



**PLUNKETT, KWALICK, LAMONICA, VILLAPIANO,
MARTIN, WOODSON HEADLINE *CELEBRITY GOLF*,
WHITNEY OAKS/THUNDER VALLEY RESORT, JUNE 16-17**

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Jim Plunkett, Ted Kwalick, Daryle Lamonica, Phil Villapiano, Rod Martin, Charles Woodson and several more Oakland Raiders headline a dazzling field for the first annual *Game Changer Celebrity Golf Classic*, **June 16-17 at Whitney Oaks Golf Club and Thunder Valley Casino Resort** in Rocklin/Lincoln, Ca.

Proceeds will fund the first-ever scientific research of catastrophic brain injury among adolescent football players. Title sponsor is the **Sutter Health** not-for-profit network.

“There are two things to know about this event,” said **Tournament Director Dave Maronic**. “First, every fivesome will be captained by a celebrity, so every golfer will play with one of these famous names. Second, entry and sponsorship fees are 100% tax-deductible because expenses are covered by our fabulous title sponsor, **Sutter Health**. We have no overhead. Organizers are all volunteers. Every dime will go to our charities.”

Maronic is the father of **Toran Maronic**, a standout football/lacrosse athlete at Bear River High School, Grass Valley, who suffered traumatic brain injury last June during a 7-on-7 football tournament. Toran has since made a near-miraculous recovery. His was the first case consented into the scientific research now being conducted by **Dr. Robert C. Cantu** of Boston and teams of researchers from the **National Institutes of Health (NIH)**, Bethesda, Md., and **Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center**.

“The Maronics are an amazing family,” said **Terry O’Neil**, **Founder/CEO of *Practice Like Pros***, a collaborator in the scientific research. “Toran has become an inspirational speaker with a dramatic story to tell. He and his mother, Cortney, visit boys around the country who have suffered serious brain injury. And his father, Dave, is determined to pay back the support shown by Auburn and Grass Valley during Toran’s crisis.”

The Maronics’ newly formed foundation, **T3 Charities**, is presenting sponsor of the golf event, along with ***Practice Like Pros*** and the **21 Strong Foundation** of The Woodlands/Houston, Tx.

To participate in the ***Game Changer Celebrity Golf Classic***, either as a player or sponsor, phone Dave Maronic at 510-693-9566 or e-mail him at toranmaronic@aol.com. Or log onto www.T3charities.events – in the upper navigation, click on “Golf Event.” Committed celebrities as of May 24:

- **Ottis Anderson**, RB, St. L. Cardinals, N.Y. Giants, All-Pro, 2xPro Bowl, 2xSuper Bowl champion
- **Teddy Atlas III**, Oakland Raiders' current Scouting Coordinator
- **Jeff Barnes**, LB, Oakland Raiders, 2xSuper Bowl champion
- **Michael Bennett**, RB, Minnesota Vikings, Oakland Raiders, Pro Bowl
- **Lance Briggs**, LB, Chicago Bears, All-Pro, 7xPro Bowl
- **Willie Brown**, CB, Oakland Raiders, 3xAll-AFL, 2xAll-Pro, 4xPro Bowl, AFL champion, 3xSuper Bowl champion, Pro Football Hall of Fame
- **Dan Bunz**, LB, San Francisco 49ers, 2xSuper Bowl champion
- **Glenn Cadrez**, LB, Denver Broncos, 2xSuper Bowl champion
- **Ray Chester**, TE, Oakland Raiders, 4xPro Bowl, Super Bowl champion
- **Mark Collins**, DB, New York Giants, 2xSuper Bowl champion
- **Conrad Dobler**, OL, St. Louis Cardinals, New Orleans Saints, Buffalo Bills, 3xPro Bowl
- **Ron Fellows**, Dallas Cowboys, Oakland Raiders, DB, 1981-88
- **Mervyn Fernandez**, WR, Los Angeles Raiders, 1987-92
- **Loreto Garza**, World Boxing Champion
- **Dwight Hicks**, FS, San Francisco 49ers, 2xAll-Pro, 4xPro Bowl, 2xSuper Bowl champion
- **Derek Kennard**, OL, Dallas Cowboys, Super Bowl champion
- **Lincoln Kennedy**, OT, Atlanta Falcons, Oakland Raiders, 2xAll-Pro, 3xPro Bowl

- **Ted Kwalick**, TE, S. F. 49ers, Oakland Raiders, All-Pro, 3xPro Bowl, Super Bowl champion
- **Daryle Lamonica**, QB, Oakland Raiders, 2xPro Bowl, 3xAFL champion, 2xAFL MVP
- **Tony “The Tiger” Lopez**, 3xWorld Boxing Champion
- **Napoleon McCallum**, RB, Oakland Raiders
- **Leonard Marshall**, DE, New York Giants, 2xPro Bowl, 2xSuper Bowl champion
- **Rod Martin**, LB, Oakland Raiders, 2xPro Bowl, 2xSuper Bowl champion
- **Bob Moore**, TE, Oakland Raiders
- **Vance Mueller**, RB, Los Angeles Raiders, 1986-91
- **Jonathan Ogden**, OT, Baltimore Ravens, 4xAll-Pro, 11xPro Bowl, Super Bowl champion, Pro Football Hall of Fame
- **Jim Plunkett**, QB, S.F. 49ers, Oakland Raiders, 2xSuper Bowl champion, Super Bowl MVP, Heisman Trophy winner
- **Harold Pressley**, F, Villanova University, Sacramento Kings, NCAA champion
- **Gerald Riggs**, RB, Atlanta Falcons, 2xAll-Pro, 3xPro Bowl, Super Bowl champion
- **Willie Roaf**, OT, New Orleans Saints, Kansas City Chiefs, 6xAll-Pro, 11xPro Bowl, Pro Football Hall of Fame
- **Del Rodgers**, RB/KR, Green Bay Packers, San Francisco 49ers, Super Bowl champion
- **Mike Siani**, WR, Oakland Raiders, Super Bowl champion
- **Art Thoms**, DE, Oakland Raiders
- **Greg Vaughn**, OF/DH, Milwaukee Brewers, San Diego Padres, 4xAll-Star
- **Phil Villapiano**, LB, Oakland Raiders, 4xPro Bowl, Super Bowl champion
- **Charlie Weaver**, LB, Detroit Lions
- **Charles Woodson**, DB, Oakland Raiders, Green Bay Packers, 4xAll-Pro, 9xPro Bowl, Super Bowl champion, Heisman Trophy winner
- **Eric Wright**, CB, San Francisco 49ers, 2xAll-Pro, 2xPro Bowl, 4xSuper Bowl champion

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T3 Charities is a foundation dedicated to helping local families in need. See www.T3charities.events.

21 Strong Foundation was formed after a November, 2016, traumatic brain injury suffered by a player at The Woodlands, Tx., High School. It provides direct assistance nationwide to families afflicted by such tragedies. See www.21strongfoundation.org.

Practice Like Pros is a national movement to reduce needless injury in high school football, endorsed by **Mike Ditka, Archie Manning, Tony Dorsett, Ronnie Lott, Warren Moon, Anthony Munoz** and dozens of other progressive minds from football and medical science. See www.practicelikepros.com.

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