



Callaway Golf Staff Professional Ty Tryon Earns Card, Becomes Youngest PGA Tour Qualifier in History

CARLSBAD, Calif., Dec 3, 2001 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- Callaway Golf (NYSE: ELY) Staff Professional Ty Tryon became the youngest player ever to earn a PGA Tour card with his bogey-free final-round performance at the PGA Tour Qualifying Tournament today. Tryon, 17, carded four birdies and an eagle in his final- round 66 at Bear Lakes Country Club in West Palm Beach, Fla. Callaway Golf Staff Professional Ben Crane also secured his 2002 PGA Tour card by finishing tied for fifth at the event.

"This is a dream come true," said Tryon, a junior at Dr. Phillips High School in Orlando and the 2000 PGA Junior Championship winner. "I didn't worry about getting my card. I just came out here and let it fly. I hit a lot of good shots and made some big putts today."

According to PGA Tour rules, Tryon can become a full-time member of the PGA Tour when he turns 18 in June. Tryon was a co-medalist during the first stage of PGA Tour Qualifying School earlier this year, and then advanced through the second stage to earn a spot in the finals. He made his professional debut on the PGA Tour earlier this year at the Michelob Championship. Playing as an amateur, he became the youngest player to make a PGA Tour cut at the Honda Classic in March at age 16.

Tryon used 11 Callaway Golf(R) clubs at the PGA Tour Qualifying Tournament, including a Big Bertha(R) Hawk Eye(R) VFT(R) Pro Series Titanium Driver, Big Bertha Steelhead Plus(R) 3-wood, Steelhead(TM) X-14(R) Pro Series Irons and a center-shafted Odyssey(R) White Hot(R) 2 Putter. Tryon also used the new CTU 30(TM) Red ball. He finished at 18-under-par 414 at the six-round final stage.

Meanwhile, Crane shot six rounds in the 60s to claim his 2002 PGA Tour card. Crane was a winner on the Buy.com Tour this year, where he was fourth in driving distance with an average of 303.3 yards. Crane, 25, will join Tryon and 22-year-old Charles Howell III among the growing list of top young Callaway Golf Staff Professionals on the PGA Tour next year.

Crane used 11 Callaway Golf clubs at the PGA Tour Qualifying Tournament, including a Hawk Eye VFT Titanium Driver, Steelhead Plus 3-wood, Big Bertha X-12(R) Pro Series Irons and an Odyssey White Hot 5 Putter. Crane also used a Rule 35(R) Firmfeel(TM) (red logo) ball. Crane shot 25-under-par 407 over six rounds at the PGA Tour Qualifying Tournament. International tour veteran Peter Lonard also used the CTU 30 Red ball to earn his 2002 PGA Tour card today.

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