

The lobster roll
will never be the same
once you've seen it
eaten cold by Len Korol.

LEN KOROL is LOBSTER GUMP



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LENJAMIN TAKES HIS SOCAL SWAG TO NEW ENGLAND

NEW ENGLAND REGION, USA – Len Korol, a man who informed this reporter mid-interview that he "doesn't even have time for this phone call" and was participating "as a courtesy," somehow found time for a full four-state tour of New England: Massachusetts to New Hampshire to Vermont to Maine and back again, hitting the trees, the lakes, and every little fishing village and seafood shack along the coast.



The trip, taken with his girlfriend and her family, was by all accounts lovely — but Len came home with a manifesto. Regarding lobster rolls, he was unequivocal in his opinion: "Lobster roll must be eaten cold. A hot lobster roll is evil. Cold lobster is the way to do it." No hedging. No "personal preference." Just a man who stared into the heart of New England cuisine and returned with doctrine. This publication was also offered the chance to feature Len as the author of the Stag Times' first-ever opinion piece; he declined in under a second. The offer remains open. The clock is ticking, Len.

ASHWIN SPENDS THE SUMMER AWAY FROM HOME



INTERNATIONAL – Ashwin has been on the move. He started with a trip to NYC, where he dwelled for a few nights with Auggie, Gavin, and Eli. The trip's centerpiece was dinner at Eleven Madison Park — a three-Michelin-star establishment, and proof that the boys can, on occasion, be trusted in fine dining society. The rest of the visit was less refined; Gavin threw up on Ashwin.

Ashwin then went to the capital of the great colonizer in India, London. The family was celebrating his sister's high school graduation, and the nights were both kid-friendly, a Harry Styles concert, and less, 6 AM at the club. During the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Ashwin spent the time in Paris, France like the most wise and intelligent of all the founding fathers, Benjamin Franklin.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

AIDAN IS THE NEW STEVE JOBS

BAY AREA, CA – Aidan is officially trading the defense industry for the fruit company: he starts at Apple on July 20, with the big move to follow on August 9.



When this reporter asked if he was moving into tech, Aidan pushed back on the framing: "I guess technically yes, but all still manufacturing." At Northrop he made boat engines; at Apple he'll be making device enclosures — the shells that Apple's gadgets live in. The real difference, per Aidan, is scale. Boat engines: a production run of 100+ parts. Apple enclosures: over a million. He corrected himself mid-sentence: over 300 million. That's the kind of order-of-magnitude jump most careers never see, and the kind of correction that tells you a man is still wrapping his head around his own job.

So, congratulations to Aidan, who will soon be responsible for a nonzero percentage of the world's Apple products. We expect the friends-and-family discount to be honored.

ASHWIN PASSES QUALIFYING EXAMS



CLAREMONT, CA – Ashwin has officially passed his qualifying exams, the big checkpoint in a PhD where the department grills you to decide whether you're allowed to keep going. Think of it as the boss battle standing between "grad student" and "PhD candidate": months of studying, a panel of professors asking whatever they want, and one shot to prove you know your field. Ashwin cleared it, which means the training wheels are off and it's all dissertation from here.

He reached out personally to make sure this made the issue, which we respect — that's a man who understands the power of the p ress. Congratulations, Ashwin. Doctor-in-progress.

GAVIN ROSSER SECTION

GAVIN SETTLES HIS DEBTS, A MAN OF HONOR

EAST VILLAGE, NEW YORK, NY – Some backstories for the uninitiated: at some point, Gavin agreed to a game of around-the-world — the basketball classic where you shoot your way around the inside lines of the court, needing every shot in a row, with a mercy checkpoint at the free throw line halfway through.

Gavin reached the checkpoint without incident. The back half took him 170 shots — a display of persistence rarely seen in modern sport. Lesser men quit at 50. Cowards quit at 100. Gavin kept shooting, because Gavin finishes what he starts, no matter how long the basketball gods insist on testing him.

And when the bill came due — 17 drinks owed to Ashwin and Alonzo — Gavin paid every one, faithfully and without complaint, during Ashwin's visit. In an era when men dodge Venmo requests for months, Gavin honored his debts like a gentleman of the old world. The aim may waver; the word never does.

GAVIN ROSSER IS: THE GOLFING KOOK

LONG ISLAND, NY – Gavin, Auggie, Eli, and Conrad (a Gavin family friend) hit the links this month.

Act 1: Gavin shows up to the golf course without a polo shirt. For context, a former marshal at Upland Hills Country Club told the times, “Wearing a collared shirt is a fundamental rule of golf going back to the 19th century, in fact, it is one of the oldest rules in any sport, a rule punishable by disqualification in the rulebook. With that, Golf Courses refuse service to anybody not wearing a polo shirt to uphold the integrity of the game.” Faced with this dilemma, Gavin was forced to buy a polo shirt and embarrass Auggie all the same. Our marshal commented on Gavin’s behavior, “What Gavin did, is the equivalent of bringing a foam surfboard to a local only break.”

Act 2: Like many sports, Golf has a shot clock and time limit. However, Golf is unique in how the shot clock is informal and not strictly temporal. The shot clock in golf is called pace of play. In short, Golf pace of play is the time limit a group must finish a round, usually 18 holes. An 18-hole round generally takes about 4 hours to ½ hours, but it is measured by staying close to the group ahead, rather than just raw speed, making it informal. Whether Gavin decided not to on purpose or by accident, he did not follow this role.

Act 3: He shot a 150 (+78). We asked to google to compare that score to other sports, “Shooting a 150 in golf is equivalent to losing a football game 70-0, scoring under 20 points as a basketball team, clocking a slow 2-and-a-half-minute 100 freestyle swim, or losing a water polo match 25-1.”

We asked our marshal to comment on all three violations, “I said earlier that not wearing a polo is like bringing a foamy, but the actions Gavin took are really the equivalent of that of a tourist in the middle of summer, wearing a full wetsuit, trying to just paddle past the whitewash. Like one of those kooks you would see getting surf lessons, except instead of ab instructor, Gavin has Auggie, and this story ends with you imagining how you think Auggie would react to all of this. Our marshal comments, “I imagine an Auggie hitting on of those trolls he starts you off with a positive comment like, ‘hey wow nice shot bud’. I image a cherry cheeked, smirking Gavin so thankful for Auggies sweet comment... before Auggie hits the most brutal, personal, vicious attack he can think and jeers off into a face of frustration he has had this whole terrible round.”

LIGHTING STORIES

AUGGIE QUILTS NYAC



NEW YORK, NY: After a tenure of unknown length, Auggie has officially resigned his membership at the New York Athletic Club. His reasoning was not provided, his gains presumably were. We wish the NYAC well in this difficult time.

AKASH GETS INTO CMC



CLAREMONT, CA – Akash is officially headed to Claremont McKenna College. The pipeline continues. Congratulations, Akash — the standard is high, and the group chat is watching.

OPINION PIECES

OP-ED: A JEW OF RACE, NOT OF RELIGION

The following is a philosophical reflection inspired by remarks made by Len Korol, who was eating lobster at the time.

When confronted with the observation that lobster is not kosher, Len Korol did not flinch. "I don't keep kosher, man," he said. "I'm a Jew of race, not of religion."

It's a distinction philosophers and rabbis have wrestled with for centuries, and Len resolved it in a seafood shack in Maine. Is Jewishness a faith, a peoplehood, a culture, an inheritance? Judaism is unusual among world religions in that you can reject every theological claim it makes and still be fully, undeniably Jewish — a standing you cannot claim about, say, Catholicism, where lapsing is the whole identity. Len's position places him in a long and distinguished tradition: the secular Jew, heir to Spinoza, Einstein, and every deli owner who ever served a bacon cheeseburger. He carries the heritage, the history, the five thousand years of persecution and perseverance — and also, when in Maine, a cold lobster roll.

Len demanded this be the main story. It is not. But it is a story, and that will have to do.

MONTHLY SPECIALS

GAMBLERS OF THE MONTH: *CRISTIAN PANG'S RICH FRIENDS*

LOS ANGELES, CA – This month's award does not go to a member of the crew. It goes to the anonymous magnates in Cristian Pang's orbit, who spent the World Cup group stage betting like sovereign wealth funds.

Exhibit A: one million dollars on Lionel Messi to score in his first game in the cup. Messi scored. Payout: \$1,990,000. A casual million-dollar profit on the safest bet in world football.

Exhibit B: \$100,000 on Cristiano Ronaldo to score two or more against Uzbekistan at 3.00 odds. Ronaldo, the LeBron James of soccer, delivered. Payout: \$300,000.

And then there is Pang himself, who watched this masterclass unfold and contributed his own ticket to the portfolio: a four-leg Haiti-Brazil parlay: Vinicius to score, Brazil to win, Brazil to score first, over 1.5 first-half goals. He was risking \$500 to win \$980. **It lost.** His friends moved seven figures on single-leg bets; Pang stacked four conditions on top of each other for a payout that wouldn't cover one of their tips. Somewhere in that friend group there's a lesson about wealth, and Pang is determined not to learn it.

CMC ALUMNI OF THE MONTH: DANTE MCDERMOTT '24



SAN FRANCISCO, CA – This month we're spotlighting Dante McDermott Catena '24, who has traded spreadsheets for sparkling wine — sort of.

A fifth-generation member of Argentina's famed Catena wine family, Dante now serves as no/low-alcohol market strategist for Domaine EdeM, the family's first line of no- and low-alcohol wines, developed at the Catena Institute of Wine founded by his mother, Dr. Laura Catena. After a stint at JPMorgan Chase, he's now based in San Francisco, helping bring high-altitude Argentine Chardonnay — minus the alcohol — to a generation that's drinking differently.

The bet is paying off: EdeM's Rosæ was Decanter's only recommended wine among no-alcohol options in its 2025 mindful-drinking guide, and the lineup has since collected gold medals at international no/low competitions. Dante also co-hosts the Zebra Striping podcast with his mother, exploring the trend of alternating between alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks.

His take on why it matters? Wine is more than alcohol — it's culture, connection, and ritual, and everyone should get to be part of it.

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