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**TLC Laser Eye Centers and Dr. Whitten
Chalk Up Another Masters Winner With Johnson**

ROCKVILLE, MD, April 9, 2007 – Who's keeping score at The Masters? **TLC Laser Eye Centers (TLC)** and **Dr. Mark Whitten**. This year they added **Zach Johnson**, the surprise winner of The Masters 2007, to the long list of their own LASIK patients who are Masters Winners.

Unlike everyone else, TLC and Dr. Whitten keep score by counting the number of their LASIK patients who win this prestigious tournament. The **2007 Masters winner, Zach Johnson, had LASIK to correct his vision with Dr. Whitten in October of 2005 at the TLC Center in Rockville, Maryland.**

Here are some surprising statistics:

- For 6 of the last 8 years, The Masters has been won by players who had LASIK with Dr. Mark Whitten at TLC Laser Eye Centers (TLC). That's a winning average of 75 per cent for players who had LASIK, beginning with The Masters in 2000.
- This year, not only The Masters' winner – but two of the three golfers who tied for second place – had their vision corrected with LASIK.
- At least 13 golfers competing in this year's Masters had LASIK -- and 11 of those players had LASIK at TLC Laser Eye Centers with Dr. Whitten.

Dr. Whitten, the surgeon who corrected Johnson's vision, has performed more than 80,000 LASIK procedures. He is the doctor of choice who has corrected the vision of numerous golfers on the PGA, LPGA and Champions Tours – as well as other professional athletes.

"I couldn't be prouder of Zach," Dr. Whitten said after yesterday's win. "It makes me feel good to know that he didn't have to worry about his vision and that I played a small part in that. The win however -- that was all Zach."

Advances in technology over the last ten years have changed LASIK with wave front technology that can "map" the eye's surface to permit the correction of imperfections not even detectable in the early years of LASIK. Today, LASIK can also be done without a blade and with new lasers that produce precise results with fewer side effects and less time under the laser than in previous years.

(A list of the golfers competing in The Masters 2007 who have had LASIK -- along with a list of Masters Winners for the last 10 years follows this release.)

TLC Laser Eye Centers is the world's largest provider of laser vision correction services, with more than 80 locations across North America. They offer the broadest possible choice of FDA approved technology for laser eye surgery. To speak with Dr. Whitten or for further information about LASIK, contact Richard Habib at richard.habib@tlcvision.com or 301-881-2020.

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