



Rory McIlroy Voted August PGA TOUR Player of the Month Presented by Avis

PARSIPPANY, N.J. and PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla., Sept. 11, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- PGA TOUR and Avis Car Rental announced today that Rory McIlroy has been voted the August PGA TOUR Player of the Month presented by Avis. As the official rental car company of the PGA TOUR, Avis will make a \$50,000 contribution to the Rory McIlroy Foundation.

In a fan decision on PGATOUR.COM, McIlroy received 48 percent of the votes and outpolled Sergio Garcia, Nick Watney and Keegan Bradley. The four were nominated by a panel of national media for their performances during the month of August.

During the month of August, McIlroy decimated the field at the PGA Championship as he won his second major championship title by a PGA Championship-record eight shots. With his victory, McIlroy regained the No. 1 position in the Official World Golf Ranking. In his other two starts in August, McIlroy finished tied for fifth at the World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational and tied for 24th at The Barclays at the first FedExCup Playoff event.

"The fans have spoken, and Rory McIlroy is the overwhelming choice for the August PGA TOUR Player of the Month, thanks to his history-making victory at the PGA Championship," said Jeannine Haas, chief marketing officer, Avis Budget Group. "Avis congratulates Rory for his extra efforts, and we are pleased to donate \$50,000 to The Rory McIlroy Foundation."

"I would like to thank all the fans who voted me their Player of the Month for August," said McIlroy. "It was an amazing month, the highlight of which was securing my second major title at the US PGA in Kiawah. It had been a relatively quiet summer for me but when I got to Akron for the World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational I knew my game was back to its best. Thankfully I brought that form to Kiawah and have returned to the top spot in the World Rankings. I would also like to thank Avis for their incredible support by making such a generous charitable donation to The Rory McIlroy Foundation. This will go a long way to helping a number of deserving charities of my choice."

The Rory McIlroy Foundation was established in 2010 and supports a number of deserving charitable causes.

For more information or to vote for the PGA TOUR Player of the Month presented by Avis, visit www.pgatour.com.

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