



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

Semifinal Notes – Saturday afternoon, February 28, 2009

Weather

Mostly sunny skies with a high of 84. The record is 85 set in 1986. Light winds of 5 – 10 mph most of the day.

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)

Info for tomorrow

If extra holes are required to determine a winner in either the Championship Match or the Third-Place Match on Sunday, players will play the 493 yard, par-4, 10th hole at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club, Dove Mountain first. If still undecided after 19 holes, matches will continue on the back nine rotation.

Saturday afternoon notes

Geoff Ogilvy defeated Stewart Cink 4 and 2.
Paul Casey defeated Ross Fisher 2 and 1.

Geoff Ogilvy closed out his match against Stewart Cink by winning four consecutive holes – 13, 14, 15 and 16 – going birdie, birdie, eagle, birdie, through that stretch of holes.

Paul Casey and Ross Fisher halved hole No. 14 with double-bogey 6s and hole No. 15 with birdie 3s. Fisher won No. 16 with a birdie 2 to get back to 1-down with two to play before Casey closed out the match 2 and 1, with a birdie 3 at the 17th hole.

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	W-L	Years entered
Championship Match		
Geoff Ogilvy	16-2	4 (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009)
Paul Casey	10-6	7 (2003, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009)
Third-Place Match		
Stewart Cink*	17-10	10 (1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009)
Ross Fisher#	4-1	1 (2009)

Neither one of the two matches went extra holes in the Semifinals for the fifth year in a row. Only twice before has a Semifinal match gone extra holes;

2004 Davis LoveIII defeated Darren Clarke in 21 holes.

2003 Tiger Woods defeated Adam Scott in 19 holes.

Nine matches have gone extra holes so far this week, bringing the total to 84 for Accenture Match Play Championship 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.

Geoff Ogilvy is currently third in career money earned at the Accenture Match Play Championship with \$2,140,000. Now that Ogilvy has advanced to the Championship Final he is guaranteed to earn a minimum of \$850,000, and pass David Toms, moving into second-place on the list. 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 is one of just nine players who have earned more than \$4 million in World Golf Championship events. Of the eight players ahead of Ogilvy 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.

Paul Casey has never been down at any stage in each of his matches thus far. He has lost a total of just 12 holes – Ogilvy has lost a total of 17 holes.

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

The 2006 Accenture Match Play Championship winner and 2007 runner-up, Geoff Ogilvy (No. 8), is the highest-ranked seed to survive. Paul Casey, his opponent in the Championship Final, is ranked No. 23.

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

Before Saturday afternoon's Semifinals matches, Ian Poulter was the only English player to reach the Semifinals of the Accenture Match Play Championship (2005), when he was defeated by David Toms 3 and 2. Poulter was then defeated by Retief Goosen (20 holes) in the Third-Place Match.

Stewart Cink (No. 21) defeated Richard Sterne (No. 44) in the first round. Since then, Cink has defeated opponents ranked higher than him – Lee Westwood (No. 12) in round two, Phil Mickelson (No. 5) in round three, Ernie Els (No. 13) in the Quarterfinals – until the Semifinals, where he was defeated 4 and 2 by Geoff Ogilvy (No. 8).

The lowest-ranked player to survive the Semifinals is Paul Casey (No. 23), who defeated Ross Fisher (No. 35), 2 and 1. 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

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 Semifinal round:

- International players: 2 of the 3 players won their Semifinals match
- United States players: Cink lost his Semifinals match
- Countries represented: 2 of the 19 still in the field

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

England (7)

Paul Casey

Australia (8)

Geoff Ogilvy

This is the third time Geoff Ogilvy, from Australia, has advanced to the Championship Final (defeated Davis Love III in 2007/lost to Henrik Stenson in 2006). Ogilvy is the only Australian player to reach the Championship Final in tournament history.

The largest margin of victory on Saturday morning was 4 and 3, recorded by Paul Casey over Sean O’Hair. The other three Quarterfinals matches all finished with a 2 and 1 result.

The Semifinals went true to form with no “upsets”: Paul Casey (No. 23) over Ross Fisher (No. 35): and Geoff Ogilvy (No. 8) over Stewart Cink (No. 21).

History of upsets

Year	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Quarterfinals	Semifinals
2009	13	5	3	2	0
2008	13	8	2	2	0
2007	11	7	3	0	0
2006	13	6	7	4	1
2005	13	7	4	3	1
2004	12	7	3	0	0
2003	13	9	1	1	0
2002	13	11	4	4	2
2001	12	10	1	1	2
2000	11	7	1	1	1
1999	18	9	3	3	1

First-time Participants:

Of the 12 first-time participants at the 2009 Accenture Match Play Championship, only Ross Fisher advanced to the Semifinals.

Ross Fisher joins Jeff Maggert (1999), Toru Taniguchi (2001), Pierre Fulke (2001), Scott McCarron (2002), Peter Lonard (2003) and Geoff Ogilvy (2006) as the only players in tournament history to advance beyond the quarterfinals in their first start at the Accenture Match Play Championship.

No one (other than Jeff Maggert in the first event in 1999) has won the Accenture Match Play Championship in their first start.

OWGR	Name	Country
11	Anthony Kim	USA
16	Rory Mclroy	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

FIRST-TIME PARTICIPANT WINNERS

N/A

FIRST-TIME PARTICIPANT LOSERS

England's Ross Fisher (No. 35) lost to England's Paul Casey (No. 23), 2 and 1.

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	17-9
5	Geoff Ogilvy	16-2
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

Geoff Ogilvy

Geoff Ogilvy, the lone Australian left in the field, continues his stellar play at the Accenture Match Play Championship. Now with a 16-2 record, Ogilvy has the highest winning percentage (88.8 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 is now 3-3 in Semifinals matches at the Accenture Match Play Championship.

Ogilvy has played 86 holes through the Semifinals this year. At the same stage in 2006 when he won the title, Ogilvy had played 95 holes.

Paul Casey

Paul Casey was defeated by Geoff Ogilvy, 5 and 4, in the Quarterfinals of the 2007 Accenture Match Play Championship. Ogilvy lost the Championship Match to Henrik Stenson, 2 and 1, that year.

Ross Fisher & Paul Casey

This All-England match represents the first time in Accenture Match Play Semifinal history.

Luke Donald Injury Update

After experiencing discomfort in his surgically repaired wrist yesterday at the Accenture Match Play Championship, and being forced to concede his third-round match against Ernie Els, Luke Donald had his wrist examined by the doctor who performed the original surgery and received good news.

Dr. Andrew Weiland, of the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York, examined Donald last night and determined that the discomfort was limited to the scar tissue, not the tendon that was repaired last year. Weiland was pleased that there was minimal swelling in the wrist and believes that treatment with anti-inflammatory medication would allow Donald to resume practicing in the next few days, and perhaps even play in next week's Honda Classic, an event he won in 2006.

"I'm obviously very pleased with Dr. Weiland's diagnosis, and while I was disappointed to have to withdraw from the Accenture Match Play Championship, I wanted to make sure I was doing what was best for my long-term health," said Donald. "I will consult with him over the coming days and certainly would love to be able to play in the Honda Classic next week, an event that means a great deal to me."

Donald first suffered the injury to the wrist during the final round of the 2008 U.S. Open and was subsequently diagnosed with a subluxation of the Extensor Carpi Ulnaris (ECU) tendon. Dr. Weiland performed surgery on the wrist on August 11 and Donald missed the remainder of the 2008 season. He returned to action in January at the Sony Open and is enjoying a strong start to the 2009 season with back-to-back Top 10 finishes in his past two starts, as well as defeating Vijay Singh in the second round of the Match Play competition.