

2009 World Golf Championships-Accenture Match Play Championship

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

February 25-March 1, 2009
The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club, Dove Mountain
Marana, Ariz.
Par/Yards: 36-36-72/7,849

FedExCup Points: 550 points to the winner Purse: \$8,500,000 Winner: \$1,400,000 Second-Place: \$850,000

Championship Match Notes - Sunday, March 1, 2009

Weather

Mostly sunny skies with a record high of 87. Easterly winds increasing to 10 - 20 mph.

Attendance

Monday: 5,570 (5,000 in 2008) Tuesday: 7,610 (7,500 in 2008) Wednesday: 13,620 (12,500 in 2008) Thursday: 14,120 (12,500 in 2008) Friday: 11,130 (12,500 in 2008) Saturday: 7,640 (7,500 in 2008) Sunday: 6,270 (7,500 in 2008)

Championship Match notes

Geoff Ogilvy def. Paul Casey, 4 and 3

Ogilvy led Casey 3-up after 18 holes, the fourth largest lead through 18 holes in event history. The 4 and 3 result tied the third largest-margin in event history.

Ogilvy applied the pressure early in the match, winning the opening hole with a birdie. With Casey 1-down, it marked the first time that Casey had been behind in any match this week. Ogilvy raced to a 4-up lead through the first nine holes. Casey holed a 204-yard, 6-iron from the middle of the 10th fairway for an eagle 2, winning his first hole of the match. On No. 11, Ogilvy was forced to take a penalty for an unplayable lie after hitting into the desert, eventually chipping-in to save par. When Casey missed a 15-footer for par, Ogilvy was back to 4-up. Casey birdied the 17th and 18th holes, winning the 18th to trail Ogilvy 3-down after 18 holes. Ogilvy added three birdies and an eagle over the third-nine holes of the match to get to 6-up, before conceding, the 29th hole to Casey, who then birdied No. 31 to be 4-down. The pair halved the 32nd hole before Ogilvy closed out the match, 4 and 3, with a birdie at the 33rd hole.

Road to the Final Geoff Ogilvy

R1: def. Kevin Sutherland, 19 holes R2: def. Shingo Katayama, 19 holes **Paul Casey**

R1: def. Aaron Baddeley, 1 up R2: def. Mathew Goggin, 6 and 4 R3: def. Camilo Villegas, 2 and 1

QF: def. Rory McIlroy, 2 and 1

QF: def. Sean O'Hair, 4 and 3

SF: def. Stewart Cink, 4 and 2

SF: def. Ross Fisher, 2 and 1

Championship Match: def. Paul Casey, 4 and 3 Championship Match: lost to Geoff Ogilvy, 4 and 3

Updated all-time Accenture Match Play Championship Records for four remaining players (* indicates player who made it to the finals last year; # indicates player who is in the finals for the first time in their career):

Player	$\mathbf{W}\text{-}\mathbf{L}$	Years entered			
Championship Match					
Geoff Ogilvy	17-2	4 (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009)			
Paul Casey	10-7	7 (2003, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009)			
Third-Place Match					
Stewart Cink*	18 -10	10 (1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009)			
Ross Fisher#	4-2	1 (2009)			

Ogilvy continues his stellar play at the Accenture Match Play Championship. Now with a 17-2 record, Ogilvy has the highest winning percentage (88.23 percent) of any player in the event history with more than 10 wins on his resume. Second is Tiger Woods (32-7, 82.05 percent), followed by David Toms (23-8, 74.2 percent).

Ogilvy was 12-under, through 33 holes at the conclusion of the Championship Match. He was conceded a par at the 29th hole making him bogey-free for the day.

Ogilvy (2006, 2009) joins Tiger Woods (2003, 2004, 2008) as the only players to win the Accenture Match Play Championship multiple times. Ogilvy (3), Woods (15), and Darren Clarke (2) are the only players to own multiple World Golf Championship titles. Ogilvy also won the 2008 World Golf Championships-CA Championship, where he will attempt to defend his title at Doral Resort & Spa, March 9-15.

Ogilvy and Casey both won their first events of the year, Ogilvy at the Mercedes-Benz Championship (January 8-11) on the PGA TOUR and Casey (January 15-18) at the Abu Dhabi Championship on the European Tour.

Ogilvy now has six PGA TOUR victories in 196 starts – his first victory also coming in the Tucson area. Ogilvy won the 2005 Chrysler Classic of Tucson at Tucson National Golf Club when he defeated Mark Calcavecchia and Kevin Na in a playoff.

Ogilvy collects 550 FedExCup points, thrusting him into the lead with 1175.50 points.

With the winner's check of \$1.4 million, Ogilvy jumped four spots and now leads the 2009 money list with \$2,672,077 surpassing \$2 million for the fourth consecutive season. Ogilvy now has \$18,978,702 in PGA TOUR career earnings.

Not only does Ogilvy lead the FedExCup and the PGA TOUR money list – he also heads the Race to Dubai with 1,543,168 Euro.

Good Omen for the U.S. Open? When Ogilvy won the Accenture Match Play Championship in 2006 he went on to win the U.S. Open later that year at Winged Foot Golf Club in New York. The 2009 U.S. Open is set to be played at Bethpage Black, also in New York.

Ogilvy has three victories in three months, starting with the 2008 Australian PGA Championship in early December, the 2009 Mercedes-Benz Championship in January and now the 2009 Accenture Match Play Championship.

Ogilvy jumped from eighth to fourth on the Official World Golf Rankings with his Accenture Match Play Championship victory. The highest position Ogilvy has held in the rankings was third, after the 2008 Buick Open.

Geoff Ogilvy entered the event third in career money earned at the Accenture Match Play Championship with \$2,140,000. With his victory, and the \$1.4 million check, Ogilvy passed David Toms, and moved into second-place on the list with \$3,540,000. Tiger Woods is the No. 1 money earner at the Accenture Match Play Championship with \$4,712,500, including the \$95,000 he earned after being eliminated by Tim Clark in the second round.

Geoff Ogilvy jumped from ninth to second in total World Golf Championship event earnings with \$5,442,333 and is one of just nine players who have earned more than \$4 million in World Golf Championship events. Of the other eight players on this list, all but Henrik Stenson (15) have played 24 events or more. This is just the 10th WGC event Ogilvy has contested. Tiger Woods leads the money earned in WGC events with \$20,920,833 from 30 starts.

Ogilvy played 121 holes this year compared to Casey's 113 holes. In 2006 when he won the title, Ogilvy played a total of 129 holes.

This was the third time in four years that Geoff Ogilvy, from Australia, has contested the Championship Match. 2009, def. Paul Casey, 4 and 3 2008, lost to Justin Leonard, 2 and 1 (Round 1) 2007, def. Davis Love III, 3 and 2

2006, lost to Henrik Stenson, 2 and 1

Ogilvy is the only Australian to reach the Championship Final, and has the most finals appearances in a four-year stretch in tournament history.

Paul Casey and Geoff Ogilvy are both Scottsdale, AZ residents and both play out of Whisper Rock Golf Club. The pair made a visit to The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club (Dove Mountain) two weeks before the tournament for a practice round. Casey attended Arizona State University where he broke the scoring record held by Tiger Woods (18-under-par) with a 23-under-par 265 in the 2000 Pac-10 Championships. Other records he has broken include the scoring average for Arizona State University, previously held by Phil Mickelson.

Casey earned a career-best finish on the PGA TOUR even though he was defeated by Ogilvy. His second-place finish was better than his previous-best, T4 at the 2006 World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational. Casey now has seven top-10 finishes at World Golf Championship events.

In their only previous meeting at the Accenture Match Play Championship, Paul Casey was defeated by Geoff Ogilvy, 5 and 4, in the Quarterfinals in 2007. It was his previous best performance (T5) at this event. Ogilvy lost the Championship Match to Henrik Stenson, 2 and 1, that year.

Casey advanced 10 positions on the Official World Golf Rankings – No. 23 to No. 13, with his second-place finish. His previous highest ranking was 12th in April, 2007.

Casey had never made it past the first-round in four consecutive years from 2003-2006.

With Paul Casey's victory over Ross Fisher in Saturday afternoon's Semifinal match, it marked the first time in tournament history that an Englishman had reached the final of the Accenture Match Play Championship. No English player has ever won a World Golf Championship event.

The only other time the Championship Match has featured two International players was 2007 when Henrik Stenson defeated Geoff Ogilvy, 2 and 1.

Breakdown of 2009 field of 64 players:

To start the first round:

International players: 47 United States players: 17

Countries represented: 19 (ties the most in tournament history – 2006) Largest international contingent: Australia and South Africa, 8 each

The Championship Final went true to form with no "upsets", as did the Third-Place Match: Geoff Ogilvy (No.8) over Paul Casey (No. 23): Stewart Cink (No. 21) over Ross Fisher (No. 38).

History of upsets

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Year	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Finals
2009	13	5	3	2	0	0
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	1	1	0	1
2002	13	11	4	4	2	2
2001	12	10	1	1	2	2
2000	11	7	1	1	1	1
1999	18	9	3	3	1	0

Updated all-time Accenture Match Play Championship win leaders:

No.	Player	W-L
1	Tiger Woods	32-7
2	David Toms	23-8
3	Davis Love III	19-9
4	Stewart Cink	18-10
5	Geoff Ogilvy	17-2
6	Phil Mickelson	15-10
7	Darren Clarke	14-7
8	Adam Scott	13-8
9	Retief Goosen	12-10
	Justin Leonard	12-11
	Chris DiMarco	12-7
	Ian Poulter	12-7
	Henrik Stenson	12-3

Ross Fisher & Stewart Cink

Stewart Cink def. Ross Fisher, 1-up

Fisher was 2-up after three holes, winning the 2^{nd} hole with an eagle 3. The match was all-square at the turn and still all-square after 17 holes before Cink closed out the match, 1-up, by holing a bunker shot for birdie at the 18^{th} hole.

Fisher jumped from No. 38 to No. 28 on the Official World Golf Rankings with his defeat at the hands of Cink, who advanced six spots to No. 16.

This was Fisher's first start at the Accenture Match Play Championship, earning \$490,000 for his fourth-place finish. He played two WGC events last year, earning a total of \$97,500.

Stewart Cink collected \$600,000 for his 1-up victory in the Third-Place Match, but remains in fourth-place in career earnings at WGC events behind Woods, Ogilvy and Vijay Singh. David Toms is fifth.