



2009 Shell Houston Open

(The 15th 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

Third-Round Notes – Sunday, April 05, 2009

Weather: Mostly cloudy in the morning with light winds expected to increase to 20-30 mph from the northwest in the afternoon.

The third-round began at 3:10 p.m. Saturday off the 1st and 10th tees. Play was suspended due to darkness at 7:34 p.m. Saturday with 73 players still on the course. The third-round resumed at 7:34 a.m. Sunday and was completed at 10:30 a.m. Pairings remained the same and tee times for the final round are 9:30 – 11:40 a.m. Sunday.

The six-way tie for the 54-hole lead is the most since the TOUR started keeping this statistic dating back to 1970. Here is a look at the six co-leaders.

Player	Geoff Ogilvy (T1) 67-69-69-205 (-11)	Paul Casey (T1) 66-70-69-205 (-11)	Ryan Moore (T1) 70-68-67-205 (-11)	Colt Knost (T1) 66-70-69-205 (-11)
TOUR Wins Last Win	6 2009 WGC-Accenture Match Play Champ	0	0	0
2009 Best Finish	1 (2) – Mercedes-Benz Champ & WGC-Accenture Match Play Champ.	2 – WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship	T6 – FBR Open	T25 – Bob Hope Classic presented by Arnold Palmer
2009 Top-10s	2	1	1	0
FedExCup	1st – 1,204	31 st – 354	100 th - 149	167 th - 54
College	N/A	Arizona St. Univ.	UNLV	SMU
Residence	Scottsdale, AZ	Scottsdale, AZ	Las Vegas, NV	Dallas, TX
54-hole best standing	1 st – 4 times – Last happened at the 2009 Mercedes-Benz Champ.	This is Casey's first time holding or sharing the 54-hole lead on the PGA TOUR. Led after 54-holes to win 09 ABU Dhabi Golf Champ. on European Tour	T-2 2008 EDS Byron Nelson Champ. Lost in a playoff to Adam Scott	This is Knost's first time holding or sharing the 54-hole lead. T15 is previous best after 54-holes at 2007 Frys.com Open.
Notes	Converted 4 leads into 3 victories.			
In Masters Field?	Yes 3 appearances Best - T16/2006	Yes 4 appearances Best – T6/2004	No - Two starts as an amateur in 2003 (T45) and 2005 (T13)	No Never contested a Masters
Best Shell Houston Open	T2/2008 6 th appearance	First appearance	MC - 2007	First appearance
Did you know?	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.	Lost a sudden death playoff to Adam Scott in Dallas at the EDS Byron Nelson Champ when Scott sank a 48-foot birdie on the 18th hole.	Knost is playing in his 17 th PGA TOUR event while Couples is playing his 17 th Shell Houston Open and his 577 th PGA TOUR event

Player	Fred Couples (T1) 67-69-68-205 (-11)	Bo Van Pelt (T1) 70-67-68-205 (-11)
TOUR Wins Last Win	15 2003 Shell Houston Open	0 Career Best – T2-2008 Puerto Rico Open
2009 Best Finish	T3 – Nothern Trust Open.	T5 – Bob Hope Classic pres. by Arnold Palmer
2009 Top-10s	1	2
FedExCup	92 nd – 160 pts	60 th – 231 pts
College	Univ. of Houston	Ok. State Univ.
Residence	Palm Springs, CA	Tulsa, OK
54-hole best standing	1 st – 22 times – Last happened at the 2005 Memorial where he finished 2 nd .	1 st – 2008 Puerto Rico Open presented by Banco Popular. Finished T2.
In Masters Field?	Yes, making his 25 th start next week. 1992 Champion, ten top-10 finishes.	No – One start in 2005 - MC
Best Shell Houston Open	1 st , 2003. Making his 17 th start.	T7 – 2005. Making his sixth start.
Did you know?	Fred Couples is the United States Team Captain for the 2009 Presidents Cup. A victory this week would put Captain Couples in the top 20 in the U.S. Team standings.	Narrowly missed a 20-foot eagle putt at the 72 nd hole of the 2008 Puerto Rico Open to force a playoff with Greg Kraft.

79 players made the 36-hole cut this week. Normally, with more than 78 players making the 36-hole cut, a 54-hole cut would be utilized to reduce the field to 70 players (plus ties). With pairings remaining the same for the third and fourth rounds, a 54-hole cut will not occur.

Bo Van Pelt has held the 54-hole lead/co-lead twice in his career, most recently at the 2009 Mayakoba Golf Classic, where he eventually finished T28.

Colt Knost is a rookie on the PGA TOUR after placing sixth on the 2008 Nationwide Tour money list with \$329,509. He won twice last year – the Fort Smith Classic and the Price Cutter Charity Championship.

The last rookie to win the Shell Houston Open was Mike Heinen (1994), who won in his 11th start on the PGA TOUR.

The Shell Houston Open is the 17th PGA TOUR start for Colt Knost. Andres Romero won the 2008 Zurich Classic of New Orleans in his 12th PGA TOUR start.

Colt Knost was part of a five-way tie for the lead after round-two of the Shell Houston Open was completed earlier in the day. The nearest Knost had been to the lead prior to the Shell Houston Open was T12 after round-two of the 2009 Puerto Rico Open.

The Presidents Cup captains are in fine form this week before heading to Augusta National for the Masters Tournament. Fred Couples, who won the Masters in 1992, is tied for the lead at 11-under while Greg Norman is 6-under and T26. The 54-year-old Australian will play in the Masters next week for the first time since 2002 after qualifying with his T3 finish at the 2008 British Open.

Tommy Armour III (72) played 52 holes before recording his first bogey at the 17th hole of the third round. A quadruple-bogey at the par-4, 18th hole dropped him out of the lead and into a tie for 15th at 8-under-par.

Jason Bohn won \$1 million in a 1992 Hole-in-One Shootout while attending the University of Alabama and chose to give up his amateur status. Bohn will continue to receive a \$50,000 payment each October 1 until 2012.

Augusta, Georgia native, Charles Howell III (71) has played seven consecutive Masters Tournaments (2002-08) and needs a win at the Shell Houston Open to make it back to Augusta National. Howell got to 9-under-par, just two off the lead at the time, before finishing double-bogey, bogey to fall back to 6-under.

John Senden (71) leads the TOUR in 2009 in holes without a three-putt. He has yet to record a three-putt this week and has now gone 276 holes without a three-putt. His last three-putt was on the 11th green of the final-round at the 2009 Buick Invitational. Senden shot 67 during the final round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational to finish T4 last week.

J.B. Holmes' (68) bunker play has been outstanding through 54-holes this week and is 5/5 in sand saves. Holmes' sand play has been crucial to his success. During the 2006 FBR Open, which he won, Holmes was 6/6 with up and downs from the sand.

Year	Tournament	Percentage	Finish
2006	FBR Open	100%	Won
2009	Shell Houston Open	100%	?
2008	FBR Open	88.33%	Won
2008	Wachovia Championship	80%	T17

J.B. Holmes was one of the TOUR leaders in driving distance last year, ranking third with a 310.9 yard average. So far this season Holmes ranks 32nd with 292.2 yards. At the Shell Houston Open, Holmes leads the driving average with 323.3 yards.

A total of 49 birdies have been recorded at the 18th hole through three rounds.

The scoring average for round-three was 70.595. The 17th hole ranked the most difficult and the 18th was the second most difficult.

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