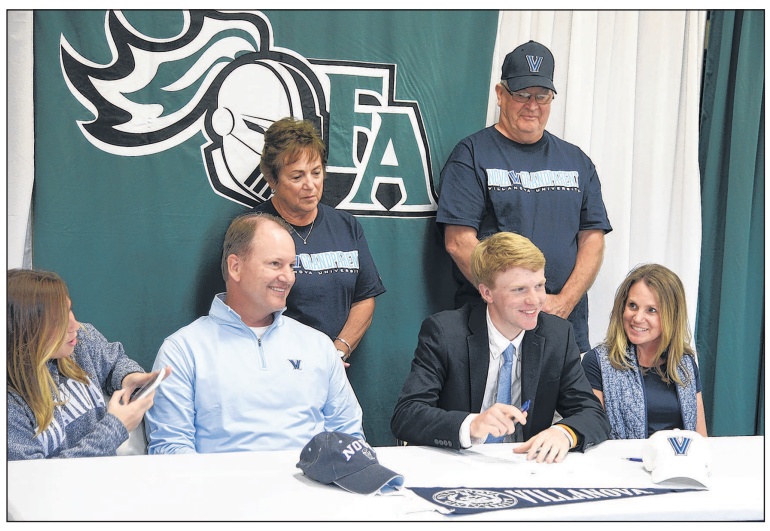

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Frederica Academy golfer Jack O'Hara signed a scholarship to play golf for Villanova during a ceremony at school Wednesday. Looking on is sister Meghan O'Hara, from left, father Tim O'Hara, and mother Colleen O'Hara. Standing is grandparents Pat and Fran Farrell.

Frederica Academy's O'Hara signs to play golf at Villanova

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Jack O'Hara's scholarship signing Wednesday took a little longer to come together, not because of a lack of interest, but so his sister could be there when he put pen to paper to sign his national letter of intent to play golf for Villanova University.

"I've been waiting for it," O'Hara said. "It's good to finally get it done."

O'Hara moved to the area with his family a couple of years ago from New York. His arrival came at the same time as Sarut Vongchaisit also transferred to Frederica Academy. The move not only allowed O'Hara to play more golf, but he made a fast friend in Vongchaisit.

"I knew I could be able to play more often," O'Hara said. "I didn't know Sarut was coming. He's turned out to be one of my best friends. Playing with him with how good he is has helped me get a lot better."

Along with Vongchaisit, the Frederica golf team also includes senior Thomas Hogan, bound for Ole Miss next year, and talented underclassmen. The talent has gone a long way to not only helping Frederica win 10 straight GISA state tournaments, but also helped improve the players' overall games.

"I played with some friends in New York, but they weren't that serious about it," O'Hara said. "Just going to the range and practicing every day, seeing there shots and playing friendly competitions makes you so much better."

Knights golf coach Tom Willis

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PREP ROUNDUP

Pirate baseball routs Ware on road

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The Brunswick High baseball team extracted a measure of revenge with an 11-1 win at Ware County on Wednesday.

The Pirates (10-3) lost to Ware in a close game last week in Brunswick. Wednesday's contest would follow a different path.

Kason Buie as hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the top of the first inning to put the Pirates up 1-0. The score stayed that way until Brunswick broke out for seven runs in the top of the fourth.

Two errors and a walk brought in the first run of the inning. After Hunter Goff was hit by a pitch, an error on a grounder off the bat of Matthew Trawick allowed Harrison Trawick and Anthony Cleveland to score to make it 4-0 Pirates.

Joe Smith walked, loading the bases for Dylan King. King answered with a double to center field to clear the bases and make it 7-0 Brunswick. A sacrifice fly by Darren Rowe would provide the final run of the inning.

Ware would get its only run in the fourth inning, but Brunswick added two more in the top of the fifth. Anthony Cleveland stole home and Harrison Trawick would score on a passed ball as the Gators' mistakes continue to lead to Pirate runs.

Brunswick made it an 10-point win its final run in the top of the seventh with Cleveland scoring on a Ware error.

While Brunswick took advantage of Ware's miscues at the plate, Harrison Trawick kept the Gators off-balanced at the plate. The pitcher threw a complete game, striking out 12 batters while just giving up 1 unearned run and allowing two hits.

The Pirates travel to Pierce County on Friday.

TENNIS

The Brunswick High tennis teams picked up wins Tuesday over New Hampstead.

The BHS boys won 3-1 with Colby Griner and Carson Shattuck picking up singles victories and the team of Key Imperial/Micah Williams winning in doubles.

The Lady Pirates swept New Hampstead 4-0. Sheliah Dawson, Kamari Knowles and Hannah Porterfield won in singles with the team of Jess Rosa/Haley Noel collecting the doubles win.

JV SOCCER

The Glynn Academy junior varsity boys soccer team had seven different players score in an 8-0 win over Ware County on Monday.

Miles Bowers had two goals with Edwin Interiano, Simon Van Boxel, Gage Carillo, Mike Mitchell, Lucas Acevedo and Jorge Montalvo each adding a goal. Bowers and Carillo also had an assist, along with Jack Dow, Andre St. Pierre and Emiliano DeLuna.

On Wednesday, the

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SOCCER DAYS

Glynn boys shut out Frederica on pitch

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Glynn Academy boys soccer coach Bobby Brockman had plenty to be happy about Wednesday after the Red Terrors' game against Frederica Academy.

The numbers on the scoreboard was a good place to start. After the two schools tied in last year's meeting, the Terrors blanked the Knights 3-0 on Wednesday at Glynn County Stadium.

"I was happy with the way we played," Brockman said. "It would have been nice to capitalize on more opportunities, but anytime you score three goals you should win the game. I was happy about that and happy about getting the shutout."

For Frederica coach Tim O'Sullivan, he said team that was more

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Glynn Academy's Ivan DeLuna Ruvalcaba, above, splits two Frederica defenders during Wednesday's game at Glynn County Stadium. Top, Frederica's Jacob Myers is defended by Glynn Academy's Brandon Dunn, left, and Truman Antah. Glynn won the game 3-0.

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Brunswick High's Carri Sturm goes around a defender during a game earlier this season. The Brunswick girls will be one of the dozens of teams competing at this year's Tournament of Champions.

Teams descend on Isles for annual tournament

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The Tournament of Champions does not end with one of the 28 schools competing this week hoisting a trophy.

What it does, however, is match soccer teams at different levels from across the state in the most competitive matchups possible. A total of 53 games will be played at the fields at North Glynn Recreation Complex and Jekyll Island starting today at 3:20 p.m. and ending with the final game starting at 2 p.m. Saturday.

There will be times when as many as seven games are played on different fields at the same time, said tournament director Andrew Madden.

The majority of the teams competing are from the Atlanta area. The tournament typically attracts several teams from outside the state, but this year only one team from Hoover, Ala., is playing this year, Madden said.

"It's some of the best talent in the state," he said. "If you're a soccer fan, this is a great weekend to come and watch."

Tickets are $5 per day or $15 for the entire tournament, which begins today.

What makes the event unique is it gives teams a chance to face

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