

# With This Victory — Feb. 8, 2009

## Nick Watney

### Buick Invitational

Earns his 2nd career PGA TOUR victory in his 125<sup>th</sup> event at the age of 27 years, 9 months and 14 days.

2007 Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

**2009 Buick Invitational**

**Earned 500 FedExCup points to move into 2nd place (up from 37<sup>th</sup>) on the season-long points list with 601 total points, 46 behind leader Zach Johnson.**

#### **BUICK INVITATIONAL NOTES**

His win comes in his 5<sup>th</sup> start at the Buick Invitational. He now has two top-10s and three cuts made at the Buick Invitational. His previous best finish was a tie for ninth in 2007.

Becomes the first non-Major Championship winner at the Buick Invitational since Peter Jacobsen in 1995.

**Note:** Davis Love III (1996) and Phil Mickelson (2000) won Major Championships after their Buick Invitational victories.

Is one of just three out of the last 13 winners of the Buick Invitational who did not hail from Southern California, joining Jose Maria Olazabal from Spain in 2002 and John Daly from Arkansas in 2004.

#### Tournament Statistics

Driving Distance	286.8 yards	21
Driving Accuracy	(29 of 56) 51.8%	T35
Greens in Regulation	(48 of 72) 66.7%	T25
Total Putts	116	T13
Putting Average (GIR)	1.813	30

#### **2009 NOTES**

Collects 500 FedExCup points to give him 601 for the season, moving into 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Collects check for \$954,000 and moves into 4<sup>th</sup> place on the money list with \$1,108,093, becoming the fourth player this year to surpass \$1 million in earnings this year.

In four 72-hole events this season, is the first player to win in come-from-behind fashion in the final round.

Moves from No. 72 to No. 15 in the Presidents Cup standings.

Becomes the 240<sup>th</sup> Nationwide Tour alumnus to register a victory on the PGA TOUR.

At 27 years, nine months and 14 days, becomes the first player in his 20s to win this season.

#### **CAREER NOTES**

Second career win comes in his 125<sup>th</sup> TOUR start, his 47<sup>th</sup> start since his first victory.

Collects paycheck of \$954,000, and moves to No. 157 on the career money list, with \$5,747,336, \$13,305 ahead of 158<sup>th</sup>-ranked Jack Nicklaus. It is the second largest paycheck of his career.

#### **2009 PGA TOUR SUMMARY**

Tournaments entered--3; in money--3; wins--1; top-10 finishes--1

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**BIRTHDATE:** April 25, 1981

**RESIDES:** Las Vegas, NV

**HEIGHT:** 6-2

**EDUCATION:** Fresno State Univ. (2003)

**TURNED PRO:** 2003

**BIRTHPLACE:** Sacramento, CA

**FAMILY:** Single

**WEIGHT:** 180

**Q-SCHOOL:** 2005