

E-Notes from the PGA TOUR



PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FL

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- **Tiger Woods** returns this week to the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard as a five-time winner of the event. Only eight times in TOUR history has a player won the same event six times or more. Tiger has done it three times already. **Sam Snead** holds the record winning in Greensboro eight times.
- There's a terrific field in place for Arnie's event with 32 players who have won in either 2008 or 2009 entered.
- **David Toms** will be looking to continue his strong play this week at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard. Toms currently leads the TOUR in Scoring Average (69.38) and All-Around (275). He's second in Driving Accuracy (77.29), T5 in Eagles (72.0), T8 in Putting (1.702) and 10th in Total Driving (108). He's currently 15th in the FedExCup standings.
- **Brian Gay**, 26th in the FedExCup standings, has really improved his play over the past two seasons. In his first 292 events on TOUR, he finished in the Top-10 17 times (5.8%). Including his victory last year at the Mayakoba Classic, he's had eight Top-10 finishes in his last 35 starts (22.9%).
- **Kenny Perry**, the 2005 winner of the Arnold Palmer Invitational, has 13 career victories—10 of them after turning 40.
- Is it something in the air? The first two Puerto Rico Opens presented by Banco Popular have been won by **Greg Kraft** (2008) and **Michael Bradley** (2009). The win was the first in his 16-year career for Kraft and the first for Bradley since last winning 11 years earlier. Here's the kicker—both attended Brandon High School in Brandon, FL.
- **Rich Beem** is off to a good start this year with four finishes of T14 or better in his first eight outings. He's 46th in the FedExCup standings after finishing 111th and 110th in the last two seasons.

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NATIONWIDE TOUR

- **Paul Stankowski** will be in the field this week at the Chitimacha Louisiana Open. He created a little history back in 1996 when he won this tournament and then won the following week on the PGA TOUR at the BellSouth Classic. He's the only player to win on the two Tours in successive weeks.
- **Gavin Coles** will be looking to create a little history of his own this week. He'll be back in Louisiana to defend the title he won last year. No player in the history of the Nationwide Tour has successfully defended a title.
- There's a strong field assembled in Louisiana this week with 27 former PGA TOUR winners entered. Among them are eight players with multiple wins on TOUR.

CHAMPIONS TOUR

- **Greg Norman** will make his 2009 season debut on the Champions Tour this week at The Cap Cana Championship. It will be the first non-major start in Norman's Champions Tour career.
- There are a number of players entered this week at The Cap Cana Championship who have been playing well, but are still looking for their first victories. Among those entered this week (with career Top-10s in parentheses) are **Chip Beck (9), Mark O'Meara (10), Joe Ozaki (14), Nick Price (16), Joey Sindelar (9) and Tim Simpson (12)**.
- When you watch the Champions Tour you get to see a lot of history. The field at this week's The Cap Cana Championship has won a combined 72 major championships on the PGA TOUR and Champions Tour.