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YEAR	PLAYER	COUNTRY
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2005	Andrew Bogut	Australia
2002	Yao Ming	China
1998	M. Olowokandi	Nigeria

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CVS CAREMARK CHARITY CLASSIC

IT'S TAKEN BY STORM



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An ominous sky, a rain-filled bunker at the 15th hole and scores of departing fans tell the story of how yesterday's CVS Caremark Charity Classic unfolded. Because of the weather, the tournament was shortened to a 28-hole event, with Bubba Watson and Camilo Villegas winning in a playoff.

Villegas, Watson win out

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BARRINGTON — Even as thunder was rumbling overhead, lightning was flashing in all directions and hail was bouncing on the 18th fairway, Bubba Watson and Camilo Villegas were hoping they would get to play more golf yesterday.

Watson and Villegas, two of the hottest young stars on the PGA Tour, were at Rhode Island Country Club taking part in the 10th annual CVS Caremark Charity Classic. They were in a tie for first place when what had begun as a beautiful day turned downright nasty in early afternoon. A violent storm forced a halt in play.

All 20 players, as well as the 8,000 or so fans, had been warned in time to get to safety. When the storm did arrive, it was a big one. It was so bad that the course, especially the finishing holes along Narragansett Bay, were flooded. It certainly did not look like anyone would be able to play any more golf.

Rather than giving up, organizers decide to wait, which surprised some. It would be one thing if this was a tour event. As an exhibition, though, there was no real need to finish. Most of the players had flights scheduled later in the day to take them to their next tournament. But the players, as well as the organizers, wanted the show to go on.

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Odd couple defeats competition and weather

BARRINGTON — Mark Twain had the right idea, but the wrong time frame.

"If you don't like the weather in New England," he said, "wait a few minutes."

It required a wait of a few hours — four, in fact — for a pair of severe thunderstorms, which included pounding hail, in addition to copious quantities of lightning, to pass over Rhode Island Country Club yesterday afternoon.

But, before the day was over, the sun was shining brightly over the classic Donald Ross-designed course beside the bright, blue waters of Narragansett

Bay — particularly for the odd couple of Camilo Villegas and Bubba Watson, who racked up three birdies in a hastily-devised, three-hole playoff to win the 10th edition of Billy Andrade's and Brad Faxon's annual golfing clambake, best known as the CVS Caremark Charity Classic. "Billy and 'Fax' do such a great job with this tournament," said Villegas, whose ripped and cut physique makes him look more like an NFL defensive back than a PGA Tour golfer.

They do, indeed. Even if, when the storms came rolling in, they had no idea what they were going to do.

Only the day before, when there was a brief shower that didn't interrupt

play, Andrade had said: "We've never had a delay. We've never had a stoppage of play."

Suddenly, yesterday afternoon, they were faced with a lengthy delay.

"Can you believe how bad it was?" Andrade said. "Paul Goydos saw that hail coming down and he was getting nervous. He said: 'We don't have that in California.'"

Given the severity of the storms, and the amount of water accumulating on the greens and fairways, turning bunkers into small ponds, and making it seem as if a particularly high tide had just receded from the course, it

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Tom Ryan, CEO of CVS, left, congratulates Camilo Villegas yesterday at the CVS Caremark Charity Classic. Villegas and Bubba Watson teamed to win the tournament in a three-hole playoff.

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Maybe this might help the captain right his ship

BOSTON — For the last two weeks, Jason Varitek's batting average has dipped almost as sharply as the price of gas has escalated.

He endured a hitless streak covering 24 at-bats, the longest of his career, and when he came to the plate in the eighth inning last night, he could claim only four hits in his last 47 at-bats, a far-from robust .091 batting average.

It's frequently said about Varitek that his main contribution comes from behind — not at the plate and that any offense he provides is purely a bonus.

But this was getting ridiculous.

Varitek had become almost an automatic out, so much so that there was some surprise that, with first base open, two on and two out, Arizona manager Bob Melvin didn't elect to intentionally walk Mike Lowell to get to Varitek.

(Melvin later confessed that he pitched to the Red Sox captain only because he feared the Red Sox would pinch-hit Kevin Youkilis for Brandon Moss, due next, with the bases loaded.)

Instead, Lowell laced a two-run Wall double, tying the game at 4-4. Varitek then followed

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Mike Lowell receives high-fives after scoring the go-ahead run last night on a Jason Varitek single in the eighth inning.

RED SOX 5, D'BACKS 4
Sox veterans come through in the clutch

Mike Lowell and Jason Varitek deliver RBI hits in a come-from-behind victory.

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BOSTON — The depth and development in which the Red Sox philosophy is based was on display last night at Fenway Park.

On the mound was 23-year-old rookie Justin Masterson making his seventh start of the season for Boston. At first base was 24-year-old Brandon Moss. In relief for Masterson was 27-year-old rookie Chris Smith.

All three have been recalled

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Tonight vs. Arizona 7:05 p.m.

from the minors at various times this season for emergency purposes, and all three were needed big time last night.

In the end, however, the seasoned veterans proved crucial.

The Red Sox were trailing by two runs in the bottom of the eighth inning when Mike Lowell drilled a two-run double to tie the

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