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Golf

WANTED: St. John's center Zuby Ejiofor is going to need a backup

Pitino, Storm

ready for final

dress rehearsal

By ZACH BRAZILLER

Saturday afternoon will be the final

tune-up for St. John's ahead of the Nov. 4

regular-season opener against Fordham at

Carnesecca Arena. After rallying from a

big deficit to beat No. 25 Rutgers at Jersey

Mike's Arena, Rick Pitino's Johnnies will

be back in Queens to face Towson, which

was picked to win the CAA, in an exhibi-

tion. All proceeds will go to the charity

Neither Portuguese import Ruben Prey

nor USC transfer Vince Iwuchukwu stood

out in the win over Rutgers. Neither

played in the second half. Expect them

both to see more action against Towson.

Starting center Zuby Ejiofor shined in that game, producing 27 points and 13 re-

bounds, but he was on the floor for a

whopping 34 minutes. That's not a sus-

tainable model. St. Johns needs one of

Iwuchukwu and Prey to emerge to lessen

Deivon Smith, an All-Big East second team preseason selection, came off the

bench against Rutgers after missing extended time in the preseason with shoul-

der and hamstring injuries. He seemed in-

between and unsure of himself for most of

the game before helping the Johnnies

close out the win late with some nice

passes and a few strong drives. This is a

chance for the highly regarded Utah trans-

fer to build off that and play his game, which means pushing the ball, attacking

Pitino treated the second half against

Rutgers like it counted, and expect him to

handle the second half against Towson in

a similar fashion if it's close. St. John's

wasn't ready to start the season last year,

and it showed in non-conference losses to

Michigan, Dayton and Boston College that

ultimately cost the Red Storm an NCAA

Tournament bid. He has emphasized be-

ing ready to go by Nov. 4, working more

on team concepts and teaching his offen-

sive and defensive system than individual

skills dating back to the summer. It is why

he scheduled a road exhibition at Rutgers

and opted to play Towson, which is con-

sidered the class of the CAA. He felt these

games would prepare the Johnnies well

and harassing ball handlers.

This game matters

for the season.

**Can Smith build off strong finish?** 

Autism Speaks.

Ejiofor's workload.

Here's what to watch:

The battle to back up Ejiofor

Nicolas Echavarria Taylor Moore...... 64-64 128 63-67 130 66-64 130 Justin Thomas 64-67 131 65-66 131 68-64 132 64-68 132 64-68 133 65-68 133 65-68 133 65-68 133 65-68 134 69-65 134 69-65 135 66-69 135 66-69 135 66-69 135 66-69 135 66-69 135 66-69 135 66-70 136 68-68 136 68-68 136 68-68 137 68-69 137 Seamus Power Rickie Fowler...... Max Greyserman ... Andrew Novak ..... Taisei Shimizu Jhonattan Vegas Kevin Yu..... Takumi Kanaya Adam Schenk Sam Stevens . Kensei Hirata Rvosuke Kinoshita... Andrew Putnam. Nick Taylor ...... Zac Blair..... Ryo Ishikawa...... Nate Lashley ...... Kyoung-Hoon Lee . Luke List ..... Collin Morikawa Chad Ramey ..... I.I. Spaun. Yuta Sugiura Doug Ghim... Harry Hall Lee Hodges Rico Hoey. Chan Kim. Seonghyeon Kim. Kurt Kitayama.... Matt Kuchar ...... Ben Silverman.... 69-68 137 71-66 137 69-68 137 69-69 138 69-69 138 73-65 138 68-70 138 71-68 139 71-68 139 Ren Yonezawa Carson Young. Min Woo Lee Gary Woodland... Joel Dahmen..... Tom Hoge Max Homa Si Woo Kim ...... Ben Kohles...... Chandler Phillips .. Mark Hubbard ..... 68-71 139 71-68 139 70-69 139 67-73 140 Sungjae Im ..... Yuto Katsuragawa...

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Maja Stark	66-66	132	-12
Marina Alex	69-64	133	-11
Na Rin An	66-67	133	-11
Wei-Ling Hsu	65-68	133	-11
Hae-Ran Ryu	64-69	133	-11
Hye Jin Choi	68-66	134	-10
Ruoning Yin	67-67	134	-10
Gabriela Ruffels	69-66	135	-9
Celine Boutier	67-69	136	-8
Kristen Gillman	66-70	136	-8
Bianca Pagdanganan	70-66	136	-8
Jeeno Thitikul	67-69	136	-8
Nataliya Guseva	67-70	137	-7
Ariya Jutanugarn	69-68	137	-7
Moriya Jutanugarn	68-69	137	-7
Ruixin Liu	65-72	137	-7
Mao Saigo	63-74	137	-7
Chanettee Wannasaen	67-70	137	-7
Amy Yang	66-71	137	-7
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Champions Tour-Simmons Bank Champ At Pleasant Valley; Little Rock, Ark.; Purse: \$2.3 million; Yardage: 7,101; Par: 72

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	ason Caron	31-34	65	-7
F	Retief Goosen	32-33	65	-7
	(.J. Choi	34-32	66	-6
1	Miguel Angel Jimenez	33-33	66	-6
	7.E. Yang	32-34	66	-6
E	Billy Andrade	33-34	67	-5
ŀ	Hiroyuki Fujita	35-32	67	-5
F	Padraig Harrington	34-33	67	-5

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