

Morning rush

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Feinstein joins call for Santa Anita to suspend racing

ARCADIA — U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein has joined the California Horse Racing Board in calling for Santa Anita to immediately suspend the remainder of its meet after the deaths of two more horses last weekend.
A total of 29 horses have now died since the track opened for the season in December. The current meet is scheduled to end June 23.

Contenders skipped Pebble in February

By EDDIE PELLIS
Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH — It was a chance to check out the nuances and seek out the subtleties of one of America's true cathedrals of golf while potentially setting themselves up for success at the U.S. Open a few months down the road.
As is their custom, Rickie Fowler and Justin Thomas both passed.
Two of America's brightest young stars have rarely found time to fit the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, played as a regular stop on the PGA Tour each February, into their schedules.



PEBBLE SKIPPER

Rickie Fowler hits a chip shot on the 10th hole during a practice round for the U.S. Open Championship on Monday in Pebble Beach. Fowler skipped the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am earlier this season.

fact that Pebble Beach at the sunshiny, USGA-infused U.S. Open in June is nothing like the damp, often-waterlogged tournament in February, makes the trip to the pro-am something less than mandatory.
But still.
There are enough quirks to the course — the postcard-sized greens, the approach shot over a chasm of Pacific Ocean on No. 8, the bumpy poa annua putting surfaces, the redesigned par-5 14th — that a competitive round or two across one of the world's most iconic layouts certainly couldn't hurt.

on the tiny par-3 that juts into the ocean and is among the most photographed golf holes in the world. "It was blowing about 30 (mph) and it was raining. It was 90-something yards, and it wasn't very fun. You can have some interesting rounds out here."
Much is made of the list of players who have won the U.S. Open on what is viewed as an iconic U.S. Open course: Jack Nicklaus, Tom Watson, Tom Kite, Tiger Woods and Graeme McDowell. Of those five, all had played at least 10 competitive rounds at Pebble before their victories; all but McDowell had previously won the pro-am.

Thomas.
Though the pro-am format of the tournament that began as Bing Crosby's celebrity-studded clambake can turn 18 holes into a 6-hour ordeal, both players view it as a matter of scheduling more than anything.
Fowler said he did think about playing this year. But a sponsorship deal takes him to Torrey Pines for the Farmers Insurance Open in late January, and he loves playing Phoenix the week after that.
"So I thought about it, but ... it wasn't something that I didn't think fit in," he said.
Thomas, meanwhile, has bigger concerns than course knowledge.
He missed six weeks, including last month's PGA Championship, with a wrist injury that he insists is fully healed. The injury forced some juggling of his schedule; he played the Canadian Open last week, then jetted down to Pebble. As of late Monday afternoon, he had not played a practice hole.
Sure, he said, it's always nice to learn new things about a golf course.
"I feel like I know Augusta better than, or just as well as, anyone in the world," Thomas said. "But every time I play, I learn something else."

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Tony Parker announces retirement
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Four-time NBA champion Tony Parker's impressive career is over.
Parker announced Monday he's retiring from basketball after 18 seasons in the NBA. The 37-year-old guard said on Twitter it was an emotional decision.

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It's with a lot of emotion that I retire from basketball, it was an incredible journey," Parker tweeted. "Even in my wildest dreams, I never thought I would live all those unbelievable moments with the NBA and the French National Team. Thank you for everything!"

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Parker played 17 seasons for the San Antonio Spurs and made the postseason every year of his career before joining the Charlotte Hornets last season and missing the playoffs. He was selected to the All-Star team six times and was named second-team All-NBA three times.

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Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said he's loved Parker for a long time and praised him for an "amazing career."

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"It has been a blessing to be with him since he was 19 years old," Popovich said on a USA Basketball conference call Monday. "I have watched him develop as a player and human being and as a business man."

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
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