



**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**

**First-Round Notes – Wednesday, February 25, 2009**

**Weather**

Temperatures remain 8-12 degrees above normal for this time of year. Today was mostly sunny and breezy. Temperatures in the low to mid-80s and winds out of the WSW 15-25 mph.

**Attendance**

Monday: 5,570 (5,000 in 2008)  
Tuesday: 7,610 (7,500 in 2008)  
Wednesday: 13,620 (12,500 in 2008)

**Credentialed media**

525 media credentialed representing 187 outlets; compared to 2008: 379 media, 128 outlets

**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

**After the first round:**

International players: 19 of the 47 won their first round match  
United States players: 13 of the 17 won their first round match  
Countries represented: 11 of the 19 still in the field  
Largest international contingent following first round: 6, England

Winners of the 32 matches by country (Number of players initially in the field in parentheses)

**Colombia (1)**  
Camilo Villegas

**Germany (1)**  
Martin Kaymer

**Fiji (1)**  
Vijay Singh

**Japan (1)**  
Shingo Katayama

**Canada (2)**

Stephen Ames

**Northern Ireland (2)**

Rory McIlroy

**Spain (3)**

Miguel A. Jimenez

**Sweden (3)**

Peter Hanson

**England (7)**

Lee Westwood

Oliver Wilson

Paul Casey

Luke Donald

Ross Fisher

Ian Poulter

**Australia (8)**

Mathew Goggin

Geoff Ogilvy

**South Africa (8)**

Ernie Els

Tim Clark

Charl Schwartzel

**United States (17)**

Stewart Cink

Anthony Kim

Phil Mickelson

Zach Johnson

Davis Love III

Justin Leonard

Steve Stricker

Jim Furyk

Hunter Mahan

Boo Weekley

Sean O'Hair

Pat Perez

Tiger Woods

**All-time Accenture Match Play Championship First-Round Results:**

1999 – 14 of 32 matches won by top seed

2000 – 21 of 32 matches won by top seed

2001 – 20 of 32 matches won by top seed

2002 – 19 of 32 matches won by top seed

2003 – 19 of 32 matches won by top seed

2004 – 20 of 32 matches won by top seed

2005 – 19 of 32 matches won by top seed

2006 – 19 of 32 matches won by top seed

2007 – 21 of 32 matches won by top seed

2008 – 19 of 32 matches won by top seed

2009 – 19 of 32 matches won by top seed

**History of upsets****Year    Round 1**

2009    13

2008    13

2007    11

2006    13

2005    13

2004    12

2003    13

2002    13

2001    12

2000    11

1999    18

### First-time Participants: 12

Of the 12 first-time participants at the 2009 Accenture Match Play Championship, six came out on top on Wednesday: two matches had first-time participants going head to head. No one (other than Jeff Maggert in the first event in 1999) has won the Accenture Match Play Championship in their first start.

### FIRST-TIME PARTICIPANTS WHO PLAYED OTHER FIRST-TIMERS

USA's Anthony Kim, (No. 11) defeated Taiwan's Lin Wen-Tang (No. 54), 7 and 5

Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy, (No. 16) defeated South Africa's Louis Oosthuizen (No. 49), 2 and 1

### OTHER FIRST-TIME PARTICIPANT WINNERS

England's Oliver Wilson (No. 43) defeated South Korea's K.J. Choi (No. 22), 3 and 1

Australia's Mathew Goggin (No. 55) defeated USA's Kenny Perry (No. 10), 2 and 1

England's Ross Fisher (No. 35) defeated Australia's Robert Allenby (No. 30), 1 up

South Africa's Charl Schwartzel (No. 62) defeated Spain's Sergio Garcia (No. 2), 1 up

### OTHER FIRST-TIME PARTICIPANT LOSERS

Thailand's Prayad Marksang (No. 53) lost to England's Lee Westwood, 2 and 1

Spain's Alvaro Quiros (No. 26) lost to Canada's Stephen Ames (No. 39), 1 up

USA's Dustin Johnson (No. 45) lost to USA's Steve Stricker (No. 20), 2 and 1

Denmark's Soren Kjeldsen (No. 61) lost to Fiji's Vijay Singh (No. 4), 2 and 1

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

Five matches went extra holes during Wednesday's first-round matches.

USA's Stewart Cink def. South Africa's Richard Sterne, 19 holes

USA's Phil Mickelson def. South Africa's Angel Cabrera, 19 holes

USA's Davis Love III def. Sweden's Henrik Stenson, 21 holes

Australia's Geoff Ogilvy def. USA's Kevin Sutherland, 19 holes

England's Luke Donald def. USA's Ben Curtis, 19 holes

The lowest-ranked player to survive the first round was Charl Schwartzel (No. 63), who defeated No. 2-ranked Sergio Garcia, 1 up. Pat Perez (No. 62) also defeated No. 3-ranked Padraig Harrington, 1 up. The lowest-ranked player to win the Accenture Match Play Championship:

No. 62, Kevin Sutherland, 2002

No. 55, Steve Stricker, 2001

No. 52, Geoff Ogilvy, 2006

## **Tiger Woods**

With his victory on Wednesday, Tiger Woods ran his career Accenture Match Play Championship record to 32-6 and has won 24 of his last 27 matches.

Today was the start of his 14<sup>th</sup> season on TOUR, and with the exception of his first year on TOUR, he's never finished out of the top 10 in season openers. In fact, he's won six of his 13 season openers including his last three. Woods has made the cut in all 13 previous first starts of the season and has finished in the top three in eight of them.

<u><i>Year</i></u>	<u><i>Event</i></u>	<u><i>Finish</i></u>
1996	Greater Milwaukee Open	T60
1997	Mercedes-Benz Championship	<b>1</b>
1998	Mercedes-Benz Championship	T2
1999	Mercedes-Benz Championship	T5
2000	Mercedes-Benz Championship	<b>1</b>
2001	Mercedes-Benz Championship	T8
2002	Mercedes-Benz Championship	T10
2003	Buick Invitational	<b>1</b>
2004	Mercedes-Benz Championship	T4
2005	Mercedes-Benz Championship	T3
2006	Buick Invitational	<b>1</b>
2007	Buick Invitational	<b>1</b>
2008	Buick Invitational	<b>1</b>

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

<b>No.</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>W-L</b>
1	Tiger Woods	32-6
2	David Toms	23-8
3	Davis Love III	19-8
4	Stewart Cink	14-9
	Phil Mickelson	14-9
	Darren Clarke	14-7
7	Adam Scott	13-8
8	Retief Goosen	12-10
	Chris DiMarco	12-7
	Henrik Stenson	12-3
	Geoff Ogilvy	12-2

Tiger Woods will face South Africa's Tim Clark in the second round. Woods defeated Clark in this event 5 and 4 in 2007.

The largest margin of victory on Wednesday was 7 and 6, recorded by Camilo Villegas over Rod Pampling. That margin of victory is T4 as the largest in Accenture Match Play Championship history (recorded in seven other matches; two others in the first round). Villegas won nine of the 12 holes played.

Anthony Kim recorded the second-largest victory margin of the day, defeating Lin Wen-Tang 7 and 5. This is Kim's first start at the Accenture Match Play Championship and just his second World Golf Championships event after finishing T36 at last year's Bridgestone Invitational.

Robert Karlsson was defeated by fellow Swede Peter Hanson, 3 and 2. This marks the fourth time in four appearances that Karlsson has failed to advance past the first round.

The first-round matches featured nine potential match-ups for the upcoming Presidents Cup. The USA won seven of the nine today:

- Tiger Woods (USA) defeated Brendan Jones (Australia), 3 up
- Hunter Mahan (USA) defeated Mike Weir (Canada), 1 up
- Geoff Ogilvy (Australia) defeated Kevin Sutherland (USA), 19 holes
- Phil Mickelson (USA) defeated Angel Cabrera (Argentina), 19 holes
- Stewart Cink (USA) defeated Richard Sterne (South Africa), 19 holes
- Sean O'Hair (USA) defeated Adam Scott (Australia), 1 up
- Mathew Goggin (Australia) defeated Kenny Perry (USA), 2 and 1
- Justin Leonard (USA) defeated Andres Romero (Argentina), 2 and 1
- Anthony Kim (USA) defeated Lin Wen-Tang (Taiwan), 7 and 5

There are two "Presidents Cup Preview" matches tomorrow:

South Africa's Ernie Els versus USA's Steve Stricker

South Africa's Tim Clark versus USA's Tiger Woods