



2009 VERIZON HERITAGE

Harbour Town Golf Links April 13-19, 2009
Hilton Head Island, SC

FedExCup Pts: 500 Purse: \$5,700,000
Par/Yards: 36-35--71/6,973

First-Round Notes – Thursday, April 16, 2009

Weather: Sunny and breezy. High of 68. Winds NE 10-20 mph, with gusts up to 25 mph.

Alex Cejka shot a bogey free seven-under 64 in the morning wave to record his lowest round since a 64 at the 2007 Canadian Open where he finished T10. Cejka's career-best round is a 63 at the 2004 Booz Allen Classic.

Alex Cejka has previously held a share of the first-round lead two times in his career both coming in 2006 at the FBR Open (T53) and Valero Texas Open (T50).

Alex Cejka is making his fourth appearance at the Verizon Heritage. He finished T25 in 2004, missed the cut in 2003 and DQ'd in 2005 for playing a wrong ball.

Lee Janzen used only 23 putts to post a six-under 65 in the first round. Janzen's career-best for fewest putts in a round is 21 at the 1995 Mercedes Championship. It is only the first round, but Harbour Town has a history of low putting numbers. David Frost set the PGA TOUR's all-time 72-hole putting record with 92 total putts at Harbour Town in 2005. The old mark was also set at Harbour Town when Kenny Knox had just 93 putts in 1989 (matched by Mark Calcavecchia at the 2002 Greater Greensboro Chrysler Classic).

Lee Janzen opened with a 65 at the 2002 Verizon Heritage, three strokes off Davis Love III's 62, but finished 67th.

Lee Janzen has played in the Verizon Heritage every year since 1991 (18 appearances), except for 1994. His best finish was T8 in 1999.

The Verizon Heritage has been won by a player aged 40 and above five times, including Arnold Palmer (40 years, 2 months, 20 days) at the inaugural 1969 tournament, Bob Goalby (1970; 41 years, 8 months, 15 days), Hale Irwin (1994; 48 years, 10 months, 14 days), Loren Roberts (1996; 40 years, 9 months, 27 days) and Nick Price (1997; 40 years, 20 months, 22 days). On Sunday, Janzen will be 44 years, 7 months and 22 days.

Trevor Immelman turned in his best round of the season with a five-under 66. Immelman's previous best round in 2009 was a 68 at the Transitions Championship. Since the 2008 Masters, Immelman's best rounds were a 64 at the 2008 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational and a 66 at the St. Jude Championship.

In three previous appearances at the Verizon Heritage, Immelman has missed the cut twice and finished T27 in 2003.

Johnson Wagner left the Verizon Heritage on Wednesday to be with his wife Katie for the birth of their first child in Charlotte. Graham Clifton Wagner was born at 5 a.m. on Thursday, April 16 and weighs 7 lbs 14 ounces.

Jeev Milkha Singh needs \$60,838 to earn Special Temporary Membership on the PGA TOUR. He has earned \$477,120 this year and needs \$537,958. He sits T41 after round one.

Boo Weekley, who has won the Verizon Heritage the last two years, opened with a two-under 69. In the first round last year, Weekley also opened with a 69.

The scoring average in the morning wave (72.15) was higher than the afternoon wave (71.52), but no player in the afternoon wave was able to crack the top-5. There were eight players in the afternoon wave that finished at three-under 68 to stand in an 11-way tie for sixth.

Scoring Averages at the par-71 Harbour Town Golf Links:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Thursday	35.878	36.084	71.962	----

Only five of 15 first-round leaders have gone on to victory this season on the PGA TOUR. Last season, nine of 46 first-round leaders went on to claim victory.

There were five bogey free rounds including Cejka, Brian Gay, Bill Haas, Aron Price and Nathan Green.

Johnson Wagner (personal) and Joe Ogilvie (injury) withdrew prior to the first round.