

# Freshman Bader holds own at invitational

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In the first tournament of his college career, Russell Bader made it all the way to the finals. The freshman didn't expect to match up against his teammate.

## MEN'S GOLF

Last weekend at the Farnsworth/Princeton Invitational Bader won the first three matches of his collegiate career on his way to the final of the "Flight B" singles bracket.

In the finals, he met Taylor Cohen, his roommate for the weekend. Cohen beat Bader in straight sets, 7-6 (2), 6-1.

Cohen was impressed by the performance of his young teammate.

"That was great as a freshman," Cohen said.

"We roomed together at the tournament and the night before I told him it was a good job just getting to the finals as a freshman. It's a really good tournament."

Even with few college matches under his belt, Bader has had experience playing high levels of tennis before.

Bader came to Penn State after winning the Texas Class 5A Boys Singles Championship his senior year.

"You play on a big stage like that, it helps everywhere," Bader said.

"It even helps your confidence, just being under the pressure of people watching you. It definitely helps."

Bader entered Penn State as a

highly regarded recruit, ranked as the No. 32 highest mens player in the United States, according to TennisRecruiting.net, before eventually choosing to come to Penn State.

Bader said the change of pace from high school to college hasn't been much of an issue at all for him.

He said the biggest adjustment he has noticed is there are no easy games and he has to fight harder to compete in every match he plays.

The success at his first tournament should be a sign of things to come for Bader.

Coach Todd Doebler said he thinks the more match play Bader is able to get, the better off he will be.

"It was a good start for him. It's somewhat to be expected, he's a good player and loves to compete," Doebler said. "I think it was

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a nice start for him and he's only going to get better from here on out."

Doebler thinks that Bader should show a lot of improvement over the course of the year, and should be able to improve on his skill set.

"He's got an all-around game and he likes to compete," Doebler said.

"He's working really hard and usually guys like that improve a lot, as he gets a little bit stronger and gets used to college tennis, we probably think he will be playing at a whole new level when spring comes around."

Former Penn State tennis captain, who graduated after the 08-09 season, and fellow Austin, Texas native, Adam Slagter, played a big part of the reason Bader chose to be a Nittany Lion.

"The Big Ten is a great conference, Penn State offered me great athletics along with a great education," Bader said.

"I actually had a friend who came here Adam Slagter, he graduated a couple years ago and he was a big influence, he just loved it here, he showed me around and I love it."

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# Penn State triathlon team sweeps top three spots

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FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Countless hours of training paid off on Sunday for the Penn State Triathlon Team, when it completed a 1-2-3 finish among amateurs in the Olympic Triathlon at the Portage Lakes Triathlon and Duathlon in Akron, Ohio.

## CLUB SPORTS

The Olympic distance Triathlon consisted of a 1,500-meter swim, 40-kilometer bike, and 10-kilometer run.

Matthew Buda, a senior, finished third in the Olympic Triathlon, behind two professional triathletes, with a time of 2:01:41.

Despite his performance, Buda, in his third year with the team, pre-

ferred to focus on the overall effort of the team and their results.

"I was really happy for the team," Buda said.

Senior Nick Hetro finished first overall in the Sprint Triathlon, which consists of a 750-meter swim, 20-kilometer bike, and 5-kilometer run, half the distance of the Olympic Triathlon.

The team's impressive performance in the Olympic Triathlon was rounded out by four other top 10 finishers, including Jonathan Cochrane, who placed second among amateurs; Dan Palermo, who finished behind Cochrane in third; Patrick Weiler, a freshman, who placed fifth among amateurs; and Robert Nellis, placing 10th.

Other notable results included a third place finish in the Olympic Triathlon's Team Relay Division

by junior Troy Stram, Ryan Donaghy, and senior Will Seiberling, and a fourth place overall finish for junior Maddie Stark in the women's division.

Chris Vish, a senior, competed in the Olympic Triathlon, and ran into some trouble in the 10-kilometer run leg.

"I got some blisters and had to run barefoot," Vish said.

Despite the setback, he was still satisfied with his performance.

"It was my best one so far," he said.

Vish best his semester goal of two hours and 30 minutes by nearly 10 minutes, and now plans to work to improve his swimming to better his time even more.

Many of the members of the triathlon team regularly train at least six days a week. Senior Zach

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Matthew Buda  
senior - architectural engineering

Dilworth swims 9,000 yards, bikes 120 miles, and runs at least 24 miles a week, which surely helped him when "it came down to a .3 mile sprint" to preserve his place at the end of the race.

Stram swam 9,000 yards, biked 200 miles, and ran 30 miles each week during the summer to stay in shape for Triathlons and the even-more grueling Iron Man competitions that he competes in, which consist of a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike and a 26-mile run.

Stram is currently tapering off his training to stay rested for an Iron Man competition next weekend.

The Penn State Triathlon Team members have a wide range of experience in running triathlons. Some, such as Seiberling and Stram, who competed in the Olympic relay together, have been competing since high school. On the other hand, sophomore Josh Gleim successfully completed his first triathlon Sunday.

The team competes in an average of two triathlons each semester, and plans a major trip to compete in the annual Great Clermont Triathlon in Florida each year during the spring semester.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Sept. 23, 2010:

You make changes that point to a new path this year. Your ability to judge more of a salient trait. Relationships of all sorts might be slightly more difficult as you juggle what you think you should do and what you want to do. Boundary issues will appear. Whether you are single or attached, you will be dealing with how much to give. Avoid committing this year if you are single. If you are attached, you will move in a new direction if you can relax with your significant other's, swift changes. ARIES can be challenging.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)  
\*\*\*\* Invigorated, the Ram will be unstoppable. Issues that might be Full Moon-driven might be easily resolved with a different perspective and a willingness to try another way. A partner is difficult. You cannot change what is going on. Tonight: Think "fun." Make weekend plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)  
\*\*\*\* Know when to back off. What you think and feel also might be exaggerated in some form. This could be the result of the issues that surround you. Knowing that, the less done and the less said, the better the end results will be. Tonight: Vanish early.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)  
\*\*\*\* Zero in on what you want. A child or new friend could weigh you down in a substantial manner. Use diplo-

macy and walk away from what might be a distinct issue. Your smile goes far. Tonight: Where you are, the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)  
\*\*\*\* Step up to the plate. Though there could be an issue involving a child or loved one, you see a matter in a different light. How you deal with someone and the choices you make could be dynamic and long term. Let go of worry. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)  
\*\*\*\* You know how to look at the big picture. What is stopping you? You know what works and are an unusually creative thinker. Negativity can stop you from taking a necessary leap of faith. Trust yourself. Tonight: Where there is music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
\*\*\*\* Inadvertently, one issue or bond puts pressure on another. You might want to stop worrying so much and just do what feels right. Walk away from controlling behavior by not playing. Tonight: Listen to a dear older friend's suggestion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
\*\*\*\* You could take what is going on personally or you could just observe. Others seem strong and determined to have a situation unfold in the style they believe is best. Know when to say little.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
\*\*\*\* Understanding evolves to a new level if you observe more and judge less. When asked an opinion, the smart Scorp will pull back and diplomatically smile and say little. If you are feeling a bit awkward with a co-worker, distance yourself. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
\*\*\*\* You can move through a situation if you tap into your creativity and humor. While lightening up the problem, you'll find the solution with ease with the support of others. Do avoid a meeting. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
\*\*\*\* You might wonder what you need to do in order to balance what for many could be a tough situation. A boss or someone you look up to could be difficult at best. Know what you are doing, and be careful which circles you move in. Tonight: Put your feet up at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
\*\*\*\* You have a winning way, and you know it. Let your ability to excel in situations with many different issues or changing scenarios step right in. You might want to update your self-image or opinion about someone close. Tonight: Only where the action is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)  
\*\*\*\* Be sensible when it comes to spending and enjoying yourself. There needs to be a strong line of demarcation, whether you want it or not. Revise your long-term goals or a friendship that just might not be cutting it for you. Tonight: Time to treat.

BORN TODAY  
Actor Mickey Rooney (1920), singer Ray Charles (1930), singer Bruce Springsteen (1949) ...

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