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Phil Mickelson shot a seven-over 149 after two rounds to miss the cut at the FBR Open for the second time in three years. Mickelson followed up a disastrous first round by shooting two-over 73 to miss the cut by seven strokes. It's the first time Mickelson has missed the cut in his season debut since he turned pro in 1992. Here's a trivia question to pose to your golfing buddies next weekend. How did Phil do the next week after the last time he missed the FBR cut? He won at Pebble Beach!

As might be expected, players are starting to comment on what and how Tiger Woods must do and modify if he expects to return to top form. Lee Trevino weighed in this week by suggesting Tiger must modify his swing when he returns from reconstructive knee surgery in order to avoid breaking down again. Trevino, a six-time major winner, says that "Tiger must change the way he locks his left knee when attacking the ball or swing the club slower."

Trevino had some suggestions. "The upside is if he changes it a little bit, if he learns to swing a little bit with the knee breaking, he won't be able to swing as fast. If he does that then he's going to hit the driver straighter and if he hits the driver straighter he'll be a better player than he is and the rest of the guys are in bigger trouble. If he doesn't stop that and he keeps locking his left knee and swinging at the same speed he'll blow it out again."

So what are Tiger's thoughts on this? He said a few weeks ago that he was enjoying practicing by being able to hit into a firm left knee, something he said hasn't been the case for many years. "No one really knew the problem I was having," he said. "With that knee totally unstable I had to rely more on arm timing to impact the ball but now the knee feels the way it should, solid!" So much for the Trevino input.

Tiger should be back in the fray by the time the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill rolls around in March. It might be just in the nick of time if he wants to keep the world No. 1 ranking, but more likely he'll be trailing Sergio Garcia. Sergio has narrowed Tiger's lead at the top of the world rankings from more than 11 points last June to less than three. With Woods still out of action, Garcia has not finished outside the top eight in his last seven tournaments.

The PGA Tour is going to court to sue the virtually bankrupt Ginn Corporation for breach of contract for failing to honor its agreement to host their Champions Tour event. Ginn Sports Entertainment and Ginn Development Company also disappointed the LPGA this week when they announced they will not sponsor the Ginn Open at Reunion Resort.



Perry Posts 3rd SST Win in '09

Kenny Perry, a three-time winner in 2008, won the FBR Open last week. Perry asks SST to PURE his clubs, so now SST PURE has won two out of the first three full field PGA Tour events. Zach Johnson won last month in Hawaii and Bernhard Langer won on the Champions Tour, making this victory the third in three weeks.

Other players with a history of having SST PURE their clubs had a great week as Kevin Na finished third, and other top-20 finishers with PUREd clubs included Matt Kuchar, Brian Gay, Rory Sabbatini, Zach Johnson and D.J. Trahan.

Zach Johnson hit 75% of the greens in regulation and Perry led in overall scoring average in winning a three-hole playoff under considerable pressure due to cement-like greens.

Hard-working Arnie Cunningham, the SST PURE rep on Tour, had a great week scheduling the PUREing for some clubs of D.J. Trahan, Lucas Glover, Fredrik Jacobson, Tom Lehman, Rory Sabbatini, two-time U.S. Open Champion Lee Janzen, Brad Adamonis, Brandt Snedeker, former British Open champion Ben Curtis, Ken Duke and Matt Kuchar. Arnie was even able to squeeze in some clubs for Pdraig Harrington, who did not play. Harrington won't play or practice with clubs that have not been PUREd and this is one of the reasons Harrington was the 2008 PGA Player of the Year after capturing his second British Open in a row and the PGA Championship.

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