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E NOTES FROM THE PGA TOUR

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- **Justin Leonard** is frequently the man to watch at the Valero Texas Open. The native of Texas has won the event three times (2000, 2001, 2007) and has been second twice (1995, 1998). Overall, in 11 starts, he has finished 15th or better nine times and is a collective 132-under par in the tournament.
- More on **Leonard**: He and **Arnold Palmer** are the only players to win the Valero Texas Open three times since the event began back in 1922.
- Only two players were able to shoot scores of par or better in all four rounds of last week's PLAYERS Championship—**Brian Davis and Jeff Klauk**.
- While distance is much talked about, it's often the short game that leads to victory. Through the first 20 events this year on TOUR, only once has the tournament's Driving Distance leader won (**Dustin Johnson** at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am), but three different winners have lead the field in Scrambling and two others in Putting.
- In the first 27 years THE PLAYERS Championship has been conducted at the TPC Sawgrass, only two eagles were recorded on the 449-yard, par-4 15th hole. Last week, three players—**Scott Verplank, Jason Bohn and Michael Letzig**—all accomplished the feat.
- Despite extra points available at last week's PLAYERS Championship, the Top 10 players in the FedExCup point standings remain the same. There were a couple of minor position changes, but the same 10 players remain with **Geoff Ogilvy** still holding down the top spot.

CHAMPIONS TOUR

- **Bob Tway**, who turned 50 on May 4, will make his Champions Tour debut this week at the Regions Charity Classic.
- This week's title sponsor, Regions Bank, gave all 44 of its Pro-Am spots to Children's Hospital of Alabama for re-sale. One purchaser, Mike McLeod, gave his spot back to the hospital and asked that it be given to a youngster they'd recommend. This week, 17-year old Ian Evans of The First Tee of Birmingham will have a chance to tee it up with one of the stars of the Champions Tour.

- This week's course, the Ross Bridge course of the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, is the longest course on the Champions Tour at 7,473 yards.
- If you are looking for a winner this week, check out anyone in the field who hails from Lakeland, FL. The last three Regions Charity Classic champs call Lakeland home—**Bart Bryant** in 2006 and 2007 and **Andy Bean** last year.

NATIONWIDE TOUR

- This week's BMW Charity Pro-Am will feature the largest field of any Nationwide Tour event this year—168 players. Among them are 26 former PGA TOUR winners, including multiple winners **Jim Gallagher Jr** (5 PGA TOUR wins), **Gabriel Hjerstedt** (2), **J.L. Lewis** (2), **Frank Lickliter** (2), **Andrew Magee** (4), **Len Mattiace** (2), **Steve Pate** (6), **David Peoples** (2), **Ted Schulz** (2) and **Paul Stankowski** (2).
- Also on hand are a number of celebrities at the BMW Charity Pro-Am. Expected to compete alongside the Nationwide Tour players this week are actors Oliver Hudson, Dennis Quaid and Greg Kinnear along with former standout athletes George Rogers and Sterling Sharpe, among others.
- In the 17 previous years of the BMW Charity Pro-Am, the winners have gone on to graduate to the PGA TOUR at season's end 15 times.