



2009 FBR Open

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

Jan. 29-Feb. 1, 2009 Purse: \$6,000,000
TPC Scottsdale FedExCup Points: 500
Scottsdale, AZ Par/Yards: 35-36--71/7,216

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, January 31, 2009

Resumption of round two began this morning at 8:00 am with the group of Webb Simpson, Jarrod Lyle and amateur Rickie Fowler completing the 17th and 18th holes. Round three began at 9:10 am with 71 players going off in threesomes on the 1st and 10th tees.

Seating capacity at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa Bay, Fla. for Super Bowl XLIII will be 72,500. Attendance today at the FBR Open was 164,455. Last year, a total of 538,356 fans came through gates at TPC Scottsdale throughout the week.

LEADERS

ROUND 1			ROUND 2			ROUND 3		
T1	James Nitties	-6	1	Nick Watney	-9	1	Kenny Perry	-12
T1	Lucas Glover	-6	T2	Charley Hoffmann	-8	2	Scott Piercy	-11
Т3	David Berganio, Jr.	-5	T2	Matt Kuchar	-8	Т3	Kevin Na	-10
Т3	Charley Hoffman	-5	T2	James Nitties	-8	Т3	Brian Gay	-10
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T74	Kenny Perry	+1	T5	Kenny Perry	-7			

Kenny Perry sank a 32' 11" putt for birdie on the 18th hole to finish alone atop the leaderboard at 12-under-par 201. He leads **Scott Piercy** by one stroke who is at 11-under. **Kevin Na, Brian Gay and Charley Hoffman** are tied for third at 10-under-par. Perry shot a 5-under-par 66 in round three with six birdies and one bogey.

Kenny Perry is a 12-time winner on the PGA TOUR. Perry has led or held a share of the 54-hole lead 15 times in his career and converted 8 times for a victory.

Scott Piercy struggled down the stretch this afternoon, bogeying three of his final five holes. Piercy is a 2009 PGA TOUR Rookie, earning his card by finishing 9th on the 2008 Nationwide Tour money list. He won twice on the Nationwide Tour last year and earned a total of \$320,187.

Troy Matteson's 6-under 29 on the front nine in Saturday's third-round is one stroke shy of the tournament record, held by Chris DiMarco who posted a seven-under 28 in the third round in 2003. Matteson is the 14th player in FBR Open history to post a 29 on the front nine at TPC Scottsdale.

Rickie Fowler shot 1-over-par 72 today and is 2-under for the event at T47. Fowler is playing under a Sponsor's Exemption and is the only amateur in this week's field. The 20-year-old sophomore at Oklahoma State University is making his third career start on the PGA TOUR. He 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.

Ted Purdy and **Scott Piercy** are both sponsor exemptions this week. The last sponsor exemption to win a PGA TOUR event was Jason Gore at the 2005 84 Lumber Classic. Previously, Phil Mickelson won as a sponsor exemption at the 1991 Northern Telecom Open. Both Gore and Mickelson missed the cut this year at the FBR Open.

Geoff Ogilvy shot 65 today in his 11th competitive round of the 2009 season. Eight of these 11 rounds have been in the 60s, with lows of 65 today and in the third round of the Mercedes-Benz Championship.

Geoff Ogilvy and **Ted Purdy** carded the best rounds of the day at 6-under-par 65. The low rounds of the tournament so far were the 8-under 63s posted by **Kenny Perry** and **Nick Watney** in round two.

Nick Watney, the leader after round two, struggled to 3-over-par 38 on the front-nine today with six pars and three bogeys. He got back to 1-over par for the event with a 34 on back nine and is currently T13.

SPONSOR EXEMPTIONS AND OPEN QUALIFIERS AT THE 2009 FBR OPEN

Sponsor Exemptions	Pos.	R1	R2	R3	R4
Rickie Fowler	T47	+2	-3	-2	
Jesper Parnevik	MC	+4	+3	-	-
Scott Piercy	2	-2	-6	-11	
Ted Purdy	T5	E	-3	-9	
Jason Gore	MC	-2	+2	-	-
Monday Qualifiers	Pos.	R1	R2	R3	R4
Tom Kalinowski	MC	+4	+7	-	-
Bob Tway	T47	E	E	-2	
Gary Woodland	T23	-1	-1	-5	

MISCELLANEOUS

The 16th hole at TPC Scottsdale was set up at 123 yards for round three, the shortest at this event since the PGA TOUR began officially tracking round-by-round hole yardages in 2003.

TPC SCOTTSDALE HOLE 16 - yardages since 2003

YEAR	R1	R2	R3	R4
2009	150	166	123	
2008	164	152	171	145
2007	162	171	174	148
2006	170	154	177	166
2005	178	163	166	147
2004	174	162	170	162
2003	169	168	174	172

TPC SCOTTSDALE HOLE 16 – 2008 hole scoring and statistics

STAT	R1	R2	R3	R4
Ace	0	0	0	
Birdie	26	16	10	
Par	95	84	55	
Bogey	10	31	0	
Double	1	0	0	
GIR	86 of 132	83 of 131	63 of 71	
GIR %	65%	63%	89%	
Avg. distance to pin	28' 9"	35' 8"	28' 11"	
Closest to pin	2' 0"	1' 4"	0' 9"	
	J.B. Holmes	Chris Couch	Ted Purdy	



Kenny Perry – 12 under par

- Coming off of a season low 28.6% fairways hit during the second round, Kenny has doubled his previous round average today to bump his tournament percentage up to 42.86% with 57.2% fairway accuracy today.
- Kenny has been near perfect with Greens in Regulation on the back nine. He has hit the green 25 out of 27 times through three rounds, with a streak of twenty two straight thus far. This is an average of 8.33 per round.
 - The two misses came during the first round, and he has been perfect since.
 - Last year, he averaged 5.25 Greens in Regulation per round on the back nine (four rounds).
 - Over the full 18 holes, he has drastically improved on his 2008 figures at the FBR Open. He ranked near the bottom (T62) with 59.72%. Currently, he has achieved 74.07% (T4) of Greens in Regulation. He only needs four more in the final round to pass the 2008 figures.
- Kenny has not had a three putt this week.
 - His current streak is 65 holes without a three putt. The streak started on the eighth hole during the final round at the Sony Open.
 - Removing his single hole out from the statistic, Kenny has needed only 1.62 putts per hole this week.
 - However, he has not eclipsed higher than 22nd in the fewest number of putts per round (tied for 22nd during the second round). Currently he is tied for 36th with 28.67 putts per round.
- With a victory, Kenny stands to jump to third place in the FedExCup Points race. He currently is 29th with 98 points on the year.
- This year, Kenny has only made one putt from further than 20'. This week, he has already carded five putts from outside of 20'.
 - His longest came during the first round on the 18th hole, where he drained a putt from 43' 11".

Key Stats - Kenny Perry							
	This Week			Year to Date			
Stat	Value	Rank	Field	Value	Rank		
Greens in Regulation	74.07%	T4	61.98%	79.86%	13		
Going for Green - Hit Green	66.66%	3rd	24.90%	24.00%	106		
Par 4 Performance	-6	T5	4.04	Е	T111		
Par 5 Performance	-6	T4	4.72	-14	T49		
Putts made over 20'	5	T1	n/a	1	T106		
Average Distance of Putts Made	107' 1"	4	76' 9"	65' 5"	T121		

Notable Notes:

Geoff Ogilvy – 9 under par

- Playing in three tournaments this year, Geoff has managed to finish ten out of eleven rounds under par. The outlier round was two over during the fourth round at the Sony Open.
 - His previous best streak came during the 2007 season. Geoff had one round at par or worse through the span of three tournaments (PGA Championship, The Barclays, and Deutsche Bank Championship). Tomorrow, he stands to tie his three tournament under-par streak with a 70 or better.

