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LOADED FIELD WITH 8 OF TOP 10 IN WORLD RANKINGS SET FOR 62ND NORTHEAST AMATEUR INVITATIONAL

RUMFORD, R.I. – Welcome to the 62nd Northeast Amateur Invitational golf tournament which is scheduled for June 19-22 at Wannamoisett Country Club. The Northeast Amateur once again welcomes an elite field of golfers from around the United States, and the world, with this year's field including the No. 1 ranked Amateur in the world and the No. 1 ranked Junior player in the USA.

The Northeast is the second of seven tournaments in the Elite Amateur Series, a series which awards points to players in the field based on their finishes. Points leaders can earn exemptions into PGA Tour and USGA events. Nick Dunlap, the 2023 Northeast Amateur champion, finished second in the 2023 Series.

Tournament chairman Ben Tuthill has assembled one of the strongest fields in event history which includes many of the top collegians, Mid-Ams and junior (Under-18) players in the world. The field features players representing 10 different countries, from Austria and Australia to China and Thailand. Of the collegiate players set to tee it up, five were recently named 1st Team All-Americans and a host of players received Division I PING All-Region honors.

Leading the group of most decorated players are Auburn freshman Jackson Koivun and Vanderbilt's Gordon Sargent. Koivun just completed the greatest season ever by a college freshman as he led his team to its first NCAA Championship and became the only player ever to win the Jack Nicklaus (Div. 1 top player), the Ben Hogan (amateur of the year) and Phil Mickelson (top freshman) Awards in the same year. The Chapel Hill, N.C. native is ranked among the top five players in the World Amateur Golf Rankings.

Like Koivun, Sargent is also a 1st Team All-American. The Birmingham, Ala., native just completed his junior year at Vanderbilt and is a three-time 1st Team All-American and currently the top ranked underclassman in the World Amateur Golf Rankings. He starred for the victorious 2023 Walker Cup team at St. Andrew's, played in the 2023 Masters and made the cut at the U.S. Open in Los Angeles. He is the first player to earn their full PGA Tour card via the PGA Tour University Accelerated program but has elected to return to Vanderbilt for his senior year.

Koivun and Sargent are among nine members of the Arnold Palmer Cup team which will travel to play an International team at Lahinch (Ireland) in July. The others are Luke Clanton (Flor. St.), David Ford (North Carolina), Connecticut's Ben James (Univ. of Virginia), Michael LaSasso (Ole Miss), Jack Lundin (Missouri), Brendan Valdes (Auburn) and Jackson Van Paris (Vanderbilt).

Three Rhode Islanders are in the field: Tyler Cooke (Providence), Bobby Leopold (Coventry) and Harry Dessel (Barrington). Leopold is the reigning R.I State Amateur champion and will look for his fifth title next month at Warwick C.C.