



**2009 Shell Houston Open**

*(The 15<sup>th</sup> of 37 events in the PGA TOUR Regular Season)*

**Humble, TX**

**March 30-April 5, 2009 FedExCup Points: 500**

**Purse: \$5,700,000**

**Redstone Golf Club-Tournament Course**

**Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,457**

**Second-Round Notes – Saturday, April 04, 2009**

*Weather: Partly cloudy, warm, and humid today with an afternoon high near 80 degrees. Southeast winds at 8-15mph this morning are expected to increase to 15-25mph by this afternoon.*

**The second round started at 2:55 p.m. on Friday and was suspended due to darkness at 7:43 p.m. with 65 players on the course and 72 players yet to start their second round. Second-round play resumed at 7:33 a.m. on Saturday and was completed at 2:51 p.m.**

<b>Player</b>	Geoff Ogilvy (T1) 67-69-136 (-8)	Paul Casey (T1) 66-70-136 (-8)	John Senden (T1) 65-71-136 (-8)	Tommy Armour III (T1) 66-70-136 (-8)	Colt Knost (T1) 66-70-136 (-8)
<b>TOUR Wins Last Win</b>	6 2009 WGC-Accenture Match Play Champ	0	1 2006 John Deere Classic	2 2003 Valero Texas Open	0
<b>2009 Best Finish</b>	1 (2) – Mercedes-Benz Champ & WGC-Accenture Match Play Champ.	2 – WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship	T4 – Arnold Palmer Invitational pres. by MasterCard	T25 – Northern Trust Open	T25 – Bob Hope Classic presented by Arnold Palmer
<b>2009 Top-10s</b>	2	1	2	0	0
<b>FedExCup</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> – 1,204</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> – 354	43 <sup>rd</sup> – 293	66 <sup>th</sup> - 161	167 <sup>th</sup> - 54
<b>College</b>	N/A	Arizona St. Univ.	N/A	Univ. of New Mexico	SMU
<b>Residence</b>	Scottsdale, AZ	Scottsdale, AZ	Brisbane, Australia	Dallas, TX	Dallas, TX
<b>36-hole best standing</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 times – Last happened at the 2009 Mercedes-Benz Champ.	This is Casey's first time holding or sharing the 36-hole lead.	1 <sup>st</sup> – 2002 Bob Hope Chrysler Classic – Finished T13	5 times – Last happened at the 2008 St. Jude Championship	This is Knost's first time holding or sharing the 36-hole lead.
<b>Notes</b>	Has converted both leads into victories.			Each of his two PGA TOUR victories came when holding or sharing the 36-hole lead	
<b>Did you know?</b>	Ogilvy is the youngest active player to have four wins with Tiger Woods in the field. 2006 Accenture Match Play Champ, 2006 U.S. Open, 2008 CA Champ, 2009 Accenture Match Play Champ.	Casey has yet to record a victory on the PGA TOUR, but has 9 wins on the European Tour.	When John Senden began playing on the European Tour, his wife, Jackie, caddied for him. As a qualified hairdresser she also provided haircuts to players and caddies on occasion.	Tommy Armour III has played the opening 36 holes of this tournament without recording a bogey. He is the only player in the field without a bogey on his scorecard.	Knost is playing in his 18 <sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR event while Armour is playing in his 19 <sup>th</sup> Shell Houston Open and his 601 <sup>st</sup> PGA TOUR event.

Three-time Shell Houston Open champion and the event's all-time leading money winner Vijay Singh missed the cut for the first time in 12 appearances at this event dating back to 1994.

Fred Couples, Bo Van Pelt, Jonathan Byrd, Henrick Stenson and Scott Piercy are all one stroke off the lead at 7-under-par.

Couples could move into a five-way tie for the tournament lead in top-25 finishes this week with 12. Fred Haas, Jr., Jay Haas, Tom Kite and Hal Sutton each have 12 top-25 finishes as well.

Couples made his 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive cut at the Shell Houston Open and is one cut behind the tournament record of 17 held by Jimmy Demaret. The 15-time PGA TOUR winner's last victory came at the Shell Houston Open in 2003.

Couples was one of two players to reach the par-5 608-yard 15<sup>th</sup> hole in two strokes during the second round. Alvaro Quiros also hit the green in two. Couples hit a 3-wood from 291 yards out to 23 feet and eventually made birdie.

Since moving to the Redstone Golf Club-Tournament Course, log jams at the top of the leaderboard are not terribly uncommon. In 2007, six players shared the lead at 6-under-par thru 36 holes. This year's five-way tie for the 36-hole lead is the second most in tournament history dating back to 1946.

The five-way tie for the lead thru 36 holes is the most of any PGA TOUR event this season and the most since last year's St. Jude Championship where there was a six-way tie. There are 17 players within two shots of the lead.

With the cut at 1-under-par, 79 players advanced thru 36 holes. Because more than 78 players made the 36-hole cut of 1-under, a secondary cut will be in effect following the completion of the third round to cut the field to the low-70 and ties. Those eliminated after 54 holes shall receive their appropriate share of the official prize money in accordance with their finishing positions.

The seven strokes between the leaders and those making the cut on the number matches the smallest margin of the 2009 season between the leader and the 36-hole cut with the Transitions Championship. The last player to make the cut on the number and go on to victory was Chris Couch at the 2006 Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

Davis Love III, who missed out on being in the top 50 in the Official World Golf Ranking and making the Masters field by one position, needs a victory this week to return to Augusta. Love birdied his final hole of the second round and is 2-under-par for the tournament, six shots off the lead thru 36 holes.

John Senden leads the TOUR in 2009 in holes without a 3-putt. He has yet the record a three-putt this week and has now gone 258 holes without a three-putt. Senden shot 67 during the final round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational to finish T4 last week.

Senden and Ogilvy are trying to become the seventh Australian to win the Shell Houston Open with Bruce Crampton and Stuart Appleby winning twice. There are 14 Australians in the field this week.

Casey and Ogilvy squared off in the final match at this year's World Golf Championships-Accenture Match Play Championship with Ogilvy winning 4-and-3.

Thru the Arnold Palmer Invitational, Ogilvy leads the TOUR in 2009 in putting average with 1.678 putts per hole. Ogilvy also leads the TOUR this year in birdie conversion at 39.18%, meaning that when Ogilvy hits a green in regulation, he has converted into a birdie nearly 40% of the time this year.

#### **Birdie Conversion Percentage – PGA TOUR 2009 (thru Arnold Palmer Invitational)**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Birdies</b>	<b>Greens Hit</b>	<b>Rounds</b>
1	Geoff Ogilvy	39.18	96	245	26
2	Phil Mickelson	37.81	76	201	20
3	Charley Hoffman	36.41	130	357	28

Ogilvy has enjoyed success at the Shell Houston Open with three top-10 finishes in five previous appearances including a T2 at last year's event.

Dean Wilson withdrew during the second round with a back injury. Jeff Overton and Michael Bradley also withdrew during the second round. Bill Lunde withdrew with illness before beginning the first round and was replaced by James Oh. Chris Couch withdrew during round one with a shoulder injury.

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