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PGA Tour Player Jason Day (right), a Filipino-Australian, and Bert Aguilera, PGA Tour Volunteer/FilAid president, upon Day's arrival at Newark Liberty International Airport earlier this week. Day is in town for the 2011 Barclays PGA Tour Playoff for the FedEx Cup. (Filipino Reporter exclusive photo)

EDISON, N.J. — The stage is set for 125 PGA Tour Players competing at the start of Barclays Playoff for the FedEx Cup from Aug. 25-28, 2011 at Plainfield Country Club in Edison, N.J.

The field includes Filipino-Australian PGA Tour Player Jason Day from Queensland, Australia

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who is currently at 14th place in the FedEx Cup standing.

The young (born on Nov. 12, 1987) and talented golf player has his roots from the Philippines as his mother Adelin is from Manila.

He got his start in golf from his father, who died when he was 12 years old.

Reading from a Tiger Wood's book he borrowed from his roommate inspired him to play golf and was encouraged to attend a golf academy in Australia by his coach Col Swatton.

Day's 2011 notable Professional Golf Circuit accomplishments are a tie for second place in the Masters Tournament; second place in the U.S Open; tie for fourth in the World Golf Championship-Bridgestone Invitational; fifth in the HP Byron Nelson Championship; and tied for sixth place in the Players Championship.

He ranks tied for 17th place in Putting Average in The PGA Tour.

He is now considered to be one of the young upcoming sensations in the Professional Golf Circuit.

Day's PGA Tour Victory was at the 2010 HP Byron Nelson Championship at TPC Four Seasons Resort Las Colinas in Irving, Texas where he survived a ball in water hazard on the final hole to win his first PGA Tour title.

His other PGA Tour finishes are top 9 at AT&T National and Top 10 of the PGA Championship.

He was number 1 at the 2007 Legend Financial Group Classic Presented by Cynergies Solutions.

At 22 years, six months and 11 days, he is the youngest winner at TPC Las Colinas since Tiger Woods' victory in 1997 at the age of 21.

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As a PGA Tour rookie, he recorded his first career top 10 Tour finish at the 2008 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am with a solo sixth.

Next year's Barclays PGA Tour Playoff for the FedEx Cup will be held at the world renowned Bethpage Black Course in Farmingdale, N.Y., and FilAid, a New Jersey-based charity organization plans to field Fil-Am volunteers at the event as part of its Golf for Charity Program.

Contributed by PGA Transportation Volunteer and FilAid president Bert Aguilera, who was assigned to chauffeur Jason Day upon his arrival for the tournament with excerpts taken from the media guide of PGATOUR.com.

If interested to volunteer for the 2012 Barclays PGA Tour Playoff for the FedEx Cup, please call Bert at 201.456.4790 or e-mail: fil.aid@gmail.com