



2013 World Golf Championships-Accenture Match Play Championship
(The 8th of 36 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Marana, Ariz. Feb. 18-24, 2012 Purse: \$8,750,000 (\$1,500,000 to the winner)
The Golf Club at Dove Mountain Par/Yards: 36-36 – 72/7,791

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, February 23, 2013

Weather

A cold start with temperatures in the low to mid-30s and areas of frost. Frost forced a 45-minute delay of tee times. Sunny skies and warmer temperatures in the afternoon with highs reaching the low to mid-60s. Winds NE 5-10 mph.

Breakdown of the field of 64 players, by country:

To start the first round:

International players: 43
U.S. players: 21
Countries represented: 17
Largest international contingent: South Africa (7)

After the third round:

International players: 3
U.S. players: 5
Countries represented: 4
Largest international contingent: 3 with 1 each

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

United States (21)

Matt Kuchar
Hunter Mahan
Robert Garrigus
Steve Stricker
Webb Simpson
Rickie Fowler (R1)
Tiger Woods (R1)
Jason Dufner (R1)
Keegan Bradley (R1)
Dustin Johnson (R1)
Zach Johnson (R1)
Bil Haas (R1)
Ryan Moore (R1)
David Toms (R1)
Bo Van Pelt (R2)
Russell Henley (R2)
Charles Howell III (R2)
Jim Furyk (R2)
Nick Watney (R2)
Scott Piercy (R3)
Bubba Watson (R3)

South Africa (7)

Charl Schwartzel (R1)
Ernie Els (R1)
Branden Grace (R1)
George Coetzee (R1)
Richard Sterne (R2)
Louis Oosthuizen (R2)
Tim Clark (R3)

England (6)

Ian Poulter

Lee Westwood (R1)

David Lynn (R1)
Chris Wood (R1)
Justin Rose (R2)
Luke Donald (R2)

Sweden (5)

Henrik Stenson (R1)
Carl Pettersson (R2)
Peter Hanson (R2)
Aleander Noren (R2)
Fredrick Jacobson (R3)

Australia (4)

Jason Day
Adam Scott (R1)
John Senden (R1)
Marcus Fraser (R2)

Scotland (3)

Paul Lawrie
Stephen Gallacher
Richie Ramsay

Spain (3)

Sergio Garcia (R2)
Rafael Cabrera Belle (R2)
Gonzalo Fdez-Castano (R3)

Germany (2)

Marco Siem (R1)
Martin Kaymer (R3)

Denmark (2)

Thorbjorn Olesen (R2)
Thomas Bjorn (R1)

Ireland (2)

Padraig Harrington (R1)
Shane Lowry (R3)

Italy (2)

Francesco Molinari (R1)
Matteo Manassero (R1)

Northern Ireland (2)

Graeme McDowell
Rory Mclroy (R1)

Belgium (1)

Nicolas Colsaerts (R3)

Japan (1)

Hiroyuki Fujita (R1)

South Korea (1)

K.J. Choi (R1)

Thailand (1)

Thongchai Jaidee (R1)

Wales (1)

Jamie Donaldson (R1)

Updated all-time Accenture Match Play Championship Records for eight remaining players:

Player	W-L	Years Entered
Robert Garrigus	3-0	2013
Matt Kuchar	12-3	2010, 2011, 2012, 2013
Steve Stricker	15-9	1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013
Ian Poulter	21-9	2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013
Graeme McDowell	6-6	2005, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013
Jason Day	6-2	2011, 2012, 2013
Webb Simpson	3-1	2012, 2013
Hunter Mahan	13-4	2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013

Matches decided in extra holes:

For the second year in a row, no matches were decided in extra holes during the third round (three in round one; four in round two).

All-time Accenture Match Play Championship Third-Round Results:

1999 – 4 of 8 matches won by top seed
2000 – 7 of 8 matches won by top seed
2001 – 2 of 8 matches won by top seed
2002 – 5 of 8 matches won by top seed
2003 – 4 of 8 matches won by top seed
2004 – 5 of 8 matches won by top seed
2005 – 4 of 8 matches won by top seed
2006 – 1 of 8 matches won by top seed
2007 – 5 of 8 matches won by top seed
2008 – 6 of 8 matches won by top seed
2009 – 5 of 8 matches won by top seed
2010 – 6 of 8 matches won by top seed
2011 – 6 of 8 matches won by top seed
2012 – 3 of 8 matches won by top seed
2013 – 7 of 8 matches won by top seed

History of upsets (lower seed defeating higher seed)

Year	Round 3
2013	1 (Jason Day)
2012	5
2011	2
2010	2
2009	3
2008	2
2007	3
2006	7
2005	4
2004	3
2003	4
2002	3
2001	6
2000	1
1999	4

Recap of number-one seeds' performance:

Round One:

Bobby Jones Bracket: Shane Lowry (No. 64) defeated Rory McIlroy (No. 1), 1 up
Gary Player Bracket: Charles Howell III (No. 63) defeated Tiger Woods (No. 2), 2 and 1
Sam Snead Bracket: Luke Donald (No. 3) defeated Marcel Siem (No. 62), 1 up
Ben Hogan Bracket: Louis Oosthuizen (No. 4) defeated Richie Ramsay (No. 61), 2 and 1

Round Two:

Scott Piercy (No. 35) defeated Luke Donald (No. 3), 7 and 6
Robert Garrigus (No. 36) defeated Louis Oosthuizen (No. 4), 3 and 2

This is the third time in the last five years that the top four seeds failed to make it past the second round:

- In 2009, No. 2 seed Sergio Garcia and Pdraig Harrington (No. 3) suffered first-round defeats to Charl Schwartzel (No. 63) and Pat Perez (No. 62) respectively. No. 1 seed Tiger Woods lost to Tim Clark (No. 32) in the second round. And No. 4-seeded Vijay Singh dropped his second-round match to Luke Donald (No. 36).
- In 2010, top-ranked Steve Stricker was upset by No. 64 Ross McGowan in the opening round. Lee Westwood (No. 2), Jim Furyk (No. 3), and Martin Kaymer (No. 4) all lost in the second round to Nick Watney (No. 31), Charl Schwartzel (No. 35) and Tim Clark (No. 36), respectively.

First-time Participants: 12

Of the 12 first-time participants at the 2013 Accenture Match Play Championship, only Robert Garrigus remains. Geoff Ogilvy is the only player (other than Jeff Maggert in the first event in 1999) who won the Accenture Match Play Championship in his first start (2006).

First-time participants (underlined), third-round results.

Steve Stricker (No. 14) defeated Scott Piercy (No. 35), 1 up
Robert Garrigus (No. 36) defeated Fredrik Jacobson (No. 45), 3 and 1
 Graeme McDowell (No. 17) defeated Shane Lowry (No. 64), 3 and 2

Second-round match highlights

Match No. 49 – Robert Garrigus (No. 36) defeated Fredrik Jacobson (No. 45), 3 and 1

First-time participant Robert Garrigus has needed just 71 putts through three rounds. Through nine holes, he was 3 up on Fredrik Jacobson, but lost that lead when the Swede made consecutive birdies on holes No. 11-13. Garrigus quickly responded, sinking a 6-foot-4-inch birdie putt on No. 14 and driving the par-4 15th and making the 6-foot-3-inch putt for eagle to get back to 2 up. Jacobson's approach on No. 17 found the right desert brush and he pitched over the green into another native area. He conceded the hole and the match.

Garrigus has not trailed at any point during his three matches thus far. He has yet to play the 18th hole. Only Luke Donald (2011) and Tiger Woods (2003) have won the Accenture Match Play Championship without playing the final hole in any of their six matches.

Geoff Ogilvy is the only player (other than Jeff Maggert in the first event in 1999) who won the Accenture Match Play Championship in his first start (2006).

Garrigus' path to the quarterfinals:

- R1: Defeated Branden Grace (No. 29), 4 and 3
- R2: Defeated Louis Oosthuizen (No. 4), 3 and 2
- R3: Defeated Fredrik Jacobson (No. 45), 3 and 1

For Jacobson, it's his third consecutive top-10 finish on the PGA TOUR. Jacobson has a T7 finish at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am; T3 at last week's Northern Trust Open; and finishes T9 here at the Accenture Match Play Championship. He ties his best performance in four appearances at this event (T9-2004). Jacobson's record is now 4-4.

Match No. 50 – Matt Kuchar (No. 21) defeated Nicolas Colsaerts (No. 37), 4 and 3

Nicolas Colsaerts had only trialed once entering the third round – he was 1 down after one hole of his second-round match against Justin Rose – but that was not the case in his third-round match against Matt Kuchar. Kuchar birdied three of the first four holes and added another birdie on No. 8 to go 4 up.

Kuchar bogeyed No. 9 to drop to 3 up, but that lead was more than enough, as he was able to match Colsaerts only birdies of the day, on No. 11 and 13. Colsaerts' approach on No. 15 missed the green and he was unable to get up-and-down for par, ending the match.

Kuchar has yet to play the 18th hole this week. Only Luke Donald (2011) and Tiger Woods (2003) have won the Accenture Match Play Championship without playing the final hole in any of their six matches.

Kuchar's path to the quarterfinals:

- R1: Defeated Hiroyuki Fujita (No. 44), 3 and 2
- R2: Defeated Sergio Garcia (No. 12), 2 and 1
- R3: Defeated Nicolas Colsaerts (No. 37), 4 and 3

Kuchar's record improves to 12-3. Since losing in round two of the 2010 event, his first appearance, Kuchar has finished 3rd (2011) and T9 (2012).

Colsaerts, Belgium's first-ever PGA TOUR member, made only four bogeys in his three matches this week. His record stands at to 2-2 (he was bounced out of the first round last year by Lee Westwood).

Match No. 51 – Steve Stricker (No. 14) defeated Scott Piercy (No. 35), 1 up

Steve Stricker, who turned 46 today, was 8-under-par in his third-round match against first-time event participant Scott Piercy. But Piercy added seven birdies of his own to make the two 15-under-par for the day.

It was Stricker who had the last of those 15 birdies, allowing him to advance to the quarterfinals for the first time since 2001, when he went on to win.

The pair started on No. 10 and although it was a close match, Stricker never led. He was 1 down with two to play, then two-putted from 33 feet for birdie on the par-5 8th hole to square the match. Both players had birdie putts from almost the exact same distance on No. 9: Piercy missed from 31 feet; Stricker holed his to win the match and avoid going into extra holes.

Stricker's path to the quarterfinals:

R1: Defeated Henrik Stenson (No. 51), 5 and 4

R2: Defeated Nick Watney (No. 19), 21 holes

R3: Defeated Scott Piercy (No. 35), 1 up

Stricker, the 2001 Accenture Match Play Championship winner, improves his record to 15-9.

Woods and Ogilvy are also the only other players with more than one Accenture Match Play Championship win (Woods: 2003-04, 2008; Ogilvy: 2006, 2009).

Piercy now has two top-10 finishes in three career World Golf Championships starts: a T9 this week to go with his T2 finish at last year's HSBC Champions.

Match No. 52 – Ian Poulter (No. 11) defeats Tim Clark (No. 59), 5 and 3

After winning the Accenture Match Play Championship in 2010, Ian Poulter has made an early exit from the event, losing in the first rounds to Stewart Cink (19 holes) in 2011 and to Sang Moon Bae (4 and 3) in 2012, but that's certainly not the case this year.

Poulter, who won his second World Golf Championships title in November at the HSBC Champions in China, never trailed in his round-three match against Tim Clark. Poulter has been bogey free in his last two matches and has totaled nine birdies in that time (six birdies in round two; three in round three).

Poulter has not trailed at any point this week, through three matches.

Poulter and Clark began on No. 10 and were all square through six holes, but Clark made consecutive bogeys on No. 16-18 to fall 3 down and never recovered.

Poulter's path to the quarterfinals:

R1: Defeated Stephen Gallacher (No. 54), 2 and 1

R2: Defeated Bo Van Pelt (No. 22), 3 and 1

R3: Defeated Tim Clark (No. 59), 5 and 3

With his win in China, Poulter became only the second player to record his first two PGA TOUR wins at World Golf Championships events, joining Darren Clarke (2000 Accenture Match Play Championship; 2003 Bridgestone Invitational).

With a win this week, he would join Tiger Woods (16) and Geoff Ogilvy (3) as the only players with more than two World Golf Championships titles. Woods and Ogilvy are also the only other players with more than one Accenture Match Play Championship win (Woods: 2003-04, 2008; Ogilvy: 2006, 2009).

Poulter's record improves to 21-9. Only Tiger Woods (33), David Toms (24) and Stewart Cink (22) have won more matches at the Accenture Match Play Championship.

Poulter is the only English player to advance to the third round, of the six who began the event.

Clark leaves Tucson with a 6-6 record. With a T9, he ties his best finish in eight Accenture Match Play Championship appearances with a T9 (2009 and 2010).

There were seven South Africans in the Accenture Match Play Championship field this week, the most players for any country aside from the United States. Clark, the lowest-ranked of the seven, was the only one to advance to the third round.

Match No. 53 – Graeme McDowell (No. 17) defeated Shane Lowry (No. 64), 3 and 2

The Cinderella Story ended in round three for Shane Lowry, who upset world No. 1 Rory McIlroy in the first round and became the first No. 64 seed to advance to the third round in Accenture Match Play Championship history when he defeated Carl Pettersen in round two.

It was his good friend Graeme McDowell that sent the Irishman home in round three. After going 1 down on No. 2, McDowell built a 4 up lead through nine holes, with birdies on No. 5 and No. 7-9.

McDowell has trailed only three times in his matches this far this week all within the first two holes. In round one, he went 1 down after the first hole, but rebounded with a birdie on No. 2 to square the match and never trailed again. In round two, he did the same thing – going 1 down after the first hole, rebounding with a birdie on No. 2 to square the match and never trailed again.

McDowell's path to the quarterfinals:

- R1: Defeated Padraig Harrington (No. 48), 2 up
- R2: Defeated Alexander Noren (No. 49), 6 and 5
- R3: Defeated Shane Lowry (No. 64), 3 and 2

McDowell improves his Accenture Match Play Championship record to 6-6 and advances to the quarterfinals for the first time in seven starts.

Match No. 54 – Jason Day (No. 41) defeated Bubba Watson (No. 8), 4 and 3

Jason Day never trailed in his third-round match against Bubba Watson, taking a 1 up lead with a birdie on No. 1 (the first time he has birdied the hole this week). He got to 3 up through nine holes and except for a birdie to win the 11th hole, Watson was not able to make a dent in that lead on the back nine.

Day's path to the quarterfinals:

- R1: Defeated Zach Johnson (No. 24), 6 and 5
- R2: Defeated Russell Henley (No. 56), 19 holes
- R3: Defeated Bubba Watson (No. 8), 4 and 3

Day's overall record is now 5-2. He is the only Australian to advance to round three (four made the field). This is Day's first career appearance in the quarterfinals.

Bubba Watson, who owns the best finish in the Accenture Match Play Championship by a left-hander (4th in 2011), leaves with a 7-4 overall record. He was the last remaining player from the top 10 in the Official World Golf Ranking in the field (No. 10).

Match No. 55 – Webb Simpson (No. 15) defeated Gonzalo Fdez-Castano (No. 31), 2 up

Webb Simpson never trailed in defeating England's David Lynn in round one, and never trailed in his third-round match on Saturday against Gonzalo Fdez-Castano.

The two started on the back nine and Simpson got off to a great start, making birdie on holes 10-12 and No. 15. Fdez-Castano put up three birdies of his own, but with bogeys on No. 13 and 16, he found himself 3 down after nine holes.

The Spaniard was able to cut into Simpson's lead on the front nine, making birdie on No. 5 and again on No. 8 to get to 1 down. But the match ended when Fdez-Castano three-putted for bogey on No. 9, when he needed a birdie to extend the match to extra holes.

Simpson's record is now 3-1.

Fdez-Castano has one previous Accenture Match Play Championship start; last year he lost to Tiger Woods, 1 down, in round one. Fdez-Castano was the only Spanish player to advance to the third round, of the three who began the event. His record stands at 2-2.

Match No. 56 – Hunter Mahan (No. 23) defeated Martin Kaymer (No. 26), 5 and 4

Hunter Mahan took a commanding 5 up lead through nine holes in his third-round match against Martin Kaymer and never looked back. The two played the back nine first, during which Mahan made five birdies to Kaymer's one birdie and one bogey.

Kaymer hole a 9-foot-3-inch eagle putt on No. 2 to cut into Mahan's lead, but Mahan made birdie on No. 4 to get back to 5 up and the match was over on the next hole when both players made par.

Mahan has yet to play the 18th hole (or the 9th, in round three). Only Luke Donald (2011) and Tiger Woods (2003) have won the Accenture Match Play Championship without playing the final hole in any of their six matches.

Mahan's path to the quarterfinals:

R1: Defeated Matteo Manassero (No. 42), 5 and 4

R2: Defeated Richard Sterne (No. 55), 4 and 3

R3: Defeated Martin Kaymer (No. 26), 5 and 4

Mahan becomes the first defending champion to advance to the quarterfinals since 2007 champion Henrik Stenson in 2008 (Stenson finished third that year). Only Tiger Woods (2003-04) has successfully defended a title at the Accenture Match Play Championship.

Mahan's record improves to 13-4. He has won 11 of his last 12 matches. He last trailed in a match at the Accenture Match Play Championship during round one of the 2012 event, when he was 1 down to Zach Johnson. That is a streak of 113 holes (90 in 2012 and 33 thus far this week).

Like Ian Poulter, with a win this week, Mahan would join Tiger Woods (16) and Geoff Ogilvy (3) as the only players with more than two World Golf Championships titles. Woods and Ogilvy are also the only other players with more than one Accenture Match Play Championship win (Woods: 2003-04, 2008; Ogilvy: 2006, 2009).

Kaymer, who finished runner-up to Luke Donald in the 2011 Accenture Match Play Championship, leaves this week with an 11-6 record.

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