

# SOUND OFF!



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**I don't understand. Obviously there is a certain group of people determined to tear down what Ponder and his coaching staff have accomplished. It could be any number of reasons, but I am convinced it is jealousy. "Brad" takes his latest shot with hats and salaries. I wonder what level Brad has played ball and what he actually knows about the sacrifices made by the entire coaching staff to build a winning program. How many family activities are lost preparing the team for a season? How often is family put on the back burner in order to invest the time needed to coach these kids? Regardless of your opinion of the game, coaches are underpaid.**

**In the history of coaching, has there ever been a correlation between the way a person wears a hat and winning percentages? If they did, they would see (as the ESPN commentator pointed out on numerous occasions) Ponder has turned the Rider program around and built a powerhouse along the way. I guess more coaches should turn their hat around... they would not be "real" coaches according to Brad, but they may possibly build winning programs and get accused of making too much money. I would be interested to know if Brad has ever seen the inside of a locker room or knows how to play any sport other than armchair quarterbacking...**

Lunchmeat

**To the directors of the Crimestoppers golf tournament: Next year, if anyone plays in the tournament, I have a few suggestions for the respect of us sponsors and players.**

- 1. If you have as many teams as this year (42), you need to be like Hospice and have morning and evening rounds.**
- 2. Don't be so greedy. Care about the feelings of your players and sponsors. A six-hour round of golf is no fun — charity or no charity.**
- 3. Your take-the-money-and-run attitude resembles a thief you try to catch.**

Disappointed Joe

## TODAY'S ON THE AIR

- UEFA Champions League Soccer:** Manchester United vs. Villarreal, 1:30 p.m., ESPN2
- MLB Baseball:** Milwaukee Brewers at Chicago Cubs, 6 p.m., ESPN
- College Football:** Kansas State at Louisville, 7 p.m., ESPN2
- Coach's Show:** Bill Maskill Coach's Show, 7 p.m., KWFB 100.9-FM (radio only)
- MLB Baseball:** Tigers at Rangers, 7 p.m., FSN
- UFC Fight Night:** 7 p.m., SPIKE

## TODAY'S CALENDAR

- Hockey:** NAHL Showcase Tournament in Blaine, Minn.: WF Wildcats vs. United States National Team Development Program (USNTDP), 4:15 p.m. CDT
- Cross Country:** Hirschi at Ponder Invitational
- Baseball:** Major Leagues: Detroit Tigers at Texas Rangers, 7:05 p.m., Rangers Ballpark in Arlington

## THE SPREAD

This is the betting spread for this week's college and NFL football games. The home team is listed in bold and is capitalized, and the under/over is in parenthesis.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL		
Favorite	Spread	Underdog
Wednesday, Sept. 17		
Kansas State	4 1/2	LOUISVILLE
Thursday, Sept. 18		
West Virginia	2 1/2	COLORADO
Friday, Sept. 19		
CONNECTICUT	13 1/2	Baylor
Saturday, Sept. 20		
Favorite	Spread	Underdog
PENN STATE		
28		Temple
NORTHWESTERN		
10 1/2		Ohio
GEORGIA TECH		
7 1/2		Mississippi St.
PITTSBURGH		
even		Iowa
PURDUE		
10 1/2		Ken. Michigan
East Carolina		
7 1/2		N.C. STATE
Alabama		
9 1/2		ARKANSAS
BOSTON COLLEGE		
10 1/2		Ken. Florida
Akron		
10 1/2		SEAHAWKS
MARYLAND		
21 1/2		Eastern Mich.
Houston		
6		COLORADO ST.
Rutgers		
6 1/2		NAVY
NORTH CAROLINA		
2		Virginia Tech
MICHIGAN STATE		
8 1/2		Notre Dame
OREGON		
11 1/2		Boise State
Miami (Fla.)		
3		TEXAS A&M
Florida		
7		TENNESSEE
Utah		
7 1/2		AIR FORCE
MISSISSIPPI		
6 1/2		Vanderbilt
FLORIDA STATE		
4 1/2		Wake Forest
TULSA		
11		New Mexico
INDIANA		
3 1/2		Ball State
TEXAS		
30 1/2		Rice
CINCINNATI		
11 1/2		Miami (Ohio)
LSU		
24 1/2		SMU
MISSOURI		
7		ARIZONA STATE
BYU		
29		Wyoming
Arizona		
2 1/2		UCLA
SOUTHERN MISS.		
9 1/2		Marshall
Fresno State		
7		TOLEDO
UNLV		
3		Iowa State
TEXAS-EL PASO		
6 1/2		New Mexico St.
NFL		
Sunday, Sept. 21		
Favorite	Spread	Underdog
FALCONS		
4 1/2		Chiefs (35 1/2)
BILLS		
9		Raiders (37)
TITANS		
5		Texans (38)
GIANTS		
13		Bengals (42)
REDSKINS		
3		Cardinals (43)
PATRIOTS		
13		Dolphins (35)
BEARS		
3		Buccaneers (36)
VIKINGS		
3 1/2		Panthers (37)
SEAHAWKS		
10		Rams (45)
49ERS		
4		Lions (42)
BRONCOS		
4 1/2		Saints (56)
EAGLES		
NL		Steelers
COLTS		
5 1/2		Jaguars (42)
RAVENS		
1 1/2		Browns (38)
Cowboys		
3 1/2		PACKERS (51)
Monday, Sept. 22		
Favorite	Spread	Underdog
CHARGERS		
9		Jets (43)

## GOLF CALENDAR

- SEPTEMBER**
- 20: Nocona Lions Club 4-person scramble; Nocona Indian Oaks
- 20: Blue Max Golf Tour annual 4-day tournament (third round 8 a.m. at SAFB Wind Creek)
- 20-21: Club Championship at Nocona Hills; 940-825-3444
- 21: Blue Max Golf Tour annual 4-day tournament (final round 8 a.m. at River Creek)
- 23: Texoma Senior Golf Tour at Runaway Bay in Bridgeport; 940-733-1036
- 26: SPE, 8 a.m. at River Creek, 940-855-3361
- 26: Larame Griffin Memorial, 1 p.m. at River Creek, 940-855-3361
- 27: Nick Green Memorial, 1 p.m. at River Creek, 940-855-3361
- 27: Electra Ladies Golf Association Nite Golf; Crooked Creek Golf Course; \$35; Sharon Fletcher 940-495-3832 or 940-733-0497
- 28: Fiestas Guadalupe 4-person scramble benefiting Our Lady Queen of Peace Church; 8 a.m. shotgun, Hawk Ridge; \$60 per person; call John Ozuna at 940-767-4059 or Hector Garza at 940-767-4855
- 30: Texoma Senior Golf Tour at Archer City; 940-733-1036
- OCTOBER**
- 3: Special Olympics at River Creek, 940-855-3361
- Rider Baseball Booster (scramble) at River Creek, \$220 per team, lunch at noon, 940-855-

- 3361, 940-704-2187
- 4: Olney Day/Night Scramble; \$25 per person; 940-564-2424
- 6: River Creek Pro-Am (Don Cherry as guest pro); 940-855-3361
- 7: Texoma Senior Golf Tour at Generations in Marlow, Okla.; 940-733-1036
- 9: North Texas Ladies Golf Association at Nocona Hills; 8:30 a.m.; 940-825-3442
- 10: MLK Center 4-person scramble; 2 p.m.; The Champions Course at Weeks Park; \$70 per person by Oct. 6; call Larry Nash, 940-761-7980
- 14: Texoma Senior Golf Tour at Twin Oaks in Duncan, Okla.; 940-733-1036
- 18-19: Henrietta Clay County Country Club He-She Tournament; \$100 per team; 940-538-4339
- 21-22: Texoma Senior Golf Tour Two-Day Championship at Hawk Ridge (Tuesday) and at River Creek (Wednesday); 940-733-1036
- 28: Texoma Senior Golf Tour at Lawton Municipal; 940-733-1036

The area golf calendar runs in full on the first Wednesday of the month and then on a two-month basis the other weeks. To have your golf tournament listed, fax the information to the Sports Department at (940) 767-1741 or send the information to the Times Record News Sport Department, P.O. Box 120, Wichita Falls, Texas 76301. Or you can email them to sports@timesrecordnews.com

# Leonard, Davis teaming up to bring New Course to The Colony

For the Times Record News

When Tripp Davis designed the Old Course at The Tribute, the acclaimed golf architect brought Scotland to North Texas.

Now Davis is teaming with Texan Justin Leonard to bring the New Course to the golf resort in The Colony.

Wynne/Jackson and Matthews Southwest, two Dallas-based residential and commercial companies, broke ground on the second Tribute course last week.

"The original Tribute is a Scottish-type course and with my success playing in Britain, when I won the Open championship in 1997, it is very special to me," Leonard said. "I played a lot of the courses over there and seeing such an accurate rendition of the holes close to home is nice. A lot of people will not be able to play in Scotland but they can experience it at Tribute."

The theme of the New Course will be complimentary of the current Old Course at The Tribute but will reflect courses similar to Shinnecock and Maidstone (of Long Island, New York). The bunkers will be larger, more flowing and surrounded by native grasses. The overall topography will be increasingly dramatic with more elevations and trees. The course's main characteristics will be



Courtesy

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the softness of greens, flowing bunkers and water features and frontages.

"We're going to make it look like it's been there for a 100 years," Davis added. "There are going to be eight holes on the water, and you'll be able to see water from all but four holes. A number of golf architecture critics believe this will be another highly rated course."

Leonard was hoping for the opportunity to design a course in Dallas but never felt the time was right until he met

with Davis about the New Course at The Tribute.

"I knew Tripp when he was playing golf for OU (University of Oklahoma)," he added. "I knew at some point that I wanted to test the design waters, but I also wanted to wait for the right person and the right project. I turned down several opportunities until Tripp came along. It was kind of natural with me being from Dallas and with Tripp's experience on designing quality courses."

Since their initial meeting in the fall of 2005, Leonard and Davis have provided their unique perspectives on course strategy, green placement and overall playability. With Leonard's experience of playing the world's finest courses and Davis' intricate knowledge of layout and design, the New Course at The Tribute is expected to be playable for the average golfer but still demanding for good amateurs and professionals.

"There really isn't a course like the Tribute now," added Leonard. "The New Course will only enhance that. We're building on the great reputation of the Old Course."

The front nine of the New Course is scheduled to open next July with the back nine to be added in September of 2009.

## GOLF LEADERBOARD

### Ryder Cup Rosters

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) - Rosters for the 37th Ryder Cup, to be played Sept. 19-21 at Valhalla Golf Club (x denotes captain's pick):

UNITED STATES	
Captain: Paul Azinger	
x-Chad Campbell	
Stewart Cink	
Ben Curtis	
Jim Furyk	
x-J.B. Holmes	
Anthony Kim	
Justin Leonard	
x-Hunter Mahan	
Phil Mickelson	
Kenny Perry	
x-Steve Stricker	
Boo Weekley	

### EUROPE

Captain: Nick Faldo	
x-Paul Casey	
Sergio Garcia	
Soren Hansson	
Padraig Harrington	
Miguel Angel Jimenez	
Robert Karlsson	
Graeme McDowell	
x-Ian Poulter	
Justin Rose	
Henrik Stenson	
Lee Westwood	
Oliver Wilson	

### PGA TOUR Official Money Leaders

Rank	Name	Points	YTD Money
1.	Vijay Singh	122.651	\$6,473,694
2.	Carnillo Villegas	112.050	\$3,162,641
3.	Sergio Garcia	110.900	\$4,102,224
4.	Jim Furyk	109.130	\$3,217,714
5.	Mike Weir	109.068	\$2,481,169
6.	Anthony Kim	108.919	\$4,246,765
7.	Justin Leonard	108.138	\$3,664,502
8.	K.J. Choi	106.846	\$2,473,442
9.	Phil Mickelson	106.701	\$4,779,375
10.	Ben Curtis	106.202	\$2,335,798
11.	Kevin Sutherland	106.178	\$1,859,252
12.	Steve Stricker	106.156	\$2,317,904
13.	Kenny Perry	105.865	\$4,543,394
14.	Dudley Hart	105.431	\$2,029,163
15.	Stewart Cink	105.182	\$3,843,261
16.	Hunter Mahan	105.149	\$2,041,196
17.	Carl Pettersson	104.794	\$2,292,995
18.	Robert Allenby	104.601	\$2,654,130
19.	Trevor Immelman	104.528	\$2,386,159
20.	Stuart Appleby	104.525	\$2,304,590
21.	Ernie Els	104.425	\$2,299,290
22.	Ken Duke	104.232	\$1,706,077
23.	Tim Clark	103.895	\$1,542,492
24.	Briny Baird	103.534	\$1,885,704
25.	D.J. Trahan	103.453	\$2,165,768
26.	Ryuji Imada	103.353	\$2,588,376
27.	Andres Romero	103.303	\$1,949,112
28.	Billy Mayfair	103.189	\$1,495,643
29.	Bubba Watson	103.003	\$1,397,956
30.	Chad Campbell	102.812	\$2,044,342

### PGA TOUR Statistics

Through Sept. 14  
Scoring Average

- 1. Phil Mickelson, 69.52
- 2. Sergio Garcia, 69.53
- 3. (tie), Vijay Singh and Anthony Kim, 69.62
- 5. Padraig Harrington, 69.67
- 6. Kenny Perry, 69.75
- 7. Camilo Villegas, 69.87
- 8. Robert Allenby, 69.88
- 9. Jim Furyk, 69.94
- 10. Briny Baird, 69.95

Driving Distance

- 1. Bubba Watson, 315.0
- 2. (tie), Robert Garrigus and J.B. Holmes, 310.9
- 4. Dustin Johnson, 309.0
- 5. Steve Allan, 303.9
- 6. Harrison Frazar, 303.4
- 7. Tag Ridings, 300.8
- 8. Adam Scott, 302.1
- 9. Nick Watney, 300.8
- 10. Jason Gore, 300.6

Driving Accuracy Percentage

- 1. Olin Browne, 78.97%
- 2. Fred Funk, 76.68%
- 3. Larry Mize, 75.48%
- 4. Mark Brooks, 74.05%
- 5. Bart Bryant, 73.72%
- 6. Zach Johnson, 73.48%
- 7. Heath Slocum, 72.84%
- 8. Scott Ver-

### Greens in Regulation Pct.

- 1. Briny Baird, 70.51%
- 2. Harrison Frazar, 70.09%
- 3. Hunter Mahan, 69.62%
- 4. Joe Durant, 69.35%
- 5. Kent Jones, 69.31%
- 6. Robert Allenby, 69.23%
- 7. Vijay Singh, 68.69%
- 8. John Senden, 68.65%
- 9. Billy Mayfair, 68.34%
- 10. John Rieger, 67.99%

Total Driving

- 1. Jason Gore, 57.2
- 2. Charles Warren, 67.3
- 3. John Merrick, 83.4
- 4. Nicholas Thompson, 90.5
- 5. Jason Dufner, 108.6
- 6. (tie), John Rieger, Joe Durant and John Rollins, 109.9
- 7. Jason Bohn, 114.10
- 8. Charley Hoffman, 116.

Putting Average

- 1. (tie), Bob Tway and Ryan Palmer, 1.724
- 3. Daniel Chopra, 1.731
- 4. Nathan Green, 1.740
- 5. Padraig Harrington, 1.742
- 6. Brian Gray, 1.745
- 7. Jeff Quinney, 1.747
- 8. (tie), Corey Pavin and Shane Bertsch, 1.749
- 10. Aaron Baddeley, 1.750

Birdie Average

- 1. Ryan Palmer, 4.11
- 2. Kenny Perry, 3.84
- 3. Camilo Villegas, 3.81
- 4. (tie), Phil Mickelson and Padraig Harrington, 3.76
- 6. Bob Tway, 3.74
- 7. Vijay Singh, 3.70
- 8. Stewart Cink, 3.68
- 9. (tie), Jason Dufner and Anthony Kim, 3.64

Eagles (Holes per)

- 1. Mathias Gronberg, 96.0
- 2. Matt Jones, 119.5
- 3. (tie), Bob Sowards and Chad Campbell, 123.0
- 5. (tie), John Rieger and Brendan Pappas, 123.4
- 7. (tie), Nick Watney and Dustin Johnson, 124.4
- 9. Martin Laird, 129.6
- 10. Anthony Kim, 138.6

Sand Save Percentage

- 1. Dudley Hart, 66.04%
- 2. Corey Pavin, 63.11%
- 3. Daniel Chopra, 62.50%
- 4. Craig Barlow, 61.64%
- 5. Phil Mickelson, 60.83%
- 6. Mark Wilson, 60.32%
- 7. Ted Purdy, 60.27%
- 8. Mike Weir, 60.00%
- 9. Marco Dawson, 58.33%
- 10. Brad Elder, 58.21%

All-Around Ranking

- 1. Phil Mickelson, 350
- 2. Stewart Cink, 360
- 3. Anthony Kim, 388
- 4. Chad Campbell, 389
- 5. Bob Tway, 425
- 6. Camilo Villegas, 428
- 7. Robert Allenby, 442
- 8. Kenny Perry, 443
- 9. Justin Leonard, 444
- 10. Jason Dufner, 459

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- 2. Tiger Woods (9), \$5,775,000
- 3. Phil Mickelson (20), \$5,779,375
- 4. Kenny Perry (25), \$4,543,394
- 5. Padraig Harrington (15), \$4,313,551
- 6. Anthony Kim (21), \$4,246,765
- 7. Sergio Garcia (18), \$4,102,224
- 8. Stewart Cink (21), \$3,843,261
- 9. Justin Leonard (23), \$3,664,502
- 10. Jim Furyk (25), \$3,217,714

### LPGA Money Leaders

Trn	Money		
1.	Lorena Ochoa	16	\$2,381,048
2.	Annika Sorenstam	17	\$1,588,937