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Blake takes Howell Park title

SHIPPEN CUP LEADERBOARD

PLAYER	RANK	POINTS
Burnell Williams	T1	60
Errol Blake	T1	60
Ray Woolfolk	3	40
Perry Medina	4	37.5
Mike Conrad	5	34.2
Hugh Lecky	6	33.8
Zack Yamba	7	31.3
Sebastian Sepulveda	8	30
Mel Knight	9	26.7
Tony Jenkins	10	23.8

HOWELL PARK TOP GROSS

Perry Medina	85
Tony Jenkins	89
Greg Ward	91
Zack Yamba	91
DeLano Bonner	91
Walter Morton	91

NJ Ballstrikers – Howell Park Recap

May 16, 2026 | Howell Park Golf Course

Mother Nature delivered ideal scoring conditions for the latest NJ Ball Strikers stop at Howell Park, as players were greeted with sunshine throughout the afternoon and temperatures hovering comfortably between the upper 70s and low 80s. A light breeze early gradually strengthened into the late afternoon, placing an added premium on club selection and ball control across Howell Park's exposed fairways and greens. Firm conditions created extra rollout off the tee while the putting surfaces remained fast and responsive under clear skies, setting the stage for a highly competitive day of golf.

What continues to separate the Howell Park stop from many others on the schedule, however, is not just the competition – it's the experience. Despite many participants making the hour-plus drive south, the event is quickly becoming a fan favorite within the club. From animated conversations during the round to post-round storytelling sessions in the parking lot long after scorecards were signed, Howell Park once again delivered



Bal Strikers locked and loaded at Howell Park (left to right) DeLano Bonner, Larry Jones, Joe McLaughlin, Errol Blake and Sebastian Sepulveda

the type of camaraderie that defines the NJ Ball Strikers culture. Members traded war stories, replayed clutch shots and missed opportunities, debated match-turning moments, and shared laughs under the late afternoon sun, turning the event into much more than just another tournament stop.

Medina Sets the Pace in Gross Battle

Perry Medina delivered the round of the day in the Gross Standings, capturing low gross honors with a stellar 13-over-par 85. Medina's consistency and steady ball striking separated him from the field on a course that challenged players from the opening tee shot to the final putt. Tony Jenkins secured solo second place after carding an impressive

89, while a tightly packed group featuring Greg Ward, Zack Yamba, Walter Morton, and Delano Bonner all shared third place honors at 91.

Gregory Cavanaugh and Melvin Knight continued the strong scoring with rounds of 92, followed closely by Larry Jones and Errol Blake at 93. Hugh Lecky posted a solid

95, while Rod Lebrew and Michael Conrad each finished at 96 in another competitive cluster on the leaderboard. Raymond Woolfolk turned in a 97, while Joe McLaughlin and Earl Fraser followed with 98s. Anthony Darby and Burnell Williams narrowly missed the century mark with rounds of 99, while Walter Frye and Sebastian Sepulveda each carded 100.

The Howell Park layout demanded precision throughout the afternoon, and Medi-

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(left to right) Gregory Cavanaugh, Perry Medina, Walter Morton (guest), Mandrele Hansford (guest) and Errol Blake

na's ability to stay composed under firm and fast conditions proved to be the difference in one of the strongest gross fields of the early season.

Blake Headlines Shippen Cup Charge

The Shippen Cup standings produced another wave of standout performances, led by Errol Blake, who fired the top net round of the day with a 1-over net 73 to earn maximum points and strengthen his position in the season-long Shippen Cup race. Blake's composed play and ability to avoid costly mistakes allowed him to separate himself in a tightly contested field.

Zack Yamba and Walter Frye each finished tied for second with impressive net 74 performances, continuing strong all-around afternoons across multiple competitions. Burnell Williams continued his strong early season play, placing fourth at net 75. Greg Ward, Gregory Cavanaugh, Earl Fraser, Hugh Lecky, and Raymond Woolfolk all remained firmly in contention after posting net scores of 76 and 77, while Michael Conrad, Melvin Knight, and Larry Jones rounded out another tightly packed

section of the standings at net 78.

With minimal separation across much of the leaderboard, the Howell Park event once again demonstrated the depth and competitiveness of the NJ Ball Strikers' season-long Shippen Cup race. Every stroke carried significance, and several players made early statements as momentum continues to build heading deeper into the 2026 campaign.

Four-Ball Matches Deliver Early Drama

The Howell Park four-ball matches brought a strong mix of dominant performances, tightly contested battles, and strategic match play that added another layer of intensity to an already competitive afternoon.

Greg Ward and Rod Lebrew delivered one of the most commanding performances of the Howell Park event, defeating Terrell Carothers and Anthony Darby 5 & 3 in a match that featured sustained pressure and consistent shot-making from the opening stretch onward. Ward and Le-

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brew established momentum on the front nine by consistently winning key holes and capitalizing on scoring opportunities whenever Carothers and Darby showed signs of recovering. Greg Ward's steady play paired effectively with Rod Lebrew's timely scoring, allowing the duo to steadily build separation heading into the turn. Carothers and Darby continued to battle throughout the afternoon and produced several competitive stretches on the back nine, but Ward and Lebrew repeatedly answered every push with composed play and critical hole wins to close out the match on the 15th hole and secure the full 20 points.

The second match featured one of the most evenly contested battles of the day, as Gregory Cavanaugh and Michael Conrad squared off against Hugh Lecky and Zack Yamba in a competitive showdown that remained undecided until the closing holes. Cavanaugh and Conrad applied early pressure behind steady play from Cavanaugh and key supporting holes from Conrad, while Lecky and Yamba answered with consistent scoring and clutch recovery shots to keep the match level throughout the afternoon. The back nine evolved into a pressure-packed exchange of momentum swings and critical hole wins, with neither team able to gain lasting separation. In the end, both sides settled for a hard-earned tie, collecting 10 points apiece after one of the day's most competitive matches.

Delano Bonner and Larry Jones earned a hard-fought 2 & 0 victory over Tony Jenkins and Keith Kirkland in another tightly contested matchup that remained competitive deep into the back nine. Bonner and Jones established early pressure by capturing several key holes on the front side before Jenkins and Kirkland responded with a strong counterpunch during the middle stretch of the round. Tony Jenkins' steady scoring and Keith Kirkland's net contributions kept the match within reach, but Bonner and Jones regained momentum late with timely shot-making under pressure. Larry Jones' consistency throughout the round proved critical, while Delano Bonner capitalized on multiple swing holes to help secure the match on the 18th hole and earn the full 20 points.

Burnell Williams survived a tight match victory over Walter Frye. This individual match went the distance with Williams winning the match on the 18th hole. Jesse Branson lost an odd man match with Burnell Williams, 4 & 3.

Joe McLaughlin and Errol Blake were officially awarded a 7 & 6 victory over Sebastian Sepulveda and Walter McNeil due to a forfeit, resulting in McLaughlin and Blake receiving the full 20 points for the competition. While the match did not unfold in traditional fashion, the awarded victory

carried important weight in the evolving four-ball standings and added another storyline to the Howell Park recap. Sebastian Sepulveda salvaged 10 points by winning his odd man match versus Joe McLaughlin, 1 & 0.

Raymond Woolfolk and Earl Fraser earned a hard-fought 4 & 2 victory over George Weekes and Kirk Hart in a match that proved far more competitive than the final margin suggested. Woolfolk and Fraser established early momentum on the front nine by capturing several key holes, but Weekes and Hart repeatedly answered with resilient play that kept pressure on throughout much of the afternoon.

Woolfolk's steady scoring combined with Fraser's timely net contributions helped the duo maintain a narrow advantage through several momentum swings during the middle portion of the round. Weekes and Hart continued to battle deep into the back nine and produced multiple strong holes that briefly threatened to tighten the match, forcing Woolfolk and Fraser to respond under pressure on several occasions.

The turning point came late on the back side, where Woolfolk and Fraser capitalized on critical swing holes and avoided costly mistakes to finally create separation. Their composed play during the closing stretch ultimately allowed them to secure the match on the 16th hole and earn the full 20 points in one of the more competitive contests of the Howell Park event.

One of the marquee individual battles of the afternoon featured Perry Medina and Melvin Knight in a highly anticipated head-to-head showdown. Medina continued his outstanding day by securing a hard-fought 2 & 1 victory, relying on steady ball striking and composed play during the closing stretch to edge Knight in one of the most competitive individual matchups on the course.

The four-ball competition once again highlighted the balance of talent, chemistry, and competitive fire throughout the NJ Ball Strikers field, with every match carrying meaningful implications as the season continues to build momentum.

The Howell Park stop once again showcased the talent, depth, and competitive spirit of the NJ Ball Strikers. Between strong gross scoring, tightly contested Shippen Cup battles, memorable four-ball matches, and the fellowship shared long after the final putt dropped, the event delivered another unforgettable chapter in what is quickly becoming one of the club's most competitive and connected seasons in recent memory.

By Anthony Darby

Match Play Results

Howell Park, 5/16/2026, Match Play Results					
Match	Points	Team/Player A	Team/Player B	Points	Match
		Carothers, Terrell Darby, Anthony	Ward, Greg Lebrew, Rod	10 10	5 & 3
0 & 0	5 5	Cavanaugh, Gregory , Conrad, Michael	Lecky, Hugh , Yamba, Zack	5 5	0 & 0
2 & 1	10	Medina, Perry	Knight, Melvin		
		Jenkins, Tony Kirkland, Keith	Bonner, DeLano Jones, Larry	10 10	2 & 0
1 & 0	10	Williams, Burnell	Frye, Walter		
4 & 3		Williams, Burnell	Branson, Jesse		
		Sepulveda, Sebastian , McNeil, Walter	McLaughlin, Joe Blake, Errol	10 10	DEFAULT
1 & 0	10	Sepulveda, Sebastian	McLaughlin, Joe		
4 & 2	10 10	Woolfolk, Raymond Fraser, Earl	Weekes, George Hart, Kirk		
Green background = Match WIN Pink background = Match LOSS Blue background = Match TIE Yellow background = odd man in Odd Man Match					

Net Stroke Play Results

Howell Park Event, 5/16/2026, Net Stroke Play Results

Pos.	Player	To Par Net	Total Net	Points
1	Blake, Errol	1	73	30
T2	Yamba, Zack	2	74	17.5
T2	Frye, Walter	2	74	17.5
4	Williams, Burnell	3	75	10
T5	Ward, Greg	4	76	10
T5	Cavanaugh, Gregory	4	76	10
T5	Fraser, Earl	4	76	10
T8	Lecky, Hugh	5	77	10
T8	Woolfolk, Raymond	5	77	10
T10	Conrad, Michael	6	78	6.67
T10	Knight, Melvin	6	78	6.67
T10	Jones, Larry	6	78	6.67
T13	Lebrew, Rod	7	79	5
T13	Medina, Perry	7	79	5
T13	McLaughlin, Joe	7	79	5
16	Kirkland, Keith	8	80	5
T17	Jenkins, Tony	9	81	5
T17	Sepulveda, Sebastia	9	81	5
T19	Bonner, DeLano	10	82	5
T19	Branson, Jesse	10	82	5
21	Darby, Anthony	12	84	5
22	Weekes, George	16	88	5
23	Carothers, Terrell	17	89	5
24	Hart, Kirk	22	94	5

Gross Hole by Hole

		Howell Park Event 5/16/2026 Ranked by GROSS																							
RANK	NAME	HOLE TEE	1 PAR	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT	HDC	NET
			4	5	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	36	5	5	5	4	3	4	5	4	6	41	77		77
1	Medina, Perry	WHT	8	4	6	5	5	5	6	3	5	44	5	5	5	4	3	4	5	4	6	41	85	6	79
2	Jenkins, Tony	WHT	9.3	4	6	6	3	8	6	5	4	46	4	5	5	3	5	6	5	4	6	43	89	8	81
3	Morton, Walter	WHT	18	6	6	4	4	6	7	5	3	46	4	6	5	4	5	6	5	4	6	45	91	18	73
3	Yamba, Zack	GLD	20.9	6	6	6	3	5	6	6	3	45	5	6	6	4	5	5	6	3	6	46	91	17	74
3	Ward, Greg	WHT	15.8	4	6	4	5	5	6	6	3	45	6	6	5	5	5	5	6	4	4	46	91	15	76
3	Bonner, DeLano	WHT	10.3	5	5	5	3	4	6	7	6	47	6	6	6	4	5	5	5	3	4	44	91	9	82
7	Cavanaugh, Gregory	WHT	16.3	6	6	5	4	6	6	5	3	46	7	5	6	5	5	5	5	3	5	46	92	16	76
7	Knight, Melvin	WHT	14.7	5	5	4	4	7	6	6	4	46	5	8	6	3	5	5	5	4	5	46	92	14	78
9	Blake, Errol	WHT	19.9	4	7	7	4	5	6	5	4	47	5	6	4	4	5	6	6	4	6	46	93	20	73
9	Jones, Larry	WHT	15.3	4	5	5	4	6	6	6	4	44	5	8	6	6	5	7	4	3	5	49	93	15	78
11	Lecky, Hugh	WHT	18.7	7	6	6	4	5	8	5	3	51	5	6	5	5	4	6	5	3	5	44	95	18	77
12	Conrad, Michael	WHT	18	5	6	7	3	6	7	6	3	49	5	6	5	6	6	5	7	3	4	47	96	18	78
12	Lebrew, Rod	WHT	17.5	5	6	4	5	5	7	5	4	46	5	6	7	4	7	6	7	3	5	50	96	17	79
14	Woolfolk, Raymond	WHT	19.8	5	4	7	4	7	9	4	4	49	5	6	5	5	6	6	5	4	6	48	97	20	77
15	Fraser, Earl	GLD	26.2	5	8	5	3	5	6	4	6	49	5	6	6	6	6	6	4	5	5	49	98	22	76
15	McLaughlin, Joe	WHT	19.4	7	5	5	5	6	6	4	5	49	3	5	7	5	7	5	7	4	6	49	98	19	79
17	Williams, Burnell	GLD	27.7	5	7	6	4	4	8	6	4	50	5	6	4	4	5	8	7	3	7	49	99	24	75
17	Darby, Anthony	WHT	15.6	7	7	6	4	5	6	5	4	50	5	6	5	5	7	7	5	4	5	49	99	15	84
19	Frye, Walter	WHT	26	5	6	7	4	5	6	6	4	49	8	7	6	4	6	6	5	3	6	51	100	26	74
19	Sepulveda, Sebastian	WHT	19.6	7	8	8	4	6	6	5	4	52	6	6	6	5	6	5	4	4	6	48	100	19	81
21	Kirkland, Keith	WHT	22.3	6	9	7	4	5	7	5	4	53	5	7	6	5	4	7	5	5	5	49	102	22	80
22	Hansford, Mandrele	WHT	18	6	6	7	4	6	6	4	5	51	6	5	8	6	5	6	6	4	6	52	103	18	85
23	Carothers, Terrell	WHT	15.6	7	6	6	6	5	8	5	6	55	5	8	7	4	5	7	5	3	5	49	104	15	89
24	Branson, Jesse	WHT	26	5	8	8	6	5	7	6	4	55	6	6	8	5	6	6	8	4	4	53	108	26	82
25	Avery, Henry	WHT	26	6	6	7	6	6	7	8	2	53	7	7	8	5	7	7	5	4	7	57	110	26	84
25	Weekes, George	WHT	22.3	7	8	7	6	6	6	6	3	54	5	9	8	5	5	8	6	5	5	56	110	22	88
27	Hart, Kirk	WHT	25.4	8	4	5	4	8	6	7	4	52	8	10	8	6	7	8	7	6	8	68	120	26	94

Skins & Skills

HOWELL PARK SKINS & SKILLS, May 16, 2026

Gross Skins (skins pool = \$100)			
Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Medina, Perry	3	\$42.00	Par on 6, Birdie on 14, Birdie on 15
Jenkins, Tony	2	\$28.00	Par on 10, Par on 13
Jones, Larry	1	\$14.00	Par on 16
Bonner, DeLano	1	\$14.00	Par on 5
Total Purse Allocated:\$98.00			
High Handicap Gross Skins (skins pool = \$70)			
Player	Skins	Purse	Details
McLaughlin, Joe	3	\$23.00	Bogey on 3, Birdie on 10, Par on 11
Yamba, Zack	2	\$15.00	Par on 4, Par on 9
Lecky, Hugh	1	\$7.00	Par on 14
Williams, Burnell	1	\$7.00	Par on 5
Blake, Errol	1	\$7.00	Par on 1
Woolfolk, Raymond	1	\$7.00	Birdie on 2
Total Purse Allocated:\$66.00			

Closest to the Pin, Hole #4 Tony Jenkins 8' 2"

Closest to the Pin, Hole #17 Burnell Williams 11'

Long Drive, Hole #18 Terry Carothers 298.2 yards

50/50 Greg Ward \$20

Skins

5/16/2026																				Total HC		Net				
Howell Park Event Gross Skins																				17	18	IN	TOT	HDCNET		
NAME	TEE PAR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT	HDCNET			
Bonner, DeLano	WHT 10.3	4	5	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	36	5	5	5	4	3	4	5	4	6	41	77	91	9	82	
Carothers, Terrell	WHT 15.6	7	6	6	6	5	8	5	6	6	55	5	8	7	4	5	7	5	3	5	49	104	15	89		
Cavanaugh, Gregory	WHT 16.3	6	6	5	4	6	6	5	3	5	46	7	5	6	5	5	5	5	3	5	46	92	16	76		
Darby, Anthony	WHT 15.6	7	7	6	4	5	6	5	4	6	50	5	6	5	5	7	7	5	4	5	49	99	15	84		
Jenkins, Tony	WHT 9.3	4	6	6	3	8	6	5	4	4	46	4	5	5	3	5	6	5	4	6	43	89	8	81		
Jones, Larry	WHT 15.3	4	5	5	4	6	6	6	4	4	44	5	8	6	6	5	7	4	3	5	49	93	15	78		
Lebrew, Rod	WHT 17.5	5	6	4	5	5	7	5	4	5	46	5	6	7	4	7	6	7	3	5	50	96	17	79		
Medina, Perry	WHT 8	4	6	5	5	5	5	6	3	5	44	5	5	5	4	3	4	5	4	6	41	85	6	79		
Ward, Greg	WHT 15.8	4	6	4	5	5	6	6	3	6	45	6	6	5	5	5	5	6	4	4	46	91	15	76		
Weekes, George	WHT 22.3	7	8	7	6	6	6	6	3	5	54	5	9	8	5	5	8	6	5	5	56	110	22	88		
Minimum Score		4	5	4	3	4	5	5	3	4	4	4	5	5	3	3	4	4	3	4						
# of min scores		4	2	2	2	1	1	5	4	2	1	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	5	2						
Howell Park 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	HDCNET			
Blake, Errol	WHT 19.9	4	7	7	4	5	6	5	4	5	47	5	6	4	4	5	6	6	4	6	46	93	20	73		
Lecky, Hugh	WHT 18.7	7	6	6	4	5	8	5	3	7	51	5	6	5	5	4	6	5	3	5	44	95	18	77		
McLaughlin, Joe	WHT 19.4	7	5	5	5	6	6	4	5	6	49	3	5	7	5	7	5	7	4	6	49	98	19	79		
Weekes, George	WHT 22.3	7	8	7	6	6	6	6	3	5	54	5	9	8	5	5	8	6	5	5	56	110	22	88		
Williams, Burnell	GLD 27.7	5	7	6	4	4	8	6	4	6	50	5	6	4	4	5	8	7	3	7	49	99	24	75		
Woolfolk, Raymond	WHT 19.8	5	4	7	4	7	9	4	4	5	49	5	6	5	5	6	6	5	4	6	48	97	20	77		
Yamba, Zack	GLD 20.9	6	6	6	3	5	6	6	3	4	45	5	6	6	4	5	5	6	3	6	46	91	17	74		
Minimum Score		4	4	5	3	4	6	4	3	4	3	5	4	4	4	4	5	5	3	5						
# of min scores		1	1	1	1	1	4	2	3	1	1	1	2	3	1	2	2	2	3	2						

Event Statistics

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Howell Park Golf Cub

Round 1 -- May 16, 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	367-378	4	5.59	5	0	0	5	9	6	7
2	480-512	5	6.22	15	0	2	4	13	3	5
3	289-348	4	5.89	2	0	0	4	7	6	10
4	133-178	3	4.26	14	0	0	5	14	4	4
5	338-354	4	5.63	4	0	0	2	12	9	4
6	414-498	5	6.52	7	0	0	1	16	6	4
7	296-313	4	5.48	8	0	0	4	10	10	3
8	153-174	3	3.93	17	0	1	8	13	2	3
9	384-402	4	5.48	9	0	0	4	9	11	3
10	364-382	4	5.41	13	0	1	2	15	5	4
11	433-464	5	6.41	12	0	0	5	14	3	5
12	361-378	4	6.04	1	0	0	2	8	9	8
13	144-150	3	4.70	3	0	0	2	9	11	5
14	333-346	4	5.44	11	0	1	2	13	6	5
15	456-467	5	6.04	16	0	1	8	10	5	3
16	339-352	4	5.56	6	0	0	3	13	5	6
17	116-133	3	3.81	18	0	0	10	13	3	1
18	394-407	4	5.48	10	0	0	4	10	10	3

<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>	2854-3157	36	49.00	0	3	37	103	57	43
<i>In</i>	2940-3079	36	48.89	0	3	38	105	57	40
<i>Total</i>	5794-6236	72	97.89	0	6	75	208	114	83

HOLE #

CONTEST

- Longest Putt
- Closest To Pin
- Longest Drive

BALL STRIKERS
EVENT

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Par Aide Products Co.

PROXIMITY

1 ROD LeBrew 14' 3"

2 BURNIE Williams 11'

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PROXIMITY

1 Jenkins 8' 2"

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