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The PGA Tour went dark last week – the first time since 1989 that there was a week off during the season. So with a week off before the Ryder Cup, here are the different roads two European team members took this week. Pádraig Harrington left for his home in Ireland after spending the past six weeks in the United States, five of those playing in tournaments. Sergio Garcia, however, decided to stay in the United States. "I'm trying to rest, so I didn't want to go all the way back to Spain and then come back only for one week and be in the Ryder Cup," Garcia said. "If it was any other tournament, I'd probably do it. But I think the Ryder Cup is too important to do that."

As you're waiting to tee off this week, ask your buddies who has won more on Tour this year, South Americans or Australians? Actually, the answer is they tied with two apiece, Andrés Romero and Camilo Villegas for South America with Geoff Ogilvy and Adam Scott for Australia.

Quote of the week: After his victory last week we asked Camilo how many people in Columbia played golf. His answer: "Hopefully more tomorrow than today."

Did you know that for all his success on the PGA Tour and in majors Phil Mickelson has never won a postseason award? He may pick up the scoring average championship this year but that depends on what he does at the Tour Championship. Mickelson leads with a 69.52 scoring average, with Sergio Garcia one-hundredth of a point behind at 69.53. Right behind them are Vijay Singh and Anthony Kim, tied at 69.62.

The man known as "The Greatest" will inspire Ryder Cup players to be the greatest on the golf course. Muhammad Ali will host a special event at the center that bears his name next Wednesday, September 17. The boxing champ will host the welcome celebration with his wife, Lonnie, at the Ali Center. The free event is just one of the many activities taking place in Louisville during The Cup Experience.

Bernhard Langer, who captained the 2004 Ryder Cup team to a nine-point victory over the U.S., is the latest to criticize this year's captain, Nick Faldo. This time it's not about player selection but on co-captains or in this case not having enough. Faldo picked Jose Maria Olazabal and Paul McGinley, but McGinley resigned when he tried to earn his way onto the team, leaving only "Ollie" "He's making a mistake by not having somebody with each group," Langer said. "I think once you have the four teams out on the course, I know as a captain I would like to have one person with each group to give me information. I can't be everywhere and I need information, I need to know how they are playing and what's going on."



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What's even more impressive is looking at the top five leaders in the FedEx Cup competition. Four out of the top five have SST PUREd their clubs: Vijay Singh, Camilo Villegas (who won the BMW Championship), Jim Furyk and Mike Weir. SST players have won every FedEx Cup event this year.

As the golf spotlight turns on Valhalla for the Ryder Cup this week, once again we find the players with SST PUREd clubs leading the way and that starts with both team captains. American captain Paul Azinger and European captain Nick Faldo both PURE their clubs as do their players: Pádraig Harrington, Henrik Stenson, Justin Rose, Graeme McDowell, Paul Casey, Steve Stricker, Jim Furyk, Kenny Perry, Boo Weekly and Chad Campbell.

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