

Stamford bocce tourney rolls on

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The world champions of bocce are among the eight teams that advanced to today's semi-finals of the Stamford Open Bocce Tournament at Scalzi Park.

The teams rolled past two opponents each yesterday in the opening rounds of the tournament, billed as the largest in New England sanctioned by the International Bocce Association.

More than 130 players representing 32 teams turned out for this year's open and chance at \$3,000 in prize money, according to Bob Fiore, spokesman for the Stamford Bocce Club, the tournament's host.

Under sunny skies at the eight bocce courts near Bridge Street, a few dozen friends and relatives of players shouted words of encouragement to their favorites, who then stepped down into the pit-like court to roll bocce balls.

The object of the game is to score 16 points by getting rolls to stop closer than those of opponent's to the "object ball," known as a pallini, which is thrown down the 64-foot long court at the beginning of a game.

The champions, the team from the Italian American Fraternity in New Haven, swept through the first two rounds and remains the con-



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Nick Corrente, of Lombardi Roofing Co. in Stamford, raises his arms after a teammate's roll in a game against Cerrera of Stamford. sensus choice among players to repeat as victors of the Stamford tournament.

The competition this year was intense for some, like Angelo Mazza of the Vipa Construction team from Stamford.

"When you go on the field, you got to be there, just there. Your mind can't go anywhere. And even if you're my brother, on the field your nobody," he said. "I just want to beat you."

But for others, like Charles Arena, competing in the tour-

namment was just for fun. "Bocce is like any other game, if you don't play to win it's not fun. It would be nice to win, but I'm doing this because I enjoy it."

The teams reaching the semi-finals are:

Sal's Pastry, Stamford.
Vipa Construction, Stamford
Settefratense Club #1, Stamford
Settefratense Club #2, Stamford
Minturniuse Club, Stamford
San Manghese Club, Stamford
American Italian Fraternity,
West Haven Club, West Haven



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STRATEGIC ADVICE is shouted to team mates at the other end of the bocce court by Ennio Mallozzi and Vinny Mallozzi yesterday during the semi-finals of the Stamford Open Bocce Tournament at Scalzi Park. **Results on Page C4**

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Vipa wins Stamford Bocce tourney

This is the finishing order of the 8 semifinal teams in the Stamford Open Bocce Tournament: 1.) Vipa Construction (Stamford); 2.) American-Italian Fraternity (New Haven); 3.) Settefratense Club #2 (Stamford); 4.) San Manghese Club (Stamford); 5.) Minturniuse Club (Stamford); 6.) Settefratense Club #1 (Stamford); 7.) West Haven Club (West Haven); 8.) Sal's Pastry (Stamford). Vipa is the first Stamford team to win the three-year-old tournament. The first place team won a trophy and a check for \$1200 from the sponsor, Medaglia D'Oro Coffee.