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Tom Watson Expected to Return to Pebble Beach for the Sixth Annual Walmart First Tee Open

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Pebble Beach, California –Tom Watson, who finished second to Stewart Cink in an historic play-off at the British Open in Scotland last weekend, is expected to play in the sixth annual Walmart First Tee Open at Pebble Beach over Labor Day weekend.

“We’re looking forward to having Tom play in the First Tee Open at the end of August,” states Monterey Peninsula Foundation President & CEO Ollie Nutt. “If I could have scripted the fairy tale at Turnberry it would have had a different ending, but it was still a phenomenal story.”

The Walmart First Tee Open pairs professionals with amateur contestants and junior golfers who qualify from around the country on Pebble Beach Golf Links and Del Monte Golf Course.

Champions Tour pros who have committed include all five former tournament champions Craig Stadler, Hale Irwin, Scott Simpson, Gil Morgan and Jeff Sluman as well as crowd favorites Jay Haas, Tom Kite, Fred Funk and Fuzzy Zoeller.

Volunteer positions are still available for this year's event, scheduled for the week of August 31 through September 6.

The Walmart First Tee Open at Pebble Beach showcases The First Tee, an initiative of the World Golf Foundation which provides young people of all backgrounds an opportunity to develop life-enhancing values through golf and character education. It is hosted by the Monterey Peninsula Foundation and The First Tee of Monterey County. The Foundation also stages the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am and has generated over \$79 million for charity since 1947.

Clint Eastwood will serve as chairman of the event and former President George H. W. Bush and Arnold Palmer have been named honorary co-chairs. Play will be conducted on both courses Friday and Saturday and on Pebble Beach only on Sunday. All three rounds will be broadcast internationally.

Tickets and information on volunteering is available on the tournament Web site at www.thefirstteeopen.com or by calling 831 644-0333, 800 541-9091.

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