

## Week 1 Mercedes-Benz Championship, Round 4

### ***Pairing 1 – Geoff Ogilvy, Justin Leonard, and D.J. Trahan***

- The changes to this year's playoff format would have benefited Ogilvy in 2008. By keeping his regular season points and pushing the seeding back to the TOUR championship, he would have qualified for the finale.
- The first round leader, Ogilvy looks to be off to a better start in 2009. Last season he did not earn any points until his fourth event of the season. He more than made up for his slow start and entered the playoffs in 10<sup>th</sup> position.
- After finishing 117<sup>th</sup> in the first year of the FedExCup, Trahan jumped into the top-30 last year with four top-10 finishes in the regular season, including his victory at the Bob Hope, and a top-5 in the playoffs.
- Justin Leonard's started last season with three consecutive top-10 finishes and continued his strong play to an eighth place finish in the FedExCup.
- Leonard's strong start powered his return to form as he finished last year tied for fourth in proximity to the hole and was 20<sup>th</sup> in total putting.

### ***Pairing 2 – Camilo Villegas Davis Love III, and Kenny Perry***

- Love has not ranked in the top-10 in FedExCup standings in any week since he finished T4 at the 2007 Mercedes-Benz Championship.
- Perry earned an average point value that was just a little better higher than a sixth place finish in each of his 22 regular season starts in 2008.
- Perry finished the regular season in second position in the FedExCup standings, but fell to 15<sup>th</sup> after the playoffs. However in this year's improved playoff format, his strong performance throughout the regular season would have given him at least a chance to win the FedExCup at the TOUR Championship.
- "Mr. September" – Villegas has played in all eight of the FedExCup playoff events and has recorded a total of six top-10 finishes – including two victories in 2008.
- Had the 2009 FedExCup system been in place last season, Villegas would have been the winner of the FedExCup.

### ***Pairing 3 – Anthony Kim, K.J. Choi, and Boo Weekley***

- Kim started strong last year with a T3 in his first start of the season and it helped propel him to a fifth in the FedExCup standings entering last year's playoffs.
- Having only three par-3s may benefit Kim this week, he ranked in the top-10 in both par-4 and par-5 birdie percentage, but was T-176<sup>th</sup> in par-3 birdie percentage.
- This is the fourth consecutive year that K.J. Choi has started his season in Kapalua and his fifth start here overall. In 2007 he used a T8 finish to start a strong season that saw him finish fifth in the FedExCup.
- Kim has finished in the top-10 in the final standings in each of the first two FedExCup competitions.
- As with Ogilvy, the changes to this year's playoff format would have benefited Weekley in 2008. By keeping his regular season points and pushing the seeding back to the TOUR championship, he would have qualified for the finale.
- The aggressive style of play afforded at Kapalua suits Weekley, he ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in hit green percentage in 2008 when going for the green in two on par-5s.