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Stricker Wins The Barclays in Thrilling Fashion

Takes Over the Lead in PGA TOUR Playoffs for the FedExCup

HARRISON, NY (August 26, 2007) — The Barclays kicked off the inaugural PGA TOUR Playoffs for the FedExCup in thrilling fashion as Steve Stricker birdied the final three holes to win by two strokes over K.J. Choi. Stricker entered the final round at Westchester Country Club with a one stroke lead over Choi, but fell into a tie for the lead after bogeys on the 10th and 13th holes. He finished the tournament 16 under par and shot two under par 69 in the final round.

“Congratulations to Steve for winning The Barclays 2007 and we look forward to seeing him defend his title in 2008,” said Robert E. Diamond Jr., President, Barclays PLC. “Barclays also wishes to thank the volunteers and tournament staff as well as our fellow sponsors and media partners who helped make this tournament an overwhelming success.”

This was Stricker’s first PGA TOUR victory since 2001 and his fourth TOUR win overall. He earned \$1.26 million of the \$7 million total purse and collected 9,000 FedExCup points – moving him from 12th to first place in the points standings. Choi moved from fifth to second place while Rory Sabbatini’s third place finish helped him jump from sixth to third place in the FedExCup points standings. Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and Vijay Singh hold the next three positions.

Only the top 120 of the 144 players who qualified for The Barclays and the PGA TOUR Playoffs will move on to the next round in Boston. Only two players managed to play their way into the top 120; Rich Beem’s seventh place finish helped him jump from 134th to 113th place and Doug LaBelle II’s tie for 41st was enough to advance him one spot from 121st to 120th.

Barclays is in its third year as the title sponsor of the PGA TOUR event at Westchester Country Club. The tournament has raised more than \$3 million for local non-profit organizations. In 2007 the charities included: The First Tee of Metropolitan New York, the Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital, St. Vincent’s Hospital Westchester, the Junior Leagues of Westchester, The Twig of Westchester County New York, Inc. and The Westchester Golf Association Caddie Scholarship Fund.

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Number of retailer/merchant relationships:	93,000

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The PGA TOUR is a tax-exempt membership organization of professional golfers. Its primary purpose is to provide competitive earnings opportunities for past, current and future members of the PGA TOUR, Champions Tour and Nationwide Tour; to protect the integrity of the game; and to help grow the reach of the game in the U.S. and around the world.

In 2007, the three Tours will compete in approximately 110 events for approximately \$340 million in prize money. Tournaments are being held in six countries outside the U.S. and in 36 states.

In addition to providing competitive opportunities for its membership, TOUR events also generate significant funds for local charities. In fact, the three Tours have surpassed the \$1 billion mark in overall charitable contributions. The PGA TOUR's web site address is www.pgatour.com and the company is headquartered in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL.

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