

Sports editor Art Polakowski will take time off to recover

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This is the second consecutive week that the byline of Sports Editor Art Polakowski is missing from the Independent Press — an absence which has not happened for even a single week during any September-June high school sports season since Art started writing for this newspaper in December 1966, more than 43 years ago.

The reason for this glaring absence is that Art suffered a stroke last week and was taken by ambulance from the Independent Press office in New Providence to Overlook Hospital on Sunday, Jan. 3.

The good news is that Art is doing well and is optimistic for a full recovery. He was sent home from the hospital last Thursday, and has been in telephone contact not only with his student sports writers but also with many coaches and sports fans who have called to wish him well.

However, Art faces a recovery period of undetermined length before he is ready to return to his signature in-depth coverage of the local sports scene. During Art's absence we will be publishing sports stories available through our newspaper group, game-by-game capsules, and we will be relying more than ever on our sports photographer and our staff of student sports writers. And as always we invite coaches, parents, sports fans and athletes to submit any photos or write-ups they feel deserving of coverage.

We join with the local sports community in wishing Art a quick and complete recovery, and we join with Art in thanking all those who have reached out to him already with their expressions of concern and support. M.J.K.