



2009 50th Bob Hope Classic hosted by Arnold Palmer
(The third of 37 events in the PGA TOUR Regular Season)

La Quinta, CA	January 21-25, 2009	FedExCup Points: 500	Purse: \$5,100,000
Arnold Palmer Private/PGA West; La Quinta, CA		Par/Yards: 72/6,930	
Jack Nicklaus Private/PGA West; La Quinta, CA		Par/Yards: 72/6,951	
Bermuda Dunes CC; Bermuda Dunes, CA		Par/Yards: 72/6,962	
Palmer Course at SilverRock Resort, La Quinta, CA		Par/Yards: 72/7,553	

Second-Round Notes – Thursday, January 22, 2009

Weather: Mix of sun and clouds. Winds – light. High temperature of 78.

Records of all kinds are being set and tied during the first two rounds of the 50th Bob Hope Classic.

Pat Perez set the PGA TOUR record for the lowest opening-36 hole score with his 124 total.

124	Pat Perez (61-63)	20-under	2009 Bob Hope Classic
125	Carl Pettersson (64-61)	15-under	2008 Wyndham Championship
125	Corey Pavin (61-64)	15-under	2006 U.S. Bank Championship
125	Tom Lehman (63-62)	19-under	2001 Invensys Classic at Las Vegas
125	Marc Calcavecchia (65-60)	17-under	2001 Phoenix Open
125	Tiger Woods (64-61)	15-under	2000 WGC-NEC Invitational

Pat Perez is the first player in PGA TOUR history to reach double-double figures for any 36-hole stretch. Perez' rounds of 61-63 put him at 20-under par. Several players have posted 19-under totals over the years but Perez is the first to reach 20-under:

20-under	Pat Perez	2009 Bob Hope Classic	61-63	Rounds 1-2
19-under	Gay Brewer	1967 Pensacola Open	64-61	Rounds 2-3
19-under	John Cook	1997 Bob Hope Classic	62-63	Rounds 4-5
19-under	Tom Lehman	2001 Invensys Classic at Las Vegas	62-63	Rounds 1-2
19-under	Tim Herron	2003 Bob Hope Classic	64-61	Rounds 2-3

Pat Perez tied the PGA TOUR record for lowest consecutive rounds:

124	Pat Perez (61-63)	20-under	2009 Bob Hope Classic	Rounds 1-2
124	Marc Calcavecchia (60-64)	18-under	2001 Phoenix Open	Rounds 2-3

Pat Perez set the PGA TOUR record for most strokes under par through 36 holes:

20-under	Pat Perez	2009 Bob Hope Classic
19-under	Tom Lehman	2001 Invensys Classic at Las Vegas
18-under	Marc Turnesa	2008 Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospital
18-under	Matt Kuchar	2008 Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospital
18-under	Briny Baird	2009 Bob Hope Classic
17-under	Robert Gamez	1991 Greater Milwaukee Open
17-under	Marc Calcavecchia	2001 Phoenix Open
17-under	David Berganio, Jr.	2009 Bob Hope Classic

Pat Perez set a career-best for his lowest opening 36-hole total:

124	20-under	2009 Bob Hope Classic	led by 4
129	15-under	2008 Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals	trailed by 3
130	10-under	2002 Valero Texas Open	co-leader with Loren Roberts
130	14-under	2003 Bob Hope Classic	trailed by 2

This is the third time that Pat Perez has held/shared the 36-hole lead in his PGA TOUR career:

2009	Bob Hope Classic	61-63—124	-20	led by 4	
2002	AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am	66-65—131	-13	led by 4	finished 2 nd
2002	Valero Texas Open	68-62—130	-10	co-leader	finished T5

Pat Perez broke the 36-hole record at the Bob Hope Classic previously held by Joe Durant. Below is a list of the best opening 36-hole scores in the 50 years of the Bob Hope Classic

124	20-under	Pat Perez	2009	61-63
126	18-under	Joe Durant	2001	65-61
126	18-under	Briny Baird	2009	63-63
127	17-under	Joe Ogilvie	2005	64-63
127	17-under	David Berganio, Jr.	2009	63-64
128	16-under	Richard S. Johnson	2009	63-65
128	16-under	Jason Dufner	2009	63-65
128	16-under	Tom Pernice, Jr.	2009	65-63
128	16-under	Chris Stroud	2009	65-63
128	16-under	Jay Haas	2003	67-61
128	16-under	Scott Hoch	1994	66-62

Some of Pat Perez' stats for the opening 36 holes:

	1 st round	2 nd round	Total	
Driving Accuracy	10 of 13	10 of 14	20 of 27	74.1%
Greens in Regulation	16 of 18	16 of 18	32 of 36	88.9%
Total Putts	25	25	50	
Total Birdies	10	9	19	
Total Eagles	1	0	1	
Total Pars	6	9	15	
Total Bogeys+	1	0	1	

It's still a little early to start talking about Pat Perez being a wire-to-wire winner, but such a feat has happened only one time previously in tournament history. Rik Massengale led from start to finish back in 1977:

1 st round	64	led by 3
2 nd round	64-66—130	led by 4
3 rd round	64-66-70—200	led by 4
4 th round	64-66-70-70—270	led by 6
final round	64-66-70-70—67—337	won by 6

Briny Baird, now in his 10th year on TOUR, is still looking for his first career win. Baird, who is making the 276th start of his career, has put together a career-best 36-hole score of 63-63—126. Baird's previous career low was 128 (16-under) at the 2002 Michelin Championship.

David Berganio, Jr. is among the leaders after two days. Berganio has posted scores of 63-64—127 and is in third place, three shots back of leader Pat Perez. Berganio has not been on TOUR since 2003 when he made 15 starts. He has been hobbled by back troubles over the years and has not made more than three starts in any single year on TOUR since '03. This is his 138th career start. Berganio has received a Major Medical Extension for the sixth consecutive year and has five events to earn \$346,342, which, coupled with earnings of \$141,150 over the past six years, will equal No. 125 from the 2003 money list and earn Major Medical Extension status for the remainder of the 2009 campaign. Berganio finished T7 at the 2008 PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament to earn conditional status beyond his medical extension.

Richard S. Johnson, winner of the 2008 U.S. Bank Championship in Milwaukee, has carded rounds of 63-65 and stands at 16-under 128, four shots back of leader Pat Perez. Johnson's career-best 36-hole best efforts:

128	16-under	2009 Bob Hope Classic
130	14-under	2003 FedEx St. Jude Classic
130	10-under	2008 U.S. Bank Championship

Jason Dufner, the second-to-last man in the field after replacing local favorite Anthony Kim on Monday, has made the most of his opportunity. Dufner (63-65) is at 16-under 128 and tied for fourth place, four shots back of leader Pat Perez.

Briny Baird had a hole-in-one on the par-3, 7th hole at Nicklaus Private. Baird used a 9-iron to ace the 146-yard hole. The last player to make an ace in a tournament and then go on to win that event – Jim Furyk at the 2007 Canadian Open.

Bubba Watson (62-69) recovered from a tough opening few holes on Nicklaus Private. The now-Scottsdale resident was 4-over for the day after eight holes, thanks to no birdies, a bogey and a triple-bogey (No. 6). However, he rallied with seven birdies on his final 10 holes to get to 13-under par.

After the first two days, there are a total of 48 players already in double figures below par.

If this event was a regular, 72-hole event on the PGA TOUR, the 36-hole cut would come at an eye-popping 8-under par (71 players). The TOUR record for the lowest 36-hole cut is 6-under, which has occurred five times, including the 2008 Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospital for Children Open.

This has also been a career-best start for veteran Steve Elkington. The 46-year old has posted scores of 65-64 and is 15-under par. Elkington has never been this far under-par in any of his previous 502 PGA TOUR starts. Here is a list of Elkington's best opening 36-hole scores:

129	2009 Bob Hope Classic
132	1993 Bob Hope Classic
132	1994 Southern Open
132	2002 Bob Hope Classic

Low rounds of the day at each course:

Palmer Private	63 – Cliff Kresge, Tom Pernice, Jr.
Nicklaus Private	62 – Brad Adamonis 63 – Chris Couch, Pat Perez, Briny Baird, Stephen Ames
SilverRock	65 – John Merrick, David Toms
Bermuda Dunes	63 – Chris Stroud

Brad Adamonis shot a career-best 10-under 62 at the Nicklaus Private course. Adamonis is at 15-under 129. He is making only his second career start in this event. He tied for 50th last year. Adamonis' previous career-best was a 64 in the first round of the 2008 Travelers Championship.

Cliff Kresge carded a career-best 63 today at Palmer Private. His previous career low round was a 64 (-6) in the third round of the 2008 Mayakoba Golf Classic.

Kirk Triplett ran off a string of seven consecutive birdies starting at No. 11 at SilverRock. Triplett shot a 7-under 29 on the back nine, his opening nine today.

Cliff Kresge ran off a string of five consecutive birdies starting at No. 13 at Palmer Private. Stephen Ames ran off a string of five consecutive birdies starting at No. 13 at Nicklaus Private.

Brad Adamonis had two eagles today at Nicklaus Private – Nos. 4 and 16, both par-5s.