



2009 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions

Sheshan International Golf Club
Shanghai, China

November 5-8, 2009
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,199

Purse: \$7,000,000

First-Round Notes – November 5, 2009

Nick Watney's 31 on the back nine (his front nine) was the low 9-hole total of the first round, and spurred him to the first-round lead with an 8-under-par 64.

There were three eagles on the day, all on the par-5 14th hole – Nick Watney (1), Nick Dougherty (T9) and Alvaro Quiros (T13).

There were no bogey-free rounds.

Nick Watney posted the best birdie streak of the first round – after making the turn, he birdied Nos. 1-4.

The grouping of Nick Watney (-8), Ian Poulter (even) and Martin Kaymer (-6) finished a combined 14-under-par in the first round.

20 of the 78 players in the field broke 70 in the first round. 37 players broke par while 47 were at par or better.

First-round leader Nick Watney finished second to Phil Mickelson at the World Golf Championships-CA Championship in 2009, his best finish to date in three WGC starts. Watney finished 12th in the FedExCup on the strength of four top-10s, including a victory at the Buick Invitational.

Nick Watney has now held at least a share of the lead at five PGA TOUR events:

Year	Tournament	Finish	First-Round Score
2009	WGC-HSBC Champions	--	64
2008	Mercedes-Benz Championship	T5	68
2007	AT&T Pebble Beach	T42	65
2006	Wyndham Championship	T6	64
2005	Buick Open	T39	64

Nick Watney is one of eight players from the United States in their 20s with two or more TOUR victories with Dustin Johnson, Troy Matteson, Lucas Glover, J.B. Holmes, D.J. Trahan, Sean O'Hair and Anthony Kim.

Nick Watney PGA TOUR Low Career Rounds

Year	Tournament	Round	Score	Finish
2008	Justin Timberlake Shriners	1	63	T36
2009	50 th Bob Hope Classic hosted by Arnold Palmer	4	63	T25
2009	FBR Open	2	63	T12
2005	Buick Open	1	64	T39
2005	Valero Texas Open	1	64	T57
2006	EDS Byron Nelson Championship	2	64	T61
2006	Chrysler Classic of Greensboro	1	64	T6

2006 FUNAI Classic	3	64	T5
2009 WGC-HSBC Champions	1	64 (Unofficial)	--

Ryan Moore (T2) is competing in his first World Golf Championships event this week at the HSBC Champions. Moore qualified by winning the Wyndham Championship, the final event in the PGA TOUR Regular Season.

Shane Lowry (T2) is playing in his second World Golf Championships event this week, having finished 77th at the 2009 Bridgestone Invitational.

Anthony Kim (T5) has rebounded from being disqualified at the 2008 HSBC Champions, having violated rule 4-3b. He played with a club (driver) that was damaged during the round not in the normal course of play.

While this week's HSBC Champions event is considered "unofficial" on the PGA TOUR, Tiger Woods (T5) has 16 wins and 27 top-10 finishes in 30 World Golf Championships starts. He has at least one victory per season in a World Golf Championships event since the series' inception in 1999.

Tiger Woods -- 16 Official World Golf Championship victories

Bridgestone Invitational	1999, 2000, 2001, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009
Accenture Match Play Championship	2003, 2004, 2008
CA Championship	1999, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007

Six players in the field have participated in all four of the previous HSBC Champions: Paul Casey, Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano, Padraig Harrington, Ian Poulter, Henrik Stenson and Lian-Wei Zhang. Stenson and Harrington have the best finishes of that group with a T5 in 2008 for Stenson and T5 in 2007 for Harrington.

HSBC Champions and the Official World Golf Ranking:

- o 4 of top 5
- o 7 of top 10
- o 15 of top 20
- o 18 of top 25

The 2009 HSBC Champions includes the leading 13 players on Race to Dubai Ranking and three of the top-five finishers in the 2009 FedExCup

The 23 countries represent the most international field of the World Championships events this year.

No player in the HSBC Champions field has finished in the top 10 in all three previous World Golf Championships this season; below is a list of those who have posted two top-10 finishes.

Name	Accenture	CA	Bridgestone
Phil Mickelson	T9	Won	T58
Camilo Villegas	T9	T5	T36
Oliver Wilson	T9	T5	T11
Tiger Woods	T17	T9	1
Stewart Cink	3	T59	T6