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2008 Honda Classic SHOTLink Stats



ShotLink Keys to Victory for Ernie Els

- ◆ 2008 Honda Classic champion Ernie Els had a great ball striking week on PGA National Champion Course ranking T-4th in the field for greens hit, 9th for proximity to the hole and 12th for approach shots from the rough.
- ◆ Ernie was dialed in on his 12 approach shots from the rough averaging over 10 feet closer to the pin than the field average of 42 ft 4 in from the rough.
- ◆ Ernie saved his best performance for the final round where he averaged 25 ft 6 in to the pin on all approach shots (2nd best in the field during the final round).
- ◆ In the previous 3 rounds, he never averaged closer than about 33 feet to the pin on all approach shots.
- ◆ *Long Iron Play:* In 2008, no player was better on approach shots from outside of 200 yards than Ernie Els. For the season he averaged a TOUR leading 41 ft 11 in on approach shots from this distance (107 attempts for the season) compared to the TOUR average of 50 ft 9 in (9 feet closer than the TOUR average).
 - His play at PGA National was no different as he averaged 32 ft 0 in (2nd in the field) on approach shots from outside 200 yards (almost 14 feet closer than the field average of 45 ft 9 in).
 - Ernie converted 5 total birdies on approach shots originating from outside 200 yards (2nd best in the field) on a course ranked 3rd toughest on TOUR in 2008 for birdie or better percentage from outside 200 yards.
- ◆ Last year, PGA National had the 3rd lowest birdie or better percentage from the fairway on the PGA TOUR (16%). For the week, Els totaled 13 birdies originating from the fairway (25%) ranking 5th in this category.
- ◆ Ernie's putting from mid-to-long range was pretty solid as well at the 2008 Honda Classic. For the week he converted 5 of 9 attempts when putting from 10 to 15 feet on a course ranked easiest on TOUR in 2008 for putting from 10 to 15 feet (34%).



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Key Tournament Statistics for Ernie Els



| Stat | Winner Event Rank | Winner Event Stat | Event Average | Winner 2008 Season Rank | Winner 2008 Season Stat |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Driving Distance | 10th | 291.5 | 279.4 | 64th | 291.6 |
| Total Driving | 17th | 60 | 75 | 162nd | 237 |
| Greens in Regulation Pct | T4th | 70.83% | 58.00 | 178th | 61.33% |
| Going for the Green | T29th | 25.00% | 26.08 | 99th | 45.61% |
| GFG - Birdie or Better | T1st | 100.00% | 52.26 | T77th | 57.41% |
| Proximity to Hole | 9th | 31' 2" | 35' 11" | 14th | 33' 3" |
| Rough Proximity | 12th | 31' 9" | 42' 4" | T97th | 43' 7" |
| Fairway Proximity | 4th | 27' 10" | 32' 11" | 3rd | 28' 5" |
| Approaches from 50-75 yards | 1st | 2' 5" | 17' 0" | T131st | 16' 4" |
| Approaches from 175-200 yards | 5th | 27' 8" | 36' 10" | 4th | 29' 10" |
| Approaches from 225-250 yards | 4th | 21' 9" | 47' 6" | T38th | 47' 10" |
| Approaches from > 200 yards | 2nd | 32' 0" | 45' 9" | 1st | 41' 11" |
| Scrambling | T15th | 66.67% | 56.25 | 112th | 56.61% |
| Scrambling from the Fringe | T1st | 100.00% | 90.65 | T15th | 93.75% |
| Scrambling from > 30 yards | T5th | 66.67% | 30.02 | 75th | 29.79% |
| Putting from - 10-15' | 9th | 55.56% | 33.63 | T129th | 28.46% |
| Birdie or Better Conversion Pct | 9th | 31.37% | 23.24 | 107th | 27.82% |
| Scoring Average | 1st | 66.76 | 70.00 | 12th | 69.90 |
| Birdie Average | T1st | 4.00 | 2.61 | T123rd | 3.28 |
| Total Birdies | T1st | 16 | 7 | 187th | 164 |
| Par Breakers | T1st | 22.22% | 14.55 | T134th | 18.44% |
| Par 3 Scoring Average | T4th | 2.88 | 3.21 | T73rd | 3.08 |
| Par 4 Scoring Average | T9th | 3.96 | 4.10 | T163rd | 4.10 |
| Par 3 Birdie or Better Leaders | T2nd | 31.25% | 10.14 | 41st | 13.86% |
| Birdie or Better Percentage | T1st | 22.22% | 14.55 | T134th | 18.44% |



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PGA National Champion Course – 2008

Courses with the Shortest Driving Distance (All holes) in 2008

| Rank | Course | All Drives |
|------|---------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Pebble Beach GL | 264.9 |
| 2 | Harbour Town GL | 265.9 |
| 3 | Innisbrook Resort | 266.4 |
| 4 | PGA National | 266.6 |
| 5 | Atunyote Golf Club | 271.2 |

Courses with the Lowest Birdie or Better Pct Outside of 200 Yards in 2008

| Rank | Course | % |
|------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Bellerive CC | 12.67 |
| 2 | Congressional CC | 15.08 |
| 3 | PGA National | 16.08 |
| 4 | Bay Hill Club & Lodge | 16.68 |
| 5 | Firestone CC (SC) | 17.24 |

Courses with the Lowest Birdie or Better Pct – Fairway in 2008

| Rank | Course | % |
|------|---------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Innisbrook Resort | 14.19 |
| 2 | TPC Four Seasons | 14.92 |
| 3 | PGA National | 16.02 |
| 4 | Torrey Pines (SC) | 16.84 |
| 5 | Atunyote Golf Club | 17.12 |

Courses with the Longest Average Dist of Putts Made Per Round (per player)

| Rank | Course | Avg |
|------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1 | TPC Summerlin | 78' 8" |
| 2 | PGA National | 78' 0" |
| 3 | TPC Scottsdale | 78' 0" |
| 4 | Conservatory Course | 76' 10" |
| 5 | Sedgefield CC | 76' 7" |

Courses with the Toughest Par 5's in 2008

| Rank | Course | Status |
|------|---------------------|------------|
| 1 | Poppy Hills | -75 |
| 2 | Spyglass Hill GC | -77 |
| 3 | Royal Birkdale GC | -78 |
| 4 | PGA National | -90 |
| 5 | Pebble Beach GL | -98 |

Courses with the Lowest Par 5 Birdie or Better Pct in 2008

| Rank | Course | % |
|------|---------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Spyglass Hill GC | 27.22 |
| 2 | PGA National | 27.68 |
| 3 | Innisbrook Resort | 27.89 |
| 4 | Poppy Hills | 28.44 |
| 5 | Ridgewood CC | 29.31 |

Toughest Par 3's on TOUR in 2008

| Rank | Course | Hole | Yds | Avg. |
|------|---------------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| 1 | Quail Hollow Club | 17 | 217 | 3.418 |
| 2 | Oakland Hills CC | 9 | 257 | 3.396 |
| 3 | TPC Sawgrass | 13 | 181 | 3.351 |
| 4 | Oakland Hills CC | 17 | 238 | 3.35 |
| 5 | PGA National | 15 | 179 | 3.346 |

Toughest Par 5's on TOUR in 2008

| Rank | Course | Hole | Yds | Avg. |
|------|----------------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| 1 | Pebble Beach GL | 14 | 573 | 5.296 |
| 2 | Poppy Hills | 4 | 603 | 5.228 |
| 3 | PGA National | 18 | 604 | 5.096 |
| 4 | Royal Birkdale GC | 15 | 544 | 5.089 |
| 5 | Muirfield Village GC | 11 | 567 | 5.044 |

Par 5's Not Reached in 2 Shots on TOUR in 2008

| Course | Hole | Yardage | Attempts |
|---------------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| Innisbrook Resort | 5 | 605 | 27 |
| Torrey Pines (SC) | 9 | 613 | 8 |
| Pebble Beach GL | 14 | 573 | 5 |
| Firestone CC (SC) | 16 | 667 | 2 |
| PGA National | 18 | 604 | 7 |
| Conservatory Course | 18 | 570 | 17 |



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