Baltimore Orioles complex may have golf

NAPLES, Fla. — Golfwas to have played an important part in a planned Collier County spring training stadium for the Baltimore Orioles, but the Birds aren't yet in hand.

Developers, investors and baseball officials are cautious in comments on progress of negotiations for the proposed 445-acre complex that would house a 6,000-seat stadium, 203-acre golf course, 60-acre regional park, soccer fields, jogging track and 84-acre commercial center at the corner of Interstate 75 and Immokalee Road.

Pullout last December of Baltimore-based backer USF&G has presented a problem.

Financial backing is needed to pay for the \$16-million stadium. The county's tourist tax fund supposedly would collect about \$1.5 million annually specifically for baseball.

Developer must hire planner

FRENCHTOWN, N.J. — Developers of a proposed golf course in Tinicum Township have reached agreement with supervisors on hiring a professional planner to review zoning amendments that would allow the project.

Mario DiLiberto wants to convert his River Road quarry into a "championship golf course" and clubhouse.

The two sides had been at odds overwhich planner should be used.

"It would be criminally negligent not to seek professional advice" before approving the golf course amendment, said township solicitor Robert Sugarman.

George O'Connell, DiLiberto's attorney, questioned why the planner is needed. He called the board's request for a land development plan "putting the cart before the horse." He added, "We are prepared to submit a land development plan, but only after the zoning change is adopted.

O'Connell said the plan would cost "several hundred thousand dollars," and his client is "not prepared to spend the money without an ordinance in place."

\$75M project will be first for Tennessee community

FAIRVIEW, Tenn. — Fairview's first golf course will be part of a \$75-million project on 610 acres of undeveloped land. About 450 new

houses will be included.

Greene Springs, located on the east side of the city and south of Highway 100, has received zoning

approval

The project is being developed by Joseph C. Greene and Associates. Bob Greene is in charge.

Tee-time waits behind, golfer develops course

WINNECONE, Wis. — Lake Breeze Golf Club, testimony to LaVerne Olson's faith and vision, should hit its Memorial Day target opening date for the front nine.

The back nine is expected to open July 1.

Olson, a retired accountant, took the construction plunge after enduring lengthy trips to find a place to play golf. He feels Lake Breeze will help fill the recreational needs of community and family.

Jim Hasz, who assisted Madison architect Homer Fieldhouse in course design and was prominent in construction, will be the course superintendent. Olson will manage the course and Craig Tordour will be the club professional.

Lake Breeze is located on the west side of state Highway 110 between Lasley Point Road and State 116 in the town of Winneconne.

Construction began Jan. 19,1990. Five months later, the state Department of Transportation expanded Highway 110, which is near the course, to four lanes. This meant loss of 12 Lake Breeze acres and forced re-design.

Olson weaved into the course a unique tribute to the Badger State. The first green is in the shape of the state of Wisconsin.

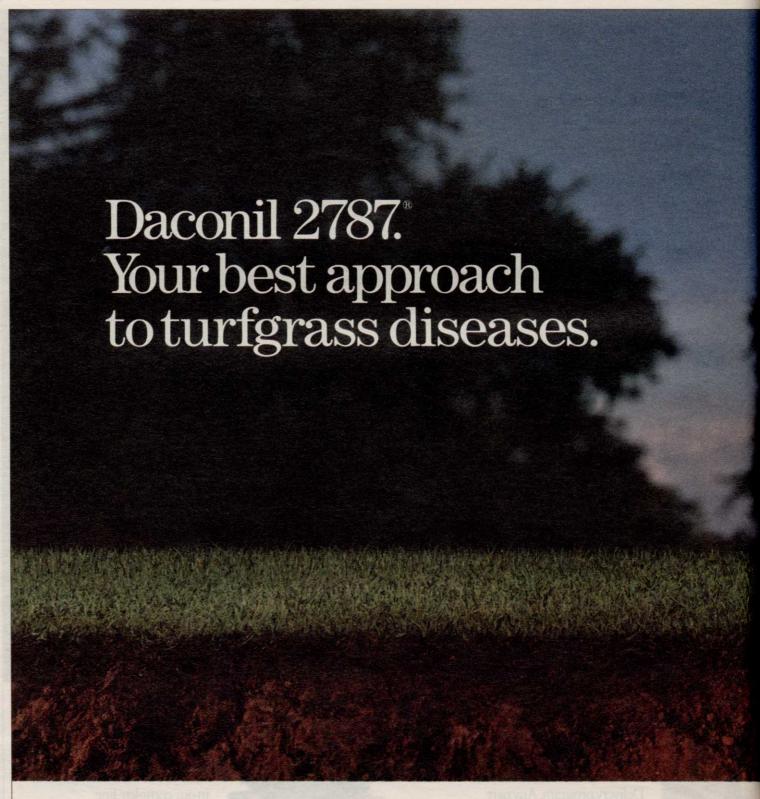
Okeechobee adds 2nd nine holes

OKEECHOBEE, Fla. — Okeechobee Golfand Country Club should be an 18-hole course by Jan. 1.

Club manager Ray Coburn, who received a final permit of construction from the South Florida Water Management District, began actual construction March 1 and the digging phase April 1. A control structure permit will be the final paper process.

Four fairways have been seeded. Aroad will be opened this summer. The new nine has an "all-in-the-family" approach,

Ray Jr. is the course superintendent. He was active in the course maintenance field for 15 years before returning to Okeechobee GCC four years ago.



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