

**2009 SONY Open in Hawaii
FedExCup Notes – Week 2**

The FedExCup Challenge (or why is it so hard to win) – Part I

Finishing in the top-10 is always a positive on the PGA TOUR, however players cannot rest on their laurels when it comes to competing for the FedExCup. Over the last two seasons players finishing in the top-10 at the season opening Mercedes-Benz Championship have entered the playoffs in an average position of 47th place.

Challenge of the FedExCup (or why is it so hard to win) – Part II

In fact, of the 21 players that finished T10 or better at the first event, only four of them have entered the playoffs in the top-10, while seven have entered with seeds higher than 70th.

2007			2008		
Rank	Player	Seed Entering Playoffs	Rank	Player	Seed Entering Playoffs
1	Vijay Singh	2	1	Daniel Chopra	40
2	Adam Scott	10	2	Steve Stricker	21
3	Trevor Immelman	37	3	Stephen Ames	30
4	Will MacKenzie	71	4	Mike Weir	43
4	Davis Love III	80	5	Nick Watney	111
4	J.B. Holmes	112	5	Hunter Mahan	31
7	Luke Donald	23	5	Jim Furyk	15
8	J.J. Henry	88	8	Justin Leonard	8
8	David Toms	25	8	Charles Howell III	79
8	K.J. Choi	5	10	Mark Calcavecchia	104
			10	Brandt Snedeker	49

FedExCup Quick Fact

Davis Love III's T2 ranking is his highest since he ranked T-4 after the 2007 Mercedes-Benz Championship.

This week's FedEx Vignette Featured Player – K.J. Choi

1. Last season, K.J. Choi rode his victory at the 2008 SONY Open to a 15th seed at the start of the playoffs and an eventual 10th place finish in the overall standings.
2. K.J. Choi is one of only four players to finish in the top-10 the in the final rankings in the first two years of FedExCup competition. The other three are Phil Mickelson, Vijay Singh, and Sergio Garcia.