



2009 FBR Open
(The fourth of 37 events in the PGA TOUR Regular Season)

Scottsdale, AZ
TPC Scottsdale

Jan. 29-Feb. 1, 2009

FedExCup Points: 500
Par/Yards: 35-36--71/7,216

Purse: \$6,000,000

COMPLETED Second-Round Notes – Saturday, January 31, 2009

Three players who were all inside the projected cut line of even-par returned to the course Saturday morning to complete round two. Webb Simpson (-5), Jarrod Lyle (-2) and amateur Rickie Fowler (-2) all had birdie putts waiting for them on the short, par-4 17th hole. Simpson (5' 5") and Fowler (6' 3") made their birdie putts. Simpson also birdied the 18th hole to finish at 7-under par and is tied for fifth.

A total of 71 players made the cut, which came at even-par 142. This is the highest cut in this event since 2005, when the cut came at 3-over 145.

The second-round scoring average was 71.031, making it the toughest second round at TPC Scottsdale since 2000 (71.108).

Third-round play was in threesomes off the 1st and 10th tees, with times starting at 9:10 am.

Sponsor exemption Rickie Fowler, the only amateur in this week's field, made the 36-hole cut. Fowler, a sophomore at Oklahoma State University making his third career start on the PGA TOUR, has posted scores of 73-66 to advance to the final 36 holes. Fowler missed the cut at last year's Verizon Heritage and tied for 60th at the U.S. Open Championship. Fowler is currently the No. 2 ranked amateur in the world behind only Danny Lee of New Zealand. Fowler was an All-America selection as a freshman, Big 12 Conference Player of the Year, the first-ever freshman to win the Ben Hogan Award and a Walker Cup member last year.

Nick Watney (70-63) is at 9-under 133 and holds a one-stroke lead over Charley Hoffman, Matt Kuchar and James Nitties. This is only the second time in Watney's career that he has held the lead after 36 holes. The 2007 Zurich Classic of New Orleans champion also held the lead at the 2006 Wyndham Championship, where he ultimately finished 6th.

Among those players missing the 36-hole cut:

Justin Leonard	70-73	+1
Paul Azinger (1987 champion)	70-73	+1
Camilo Villegas	72-71	+1
Brandt Snedeker	72-71	+1
Stewart Cink	73-72	+3
Mike Weir	73-72	+3
J.B. Holmes (defending champion)	70-76	+4
Anthony Kim	73-73	+4
Charles Howell III	71-75	+4
Stuart Appleby	76-70	+4
Steve Stricker	74-72	+4
Fred Couples	74-74	+6
Mark Calcavecchia (3-time champion)	74-74	+7
Phil Mickelson (2-time champion)	76-73	+7

<u>Scoring Average</u>	<u>Rd1</u>	<u>Rd 2</u>	<u>Rd 3</u>	<u>Rd4</u>
Front Nine	35.750	35.382		
Back Nine	35.606	35.649		
Total	71.356	71.031		

Ten of the 12 members of the 2008 U.S. Ryder Cup team are playing this week at the FBR Open along with U.S. Captain Paul Azinger. The only two not playing are Boo Weekley and Jim Furyk.

<u>Player</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Standing</u>
Kenny Perry	135 (-7)	T5
Chad Campbell	140 (-2)	T36
Hunter Mahan	140 (-2)	T36
Ben Curtis	142 (E)	T56
Paul Azinger (captain)	143 (+1)	MC
Justin Leonard	143 (+1)	MC
Stewart Cink	145 (+3)	MC
Steve Stricker	146 (+4)	MC
Anthony Kim	146 (+4)	MC
J.B. Holmes	146 (+4)	MC
Phil Mickelson	149 (+7)	MC

Four of the top-10 players in the Official World Golf Rankings are playing in the FBR Open.

<u>Player</u>	<u>World Ranking</u>	<u>2nd Rd Total</u>	<u>Position</u>
Phil Mickelson	4	149 (+7)	MC
Geoff Ogilvy	6	139 (-3)	T29
Anthony Kim	9	146 (+4)	MC
Camilo Villegas	10	143 (+1)	MC

David Duval withdrew due to illness in the middle of the second-round.



**FBR Open
After Round 2 ShotLink Stats**

Best Finish at FBR Open - Leaders	Best Finish	Appearances
Nick Watney	T32	4
Charley Hoffman	MC	2
Matt Kuchar	T54	3
James Nitties	N/A	First
Kenny Perry	T2	21
Cameron Beckman	T18	6
Ryan Moore	T40	3

Nick Watney – 9 under par

- ◆ Nick Watney shot an 8 under par 63 in the 2nd round to take the clubhouse lead today. This is not only the lowest round of the week (tied with K. Perry) but it ties his career low round on TOUR and is the lowest 2nd round he's ever shot on the PGA TOUR.
- ◆ In the first round, Nick hit only 3 approach shots inside 20 feet averaging 43 ft 6 in to the pin on all approaches (109th in the field during the first round). Today's round was quite different as he hit 10 approach shots inside 20 feet averaging 24 ft 5 in to the pin on all approach shots (3rd in the field today).
- ◆ Ranking 1st in the field for total putting, Watney's been consistent on the greens converting well over 100 feet of putts in each of the first 2 rounds of play (Rd 1 - 138 ft 10 in; Rd 2 – 112 ft 3 in).

Nick Watney - On the Greens vs the Field

Stat	Watney	Field Average
Total Putting	24.7 (1)	121.1
One-Putts	19 thru 36 (T7)	42%
Putts Per Round	26.5 (T9)	28.73
Putting Inside 10 Feet	29 of 30 (7)	87%
Average Distance of Putts Made	125 ft 7 in (3)	77 ft 5 in
Longest Putt Made	45 ft 7 in (9)	25 ft 3 in

Charley Hoffman – 8 under par

- ◆ Avoiding one side of the golf course is a telltale sign of playing solid golf. Through 2 rounds, Charley Hoffman has managed to all but completely avoid the left side of the golf course from the tee. 3 of Hoffman's 11 missed fairways have found fairway bunkers on the left side of golf course (all in round 1 – 3rd hole, 6th hole, 10th hole where he went on to make birdie on 2 out of 3 occasions).

Charley Hoffman - This Week vs. 2009 Season vs. The Field – Off the Tee

Stat	This Week	2009 Season	The Field
Driving Accuracy Pct	61% (T17)	72% (T44)	50%
Left Rough Tendency	0 (1)	12% (46)	16.3%
Right Rough Tendency	25% (T91)	16% (T92)	20%
Miss Left Tendency	20% (2)	NA	46.1%
Miss Right Tendency	80% (130)	NA	54%



Charley Hoffman continued...

- ◆ In Hoffman's previous 2 appearances at this event he failed to shoot an under par round missing the cut in both 2007 & 2008.
- ◆ 17 strokes separate Hoffman's first 2 appearances here and his performance this week. This week he's carded 11 total birdies thru 2 rounds of play. This is a drastic improvement for Hoffman considering he converted 12 total birdies in his previous 2 appearances (over 72 holes of play).
- ◆ He's been dialed in with the irons finding 78% of the greens in regulation thus far ranking within the top 5 in the field. Looking closer at his iron play you'll find he's been solid with his wedge game averaging just shy of 11 feet to the pin on approach shots from inside of 125 yards.
- ◆ On the greens, he's made 206 ft 2 in of putts thru 2 rounds (99 ft 5 in of putts made per round). When compared to his previous performances here, he's averaging over 21 more feet of putts made per round. He's also converted the same amount of putts from outside of 10 feet thru 2 rounds (6 total) this week that he did in his previous 2 performances here (over 4 rounds of play).

Charley Hoffman Career at FBR Open

Stat	First 2 Appearances (72 total holes)	This Week (thru 36 holes)	Difference
Score	8 over	9 under	17 Strokes
Greens in Regulation	58%	78%	20%
Approach Shots from 50 to 125 Yards	22 ft 5 in	10 ft 7 in	11 ft 10 in
Putts Per Round	29.25	28.5	0.75
Average Distance of Putts Made	78 ft 5 in	99 ft 5 in	21 ft 5 in
Total Birdies	12	11	1
Putts Made Over 10 Feet	6	6	0
Par 5 Performance	3 under	6 under	3