

## E-Notes from the PGA TOUR



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- **Boo Weekley** will be looking for his third consecutive win at the Verizon Heritage this week. If he claims it, he'll be the first player other than **Tiger Woods** to win an event three times in a row since **Tom Watson** won the HP Byron Nelson Championship from 1978 through 1980.
- This has been a good year for rookies. Through the first 16 events of the season, seven rookies are among the Top 125 on the FedExCup points list and would qualify for the PGA TOUR Playoffs for the FedExCup. **Jeff Klauk** (#36) leads the way followed by **Scott Piercy** (#44) and **Webb Simpson** (#49). The others are **James Nitties**, **Bill Lunde**, **Aron Price** and **David Mathis**.
- The last three Masters champions all earned their second PGA TOUR title in that event—**Zach Johnson** (2007), **Trevor Immelman** (2008) and **Angel Cabrera** (2009).
- **Todd Hamilton's** T15 last week at the Masters was his best finish on TOUR since a T10 at the 2006 John Deere Classic.
- Through the first 16 events of the year, players from six different countries have won on TOUR—the U.S., Australia, South Korea, South Africa, England and Argentina.
- Close finishes on the TOUR have been the norm since arriving on the East Coast. The last seven events have either been won by one stroke or in a playoff.
- Only three players have finished in the Top 10 in the last two Masters. You probably could guess **Tiger Woods** and **Phil Mickelson**, but would you also know **Steve Flesch**? Flesch has finished T5 and T6 in the last two seasons.
- With **Angel Cabrera** back home in Argentina this week, **Bernhard Langer** in 1985 will remain the last player to win the Masters and then win the following week. In fact, besides Langer, only **Gary Player** (1978) and **Jimmy Demaret** (1950) performed the feat.
- You have to qualify this one a little, but **Angel Cabrera** is the first player to earn his first two PGA TOUR titles in major championships since **Peter Thomson** won the British

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Open in 1954 and 1955. The British Open was not considered an official PGA TOUR event at the time, but was retroactively declared official many years later.

### CHAMPIONS TOUR

- **Tom Watson** never won a PGA TOUR or Champions Tour title in the state of Florida in his first 93 tries, but he's found his stride and this week in Tampa he'll be going for this third consecutive Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am title.
- This week won't be **Tom Watson's** only chance to defend a title this year, he'll be doing it again next week at the Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf where he and his partner, **Andy North**, will look to repeat. Watson and North have won the team competition four consecutive years and have gone 162 holes without a bogey.
- If you are looking for close competitions, the Champions Tour is your place. The first six events this season have either ended in playoffs or in one-stroke victories.
- This week's Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am will feature a number of celebrity participants in the Pro-Am. **Michael J. Fox, George Lopez, Jerry Rice, Joe Theismann, Emmitt Smith** and **Nancy Lopez** are among those expected to compete.

### NATIONWIDE TOUR

- In the recent Stonebrae Classic, **Matt Every** had an unbelievable start to his second round. He began birdie-par-birdie-birdie-birdie-ace-eagle-par-par-birdie. That's 8-under through seven holes and 9-under through 10. He finished with a 63 and ultimately finished in a T4.
- It's early in the year, but this is noteworthy, nonetheless—**Michael Sim** is third on Tour in Driving Distance AND Driving Accuracy.
- This week's Athens Regional Foundation Classic will feature 28 former winners on the PGA TOUR. One of them, **Andrew Magee**, will be playing on the Nationwide Tour for the first time.
- Six former Nationwide Tour players finished among the Top 10 at last week's Masters—**Chad Campbell, Steve Flesch, John Merrick, Steve Stricker, Jim Furyk and Sean O'Hair**.