



2009 Viking Classic

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Dates: October 26 – November 1, 2009
Where: Annandale Golf Club/Yards: 72/7,199
Field: 132 players
Purse: \$3,600,000 (Winner's Share: \$648,000)
Format: 72-hole stroke play

*Please note that all stats are updated through 10/10/09.

KEY STORYLINES

1) PGA TOUR and Charity – “Together Anything’s Possible”

Tournament Charity Spotlight - Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children

Friends of Children's Hospital is a nonprofit organization created to benefit the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. It was created by a group of dedicated members from around the state whose purpose is to support and promote the Batson Hospital for Children, Mississippi's ONLY hospital designed and equipped specifically for the care and treatment of sick and injured children. For more information, visit our web site at www.foch.org.

2) Defending champion and past champions

Will MacKenzie returns to defend his victory from a two-hole playoff over Brian Gay and Marc Turnesa. Other past champions that return to the Viking Classic include Chad Campbell, D.J. Trahan, Heath Slocum, Cameron Beckman, Greg Kraft and Jim Gallagher, Jr.

3) Rookie of the Year Race

With no rookie having won on TOUR through THE TOUR Championship, the Fall Series will play a large role in determining PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year. The top rookies through the FedExCup season include Webb Simpson, Jeff Klauk, Marc Leishman, James Nitties and Bill Lunde. The last year a rookie did not win on the PGA TOUR was 1998, when Steve Flesch earned Rookie of the Year honors.

At 44th on the money list, Australian Marc Leishman leads all rookies. Leishman was the only rookie to play in THE TOUR Championship and finished 20th in the FedExCup standings. Other rookies that are playing well this season include:

Player	Money List Standing after Turning Stone	Turning Stone Finish
Marc Leishman	44	MC

Webb Simpson	71	T7
Jeff Klauk	82	WD
James Nitties	89	T18
Scott Piercy	86	T12
Matt Bettencourt	106	T69
Bill Lunde	126	MC
Aron Price	138	T69
Leif Olson	148	T3

4) Mississippi connections in the Field

Mississippi native Jim Gallagher, Jr. of Greenwood will make his 18th appearance in the Viking Classic since 1986. Gallagher won the event in 1985 when it was an unofficial event, the Magnolia State Classic.

Past champion Heath Slocum, who spent part of his childhood in Vicksburg, learned the game of golf from his father, Jack, who was the club pro at Vicksburg Country Club, and played in the Viking Classic nine times. Slocum played on the same high school golf team in Milton, Florida as fellow PGA Tour player Boo Weekley, and later attended the University of South Alabama. In winning the 2005 Southern Farm Bureau Classic, Slocum had his father as his caddie.

5) The Race for the Card

The Fall Series, comprised of five tournaments, features late-season drama as players will be vying to finish the top 125 on the PGA TOUR Official Money List to earn their cards for 2010.

6) Top 30 Perks

Top 30 on season-ending PGA TOUR Official Money List earns several perks, including invitations to the Masters and U.S. Open. A Fall Series victory also earns a trip to Maui for the season-opening SBS Championship, and invitations to several other invitationals.

7) 2009 PGA TOUR winners and top FedExCup performers

Five players with TOUR wins this season are in the field – Michael Bradley (Puerto Rico Open), Nathan Green (RBC Canadian Open), John Rollins (Legends Reno-Tahoe Open), Heath Slocum (The Barclays) and Matt Kuchar (Turning Stone Resort Championship).

David Toms and Heath Slocum are the two golfers in the Viking Classic that played in THE TOUR Championship and both finished in the top 20 of the final FedExCup standings.

8) 2008 Fall Series winners

Last year, six of the seven Fall Series winners were at No.125 or higher on the money list prior to their win. The complete list of winners from the 2008 Fall Series includes:

Tournament	Champion	\$ prior to win	\$ after win
Viking Classic	Will MacKenzie	No. 178	No. 97
Turning Stone	Dustin Johnson	No. 128	No. 41
Valero Texas Open	Zach Johnson	No. 125	No. 55
Justin Timberlake	Marc Turnesa	No. 138	No. 75
Frys.com Open	Cameron Beckman	No. 175	No. 86
Ginn sur Mer Classic	Ryan Palmer	No. 143	No. 73
Children's Miracle	Davis Love III	No. 118	No. 48

9) Player spotlights

Michael Allen –Allen, who turned 50 at the beginning of the year, won the 2009 Senior PGA Championship after receiving a sponsor's invitation to compete and is now fully exempt on the

Champions Tour and the PGA TOUR. Allen will be making his ninth appearance at the Viking Classic. He has four missed cuts and his best finish was T25 in 1991.

Ricky Barnes – The Stockton CA, native, who made an improbable run at the 2009 U.S. Open at Bethpage, will be making his first appearance in the Viking Classic.

David Duval – Following his stellar play at the U.S. Open (T2), the major champion will be making his sixth appearance at the Viking Classic. After missing the cut in 2004 and 2005, Duval has not finished lower than T50 (2006). He has improved each year with a T44 in 2007 and T22 in 2008.

Rocco Mediate. – Mediate will be making his seventh appearance at the Viking Classic and his first since 2006 (T16). Mediate made headlines in 2008 after battling Tiger Woods in a playoff at the U.S. Open. Mediate has never finished lower than T24 in his first six starts at the Viking Classic. His top 10s include a T9 in 1986 and T8 in 1988.

Tom Pernice, Jr. – Making his 11th start at the Viking Classic, Pernice is coming off a win in his first Champions Tour start at the SAS Championship by one stroke over David Frost and Nick Price. Pernice had not won on the PGA TOUR since 2001. Pernice's best finish at the Viking Classic was a T6 in 1987.

Heath Slocum – After winning The Barclays earlier this year, Slocum shot to the top 3 in the FedExCup standings where he finished eighth after finishing T19 at THE TOUR Championship. It was the third victory on TOUR for Slocum and pushed him over \$2 million in earnings for just the second time in his career.

Kevin Streelman – As the leader in the Kodak Challenge by one stroke over Jason Gore, Streelman changed his plans so that he could try to take advantage of the par-5 18th hole at Annandale Golf Club, which is the Kodak Challenge hole of the week. Streelman has never played in the Viking Classic.

Note: Last year, the par-5 18th hole featured a 4.692 stroke average with 184 birdies, the fifth most birdies on a finishing hole on TOUR.

David Toms – Making his seventh appearance at the Viking Classic, the Louisiana native and LSU graduate Toms is looking to improve on his T8 finish last year. Toms finished 19th in the final FedExCup standings.

10) With a win at the Viking Classic a player gets:

2-year PGA TOUR exemption (2010-2011)

Invitation in 2010 to:

- PGA Championship
- THE PLAYERS Championship
- SBS Championship (winners only)
- Verizon Heritage
- Arnold Palmer Invitational
- Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial
- Memorial Tournament
- AT&T National
- Bridgestone Invitational (if Official World Golf Ranking strength of 115 points or more)
- If multiple winner since 2009 U.S. Open, invitation to 2010 U.S. Open

Top 125

Fully exempt for 2010 PGA TOUR season

Invitation in 2010 to:

- THE PLAYERS Championship
- Verizon Heritage
- AT&T National

The Presidents Cup

All money earned counts towards 2011 United States Presidents Cup team, 1 point per dollar earned.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**Kodak Challenge**

The competition that celebrates beautiful holes and memorable moments on the PGA TOUR continues with the 532-yard, par-5 18th hole at Annandale Golf Club as the featured hole at the Viking Classic. Players must play at least 18 of the 30 Kodak Challenge holes throughout the season to compete for \$1 million and the Kodak Challenge title. A player's lowest score relative to par on his best 18 Kodak Challenge holes will be counted.

Fall Series Smile and Win program

A unique Fall Series "Smile & Win" spotter promotion will award instant prizes to fans wearing Kodak lanyards throughout the course at Annandale Golf Club. The free lanyards can be picked up at the Kodak Fan Photo Zone. Winners will be randomly spotted throughout the tournament. A variety of instant prizes will include Kodak Zi8 Pocket Video Cameras, and one lucky grand prize winner will receive a Las Vegas Vacation Package that includes:

- Hotel accommodations and airfare vouchers
- Callaway golf bag with tournament logo
- Set of Calloway clubs
- J. Lindeberg Golf rolling travel bag, towel and hat
- Mirimichi items
- Golf round at Mirimichi
- Golf round at TPC Summerlin

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**Tuesday, October 27**

6:30 pm – Viking Classic Pro-Am Draw Party presented by BankPlus at Hilton Jackson (Invitation Only)

Wednesday, October 28

All Day – BankPlus Pro-Am (Annandale Golf Club)

Thursday, October 29

All Day – Ladies' Day at the Classic presented by Ridgeland Tourism Commission

3:00 pm – Ladies' Day – Wine & Cheese Tasting presented by Ruth's Chris Steak House and Colony Wine Market at the Viking Culinary Tent (Ladies Only)

Friday, October 30

All Day – Military Day presented by the MS Army National Guard

Saturday, October 31

All Day – Family Day at the Classic presented by Madison the City

2:00 pm – Junior Clinic presented by Pepsi (Viking Range)

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