



2009 The Honda Classic

(The 10th of 37 events in the PGA TOUR Regular Season)

Palm Beach Gardens, FL March 5-8, 2009
PGA National Resort & Spa

FedExCup Points: 500
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,158

Purse: \$5,600,000

Second-Round Notes – Friday, March 6, 2009

Weather: Partly cloudy with temperatures in the upper 70s. Winds E 10-20 mph.

79 players made the 36-hole cut, and as a result there will be a 54-hole cut on Saturday reducing the field to the low 70 and ties.

At 37 years, 1 month and 22 days, Korean Y.E. Yang fired a second-round, 5-under 65 to take a single-stroke lead over Robert Allenby, Jeff Overton and Will MacKenzie. Yang is competing in his second Honda Classic (T72, 2008).

Y.E. Yang is competing in his fourth PGA TOUR event of the season. Among his finishes in the previous three were a T22 at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am and a T20 at last week's Mayakoba Golf Classic.

Among his most notable achievements, Yang won the 2006 HSBC Champions Tournament on the Asian Tour by two strokes over Tiger Woods.

Holding the second-round lead hasn't been a good omen at The Honda Classic. Only once in the past 12 years has the 36-hole leader gone on to win - Jesper Parnevik in 2001. Over the past 21 years, only four second-round leaders have gone on to victory - Parnevik, Tim Herron (1996), Mark O'Meara (1995) and Steve Pate (1991).

The second-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win three of eight stroke-play events on the PGA TOUR this season, most recently Mark Wilson at last week's Mayakoba Golf Classic.

Speaking of Wilson, he was unable to carry the momentum from his victory last week into PGA National, missing the cut with rounds of 75-75.

At 25 years, nine months and eight days, Jeff Overton fired a second consecutive, 3-under 67 in round two to take a share of second place at 6-under into the weekend with Will MacKenzie and Robert Allenby.

Jeff Overton may well be at the Honda Classic by virtue of his last eight events of 2008. After recovering from appendicitis, he made the cut in all eight events to work his way into the top-125 and earn his card for the 2009 season.

Jeff Overton missed the cut in his two previous starts at PGA National in 2006 and 2008.

Like Jeff Overton, Will MacKenzie picked up where he left off and fired a second consecutive 3-under 67 Friday to take a share of second place.

Statistically, Will Mackenzie improved in virtually every area in round two.

	<u>Fairways Hit</u>	<u>Greens Hit</u>	<u>Sand Saves</u>
Round one	8/14 – 57.1%	11/18 – 61.1%	0/1 – 0%
Round two	10/14 - 71.4%	13/18 – 72.2%	1/1 – 100%

Guided by a hot putter, Will Mackenzie one-putted five of nine holes on the front, combining for a total of 13 putts.

Part-time Jupiter resident Robert Allenby backed up his first-round 4-under 66 with a second-round 68. By doing so, he made his 30th consecutive made cut, which places him in a tie for the TOUR lead with Tiger Woods. Allenby is making his ninth start at this event, with three top-5 finishes (T5-2007, T4-2008, T4-2004) to his credit.

Ben Crane posted a 5-under 65 in round two on the heels of an even-par 70 Thursday. Playing in his fourth Honda Classic, his second-round 65 in 2009 is his lowest score at the event. Last year, he posted a 4-under 66 in round two en route to T12 honors, his best finish.

The low round of the day belonged to Greg Chalmers who fired a 6-under 64. The 64 was one stroke shy of his career low round of 63, which came in round four of the 2002 Buick Invitational. His 64 in round two was his best round since shooting a 64 at the 2004 Michelin Championship and tied the course record, previously carded by Luke Donald in round one last year.

Greg Chalmers' 6-under 64 rocketed him up the leaderboard in round two. He began the day T81 but will start Saturday's third round T7.

PGA TOUR rookie Jeff Klauk birdied Nos. 14-18 in round two, which is just one consecutive birdie shy of Fred Couples' record of six (in round one of 1985).

Speaking of Klauk, he returns to work this week after taking last week off after making his first six consecutive cuts on the TOUR. Among those first six events are T12 honors at the Sony Open in Hawaii and T11 honors at the Buick Invitational.

At 2-over 142, Davis Love III kept his perfect streak alive this week at The Honda Classic, making his 15th consecutive made cut here in as many attempts. Love enjoyed his best finishes at this event in back-to-back seasons, finishing runner-up in 2003 and 2004.

After making the cut at The Honda Classic in his first 11 starts here, Chris DiMarco missed the cut for the first time in 2008. He got things back on track this week, posting rounds of 72-70 to finish the first two rounds at 2-over 142.

For the second day in a row, Erik Compton posted a 1-under 69. He sits at 2-under through two rounds despite a triple bogey on No. 11 Thursday and a double bogey on No.17 Friday. In his last start on the PGA TOUR, the 2008 Children's Miracle Network Classic, he made the cut en route to 60th place honors.

Scoring Averages at the par-70 PGA National:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Thursday	35.476	36.902	72.378	---
Friday	35.191	35.809	71.000	71.694

Y.E. Yang, Alex Cejka, James Nitties and Ryan Palmer each played bogey-free in round two.

Glen Day withdrew prior to the start of the second round with a neck injury.

Mathis Gronberg withdrew in the middle of round two due to injury.