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SHIPPEN CUP LEADERBOARD

PLAYER	RANK	POINTS
Greg Cavanaugh	1	210
Zack Yamba	2	176.2
Greg Ward	3	175
Hugh Lecky	4	165.4
Anthony Darby	5	160
Ray Woolfolk	6	155
Mike Conrad	7	151.7
Burnell Williams	8	150
Perry Medina	9	138.3
DeLano Bonner	10	115
Mel Knight	T11	113.3
Bruce Arthur	T11	113.3
Joe McLaughlin	13	107.5
Greg Whitaker	14	97.5
Sebastian Sebasti	15	95
George Weekes	16	92.5

PJRotella TOP GROSS

Perry Medina	84
Tony Jenkins	86
Greg Cavanaugh	89

BALL STRIKER REPORT

By Anthony Darby

Rotella Makes Its Ball Striker Debut

On Saturday, August 8, 23 Ball Strikers ascended on Thiells, New York, to tackle the Philip J. Rotella Memorial Golf Course in Rockland County for the first time in club competition.

For most of the contingent, the ride came in at under an hour, with our South Jersey contingent making the longer trek of just over an hour and ten minutes.

The bigger concern leading into Saturday was the weather. Rain and thunderstorms had been in the forecast throughout the week, leaving some uncertainty about what conditions would greet us once we arrived. Instead, Saturday delivered a heat wave of a day, with rain making only a brief appearance for roughly two holes before giving way to beautiful conditions for the remainder of the round.

And Rotella was ready for us.

The course was in **great shape** and seemed to make a favorable first impression on the membership. Ac-



(left to right) Mike Conrad, Greg Cavanaugh and Greg Whitaker were top pointers at Rotella

cording to some of the post-round parking-lot banter, the front nine found plenty of favor among the Ball Strikers. The back nine provided a bit more of a test and reminded some of us just how quickly this game can change from one nine to the next.

Considering this was Rotella's inaugural appearance on the Ball Striker schedule, I have a sneaky suspicion **we haven't seen the last of this course.**

Medina Takes Gross; Cavanaugh Leads the Net Field

When the scorecards were totaled, **Perry Medina** emerged with the day's low Gross score, firing an **84** to become the first Ball Striker to claim Gross honors at Rotella.

Tony Jenkins followed with an 86, while **Greg**

Cavanaugh turned in an 89. Keith Davenport, DeLano Bonner and Anthony Darby were right behind them, each finishing with 90.

On the Net side, Cavanaugh moved to the top of the leaderboard with a **net 74**, earning the day's 30 first-place Shippen Cup points. **Michael Conrad and Greg Whitaker** shared the next position with net 75s, while **Zack Yamba, Burnell Williams and Anthony Darby** each posted net 76.

Taken together, it made for an especially productive afternoon for Cavanaugh: third in Gross, first in Net and still another opportunity to add to his day through Match Play.

He did exactly that.

Match Play Adds to the Afternoon

The Match Play portion of the event featured a little bit

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of everything — close finishes, ties and several matches that were decided earlier in the round.

Perry Medina and Keith Davenport finished all square, as did **Burnell Williams and Otis Livingston**, with each player earning five Match Play points.

Among the winners, **Raymond Woolfolk** earned a 2 Up victory over Keith Kirkland. **Tony Jenkins** and **Joe McLaughlin** each came through in closely contested 1 Up matches against Greg Ward and Donald Rucker, respectively.

Anthony Darby earned a 2 & 1 victory over DeLano Bonner, **Greg Cavanaugh** added a 3 & 2 win over Maurice Brown, and **George Thomas** finished 3 & 1 over George Weekes.

Bruce Arthur, Kirk Hart and Michael Conrad also earned Match Play victories, while **Zack Yamba** recorded the widest margin of the afternoon with a 9 & 8 result.

The complete Match Play results, along with the day's Gross and Net scoring, can be found on **Page 2**.

Cavanaugh Moves to the Front

When the day's stroke and Match Play points were added to the season totals, Rotella also produced a new chapter in the **2026 Shippen Cup race**.

Cavanaugh's first-place Net finish earned him 30 points, and his Match Play victory added another 10. His **40-point afternoon** moved him to 210 points and the top position in the Shippen Cup standings.

But the season is far from settled.

Zack Yamba sits second with 176.25 points, followed closely by **Greg Ward** at 175. Hugh Lecky remains fourth at 165.42, with Anthony Darby at 160, Raymond Woolfolk at 155, Michael Conrad at 151.67 and Burnell Williams at 150.

While Cavanaugh has created some separation at the top, the standings immediately behind him remain extremely close. Only **26.25 points separate second through eighth place**, meaning one strong event can still produce significant movement.

With more golf ahead, the Shippen Cup remains very much a season in progress.

More Than Just the Scorecard

The afternoon didn't end when the final putt dropped.

A good collection of Ball Strikers stuck around afterward to take advantage of Rotella's food and facilities, giving everyone an opportunity to enjoy some post-round fellowship, revisit the day's golf and share a few stories before making the trip home.

The food certainly didn't disappoint.

For an inaugural stop, Rotella checked a lot of boxes: a manageable trip for most of the membership, a course in excellent condition, an enjoyable layout, good facilities and a welcoming place to gather afterward.

It was a strong first showing.

And now, we turn our attention to something a little different.

NEXT STOP: FARMSTEAD

The Ball Striker Tour heads back to New Jersey for its next stop, traveling north to **Sussex County and Lafayette, New Jersey**, for a visit to **Farmstead Golf & Country Club**.

But this won't be just another regular event.

Farmstead will feature a Ryder Cup-style team competition, adding a different element to the season and giving the membership an opportunity to compete alongside one another rather than strictly against one another.

And who better to lead the two sides than a pair of our 2025 champions?

2025 Gross Champion Perry Medina will captain one squad, while **2025 Shippen Cup Champion DeLano Bonner** will captain the other.

Two champions.

Two teams.

And bragging rights on the line.

The captains will have the opportunity to lead their respective teams into a different style of competition — one built around team golf, Match Play and the camaraderie that has always been an important part of the Ball Striker experience.

After a successful first visit to New York, the tour now heads into Sussex County for what should be one of the more unique events on the 2026 schedule.

Rotella is in the books.

Farmstead is next.

See you in Lafayette.

Keep Striking It.

NJ BALL STRIKERS

Competition. Camaraderie. Brotherhood. Golf.

Match Play Results

Philip J. Rotella, 8/8/2026, Match Play Results					
Match	Points	Team/Player A	Team/Player B	Points	Match
Tied	5	Medina, Perry	Davenport, Keith	5	Tied
2 up	10	Woolfolk, Raymond	Kirkland, Keith	0	
9 & 8	10	Yamba, Zack	Lusane, Melvin	0	
6 & 5	10	Conrad, Michael	Bl[Lusane, Melvin]	0	
1 up	10	Jenkins, Tony	Ward, Greg	0	
5 & 4	10	Arthur, Bruce	Whitaker, Greg	0	
1 up	10	McLaughlin, Joe	Rucker, Donald	0	
Tied	5	Williams, Burnell	Livingston, Otis	5	Tied
	0	Brown, Maurice	Cavanaugh, Gregory	10	3 & 2
	0	Bonner, DeLano	Darby, Anthony	10	2 & 1
8 & 6	10	Hart, Kirk	Holloway, Joseph	0	
3 & 1	10	Thomas, George	Weekes, George	0	

Green background = Match WIN

Pink background = Match LOSS

Blue background = Match TIE

Yellow background = odd man in Odd Man Match

Net Stroke Play Results

Philip J. Rotella Event, 8/8/2026, Net Stroke Play Results

Pos.	Player	To Par Net	Total Net	Points
1	Cavanaugh, Gregory	2	74	30
T2	Conrad, Michael	3	75	17.5
T2	Whitaker, Greg	3	75	17.5
T4	Yamba, Zack	4	76	10
T4	Williams, Burnell	4	76	10
T4	Darby, Anthony	4	76	10
T7	Medina, Perry	5	77	8.33
T7	Davenport, Keith	5	77	8.33
T7	Jenkins, Tony	5	77	8.33
T7	Arthur, Bruce	5	77	8.33
T7	Livingston, Otis	5	77	8.33
T7	Hart, Kirk	5	77	8.33
T13	Woolfolk, Raymond	6	78	5
T13	Brown, Maurice	6	78	5
15	McLaughlin, Joe	7	79	5
T16	Ward, Greg	8	80	5
T16	Bonner, DeLano	8	80	5
T16	Thomas, George	8	80	5
19	Kirkland, Keith	10	82	5
20	Rucker, Donald	11	83	5
21	Weekes, George	14	86	5
22	Lusane, Melvin	28	100	5
DNF	Holloway, Joseph	-	DNF	5

Gross Hole by Hole

	Philip J. Rotella Event 8/8/2026 Ranked by GROSS																										
		HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT	HDCF	NET		
RANK	NAME	TEE	PAR	4	4	3	4	3	5	4	3	5	35	4	5	3	5	4	4	5	3	4	37	72		72	
1	Medina, Perry	WHT	8	3	5	3	5	4	5	5	3	6	39	7	6	4	5	5	5	6	3	4	45	84	7	77	
2	Jenkins, Tony	WHT	9.7	4	7	3	6	4	5	5	3	6	43	5	6	5	4	6	3	7	3	4	43	86	9	77	
3	Cavanaugh, Gregory	WHT	15.1	4	5	3	5	3	6	4	5	7	42	4	8	3	7	5	4	8	3	5	47	89	15	74	
4	Darby, Anthony	WHT	14.3	4	4	4	5	4	6	4	5	7	43	6	5	6	5	5	5	6	3	6	47	90	14	76	
4	Davenport, Keith	WHT	13.4	4	5	3	5	3	6	5	3	7	41	4	7	4	6	7	4	6	4	7	49	90	13	77	
4	Bonner, DeLano	WHT	10.3	4	4	5	6	4	7	4	3	5	42	5	7	5	6	4	5	6	4	6	48	90	10	80	
7	Conrad, Michael	WHT	17.8	6	5	6	6	3	6	5	5	6	48	6	5	5	5	5	5	6	3	5	45	93	18	75	
7	Brown, Maurice	WHT	15.5	4	4	3	6	4	7	5	3	6	42	5	8	4	6	5	6	8	3	6	51	93	15	78	
9	Yamba, Zack	GLD	20.7	5	5	3	6	4	6	5	5	7	46	4	6	4	6	4	6	8	5	5	48	94	18	76	
9	Ward, Greg	WHT	14.5	5	6	3	5	4	7	5	5	7	47	5	5	4	8	3	5	7	4	6	47	94	14	80	
11	McLaughlin, Joe	WHT	18.7	4	7	3	6	4	7	4	4	9	48	6	6	2	7	6	4	8	5	6	50	98	19	79	
12	Woolfolk, Raymond	WHT	20.9	6	6	3	7	3	8	6	5	7	51	5	10	3	5	5	5	6	5	4	48	99	21	78	
12	Thomas, George	WHT	19	5	5	4	5	3	7	5	3	7	44	4	8	4	8	7	8	8	3	5	55	99	19	80	
14	Arthur, Bruce	WHT	22.4	8	6	2	5	3	6	6	6	7	49	5	7	3	7	4	6	8	6	5	51	100	23	77	
15	Whitaker, Greg	GLD	34.1	4	7	3	8	4	8	7	5	6	52	6	7	4	8	4	5	6	3	6	49	101	26	75	
15	Williams, Burnell	GLD	27.4	6	5	5	5	5	6	5	4	7	48	5	6	5	6	8	5	8	5	5	53	101	25	76	
15	Rucker, Donald	WHT	17.8	6	6	5	5	4	10	5	4	7	52	5	7	3	9	3	6	6	4	6	49	101	18	83	
18	Hart, Kirk	WHT	25.4	6	5	3	7	5	5	4	5	6	46	6	6	5	6	7	8	10	3	6	57	103	26	77	
18	Livingston, Otis	WHT	25.3	6	5	4	5	4	8	5	4	8	49	5	6	5	8	7	5	7	5	6	54	103	26	77	
20	Kirkland, Keith	WHT	23.3	5	7	2	5	4	8	7	4	7	49	5	7	5	7	7	8	8	4	6	57	106	24	82	
21	Weekes, George	WHT	23.3	4	6	4	7	4	10	5	4	6	50	6	9	6	6	6	7	9	6	5	60	110	24	86	
22	Lusane, Melvin	GLD	22.7	8	8	4	7	6	10	8	5	8	64	5	8	4	8	6	6	7	5	7	56	120	20	100	
	Holloway, Joseph	GLD	42	6	7	4	6	6	10	6	5	10	60										0	60	26	34	

Skins & Skills

PHILIP J. ROTELLA SKINS & SKILLS, August 8, 2026

Gross Skins (skins pool = \$80)			
Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Jenkins, Tony	2	\$26.00	Birdie on 13, Birdie on 15
Cavanaugh, Gregory	2	\$26.00	Par on 5, Par on 10
Medina, Perry	1	\$13.00	Birdie on 1
Bonner, DeLano	1	\$13.00	Par on 9
Total Purse Allocated:\$78.00			
High Handicap Gross Skins (skins pool = \$60)			
Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Yamba, Zack	3	\$20.00	Bogey on 2, Par on 10, Bogey on 11
Woolfolk, Raymond	2	\$13.00	Par on 13, Par on 18
Arthur, Bruce	2	\$13.00	Birdie on 3, Bogey on 4
Whitaker, Greg	1	\$6.00	Par on 17
Weekes, George	1	\$6.00	Bogey on 8
Total Purse Allocated:\$58.00			

50/50 Bruce Arthur \$17

Skins

8/8/2026																										
Philip J. Rotella Event Gross Skins																				Total HC		Net				
NAME	TEE	PAR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT	HDC	NET	
Bonner, DeLano	WHT	10.3	4	4	5	6	4	7	4	3	5	35	4	5	3	5	4	4	5	3	4	37	72		72	
Cavanaugh, Gregory	WHT	15.1	4	5	3	5	3	6	4	5	7	42	4	8	3	7	5	4	8	3	5	47	89	15	74	
Darby, Anthony	WHT	14.3	4	4	4	5	4	6	4	5	7	43	6	5	6	5	5	5	6	3	6	47	90	14	76	
Jenkins, Tony	WHT	9.7	4	7	3	6	4	5	5	3	6	43	5	6	5	4	6	3	7	3	4	43	86	9	77	
Medina, Perry	WHT	8	3	5	3	5	4	5	5	3	6	39	7	6	4	5	5	5	6	3	4	45	84	7	77	
Rucker, Donald	WHT	17.8	6	6	5	5	4	10	5	4	7	52	5	7	3	9	3	6	6	4	6	49	101	18	83	
Ward, Greg	WHT	14.5	5	6	3	5	4	7	5	5	7	47	5	5	4	8	3	5	7	4	6	47	94	14	80	
Weekes, George	WHT	23.3	4	6	4	7	4	10	5	4	6	50	6	9	6	6	6	7	9	6	5	60	110	24	86	
Minimum Score			3	4	3	5	3	5	4	3	5		4	5	3	4	3	3	6	3	4					
# of min scores			1	2	4	5	1	2	3	3	1		1	2	2	1	2	1	4	4	2					
Philip J. Rotella Event High Handicap Gross Skins																				Total HC		Net				
NAME	TEE	PAR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT	HDC	NET	
Arthur, Bruce	WHT	22.4	8	6	2	5	3	6	6	6	7	49	5	7	3	7	4	6	8	6	5	51	100	23	77	
Holloway, Joseph	GLD	42	6	7	4	6	6	10	6	5	10	60										0	60	26	34	
Weekes, George	WHT	23.3	4	6	4	7	4	10	5	4	6	50	6	9	6	6	6	7	9	6	5	60	110	24	86	
Whitaker, Greg	GLD	34.1	4	7	3	8	4	8	7	5	6	52	6	7	4	8	4	5	6	3	6	49	101	26	75	
Woolfolk, Raymond	WHT	20.9	6	6	3	7	3	8	6	5	7	51	5	10	3	5	5	5	6	5	4	48	99	21	78	
Yamba, Zack	GLD	20.7	5	5	3	6	4	6	5	5	7	46	4	6	4	6	4	6	8	5	5	48	94	18	76	
Minimum Score			4	5	2	5	3	6	5	4	6		4	6	3	5	4	5	6	3	4					
# of min scores			2	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	2		1	1	2	1	3	2	2	1	1					

Event Statistics

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Philip J. Rotella Golf Course

Round 1 -- August 8, 2026

<u>Hole #</u>	<u>Yardage</u>	<u>Par</u>	<u>Stroke Avg</u>	<u>Hole Rank</u>	<u>Eagles</u>	<u>Birdies</u>	<u>Pars</u>	<u>Bogeys</u>	<u>D. Bogeys</u>	<u>Others</u>
1	310-320	4	5.09	15	0	1	9	4	7	2
2	300-369	4	5.65	6	0	0	3	9	5	6
3	135-152	3	3.57	18	0	2	11	6	3	1
4	390-436	4	5.78	5	0	0	0	11	7	5
5	172-206	3	4.00	17	0	0	6	13	2	2
6	417-468	5	7.13	2	0	0	3	7	5	8
7	291-300	4	5.22	13	0	0	5	12	3	3
8	141-165	3	4.26	11	0	0	6	6	10	1
9	435-463	5	6.91	3	0	0	1	7	11	4
10	312-316	4	5.18	14	0	0	4	11	6	1
11	469-554	5	6.82	4	0	0	3	7	6	6
12	162-177	3	4.23	12	0	1	4	8	7	2
13	476-506	5	6.50	7	0	1	4	7	4	6
14	333-353	4	5.41	10	0	2	4	6	4	6
15	318-350	4	5.50	8	0	1	3	9	5	4
16	405-523	5	7.23	1	0	0	0	8	4	10
17	125-140	3	4.05	16	0	0	9	5	6	2
18	325-340	4	5.50	9	0	0	3	7	10	2

<i>Holes</i>	<i>Yardage</i>	<i>Par</i>	<i>Stoke Avg</i>	<i>Eagles</i>	<i>Birdies</i>	<i>Pars</i>	<i>Bogeys</i>	<i>D. Bogeys</i>	<i>Others</i>
<i>Out</i>	2591-2879	35	47.61	0	3	44	75	53	32
<i>In</i>	2925-3259	37	50.41	0	5	34	68	52	39
<i>Total</i>	5516-6138	72	98.02	0	8	78	143	105	71

SHIPPEN CUP STANDINGS, 8/9/2026

				RoyceBrook	HowellPark	Berkshire	Highbridge	FoxHollow	GreatBear	Neshanic	Riverview	Phillip
				5/2	5/16	5/30	6/6	6/13	6/27	7/11	7/18	8/8
Last Name	First Name	RANK	TOTAL PNTS	Match Stroke	Match Stroke	Match Stroke	Match Stroke	Match Stroke	Match Stroke	Match Stroke	Match Stroke	Match Stroke
Cavanaugh	Greg	1	210	5	5 10	10 10	20 20	20 20	10	10 30		10 30
Yamba	Zack	2	176.25	8.8	5 18	10 30		20 35	10 10	5 5		10 10
Ward,G	Greg R	3	175		10 10		20 50	20 10	10 30	5 5		5
Lecky	Hugh	4	165.42	10 8.8	5 10	10 5	20 50	20 20		6.7		
Darby	Anthony	5	160	5	5	10 5		20 35	10 20	10 20		10 10
Woolfolk	Raymond	6	155	10 10	10 10	10 5	20	20 20	10 5	10		10 5
Conrad	Michael	7	151.67	10 13	5 6.7		20 20	20 20	10			10 18
Williams	Burnell	8	150	10 30	10 10	10 20		20 15		5 5		5 10
Medina	Perry	9	138.33	10 13	10 5	10 13		20 20	10 15			5 8.3
Bonner	DeLano	10	115	5	10 5	10 10	15	20	10	10 10		5 5
Knight,M	Melvin	11	113.33	20	6.7			20 60		6.7		
Arthur	Bruce	12	113.33			10 5	20 10	20 10	10	5 5		10 8.3
McLaughlin	Joe	13	107.5	5	10 5	10	10	10	10 10	10 13		10 5
Whitaker	Greg	14	97.5	10 5		5 5		20 15	5	10 5		18
Sepulveda	Sebastian	15	95	10 5	10 5	5	20	10	10 5	10 5		
Weekes	George	16	92.5	5	5	5 5	20 15	10		10 13		5
Frye	Walter	17	90		18	10 13	20 30					
Jenkins	Tony	18	82.08	10 8.8	5			20 10		5 5		10 8.3
Blake	Errol	19	80	10 10	10 30	5		10		5		
Jones	Lawrence	20	71.667		10 6.7	10 10	10	10	5	5 5		
LeBrew, F	Rod	21	70	10 10			20 20	10				
Kirkland	Keith	22	60	10 5	5	10			10 5	5 5		5
Hart, Kirk	Kirk	23	58.33	10 5	5			10		5 5		10 8.3
Dillard, Jr	Justen	T24	55	5			20 20		10			
Thomas	George	T24	55			5		10	10 5	10		10 5
Brown, M	Maurice	T26	45	10 5		5		10		10		5
Rucker	Donald	T26	45			5	10	10	10 5			5
Fraser	Earl	28	40		10 10	5				10 5		
Carothers	Terry	T29	35		5	5		10	10 5			
Holloway	Joseph	T29	35	5		5	10	10				5
Davenport	Keith	31	29.997					10		6.7		5 8.3
Livingston	Otis	32	28.33	5						10		5 8.3
Branson	Jesse	33	25		5	10 10						
Bethune	Derrick	34	18.75	10 8.8								
LeBrew, E	Blake	T35	15		10 5							
LuSane	Melvin	T35	15	5					5			5
White,H	Harold	T35	15							10 5		
Morton	Ronald	T38	10					10				
Smith	Charles	T38	10	5		5						
Anderson	Kevin	T40	5	5								
Avery, He	Henry L.	T40	5	5								
Williams	David	T40	5			5						