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PGA:

The crowds looked smaller Saturday after Wie was eliminated.

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on the par-3 seventh and no birdies before playing the back nine in 2-under.

Lewis led after the second round, too, but few outside his immediate family probably noticed amid the Michelle Wie mania.

The 15-year-old from Hawaii was on the brink of becoming the first woman in 60 years to make a cut on the PGA Tour, but she fell apart in the last four holes and missed by two strokes.

"I thought it was phenomenal," Lewis said. "She's only 15 years old. Where were you guys when you were 15 years old? I was about 5-foot-6 and weighed about 120 pounds. I'm looking at her going, 'Gez, she's great.' I was hoping she'd make the cut."

Instead, Wie was headed to Ohio for the men's U.S. Amateur Public Links next week and attention at Deere Run was back on the guys.

The crowds looked smaller Saturday, or at least more spread out, and the tournament didn't seem to have quite the same buzz.

But the higher scores might have had something to do with it, too.

Lewis got off to a slow start with a bogey on the first hole, and he looked as if he might be in for a long day. His tee shot went into a bunker and then he flew the green, landing 91 feet behind the hole.

He got within 7 feet and had a chance to save par, but his putt ran about a foot long.

But just as he did Friday, Lewis got on a roll after a few holes, getting some help from nice putting.

He made a 30-footer for birdie on the par-3 seventh, and a 41-footer on 15. He also made one from 8 feet on No. 8.

"I didn't make as many short putts as I probably should have, but I felt like I had my game going pretty good," he said. "I struck the ball OK, and I felt like I hit it kind of where I wanted to most of the day."

And it was plenty to hold off the rest of the field, with nobody else able to mount much of a charge.

"I figured somebody would shoot a really, really low score, and I was kind of surprised nobody did," Lewis said. "It was kind of hard to get to some of the pins."

Johnson looked as if he might challenge Lewis when he holed a shot from 138 yards out for an eagle on No. 1. But he'd fallen back to par for the day by the sixth hole, and couldn't get much else going.

Irwin leads Senior Players: Hale Irwin moved closer to his 12th career major victory, shooting a third straight 4-under 68 for a one-stroke lead after three rounds of the Senior Players Championship in Dearborn, Mich.

Still dominant more than a month after turning 60, Irwin moved to 12-under 204, a stroke ahead of Dana Quigley (72), Edmond resident Gil Morgan (67) and Tom McKnight (70).

Don Pooley (65) is two shots back, and Peter Jacobsen (71), David Eger (65) and former Oklahoma State golfer Doug Tewell (65) trail by three.

Tom Watson (70), Gary McCord (69) and Cascia Hall and University of Tulsa graduate Ron Streck (72), who is coming off a victory last week, are among five players tied at 8-under.

Han leads by two: In Sylva, Ohio, after parring 11 holes in a row, Hee-Won Han rolled in birdie putts on two of the last three holes to cap a 5-under 66 for a two-stroke lead through three rounds of the Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic.

Han, who started the day a shot behind Beth Daniel, was at 11-under 202.



Doug Foley (top) races to catch Rick Cooper in the Top Fuel category at Tulsa Raceway Park on Saturday.

Top fuel races back

► Up-and-comers pull out all stops to try to attract a fan base.

By **GLENN HIBDON**
World Sports Writer

Consider Doug Foley a top-fuel late bloomer.

At 41, the Sewell, N.J., resident said he's ready to take the world by storm. Named the 2004 International Hot Rod Association's Pro Rookie of the Year, Foley wanted to give a record crowd of more than 10,000 a glimpse of his brilliance Saturday night during the third annual IHRA Night of Fire at Tulsa Raceway Park.

"I want the track record and I think I can go 4.80 (seconds) and 300 (miles per hour)," Foley boasted before his two exhibition passes on a program that featured a pair of jet cars and a 40,000-horsepower Kenworth jet truck. "We're here to build a fan base and we won't back down at all. We want to let the fans have fun."

However, it was Rick Cooper of Boise, Idaho, who gave enthusiasts the biggest thrill of all, setting a track record of 4.93 seconds at 264.49 mph. Foley never could find the right traction and settled for a best elapsed time of 5.89.

Second in IHRA points, Foley lined up against No. 4 Cooper

TULSA RACEWAY PARK

in a battle that marked the long-awaited return of top fuels to Tulsa. The pair will probably come back if TRP lands an IHRA national event. President Aaron Polburn said that could happen by 2007.

Foley said Cooper showed up in Tulsa this weekend for the same reason he did. It's all about public relations and name recognition. The next Kenny Bernstein has to come from somewhere.

"If we build fans fast, our careers may stay around a little longer," said Foley, who finished third in IHRA top fuel points as a rookie, leading to Doug Kuch being selected Crew Chief of the Year.

Clay Millican has won all five IHRA top fuel events this season with Foley finishing second at the Virginia Nationals on May 28 and the Rocky Mountain Nationals on June 26. Millican leads Foley by 176 points after Foley finished 3-0 in final rounds last season.

"I had never lost in the finals until this year," said Foley. "Millican has got a big budget and excellent people working for him. He's made a lot of laps. Experience does matter and I would have liked to start several years ago, but in my situation driving is one of the

least tasks I do.

"I own and run my team, drive my own rig and deal with sponsors. When all of that comes into play, I'm not sure it could have been put in place any earlier in my career. I've been offered good rides, but I don't want to be an employee of another team.

"I have young children and I get to determine my own schedule. I can pick and choose my sponsors and call my own shots. It's a hell of a luxury."

Foley chose to completely renege his team this year.

"We changed everything over the winter. Nothing's the same," Foley said. "I think we have more power in our new program. We're still working on some tuneup issues and we're a couple of races behind schedule because we went to two cars in January. That put us behind the eight ball, but Doug Kuch is doing a phenomenal job."

Bob Motz and his King of Quake Kenworth jet truck blew the back fencing down and caught it on fire while clocking 7.01 seconds at 224.02 miles per hour. Lou Pereira, driving the Terminator jet car, timed 5.39 at 294.95 compared to Danny Sullivan's 5.57 at 283.73 in Chicago Rush.

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"I probably would have done the same thing."

Boston pitcher David Wells, discussing the incident last week in which Texas pitcher Kenny Rogers shoved two cameramen. Wells compared the photographers' actions to sexual assault.

Looking Ahead

FIVE-GAME PLANNER



Texas League Baseball				
TODAY At Springfield 1:10 p.m. KTZB am1430	MON 7-11 Vs. Frisco 7:05 p.m. KTZB am1430	TUE 7-12 Vs. Frisco 7:05 p.m. KTZB am1430	WED 7-13 Vs. Frisco 7:05 p.m. KTZB am1430	THU 7-14 Vs. Frisco 7:05 p.m. KTZB am1430



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SAT 7-16 Vs. Rio Grande Valley 7 p.m. KRMG am740 KWHB-747	SAT 7-23 Vs. Amarillo 7 p.m. KRMG am740 KWHB-747	SAT 7-30 At OKC 7:30 p.m. KRMG am740 KWHB-747

OTHER LOCAL SPORTING EVENTS

SUNDAY

Horse Racing:
Fair Meadows, 4:05 p.m.

MONDAY

No events are scheduled.

TUESDAY

No events are scheduled.

To add an event to the calendar, please e-mail lisa.swanson@tulsaworld.com

Television/Radio

Time	Game	TV	Radio
BASEBALL			
Noon	NL: Chicago Cubs at Florida	WGN-13	
1:10 p.m.	TL: Tulsa at Springfield		KTZB-1430
3 p.m.	Minors: Exhibition, Future Stars Game	ESPN2-26	
7 p.m.	NL: St. Louis at San Francisco	ESPN-25	KRVT-1270
BOXING			
10 p.m.	Sunday Night Fights	FSN-27	
GOLF			
1 p.m.	PGA: John Deere Classic, final round	KTUL-8	
1 p.m.	LPGA: Jamie Farr Classic	ESPN2-26	
3 p.m.	PGA: Champions Tour, Senior Players Championship	KOTV-6	
MOTOR RACING			
11:30 a.m.	Champ Car World Series, Molson Indy Toronto	KOTV-6	
2:30 p.m.	NASCAR: USG Sheetrock 400	KJRH-9/2	
TENNIS			
1 p.m.	ATP: Hall of Fame Championship, final	FSN-27	
SOCCER			
5:30 p.m.	Women's national teams, exhibition, U.S. vs. Ukraine	ESPN2-26	
TRIATHLON			
11 a.m.	Escape from Alcatraz	KOKI-5/23	
MISCELLANEOUS			
Noon	Tulsa's World of Sports	Cox-3	
Noon	Dew Action Sports Tour, Right Guard Open	KJRH-9/2	



SHERRY BROWN / Tulsa World

Eric Caudle in the No. 7 Chevrolet wins his heat in the Super Trucks Division at JRP Speedway on Saturday.

France one win ahead of race idol

► Youth hopes to race against Earnhardt Jr. sometime in the future.

JRP SPEEDWAY

By **TIM LANDES**
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When he's out of the car, Jacob France has a look similar to his idol Dale Earnhardt Jr. — short blonde hair, sunglasses on top of his head and a red shirt.

While France is only a 12-year-old racer in the Minicup Future Star Series, he has accomplished something his Nas-



France

Tenn., native.

After starting in Quarter Midgets at the age of five, France made the move to the Minicup Future Stars last year and finished the season in second place. This year, he is the current points leader.

During the past two years, France said competing in the circuit has allowed him to spend a lot of time inside a car.

"Last year, we went up to New Hampshire, and this year we've already been to Florida," France said. "We've been here since Wednesday practicing."

"We've been working hard and it finally paid off for us."

A wreck in the final laps brought out a caution, but as soon as the race resumed under green, France shot back out to a commanding lead to grab the victory.

While he dreams to race against Junior someday, France has a lot of car upgrades to make.

After this year, France said he plans move to the Open Division, where he can compete until he is 15. The next step will be the Pro Division.

But with this season nearly over, France has plenty to keep him busy.

"We're going back home, and I think we have one more race before Nationals, which is in North Carolina," France said.

France said he hasn't had a lot of free time since school got out.

"We've been working hard all summer, and in a couple of weeks, I've got to go back to school," France said. "Right after I go back to school, I'm going to Nationals and see what we can do there."

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BASKETBALL

West rolls: Sheryl Swoopes made sure the West stayed a perfect 6-0 in the highest scoring All-Star game in WNBA history on Saturday.

Swoopes, the game's MVP, scored 15 points to lead the West to a 122-99 shootout win over the East. It was the West's largest margin of victory, and the most points the East has scored. Nolan led the East with 20 points. Indiana's Tamika Catchings and New York's Becky Hammon finished with 18.

Simmons joining Bucks: Forty-eight hours after coveted free agent Michael Redd rebuffed Cleveland's offer and chose to stay in Milwaukee to play alongside No. 1 draft pick Andrew Bogut, free agent Bobby Simmons decided to join them.

Jones going pro: Saint Joseph's center Dwayne Jones is skipping his senior season for a shot at the NBA. Jones was close to signing with the Minnesota Timberwolves.

BASEBALL

Laval can shop around: LSU will not offer coach Smoke Laval a pay raise if another school makes him an offer, athletic director Skip Bertman says.

Bertman said Laval is getting "a good salary and Smoke would never do this for a negotiating ploy."

Laval, who leads the Southeastern Conference in regular-season SEC victories during his four years as LSU coach, has been linked by media reports to the vacant head coaching job at Oklahoma.

"Whoever started this, it's crazy," Laval said of reports linking him to the Oklahoma job. "I don't have anything to say. I'm

not there, and I've never been contacted by them."

TENNIS

Spadea advances: Second-seeded Vince Spadea advanced to the final at the Hall of Fame Tennis Championships, in Newport, R.I., beating No. 7 seed Paul Goldstein, 7-6 (6), 6-2. Spadea will face defending champion Greg Rusedski, who defeated Wesley Moodie, 7-6 (2), 6-4.

Gaudio to face Wawrinka: Stanislas Wawrinka beat Romanian qualifier Razvan Sabau 7-6 (7), 6-4 to reach his first ATP final. The 20-year-old Swiss will face Gaston Gaudio of Argentina, who defeated Nicolas Massu of Chile 6-3, 6-2.

France leads Spain: Amelie Mauresmo and Mary Pierce cruised to straight-set victories to give France a 2-0 lead over Spain in the Fed Cup semifinals at Aix-En-Provence, France. Mauresmo breezed to a 6-4, 6-3 win over Anabel Medina Garrigues. Pierce topped Nuria Llagostera Vives 6-4, 6-4.

OLYMPICS

Change lineup: The IOC has two suggestions for baseball if it wants to return to the Olympics after the 2012 Games: Put in place tougher doping rules, and put major leaguers on the field.

"The message is clear," International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge said. "The IOC wants clean sport, the best athletes and universality."

Baseball was singled out because major leaguers don't compete in the Olympics and its drug-testing program falls way short of international standards. Softball must increase its global appeal to win back its place, Rogge said. The sport also was

hurt by its perceived ties to baseball.

BOXING

Boxer ordered to trial: A boxer who fights under the nickname "The Harlem Hammer" will stand trial on charges that he used a hammer to kill a sports writer and then torched his Hollywood apartment. Judge Kevin Brown ruled there was enough evidence to try James Butler Jr. on charges of murder and arson. Sam Kellerman, 29, was found dead in his apartment on Oct. 17, 2004.

MOTOR SPORTS

Driver out of hospital: In Sparta, Ky., Rick Crawford missed the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series race at Kentucky Speedway after crashing during qualifying, ending his series-record streak of consecutive starts at 210. The 46-year-old Crawford spun his Ford coming out of the second turn and hit the wall along the backstretch. He exited the truck under his own power and was released from a hospital after a series of tests.

FOOTBALL

Seminoles lose quarterback: Wyatt Sexton, the Florida State quarterback who was found disheveled and disoriented on a city street last month, has been diagnosed with Lyme disease and will miss the upcoming season, the university said. Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said the university would seek a sixth year of eligibility for Sexton, who has already used his redshirt season. He is the Seminoles' only experienced quarterback.

From staff and wire reports