

With This Victory — May 24, 2009

RORY SABBATINI

HP Byron Nelson Championship

Earns 5th PGA TOUR victory in 261st career start at the age of 33 years, 1 month and 22 days.

PGA TOUR Career

Victories:	<u>54-hole status</u>	<u>final round</u>	<u>result</u>
2000 Air Canada Championship	Trailed by three	6-under 65	1 over Grant Waite
2003 FBR Capital Open	Led by one	3-under 68	4 over Durant, Funk, Waldorf
2006 Northern Trust Open	Led by four	1-over 72	1 over Adam Scott
2007 Crowne Plaza Invitational	Four-way tie	3-under 67	playoff win over Langer, Furyk, Verplank
2009 HP Byron Nelson Championship	Two-way tie	6-under 64	2 over Brian Davis

EXEMPT STATUS

Earns fully-exempt status through the end of the 2011 season.

If not already exempt, secures spot in the following events in 2009 (Memorial, AT&T National, WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, PGA Championship) and in 2010 (SBS Championship, PLAYERS Championship, Masters Tournament).

HP BYRON NELSON CHAMPIONSHIP NOTES

Wins with a tournament-record 19-under 261, topping Loren Roberts and Steve Pate's 262 totals in 1999.

Posts a final-round 64, the second-lowest score by a winner in tournament history (Peter Thomson posted a 63 in becoming the tournament's first international winner in 1956).

Wins in his 11th start at the tournament, with two top-10 finishes (T3-2007, 1-2009).

Dating back to 2000, is the sixth international-born player of the championship (2000-Jesper Parnevik, 2002-Shigeki Maruyama, 2003-Vijay Singh, 2004-Sergio Garcia, 2008-Adam Scott, 2009-Sabbatini).

Led the field with 26 birdies, four more than his nearest challenger in the category (Dustin Johnson, 22).

Dating back to 1995, is the 11th (of 15) champion to post all four rounds in the 60s (68-64-65-64).

Stats for the week: T28 in Fairways Hit (34/56-60.7 %), T1 in Putts per Round (25.8) and T38 in Greens in Regulation (49/72-68.1 %).

Including his win at the 2007 Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial, now becomes the 14th player to win both the HP Byron Nelson Championship and the CPIC during their career. Others who have completed the "DFW Double" during their career are Ben Crenshaw, Roberto De Vicenzo, Ben Hogan, Sam Snead, Bruce Devlin, Jack Nicklaus, Lanny Wadkins, Tom Watson, Bruce Lietzke, Nick Price, Phil Mickelson, Sergio Garcia and Julius Boros.

2009 NOTES

Collects 500 FedExCup points to move from No. 29 to No. 7 in the point standings with 1,081 points.

Becomes the 12th player in his 30s to win on TOUR this season, notching the 15th overall victory by that group.

Becomes the 16th (of 21) third-round leader/co-leader to win on TOUR, a winning percentage of 76 percent. Comparatively, just 48 percent (22 of 46) won a year ago.

Final-round 64 (-6) equals the low finish by a winner this season (Brian Gay, 7-under 64, Verizon Heritage).

CAREER NOTES

Is now four for eight when holding at least a share of the 54-hole lead, carrying third-round leads on to victory at the 2003 FBR Open, 2006 Northern Trust Open, 2007 Crowne Plaza Invitational and the 2009 HP Byron Nelson Championship.

2009 PGA TOUR SUMMARY

Tournaments entered-13; in money-10; Top-10s-4

BIRTHDATE: April 2, 1976
RESIDES: Southlake, TX
TURNED PROFESSIONAL: 1998
EDUCATION: University of Arizona

BIRTHPLACE: Durban, South Africa
FAMILY: Wife, Amy; Harley Aiken (8/28/03), Tylie Jo (8/3/05)
HEIGHT: 5-10 **WEIGHT:** 165