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E NOTES FROM THE PGA TOUR

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- **Chris Stroud** begins this week's Frys.com Open on the hot seat in 125th place on the money list. Everyone from 109th to 140th is in the field looking to leap into the Top 125 with just a few weeks remaining.
- Not only does this week's field at the Frys.com Open have 10 players entered who have won on the PGA TOUR this year, it also has three—**Michael Allen**, **Tom Lehman** and **Tom Pernice Jr.**—who have won on the Champions Tour this year.
- **Martin Laird** may be a native of Scotland, but he has a warm place in his heart for Nevada. Last week, Laird won his first PGA TOUR title at the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. Earlier this year, he finished T2 at the Legends Reno-Tahoe Open and he was T4 at the 2008 Legends Reno-Tahoe Open.
- When **Martin Laird** won last week's Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, he became the sixth consecutive first-time PGA TOUR winner of the event joining **Andre Stolz**, **Wes Short**, **Troy Matteson**, **George McNeill** and **Marc Turnesa**.
- Scoring was really good last week in Las Vegas with 25 rounds of 64 or better and 16 of 63 or better being posted. Here's a sample of how low the scores were—**D.A. Points** shot rounds of 69-66-69-69 and finished T38.
- **Chad Campbell** nearly ended the winless streak at the Las Vegas stop by UNLV alums when he fell in a playoff last week to **Martin Laird**. Still, his T2 was the best ever by a UNLV alum in Las Vegas.
- Five players in the field this week at the Frys.com Open have won the FBR Open down the street at the TPC Scottsdale—**Aaron Baddeley**, **Mark Calcavecchia**, **Chris DiMarco**, **Tom Lehman** and **Rocco Mediate**. Each will try to become the first player to win both Scottsdale stops on the TOUR.

NATIONWIDE TOUR

- **Michael Sim** enters this week's season finale, the Nationwide Tour Championship at Daniel Island, in first place on the money list. He hasn't clinched that spot yet, though, as **Chad Collins**, **Blake Adams** and **Derek Lamely** each

have a chance to pass him and claim the money title and a full exemption on the 2010 PGA TOUR, as well as an invite to the 2010 PLAYERS Championship.

- There's also a battle to finish among The 25 and graduate to the PGA TOUR for 2010. **Alistair Presnell** is currently 25th with \$165,933, but just \$12,916 separates him from the next eight players on the list.
- The win last week by **Martin Laird** in Las Vegas was the 258th by a former Nationwide Tour player on the PGA TOUR and the 21st this year. The record is 22 wins set in 2004.
- With three weeks remaining on the PGA TOUR, 10 of last year's The 25 are safely among the Top 125.

CHAMPIONS TOUR

- **John Cook** will not only be bidding for his second consecutive win this week after capturing last week's Administaff Small Business Classic, he'll also be looking to win his third consecutive AT&T Championship title.
- More on **John Cook**: The California native has taken a liking to Texas since joining the Champions Tour in 2007—all three of his Champions Tour victories have come in the state.
- **Nick Price** had his streak of consecutive rounds in the 60s end at 11 after a second-round 74 at last week's Administaff Small Business Classic. It's the longest streak on Tour this season.
- This is the final week to qualify for the 30-man field at next week's season finale, the Charles Schwab Cup Championship. **Mark James** is currently in 30th place, some \$7,663 ahead of #31, **Tim Simpson**.