

## 2009 World Golf Championships-Accenture Match Play Championship

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**Dates:** February 23-March 1  
**Where:** Marana, Ariz.  
**Course:** The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club, Dove Mountain (7,833 yards, par-72)  
**FedExCup** 550 points to the winner  
**Purse:** \$8,500,000  
**Winner's Share:** \$1,400,000  
**Format:** Match play (hole-by-hole competition)  
Wednesday, Feb. 25 - 32 matches  
Thursday, Feb. 26 - 16 matches  
Friday, Feb. 27 - 8 matches  
Saturday, Feb. 28 - 4 quarterfinals (a.m.), 2 semifinals (p.m.)  
Sunday, March 1 - Championship Match (36 holes), Consolation match (18 holes)

### KEY STORYLINES:

#### Tiger Woods returns after undergoing knee surgery

Tiger Woods will make his return to competitive golf at the World Golf Championships-Accenture Match Play Championship, after knee surgery caused him to miss eight months of competition. Woods, the tournament's defending champion and 65-time PGA TOUR winner, won four of six starts in 2008 including his dramatic playoff victory at the U.S. Open prior to season-ending surgery.

### **Top 15 in the Official World Golf Ranking the week after his U.S. Open win compared to now.**

June 15, 2008			Feb. 16, 2009		
Rank	Player	Points	Rank	Player	Points
1	Tiger Woods	21.542	1	Tiger Woods	9.90
2	Phil Mickelson	10.214	2	Sergio Garcia	7.85
3	Adam Scott	5.857	3	Padraig Harrington	6.36
4	Geoff Ogilvy	5.819	4	Vijay Singh	6.26
5	Ernie Els	5.764	5	Phil Mickelson	6.21
6	Sergio Garcia	5.264	6	Henrik Stenson	5.09
7	Justin Rose	5.236	7	Robert Karlsson	5.06
8	Steve Stricker	5.212	8	Geoff Ogilvy	5.03
9	Vijay Singh	5.076	9	Camilo Villegas	4.88
10	Jim Furyk	5.039	10	Kenny Perry	4.81
11	K.J. Choi	4.982	11	Anthony Kim	4.58
12	Stewart Cink	4.887	12	Lee Westwood	4.37
13	Padraig Harrington	4.786	13	Ernie Els	4.19
14	Rory Sabbatini	4.679	14	Jim Furyk	3.93
15	Trevor Immelman	4.622	15	Justin Rose	3.82

Woods is a three-time champion at the Accenture Match Play Championship with victories in 2003, 2004 and 2008. He is the tournament's leading money winner with \$4,617,500. He has won 15 World Golf Championships events in 26 career starts and is the all-time money leader in World Golf Championships events earning \$20,825,833. Vijay Singh is second on the list with \$5,145,750.

### **Official World Golf Championship Victories (15)**

Bridgestone Invitational	1999, 2000, 2001, 2005, 2006, 2007
Accenture Match Play Championship	2003, 2004, 2008
CA Championship	1999, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007

Woods has the most match wins (31) in Accenture Match Play Championship history. Woods is 20-4 against the International players and 11-2 against his fellow Americans. Woods' two losses against his countrymen were against Jeff Maggert in the quarterfinals of the inaugural event in 1999 and Chad Campbell in the third round in 2006. Woods has four losses against International players in this event, three times to an Australian - to Peter O'Malley in the first round in 2002 and twice to Nick O'Hern (2005, 2007) -- and then Northern Ireland's Darren Clarke in the finals of 2000, 4 and 3. He has won 23 of his last 26 matches.

#### Updated all-time Accenture Match Play Championship win leaders:

No.	Player	W-L
1	Tiger Woods	31-6
2	David Toms	23-8
3	Davis Love III	18-8
4	Darren Clarke	14-7
5	Adam Scott	13-7
	Stewart Cink	13-9
	Phil Mickelson	13-9
7	Henrik Stenson	12-2
	Chris DiMarco	12-7
	Retief Goosen	12-9

#### Tiger Woods (31-6)

1999	R1: beat Nick Faldo, 4 and 3 R2: beat Bob Tway, 1-up R3: beat Stewart Cink, 2 and 1 QF: lost to Jeff Maggert, 2 and 1
2000	R1: beat Michael Campbell, 5 and 4 R2: beat Retief Goosen, 1-up R3: beat Shigeki Maruyama, 4 and 3 QF: beat Paul Lawrie, 1-up SF: beat Davis Love III, 5 and 4 Championship: lost to Darren Clarke, 4 and 3
2002	R1: lost to Peter O'Malley, 2 and 1
2003	R1: beat Carl Pettersson, 2 and 1 R2: beat K.J. Choi, 5 and 3 R3: beat Stephen Leaney, 7 and 6 QF: beat Scott Hoch, 5 and 4 SF: beat Adam Scott, 19 holes Championship: beat David Toms, 2 and 1
2004	R1: beat John Rollins, 1-up R2: beat Trevor Immelman, 5 and 4 R3: beat Fredrik Jacobson, 5 and 4 QF: beat Padraig Harrington, 2 and 1 SF: beat Stephen Leaney, 2 and 1 Championship: beat Davis Love III, 3 and 2
2005	R1: beat Nick Price, 4 and 3 R2: lost Nick O'Hern, 3 and 1
2006	R1: beat Stephen Ames, 9 and 8 R2: beat Robert Allenby, 1-up R3: lost to Chad Campbell, 1-down
2007	R1: beat J.J. Henry, 3 and 2 R2: beat Tim Clark, 5 and 4 R3: lost to Nick O'Hern, 20 holes
2008	R1: beat J.B. Holmes, 1 up R2: beat Arron Oberholser, 3 and 2 R3: beat Aaron Baddeley, 20 holes QF: beat K.J. Choi, 3 and 2 SF: beat Henrik Stenson, 2 up Championship: beat Stewart Cink, 8 and 7

Woods' 8 and 7 victory last year over Stewart Cink was the most lopsided championship victory in the history of the Accenture Match Play Championships. It also marked Woods' first PGA TOUR win in the state of Arizona.

#### **Largest Championship Match Wins**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Champion</b>	<b>Match</b>
2008	Tiger Woods	Defeated Stewart Cink, 8 and 7
2005	David Toms	Defeated Chris DiMarco, 6 and 5
2000	Darren Clarke	Defeated Tiger Woods, 4 and 3

#### **Jack Nicklaus Designed Ritz-Carlton Golf Clubs Gives Players New Test, Fans Better Viewing**

The new home for the World Golf Championships-Accenture Match Play Championship in 2009 is the Ritz-Carlton Golf Club located within the master-planned Dove Mountain community. The first 18 holes, comprising the two tournament nines, plays to a par-72 and measures 7,833 yards.

"Obviously we're tailoring the golf course towards the Accenture Match Play Championship, in the area of 7,800 yards," said Nicklaus. "At this altitude, though, you're taking about 4 percent off that so you're basically at a 7,500-yard golf course, which is fine for professionals."

There is also a brand new 50,000 square foot clubhouse complex that provides spectacular views of the course. The course will also be easier for spectator to walk from hole to hole and the newly built "Canyon Club" situated between No. 15 and No. 16 overlooks four of the finishing holes.

The move to The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club will be fan-friendly, as there will be more golf viewing with far less walking than in past years, and from the central point on the golf course spectators will be no more than 100 yards away from the opening and closing holes, the loop of the front nine, and both loops on the back nine.

#### **Key holes:**

No. 2 – par 5, 659 yards; landing area of long hitters is very narrow (20 yards) between two sets of bunkers. The hole plays into the prevailing wind.

No. 7 – par 4, 468 yards; despite the yardage in excess of 468 yards, players have a risk-reward opportunity to cut off the dogleg and drive the green.

#### **Wild Wednesday**

The Accenture Match Play Championship brings the top 64 players in the world together for the first World Golf Championships event of the 2009 season. The first day of the event, Wednesday, February 25, features 32 matches and makes up one of the most exciting days of the year in the golf world.

#### **Select player notes:**

##### **Sergio Garcia**

Sergio Garcia makes his 2009 PGA TOUR debut at the Accenture Match Play Championship, having moved to No. 2 in the Official World Golf Ranking in recent months, his highest to-date. Garcia has won seven times on the PGA TOUR, including last year's playoff victory at the 17th hole at THE PLAYERS Championship. He also has 12 international victories. He finished the 2008 season ranked No. 3 in the FedExCup and captured the Vardon Trophy (69.40) becoming the first European-born winner of the award on the PGA TOUR since Harry Cooper in 1937. In seven AMPC starts, Garcia has made it as far as Friday's matches (T9 in 2000, 2002, 2005).

##### **Geoff Ogilvy**

Geoff Ogilvy is the 2006 Accenture Match Play Championship winner and a runner-up in 2007 (lost to Henrik Stenson, 2 and 1). He joined Darren Clarke and Tiger Woods as the only players to win multiple World Golf Championships events when he won the CA Championship last year. Ogilvy won his first PGA TOUR event at the 2005 Chrysler Classic of Tucson. He is third in career money earned at the Accenture Match Play Championship with more than \$2.1 million, behind David Toms and Tiger Woods. Ogilvy has an 11-2 record in three appearances at the Accenture Match Play Championship. Ogilvy started the 2009 PGA TOUR season in good form with a victory at the season-opening Mercedes-Benz Championship. The AMPC will be a nice preview of Ogilvy's match-play form for The Presidents Cup later this year (currently ranked No. 2 in the International Team standings).

##### **Anthony Kim**

Anthony Kim, who became the first American since Tiger Woods to win twice before turning 25 last season, went on to star in his first Ryder Cup and later finished fourth in the FedExCup. This will be Kim's first time playing at the World Golf Championships-Accenture Match Play Championship and just his second World Golf Championships event after finishing T36 at last year's Bridgestone Invitational.

### **Rory McIlroy**

The 19-year-old from Northern Ireland (dubbed "Boy Wonder" in Europe) has generated his share of news over the past few years, punctuated by his first European Tour win on February 1 at the Dubai desert Classic, where he jumped to No. 16 in the Official World Golf Ranking. A stellar amateur career was highlighted by an opening-round 68 at the British Open in 2007. McIlroy carried that momentum into his professional career when he made the cut in his first professional event on the European Tour last year and then finished third in his second event, becoming the youngest and quickest affiliate member to secure his European Tour card, having done so in just two events. Since then, he twice finished second after playoff defeats at the Omega European Masters and then again at the start of the 2009 season at the UBS Hong Kong Open. McIlroy will be playing in his first Accenture Match Play Championship and his first tournament in the United States.

### **Boo Weekley**

Boo Weekley is one of the most compelling players/personalities to emerge from the 2008 season. Still riding high from his Ryder Cup performance and ensuing public appearances (Jay Leno, Jim Rome, etc.) Weekley is currently working on a book about his life and golf career (author is Paul Brown). Weekley, who chipped in on the last two holes when he won the Verizon Heritage at Harbour Town in 2007, took a three-stroke victory over Anthony Kim and Aaron Baddeley in his title defense. He capped his memorable performance at the Ryder Cup by riding his driver down the first fairway.

### **Henrik Stenson**

Like Ogilvy, Henrik Stenson has enjoyed tremendous success at the World Golf Championships-Accenture Match Play Championship. He has amassed an 11-2 record in three appearances, beating Geoff Ogilvy in the finals in 2007 and winning the consolation match against Justin Leonard for third place last year after losing to Tiger Woods in the semifinals.

### **Lin Wen-Tang**

Currently ranked No. 54 in the world, Lin Wen-Tang will be the first Taiwanese player to qualify for and compete in a World Golf Championships event.

### **Alvaro Quiros**

Spain's Alvaro Quiros finished atop the leaderboard at the European Tour's Commercialbank Qatar Masters in January, a tournament that boasted one of the strongest fields ever for a regular European Tour event. The 26-year-old Spaniard outlasted the likes of Sergio Garcia, Henrik Stenson, Retief Goosen, Ernie Els, Lee Westwood and Boo Weekley and has improved his position in the Official World Golf Ranking from No. 74 to No. 26. The win was his third career victory on the European Tour. He also won the Portugal Masters in 2008 and the 2007 Alfred Dunhill Championship in his first appearance as a full European Tour Member.

### **Teaming up for Charity**

The Tucson Conquistadores are the sales agents and tournament leadership team of the Accenture Match Play Championship. With a mission of supporting young athletes through professional golf, the Tucson Conquistadores and the Accenture Match Play Championship raised more than \$1.4 million last year for The First Tee of Tucson and hundreds of other youth organizations, teams and individuals. The home of The First Tee of Tucson is at the City of Tucson's Trini Alvarez-El Rio Golf Course.

The course enjoyed a \$2.9 million renovation effort as the result of a partnership between the City, Tucson Conquistadores and The First Tee. Project funding sources included in-kind contributions from PGA TOUR Design Services. The facility was also redesigned to be more accessible for youth play. Additions included adding junior tees, training holes on the driving range and a junior practice area on the course. The First Tee of Tucson Learning Center was completed in October 2008.

### **ADDITIONAL STORYLINES:**

#### **World Golf Championships – "Golf's Global Summit"**

Each year, the World Golf Championships series brings together the best players from across the globe to play against each other. There are 19 countries represented in the field this year including the first-ever appearance of a player from Taiwan (Lin Wen-Tang). Nineteen countries ties the record for the most countries represented in the Accenture Match Play Championship (2006).

Country	Player Count
Colombia	1
Fiji	1
Germany	1
India	1
Ireland	1
Japan	1
S Korea	1
Taiwan	1
Thailand	1
Argentina	2
Canada	2
Northern Ireland	2
Denmark	3
Spain	3
Sweden	3
England	7
Australia	8
South Africa	8
United States	17

#### **Tiger Woods on the World Golf Championships:**

“They are exactly what they were meant to be, and that’s putting the best up against each other more often than just the four majors and THE PLAYERS. I think that’s why we as players and competitors love them, love the idea that we can go head-to-head more often. Most of the guys play in Europe or some other part of the world, and we don’t get a chance to buck heads. Maybe, like I said, just five times. And now we can do it more frequently, and I think it’s been a huge success.”

#### **Importance of the West Coast Events on the FedExCup**

The Accenture Match Play Championship is the final stop of what is considered the TOUR’s “West-Coast Swing.” A player’s performance during the West Coast Swing has been important in their overall positioning for the FedExCup heading into the Playoffs for the past two years.

- Four of the top-10 players in FedExCup standings after the 2007 West Coast Swing, and three of the top 10 in 2008, entered the playoffs ranked in the top 10 in FedExCup points. With FedExCup points not re-setting until THE TOUR Championship in 2009, the PGA TOUR Regular Season is more important than ever.
- Six of the top 10 in 2007 and five of the top 10 in 2008 reached THE TOUR Championship.

2007 FedExCup Standings				2008 FedExCup Standings			
Player	Rank After West Coast	Rank Entering Playoffs	Final Rank	Player	Rank After West Coast	Rank Entering Playoffs	Final Rank
Charles Howell III	1	8	18	Tiger Woods	1	1	70
Phil Mickelson	2	4	3	Phil Mickelson	2	3	7
Vijay Singh	3	2	10	K.J. Choi	3	17	10
John Rollins	4	16	26	Justin Leonard	4	8	8
Aaron Baddeley	5	18	6	J.B. Holmes	5	22	38
Tiger Woods	6	1	1	Steve Stricker	6	21	14
Paul Goydos	7	53	59	Rory Sabbatini	7	55	69
Charley Hoffman	8	46	50	D.J. Trahan	8	18	24
Henrik Stenson	9	31	39	Daniel Chopra	9	40	102
Jeff Quinney	10	41	51	Steve Lowery	10	41	103

### **PGA TOUR Mobile Health and Fitness Centers by DePuy Mitek**

The DePuy Mitek trailers are a popular place to work out for the players. Two semi-trailers are on site at each PGA TOUR event to assist players with workouts, rehabilitation and stretching. Toward this end, several therapists and fitness trainers are on site to assist with player health and fitness needs, even on the course if need be.

Each Trailer has recently been recently re-modeled:

- Interior of trailers was completely gutted and remodeled including flooring and storage
- All equipment in both the fitness trailer and the therapy trailer has been replaced with state-of-the-art exercise and therapy equipment
- Equipment was chosen by a panel of PGA TOUR players, therapists and trainers
- New equipment includes: treadmills, exercise bikes, traction and chiropractic tables, vibration machines, ultrasound and electrical stimulation machines, assorted weights and training devices
- Trainer and therapist staff is largely the same to provide players with continuity and familiarity

### **Field notes (based on field prior to Feb. 20 commitment deadline)**

There are 12 players making their Accenture Match Play Championship debut this year.

OWGR	Name	Country
11	Anthony Kim	USA
16	Rory McIlroy	Northern Ireland
26	Alvaro Quiros	Spain
35	Ross Fisher	England
43	Oliver Wilson	England
45	Dustin Johnson	USA
49	Louis Oosthuizen	South Africa
53	Prayad Marksang	Thailand
54	Lin Wen-Tang	Taiwan
55	Mathew Goggin	Australia
61	Soren Kjeldsen	Denmark
63	Charl Schwartzel	South Africa

At the start of the 2009 season, seven players were on the outside of the top 64 in the world looking in, but made big moves the first six weeks of the season to qualify for the Accenture Match Play Championship. Dustin Johnson and Louis Oosthuizen made the biggest jumps this year to reach the top 64 in the Official World Golf Ranking and qualify for the event. Johnson was ranked No. 143 in the world at the start of the 2009 season. His win at the rain-shortened AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am during the last week to qualify moved him to No. 45 (a jump of 98 places this year). Oosthuizen was ranked No. 134 at the start of 2009, but thanks to five consecutive top-10 finishes on the European Tour (including two T2s at The Abu Dhabi Golf Championship and the Commercial Bank Qatar Masters), he is now ranked No. 49 (a jump of 85 spots).

Name	Country	OWGR Year Start	Current OWGR
Charl Schwartzel	South Africa	68	63
Alvaro Quiros	Spain	73	26
Davis Love III	USA	80	59
Pat Perez	USA	82	62
Anders Hansen	Denmark	89	51
Louis Oosthuizen	South Africa	134	49
Dustin Johnson	USA	143	45

### **Tournament history and notes**

#### **Top 10 in World Golf Championships earnings**

Rank	Name	Events	Earnings
1	Tiger Woods	29	20,825,833
2	Vijay Singh	28	5,145,750
3	David Toms	26	4,609,792



4	Stewart Cink	26	4,438,525
5	Darren Clarke	24	4,412,517
6	Henrik Stenson	14	4,190,317
7	Retief Goosen	28	4,096,583
8	Davis Love III	23	4,077,817
9	Geoff Ogilvy	9	4,042,333
10	Ernie Els	26	3,711,250

#### Top 10 in Accenture Match Play Championship history

Rank	Name	Events	Earnings
1	Tiger Woods	9	4,617,500
2	David Toms	9	2,635,000
3	Geoff Ogilvy	3	2,140,000
4	Davis Love III	8	2,055,000
5	Henrik Stenson	3	2,010,000
6	Darren Clarke	8	1,892,500
7	Stewart Cink	9	1,432,500
8	Steve Stricker	6	1,272,500
9	Chris DiMarco	7	1,190,000
10	Retief Goosen	9	1,150,000

#### Most appearances in the finals

Tiger Woods (4) 2000, 2003, 2004, 2008

Davis Love III (2) 2004, 2006

David Toms (2) 2003, 2005

Geoff Ogilvy (2) 2006, 2007

#### Most Consecutive Matches won at the Accenture Match Play Championship

Player	Consecutive	Years
Tiger Woods	13	2003-05
Geoff Ogilvy	11	2006-07
Henrik Stenson	10	2007-08
David Toms	8	2005-06
Kevin Sutherland	8	2002-03

#### Upsets (yearly, by round):

Year	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Quarter	Semi	Final
2008	13	8	2	2	0	0
2007	11	7	3	0	0	0
2006	13	6	7	4	1	1
2005	13	7	4	3	1	0
2004	12	7	3	0	0	0
2003	13	9	4	1	0	1
2002	13	11	3	4	2	2
2001	12	10	6	1	2	2
2000	11	7	1	1	1	1
1999	18	9	4	3	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>

#### Match Play Format can offer a preview to this year's Presidents Cup

The Presidents Cup, a team match play competition featuring 24 of the world's top golfers – 12 from the United States and 12 from around the world, excluding Europe – is held every two years, and since 1996 has alternated between United States and international venues. The 2009 event will take place Oct. 6-11 at Harding Park Golf Course in San Francisco, where Fred Couples will lead the U.S. Team and Greg Norman will lead the Internationals. The Accenture Match Play Championship will provide a preview of potential Presidents Cup match-ups. Below is a look at the current Presidents Cup standings (with a strike through the players who did not make the Accenture Match Play Championship field). **Once the brackets are released, we will provide a synopsis of first-round matches that include potential Presidents Cup players.**

**U.S. Team**  
**Rank Player**

**International Team**  
**Rank Player**

1	Tiger Woods	1	Vijay Singh
2	Kenny Perry	2	Geoff Ogilvy
3	Phil Mickelson	3	Camilo Villegas
4	Anthony Kim	4	Ernie Els
5	Justin Leonard	5	Mike Weir
6	Steve Stricker	6	Adam Scott
7	Zach Johnson	7	K.J. Choi
8	Stewart Cink	8	Trevor Immelman
9	Dustin Johnson	9	Robert Allenby
10	Sean O'Hair	10	Tim Clark
11	<del>D.J. Trahan</del>	11	Retief Goosen
12	Pat Perez	12	Jeev M. Singh
13	Jim Furyk	13	Andres Romero
14	<del>Brian Gay</del>	14	Stephen Ames
15	<del>Nick Watney</del>	15	Shingo Katayama
16	<del>Chad Campbell</del>	16	Rory Sabbatini
17	Boo Weekley	17	Aaron Baddeley
18	<del>Charley Hoffman</del>	18	Richard Sterne
19	Davis Love III	19	Stuart Appleby
20	Hunter Mahan	20	Louis Oosthuizen

### **Home Grown**

Tucson's own Wade Dunagan is serving his first year as the tournament's Executive Director. Dunagan, who played golf at the University of Arizona in the 1980s, has been part of the golf industry in Tucson for the past three decades including stops at Starr Pass Golf Club, working with the TOUR and the Tucson Conquistadores to present the Tucson Open, director of golf for Tucson National, Tucson Country Club for five years and later The Gallery Golf Club at Dove Mountain.