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Great news if you love watching major championships in prime time. The USGA has once again made an excellent decision to time this year's U.S. Open to finish at 11 p.m. on Saturday night and to complete the final round at 10 p.m. on Sunday night. So Pebble Beach gets the prime-time treatment and I'm sure they're hoping for a dream finish to add to the excitement. The last time this happened was in 2008 when Tiger Woods and Rocco Mediate tied for the lead with Woods winning a Monday playoff. The Open comes our way June 17-20.

It's been a great couple of weeks for Alex Prugh, just one of the new names we are going to have to get used to now playing on the Tour. With higher profile rookies like Ryo Ishikawa and Ricky Barnes playing this year it's been Prugh who has proven to be a better player at least so far. "I'm just not that flashy," Prugh said. "I've played with Ricky before. Just to show how flashy he is, he has six pairs of shoes and color-coordinates them with his outfit. I would rather let my golf talk for me." He has backed that up by being a total of 47-under par for his three tournaments so far this year.

Phil Mickelson could wish for a better start to 2010 so far. This year he's finished 19th at Torrey Pines and tied for 45th at the Northern Trust Open, where he was the defending champion.

Together again and it should be a big draw! Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player are getting together for a charity event in June expected to raise more than \$12 million for a school that helps needy children. The Big Three will compete as a team in a scramble format over 19 holes against a three-man team of amateurs on each hole at The Olde Farm Golf Club. The event will raise money for Mountain Mission School and will be played two days after Jack's Memorial Tournament.

Happy to report that Luke Donald's wrist problems are behind him and he's back to playing well this year. Luke grabbed second place at the Northern Trust and his confidence is rising every week that he can soon be back in the winner's circle. "This year already it's been a lot better with no pain. I'm still working on getting full mobility in my wrist, but I feel like everything is behind me now and I can just play golf without any feelings of discomfort in that wrist." Did you know that Luke is also quite an artist? Until its demise a few years ago Luke's artistic work was featured on the cover of the Western Open. He's a transplanted Englishman living in the Chicago area.

Interesting Pro-Am duo at Pebble Beach this week: John "I'm really not going to quit" Daly and Dallas QB Tony Romo. "John's a good guy and you want to see him do well," said Romo, who contributed two birdies to their cause. "He's fun, but he's competitive. It's a good combination."



SST Wins on Both Tours

Dustin Johnson and Fred Couples both won this weekend and both have a long history of playing with clubs PURED by SST. Let's start with Johnson, who is the repeat winner of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. Earlier in the day I heard from a very excited Dick Weiss, founder and president of SST PURE, that the SST PURE labels were visible on a number of players clubs which to me really shows the acceptance SST now has as the hottest company in golf. When a club is PURED SST applies a shaft label but pros traditionally prefer no labels at all. That mindset seems to have changed because they realize how important SST is to their game consistency. Consistency to a pro is pure gold!

Johnson's win is the third this year on the PGA Tour for SST and once again the real message comes across loud and clear in the top 20 results. SST PURE players dominated it once again. The top three all played with PURED clubs and all proudly displayed SST PURE labels. Johnson won followed by David Duvall and J.B. Holmes. By the way, Holmes made an historic eagle 2 on the eighth hole on Thursday. Other top-20 players this week with a history of playing with PURED clubs are Paul Goydos, Tim Clark, D.J. Trahan, Steve Elkington, Brian Gay, Luke Donald, Bob Estes and Pdraig Harrington. A side note: When Holmes got his eagle he was in a threesome with Johnson and Garrett Willis. All had a bagful of SST PURED clubs with labels on.

Victory No. 4 for SST PURE came as Fred Couples won the Ace Classic. It was Boom Boom's first Champions Tour victory and right behind was Tommy Armour III, another player with SST PURED clubs.

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