NCIS: New Orleans	NCIS: New Orleans	** "Step Brothers" (2008, Comedy)																		
TOON	42	325	Coco. Coco.	Lellobee Thomas	Mecha Bugs	Total Total	Bears We Bare	Teen Titans Go!	Craig Craig	Craig Gumball	Gumball Gumball	Teen Teen																	
USA	25	124	Chicago Fire (N)	Chicago Fire (N)	Chicago Fire (N)	Chicago Fire (N)	Chicago Fire (N)	Chicago Fire (N)	Chicago Fire (N)	Chicago Fire (N)	Chicago Fire (N)	NASCAR Xfinity	Fast																

FRIDAY EVENING													CM=Comcast AT=AT&T U-verse													JULY 29, 2022			
CM AT	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30													
NETWORK & AREA CHANNELS																													
WJXT	4	4	News4JAX	News4JAX	News4JAX	ET	Inside Ed.	Last Man	Last Man	Big Bang	Big Bang	The 10 O'Clock News	News4JAX	DailyMailTV	Sheldon	black-ish													
WICT	5	5	NOVA (CC) (DVS)	News	BBC World	PBS NewsHour (N)	Wash	Hoover	Great American	Anthems	Antiques	Victoria & Albert	PBS NewsHour (CC)																
WCWJ	7	17	Two Men	Two Men	Mom (CC)	Mom (CC)	Big Bang	Sheldon	Penn & Teller: Fool Us	Animals	Animals	Law & Order: SVU	News4JAX	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Dateline													
WJAX	9	47	News	News	News	CBS News	FamFeud	FamFeud	Celebrity Renovation	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Action S	Late Show-Colbert	Corden															
WXXA	10	25	News	News	News	ABC News	FamFeud	News	Shark Tank	(-01) 20/20 (N) (CC)		News	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Nightline															
WTOG	11		WTOG The	News	WTOG The	CBS News	News at 7	ET	Celebrity Renovation	Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods	WTOG The	Late Show-Colbert	Corden														
WTVL	12	12	News	News	News	NBC News	Wheel	Jeopardy!	American Ninja Warrior	The semifinals continue.	Dateline NBC (N) (CC)	News	Tonight Show-J. Fallon	Meyers															
WFOX	13	30	News	News	News	News	TMZ (N)	Hollywood	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (Live)		News Jax	News	Action S	(-35) TMZ Live (N) (CC)	Mod Fam														
WISB	18	112	Friends	Friends	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Men in Black 3 (2012)	Will Smith. (CC)	(-05) Men in Black 3 (2012)	Will Smith. (CC)	Full Frontal	Ride 2															
WVAD	202		Odd Squad	Arthur	PBS NewsHour (N)	How She	Fork-Road	Mary-	Mary-	Great American	How She	Fork-Road	Confucius Was a Foodie	Great American															
CABLE CHANNELS																													
A&E	32	132	The First 48 (CC)	The First 48 (CC)	The First 48 (CC)	The First 48 (CC)	The First 48 (CC)	The First 48 (CC)	The First 48 (CC)	(-01) The First 48 (CC)	(-04) The First 48 (CC)	(12:03) The First 48																	
AMC	48	119	(4:00) "Sixteen Candles"	*** "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" (1982)	*** "Jaws" (1975, Suspense)	Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw. (CC)	*** "Jaws 2" (1978)	Roy Scheider. (CC)																					
DISC	35	35	Shark House (CC)	Great White Serial Killer	Great White	Jaws vs. the Blob (N)	Clash of Killers	Shark Women: Ghosted	The Great Hammerhead	Jaws vs. the Blob (CC)																			
DISN	16	302	Big City	Big City	(5:55) "Despicable Me 3"	Bunk'd	The Villains	Ultra Violet	Bunk'd	Ultra Violet	Jessie																		
E!	56	134	Sex-City	Sex-City	*** "Bridesmaids" (2011, Comedy)	Kristen Wiig, Maya Rudolph. (CC)	*** "Bridesmaids" (2011, Comedy)	Kristen Wiig, Maya Rudolph. (CC)	Celebrity Game Face																				
ESPN	14	602	Around	Interruption	SportsCenter (N) (CC)	The Basketball Tournament	The Basketball Tournament	SportsCenter (N) (CC)	SportsCenter (N) (CC)																				
ESPN2	15	606	College Football Live (N)	Daily Wager (N) (Live)	Athletes Unlimited Softball (N) (Live)	CFL Football BC Lions at Saskatchewan Roughriders. (N) (Live)	NFL Live (CC)																						
FOOD	21	452	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners																	
FSSE	71		(4:30) The Rally (N)	Braves Live! Pregame	(-15) MLB Baseball Arizona Diamondbacks at Atlanta Braves. (N) (Live)	Braves Live! Postgame	MLB Baseball: Diamondbacks at Braves																						
FSO	67		(4:30) The Rally (N)	World Poker	World Poker	American Ninja Warrior	American Ninja Warrior	WNBA Basketball: Lynx at Dream	Beach Voll.																				
FX	38	129	Stuber	** "Ted" (2012)	Mark Wahlberg, Mila Kunis. (CC)	** "The Hangover" (2009)	Bradley Cooper. (CC)	** "The Hangover Part II" (2011)	Bradley Cooper. (CC)	** Ted																			
HBO	802		(4:15) "Gravity" (2013)	Rehearsal	Anarchists	(-15) Irma Vep (CC)	(-15) "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider" (2001) (CC)	Real Time, Bill Maher	Rehearsal	Real Time, Bill Maher	Rehearsal																		
HBS	39	450	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream																	
HIST	49	256	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens																	
LIFE	28	360	Castle "Knockdown"	Castle "Lucky Stiff"	Castle "The Final Nail"	Castle "Setup" (CC)	Castle "Countdown"	(-03) Castle (CC)	(-03) Castle (CC)	(12:01) Castle "Setup"																			
MAX	833		(4:17) "Jennifer Eight" (1992)	(-23) "She's All That" (1999)	** "Real Steel" (2011)	Hugh Jackman. (CC)	(-07) "Shall We Dance?" (2004)	'PG-13'	(11:55) "Spare Parts"																				
PARM	37	145	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Movie (CC)																					
TLG	40	250	90 Day Diaries	90 Day Diaries	90 Day Diaries	90 Day Diaries	90 Day Fiancé	"More to Love: Last Sip Single" (N)	90 Day	The Family Chantel	90 Day	90 Day Fiancé																	
TNT	17	108	** "Bad Boys" (1995)	Martin Lawrence. (CC)	** "Bad Boys II" (2003, Action)	Martin Lawrence, Will Smith. (CC) (DVS)	All Elite Wrestling	** "Tag" (2018)	Ed Helms, Jon Hamm. (CC)																				
TOON	42	325	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	** "Gulliver's Travels" (2010)	Jack Black. (CC)	King of Hill	King of Hill	Futurama	Futurama	American	American																	
USA	25	124	** "Olympus Has Fallen" (2013)	Gerard Butler. (CC) (DVS)	** "John Wick" (2014, Action)	Keanu Reeves.	** "John Wick: Chapter 2" (2017, Action)	Keanu Reeves.	Chicago Fire																				

Boyd

Continued from page 1B

golfer, took part in his fundraiser, splitting 200 holes with his partner, and he felt the effects of 100 holes on his body the next day.

Being a volunteer with the First Tee after-school program for many years, this was Boyd's first sole fundraiser that proceeds went to the First Tee. The first fundraiser was near and dear to his heart.

"Last year, I came up with the idea to do a fundraiser to honor my dad's five-year anniversary of being cancer free," Boyd said. "The goal was to raise money for the hospitals, Mayo Clinic (Jacksonville) and the Brunswick hospital (Southeast Georgia Health System) to raise money for them for their cancer research departments because they helped my dad. I gave a third to the First Tee as well. I split the proceeds a third to each business. Last year we raised a little over \$20,000.

"The format was different though, it was through my school golf team and for the top four players. People could donate a one-time sum or donate based off the performance of our top four players. For every tournament that the 'A' team played, every par, \$1; every birdie, \$5; eagle, \$10, and we had a hole-in-one \$100. That one we ended up raising \$20,000 so a little under \$7,000 went to the First Tee."

Wanting to do something a little different, Boyd was able to double the earnings by changing up the format he built on his own.

But he wasn't entirely sure if the new format for the fundraiser would bring in more than the previous years \$20,000-plus.

"I didn't think the format of last year would work again," Boyd said. "Just because a lot of the donors I

brought in knew my dad and were donating because of what he went through. Or they were affiliated with Frederica Academy, I used Frederica's social media for promotions. So donations were alumni from Frederica or the golf team.

"I figured if I was doing it solely for the First Tee and Frederica wasn't involved I couldn't do the same format because I didn't have access to the Frederica Academy golf team. I wasn't entirely sure, but I knew that we would get more than \$20,000. My goal was to get \$40,000 and that's what I was hoping for. The First Tee said \$50,000 and I went with it because I thought it would be great."

The biggest difference between the two formats was, donors were allowed to partake in this fundraiser as opposed to just observing and donating to the players. Boyd wanted to bring about as many people to be involved and play as many holes of golf as they could.

With such great success that came out of the first golf marathon, Boyd said the format and preparation was the easy part. The tricky part was getting a golf course to agree to a days worth of lost revenue.

"We are thinking about Sea Palms, Sea Island, and Brunswick Country Club, any courses like that in the area, we just have to get them to agree to play on their course for a whole day," Boyd said. "That is the hardest thing because that is cutting their revenue for a day. If we can get the course then that is the hardest part done."

Boyd pointed out that the biggest improvements will come by way of increasing advertisement, as he already thought of ways to increase donations and participants in future golf marathons.

"I was thinking of using signs," Boyd said. "You know how people who are running for governor will

put a sign on the side of the road. I was thinking of doing something like that, we didn't have a really hands-on advertisement. It was mainly social media or us going around and telling people.

"If we do it again we will 100 percent do an ad or multiple ads in the Brunswick News because everyone reads it. The radio I don't think we used them this year but I know it will be massive. Just anything that can expose us to a broader audience because not everyone is going to be on social media that would want to play. Have actual physical signs, radio ads, the newspaper, and social media. Those will be awesome."

A big success for the golf marathon was having golf sponsors. Boyd said companies donated a minimum of \$125 to have their sign with their logo on the tee box of a hole. Some companies were generous enough to donate \$5,000, allowing them to have their company on the First Tee website as well as t-shirts, memorabilia and signs to showcase them.

Throughout the final weeks of the fundraising, Boyd kept tabs on how well the Drive For Life golf marathon was doing. Two weeks out he said the number was sitting at \$30,000, leaving some skepticism in his head about whether or not he could reach the goal he had in his mind. Things changed for the better.

"Then in the last week and a half, so many more people donated and signed up and it was crazy," Boyd said. "I would check it in the morning and it was at \$32,000 and then it was at \$38,000 at night and I was like 'What the heck.'"

"I checked it the day before and we were at \$42,000. I checked it halfway through my 100 holes and we were at \$47,000 and I was just shocked with how fast it was just jumping up. I was really happy with how we did."

ATL

Continued from page 1B

tage of familiarity with Smith's system, though the quarterback notes the coach has tweaked his playbook through the years.

"I feel very comfortable," Mariota said. "Being around Art for all of that time in Tennessee, I think that's where it comes from, but I think he's done a great

job of collaborating and creating new things. For us as an offense, it's exciting. It allows us to just go and play fast and do creative things, but for the most part, I feel really comfortable, I feel really confident and I like where we're at."

Eager to learn, Ridder is studying his playbook. He's also paying close attention to Mariota.

"Marcus has been in coach Smith's system before so he knows a lot

more," Ridder said. "I'm just trying to learn from him and learn how he goes about the game plan and learn how we go about things each and every week just so I can better myself and be the best I can be."

NOTES: The Falcons signed S Henry Black, who was released by the New York Giants on Tuesday, to a one-year deal. Black played for Green Bay in 2020-2