

2009 Bob Hope Chrysler Classic FedExCup Notes – Week 3

Fall Series Winners and Early Season Performance

Even though players do not earn points during the Fall Series, a win at one of these events can give a player momentum at the start of the FedExCup season.

With his win at the SONY Open Zach Johnson is the most recent example. Last year he barely made the playoffs in 112th position, but his victory this week has set him up for a much better seeding this year.

The table below shows that all but one of the 2007 fall series winners improved their seeding entering the playoffs the following year.

2007 Fall Series Winners	2007 Playoff Seeding	2008 Playoff Seeding	Seeding Difference
Chad Campbell	106	23	83
Justin Leonard	85	8	77
Daniel Chopra	114	40	74
Mike Weir	90	43	47
Stephen Ames	64	30	34
George McNeill	113	101	12
Steve Flesch	81	84	-3

FedExCup Quick Fact

Currently 14th in the FedExCup standings, Justin Leonard was ranked in the top-10 in the FedExCup standings *every* week in 2008.

This week's FedEx Vignette Featured Player – D.J. Trahan

1. Trahan's victory at last year's Bob Hope was his first of four top-10 finishes in 2008, propelling him to a top-30 finish in the FedExCup.
2. At last year's Bob Hope, Trahan ranked first in putting average and did not record a single three-putt all week.
3. 11th in the FedExCup standings through two events, Trahan is also eighth in greens in regulation and tenth in driving accuracy – ranking second on the PGA TOUR in ball striking.