



## 2009 Quail Hollow Championship

(The 19th of 37 events in the PGA TOUR Regular Season)

Charlotte, NC  
Quail Hollow Club

April 30-May 3, 2009

FedExCup Points: 500

Purse: \$6,500,000

Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,442

## Second-Round Notes – Friday, May 1, 2009

*Weather: Mostly cloudy with a high of 79 degrees. Winds SSW 12-22 mph.*

Bubba Watson (65) and Retief Goosen (68) moved to the top of the leaderboard at 8-under 136 at the midway point of the Quail Hollow Championship, one stroke ahead of Tiger Woods (72), Zach Johnson (67), Jim Furyk (66) and George McNeill (68). Watson's 65 equaled the round of the week (Tiger Woods, Rd. 1) and fell just one shy of the tournament-record 8-under 64 posted by Kirk Triplett (2004, Rd. 1), Bo Van Pelt (2006, Rd. 2) and Rory Sabbatini (2007, Rd. 2).

The front-nine 6-under-par 30 for Bubba Watson (his final nine) matched the 9-hole front-nine record (Kirk Triplett, 2004, Round 1; Trevor Immelman, 2006, Round 1; Bill Haas, 2006, Round 1; Pat Perez, 2008, Round 3; Tiger Woods, 2009, Round 1).

Watson is making his fourth career start at the Quail Hollow Championship, with missed cuts in 2006 and 2008 and a withdrawal after the third round in 2007. Prior to his 65 on Friday, his previous best round at Quail Hollow was a 3-under 69 during the third round in 2007.

Bubba Watson has now held the second-round lead/co-lead twice in his career, with the first taking place at the 2007 Shell Houston Open where he was deadlocked in a six-way tie for the lead after two rounds. He eventually finished tied for second and three shots behind Adam Scott.

Retief Goosen, who posted a second-consecutive 4-under 68, is two for eight when holding at least a share of the 36-hole lead, with victories coming at the 2001 U.S. Open and the 2003 Chrysler Championship. This is the second time this season he has been ahead after two rounds, having held a two-stroke lead at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, an event that was shortened to 54 holes. Goosen finished T10 at the 2008 Quail Hollow Championship.

The top 10 players on the leaderboard account for 133 career TOUR victories, with Bubba Watson and Jason Dufner the only winless players. The list includes Tiger Woods (66), Phil Mickelson (36), Jim Furyk (13), Retief Goosen (7), Zach Johnson (5), Jeff Maggert (3), Camilo Villegas (2) and George McNeill (1).

Zach Johnson, playing in the morning wave, posted a 5-under 66 on Friday to move to 7-under 237. The 2007 Masters champion did this despite bogeys on his final three holes, coming on the heels of an eight-hole stretch highlighted by seven birdies (Nos. 8-15, with his only par coming on No. 12).

This is Zach Johnson's sixth start at the Quail Hollow Championship. After missing the cut in his first three appearances, he has since finished 84<sup>th</sup> (2007) and T25 (2008). Friday's 67 is just his second sub-70 round in 16 attempts (69, R1, 2008).

George McNeill, currently T3, is making his third start at the Quail Hollow Championship (MC-2007, T22-2008). Friday's 68 was just one shy of the 5-under 67 he posted in the second round a year ago (his personal best at Quail Hollow). McNeill finished T7 in his first start of the year at the Sony Open in Hawaii, but has failed to crack the top 10 since.

Thee second-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win eight of 17 stroke-play events on the PGA TOUR this season, most recently by Jerry Kelly at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

The only second-round leader/co-leader to go on to win the Quail Hollow Championship was Tiger Woods in 2007, when a 36-hole total of 138 was good for a three-way tie with Vijay Singh and Arron Oberholser.

Vijay Singh has played every Quail Hollow Championship, with a win and four top-10 finishes on his resume. He entered the week as the only player with made cuts in all six Quail Hollow Championships, but that streak ended this week. Singh has yet to post a top-10 in nine starts this year and has not finished in the top-10 since winning back-to-back PGA TOUR Playoff events in 2009 (The Barclays and Deutsche Bank Championship), a span of 11 events without a top-10.

Defending champion Anthony Kim carded a 3-under 69 to move to 5-under through 36 holes and within shouting distance of the leaders. Kim made his jump despite a double bogey on his scorecard for the second straight day (Rd. 1- No. 18, Rd. 2 – No. 12). One hole that doesn't give Kim trouble is the par-5 seventh hole. He has now birdied or eagled the 532-yard hole seven consecutive times, dating back to the final round in 2007.

Ross Fisher, who recently accepted Special Temporary Membership status on the PGA TOUR, posted a 5-under 67 on Friday to move to T17. Fisher's best finish this season was a fourth-place effort at the WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship. Most recently he finished T30 at the Masters Tournament.

Jonathan Kaye, making his 300<sup>th</sup> career start on TOUR this week, stands at 2-under 142 through 36 holes.

Brad Faxon, who is playing his first full season since having ACL and microfracture surgery on his right leg in December of 2007, is at 1-under 143 and notches his second made cut of the season (12 starts). He finished T52 earlier this year at the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

Brendon Todd, at 4-under 140 (T17), has now made the cut in four of eight events. In seven previous starts, the TOUR rookie has posted a career-best T32 at The Honda Classic. Earlier this month, Todd became the first player in Nationwide Tour history to make an ace on the same hole in the same event, doing so at the par-3 17<sup>th</sup> hole during the first two rounds of the Athens Regional Foundation Classic.

The cut came at even-par 144, with 74 players advancing to the weekend. Phil Mickelson, Geoff Ogilvy and Kevin Sutherland all posted their sixth consecutive cut at the Quail Hollow Championship, the best current streak at the seven-year event.

Robert Allenby, at 3-under 141, is back on track after seeing his 33-tournament consecutive cuts made streak snapped at the Verizon Heritage.

After five bogey-free rounds on Thursday, there were just two on day two (Martin Kaymer – 70, Trevor Immelman – 70). Kaymer has just one bogey through the first two rounds (No. 9, Rd. 1).

#### **Quail Hollow Championship past champions -- 2009**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Scores</b>	<b>Position</b>
Anthony Kim	2008	70-69	T11
Tiger Woods	2007	65-72	T3
Jim Furyk	2006	71-66	T3
Vijay Singh	2005	76-74	MC
David Toms	2003	71-71	T36

The final three holes at Quail Hollow Club played the most difficult on Friday, with the par-3 17<sup>th</sup> playing the hardest at 3.503, the par-4 18<sup>th</sup> the second toughest (4.404) and the par-4 16<sup>th</sup> ranking third hardest (4.291).

David Berganio Jr. withdrew during the second round with a back injury.