



2009 Mercedes-Benz Championship

(The 1st of 37 events in the PGA TOUR Regular Season)

Kapalua, Maui, HI

Jan. 8-11, 2009

Purse: \$5,600,000 (\$1,120,000 to the winner)

The Plantation Course

Par/Yards: 36-37—73/7,411

Second-Round Notes – Friday, January 9, 2009

Weather: Sunny and breezy, with temperatures reaching 83. Winds ENE 10-20 mph.

In his third consecutive appearance at Kapalua (T13 – 2006, T19 – 2007), Australia's Geoff Ogilvy maintained a one-shot lead after Friday's second-round. Ogilvy followed his opening-round 6-under 67 with a 5-under 68 to maintain his lead heading into the weekend.

At the halfway point in the 2009 Mercedes-Benz Championship, Geoff Ogilvy leads D.J. Trahan by one stroke. Geoff Ogilvy previously held the 36-hole lead at the 2008 World Golf Championships-CA Championship, where he ended up winning.

The odds of a 36-hole leader hanging on to win at the Mercedes-Benz Championship since moving to the Plantation Course in 1999 are fifty-fifty. In the past 10 years, here is a look at those who have managed to win after holding the 36-hole lead:

1999 – David Duval

2000 – Tiger Woods

2003 – Ernie Els

2006 – Stuart Appleby

2007 – Vijay Singh

The low round through 36 holes of the 2009 Mercedes-Benz Championship belongs to D.J. Trahan, who fired a 7-under 66 Friday. Trahan trails Geoff Ogilvy by one stroke.

Playing in his second Mercedes-Benz Championship (32-2007), D.J. Trahan's 7-under 66 in round two was his lowest score in a PGA TOUR event since shooting a 7-under 63 in round two of the 2008 BMW Championship. The 7-under score was one stroke shy of his career best, an 8 under 62 in the third round of the 2008 Travelers Championship.

In round two, Stewart Cink claimed an eagle-three on the par-5 fifth, only to follow that up with an eagle-two at the 305-yard, par-4 14th hole. Cink holed his second shot from 81 yards. It was the first time Cink had carded two eagles in a round since doing so in round two of the 2008 Travelers Championship, which he went on to win.

Adam Scott joined Stewart Cink as the only other player to card two eagles in round two. Scott made eagle-threes on the par-five 15th and 18th holes.

With their eagles on the par-five 18th hole in Friday's second-round, Adam Scott and Zach Johnson joined Johnson Wagner, Trevor Immelman and Andres Romero atop the leaderboard in the 2009 Kodak Challenge, a first-of-its-kind competition with a \$1 million payout at the end of the season. There will be one designated Kodak Challenge hole (the 18th hole this week at Kapalua) at 24 different PGA TOUR tournaments, with players required to play at least 18 of the holes to be eligible. Players will count their lowest score relative to par on the hole made during an official competition round.

Davis Love III, who earned a berth into the 2009 Mercedes-Benz Championship thanks to his Children's Miracle Network Classic win last fall, played his last five holes in round two in five-under par for a second-round 3-under 70. Love III will begin Saturday's third-round T4.

All seven winners of the 2008 PGA TOUR Fall Series events are in the field of the 2009 Mercedes-Benz Championship

Defending Mercedes-Benz Championship winner Daniel Chopra rallied nicely from an opening-round 6-over-par 79 with a second-round, 4-under par 69. His 69 came despite a double-bogey seven at the par-5 ninth.

Scoring average for the second-round: 71:58