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It's still months away, but Ryder Cup hype is already starting as the two captains, Colin Montgomerie for Europe and Cory Pavin for the USA, are getting more involved on a daily basis as they prepare for the match. As he attempts to bring the Trophy back to Europe, Monty is talking with all the winning Ryder Cup captains of the recent past and one captain who lost it two years ago.

"I will be talking to Nick Faldo, Bernhard Langer, Ian Woosnam and Sam Torrance," he said. "They are the last four captains. I'll be talking to every one of them. Not because I have to, but because I want to. It is only right that you can learn from their experiences. Sam was a brilliant captain. America sent over a much stronger team than he had in 2002 and yet we won, because the four rookies in the singles never lost. How he got those rookies to believe that they were part of the team, to go out there believing in themselves, that is what I have to find out from Sam." Monty will also have rookies on his team this year, including Rory McIlroy.

"And, of course, you can learn from defeat, sometimes more than you do from a win." Monty added. "Learning from certain aspects from Nick Faldo, if he can sit down with me at Pebble beach during the U.S. Open and talk openly and honestly about what he might have done differently, then we can learn from it for the sake of the European Tour. There is a big opportunity here. I will definitely see him there."

Speaking of American captain Pavin, it took him 27 appearances at the Colonial to shoot his lowest score, a 62 on Friday. Pavin was magician with his iron shots all week at the tournament he's won twice before, and he even used his old vintage Bulls Eye putter for a couple of long birdies. I like his comments after the round because we can all learn from what he said: "I can play my game here. I don't have to do things that are out of my comfort zone. It's about positioning shots off the tee, keeping the ball in the fairway. It requires a lot of clean iron shots and smart shots."

Did you see where BP was attempting to stop the Gulf Oil leak by injecting golf balls into the fracture? Why golf balls? Here's the thought behind it. It seems that golf balls are small and robust enough to fill holes between the other junk being injected, like rope and tires that BP is using to plug the leak. Because golf balls can withstand 2,000 pounds of force from a golf club it was felt they would withstand the well pressure. It didn't work, so BP needs a mulligan.

Out here in Denver at the Champions Tour PGA Championship, the players have to adjust to the thinner atmosphere of the mile-high city. It's about a 10-15 percent difference in distance from sea level. Fred Couples told us he still has "trouble feeling comfortable hitting a 7-iron into the green 200 yards away."



SST PURE Picks Up Three Wins

Three victories on three Tours was how SST PURE spent its Memorial Day weekend. Zach Johnson, who first PUREd his clubs two weeks after winning the Masters a few years ago, won the prestigious Colonial by defeating a world-class field. Next Tom Lehman won the Senior PGA Championship, the second Champions Tour PGA won in a row as Michael Allen, another player with PUREd clubs, won last year.

As the scorekeeper I only count SST PURE wins on the either the PGA or Champions Tour in the total I print each week. If I added in wins around the world the total would climb even more dramatically as in the case of the Madrid Open victory on the European Tour this weekend by Luke Donald, another player with a long history of asking SST to PURE his clubs.

Officially this means that players with SST PUREd clubs in their bags have won 20 championships this year. There is another figure that really illustrates the tremendous acceptance by the toughest critics in the world, the PGA Tour pros. It's the total money won by players on just the PGA Tour who have had their clubs PUREd. That total has now risen to over \$75 million and the season is not even at the halfway point. This shows the domination of the top five, top 10 and top 20 week in and week out by players with PUREd clubs.

The Colonial is a perfect example. Zach Johnson won and Brian Davis came in second with Jeff Overton in third. Also in the top 20: Scott Verplank in fifth, Ricky Barnes in seventh, Boo Weekley in ninth and top-20 finishes by Bo Van Pelt, Paul Casey and K.J. Choi.

Tom Lehman's victory was his second major and first individual Champions Tour victory and right behind him was Fred Couples who regularly sends clubs to SST for PUREing.

Every week I write about the success SST PURE has on the tours, but the real reason is to inspire you to take your clubs to your local SST PURE licensee and have them PUREd using the same patented and proprietary programs and computers used when the pros clubs are PUREd.

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