



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

Marana, Ariz. Feb. 18-24, 2013 Purse: \$8,750,000 (\$1,500,000 to the winner)
The Golf Club at Dove Mountain Par/Yards: 36-36 – 72/7,791

Final Notes – Sunday, February 24, 2013

Weather

Partly cloudy, breezy and cool. Temperatures in the mid- to high 40s. Winds increasing to 15-20 mph by mid-afternoon, with gusts of 30 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)

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

United States (21)

Matt Kuchar - WINNER

Hunter Mahan – RUNNER-UP

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)

Robert Garrigus (QF)

Steve Stricker (QF)

Webb Simpson (QF)

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 - FOURTH

Lee Westwood (R1)

David Lynn (R1)

Chris Wood (R1)

Justin Rose (R2)

Luke Donald (R2)

Sweden (5)

Henrik Stenson (R1)

Carl Pottersson (R2)

Peter Hanson (R2)

Alexander Noren (R2)

Fredrick Jacobson (R3)

Australia (4)

Jason Day - THIRD

Adam Scott (R1)

John Senden (R1)

Marcus Fraser (R2)

Scotland (3)

Paul Lawrie (R1)

Stephen Gallacher (R1)

Richie Ramsay (R1)

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)

Rory Mclroy (R1)

Graeme McDowell (QF)

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)

Prize money and FedExCup breakdown for the Championship and Consolation matches

Winner – Matt Kuchar	\$1.5 million	550 points
Second – Hunter Mahan	\$875,000	315 points
Third – Jason Day	\$615,000	200 points
Fourth – Isan Poulter	\$500,000	140 points

Updated all-time Accenture Match Play Championship Records the four remaining players:

Championship Match

Player	W-L	Years Entered
Matt Kuchar	14-3	2010, 2011, 2012, 2013
Hunter Mahan	15-5	2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013

Consolation Match

Player	W-L	Years Entered
Jason Day	8-3	2011, 2012, 2013
Ian Poulter	22-11	2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013

With Hunter Mahan and Matt Kuchar advancing to the finals, it marked the seventh All-American final in the 15-year history of the Accenture Match Play Championship and the first since 2008.

- 2008 - Tiger Woods def Stewart Cink, 7 and 8
- 2005 - David Toms def Chris DiMarco, 6 and 5
- 2004 - Tiger Woods def. Davis Love III, 3 and 2
- 2003 - Tiger Woods def. David Toms, 2 and 1
- 2002 - Kevin Sutherland def. Scott McCarron, 1 up
- 1999 – Jeff Maggert def. Andrew Magee, 38 holes

With Matt Kuchar's win at the Accenture Match Play Championship, it continues a streak of Americans winning the first eight events on the PGA TOUR schedule. In 2012, Americans won the first nine events of the 2012 PGA TOUR season; Rory Mcllroy broke that streak at The Honda Classic.

Kuchar was ranked No. 23 and in the Official World Golf Ranking entering the Accenture Match Play Championship. He is the fifth-lowest-ranked player to win the event.

Where Accenture Match Play Championship winners were in the OWGR the week they won.

2012	Hunter Mahan	No. 22
2011	Luke Donald	No. 9
2010	Ian Poulter	No. 11
2009	Geoff Ogilvy	No. 8
2008	Tiger Woods	No. 1
2007	Henrik Stenson	No. 8
2006	Geoff Ogilvy	No. 53
2005	David Toms	No. 16
2004	Tiger Woods	No. 1
2003	Tiger Woods	No. 1
2002	Kevin Sutherland	No. 65
2001	Steve Stricker	No. 91
2000	Darren Clarke	No. 19
1999	Jeff Maggert	No. 25

Both Kuchar and Mahan faced five different countries in their six matches this week. Only Ian Poulter (who won in 2010) and Tiger Woods (who finished second in 2000) faced six different countries in their six matches.

- Kuchar: Japan, Spain, Belgium, US (twice), Australia
- Mahan: Italy, South Africa, Germany, USA (twice), England

Championship Match highlights

Match No. 63 – Matt Kuchar (No. 21) defeats Hunter Mahan (No. 23), 2 and 1

The last two years, Matt Kuchar was knocked out of the Accenture Match Play Championship by the eventual champion (losing to Luke Donald, 6 and 5, in the 2011 semifinals; and losing to Hunter Mahan, 6 and 5, in the 2012 quarterfinals). He made sure that didn't happen today, winning the Championship Match, 2 and 1, over defending champion Hunter Mahan for his first World Golf Championships victory.

Mahan had not trailed at any point during his five previous matches, but he went 1 down to Matt Kuchar after making bogey on No. 4. Both players had bogeyed No. 3 – and Mahan added a third- and fourth-consecutive bogey on Nos. 5-6 to find himself 3 down.

Kuchar made birdie on No. 8 to take a 4 up lead heading into the back nine.

What looked like a runaway did not turn out that way, however, as Mahan battled back – posting birdies on No. 11-12 and No. 14-15. He won No. 16 when Kuchar overshot the green and failed to get up-and-down for par; Kuchar was 1 up with two to play. The match ended when Mahan conceded No. 17 after failing to advance his second shot from a greenside waste area; Kuchar had a 4-foot-9-inch putt for birdie.

Kuchar did not play the 18th hole this week. Only Luke Donald (2011) has won the Accenture Match Play Championship without playing the final hole in any of his six matches.

Kuchar's path to the Championship Match:

- 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
- QF: Defeated Robert Garrigus (No. 36), 3 and 2
- SF: Defeated Jason Day (No. 41), 4 and 3
- FINAL: Defeated Hunter Mahan (No. 23), 2 and 1

Kuchar's record improves to 15-3. Since losing in round two of the 2010 event, his first appearance, Kuchar has finished 3rd (2011), T5 (2012) and 1 (2013).

Kuchar joins Hunter Mahan (2012), Luke Donald (2011), Ian Poulter (2010), Henrik Stenson (2007) Kevin Sutherland (2002), Steve Stricker (2001) and Darren Clarke (2000) as players who have won the Accenture Match Play Championship in their first appearance in the finals (does not include 1999).

This is the earliest in the season Kuchar has won a PGA TOUR event (5 victories). The previous earliest was The Honda Classic – March 2002, his first win. His other TOUR wins: Turning Stone Resort Championship (October 2009); The Barclays (August 2010); and THE PLAYERS Championship (May 2012).

Kuchar's performance this week, and this early in the season, should be no surprise based on his first three events of 2013. He was the only player to finish in the top 10 at both events in Hawaii (T9-Hyundai Tournament of Champions; T5-Sony Open in Hawaii), and he finished T16 at the Humana Challenge before taking three weeks off to rest up for the Northern Trust Open (T38).

Kuchar broke a recent streak by PLAYERS champions; Phil Mickelson (2007) was the last winner of the event to record another victory within a year of THE PLAYERS (Mickelson won later that season at the Deutsche Bank Championship). Since then, Sergio Garcia (2008) didn't win again until the 2012 Wyndham Championship; and Henrik Stenson (2009), Tim Clark (2010) and K.J. Choi (2011) have yet to capture another PGA TOUR title.

Kuchar joins Phil Mickelson, Adam Scott, Henrik Stenson and Tiger Woods as players who have won both a PLAYERS Championships title and a World Golf Championships event. He joins Phil Mickelson and Tiger Woods as the only players with a PLAYERS Championship title, a World Golf Championships win and a win in the FedExCup Playoffs.

Kuchar (currently No. 23 in the OWGR) will move into the top 10 of the Official World Golf Ranking with his win. His highest career ranking is No. 5, most recently following the 2012 Crowne Plaza Invitational.

Kuchar's previous best, of 11 career starts in World Golf Championships, was third place here in 2011 and a T3 at the 2010 Cadillac Championship.

Since the start of the 2010 season, Kuchar has posted 32 top-10 finishes, including today's win. The next most during that time frame is Luke Donald, with 29.

Mahan played 76 holes en route to the Championship Match (14 in round one; 15 in round two; 14 in round three; 18 in the quarterfinals; 15 in the semifinals). Only Luke Donald in 2011 played fewer holes prior to the Championship Match (73).

Mahan's path to the Championship Match:

- 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
QF: Defeated Webb Simpson (No. 15), 1 up
SF: Defeated Ian Poulter (No. 11), 4 and 3
FINAL: Lost to Matt Kuchar (No. 21), 2 and 1

Mahan is the third defending champion to advance to the finals.

2006 champion Geoff Ogilvy in 2007 (Ogilvy finished second that year)

2003 champion Tiger Woods in 2004 (Woods successfully defended his title)

Mahan's Accenture Match Play Championship record stands at 15-5 (75 percent). Only Geoff Ogilvy (80 percent) and Tiger Woods (76.74 percent) have a better winning percentage at the event.

Mahan (currently No. 25 in OWGR) is guaranteed to move into the top 20 by advancing to the finals. His highest career ranking is No. 4, most recently after the 2012 Shell Houston Open.

Mahan was attempting to 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).

Mahan now owns eight top-10 finishes in 19 career World Golf Championships starts.

Match No. 64 – Jason Day (No. 41) defeated Ian Poulter (No. 11), 1 up

Jason Day battled back from 2 down to Ian Poulter through six holes, winning No. 7 and 8 to square the match. He got to as much as 3 up through 15 holes, but lost No. 16 and 17 with bogeys to give Poulter a window and force the match to No. 18 with Day 1 up. But Poulter could not convert on No. 18, giving Day his best finish in a World Golf Championships event.

Day's path to the Consolation Match:

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

QF: Defeated Graeme McDowell (No. 17), 1 up

SF: Lost to Matt Kuchar (No. 21), 4 and 3

CONSOLATION: Defeated Ian Poulter (No. 11), 1 up

Day's overall Accenture Match Play Championship record is now 8-3. He was the only Australian to advance past the second round (four made the field).

Third-place marks Day's best World Golf Championships finish in eight career starts. His previous best finish is a T4 at the 2011 Bridgestone Invitational. Day will leave this week with three top-10 finishes in four PGA TOUR starts this season (T9-Farmers Insurance Open; 6-Northern Trust Open).

Poulter's path to the Consolation Match:

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

QF: Defeated Steve Stricker (No. 14), 3 and 2

SF: Lost to Hunter Mahan (No. 23), 4 and 3

CONSOLATION: Lost to Jason Day (No. 41), 1 up

Ian Poulter (currently No.13 in OWGR) will move into the top 10 of the Official World Golf Ranking. His highest career ranking is No. 5, most recently following the 2010 Masters.

Poulter's record is now to 22-11. Only Tiger Woods (33) and David Toms (24) have won more matches at the Accenture Match Play Championship; Stewart Cink also has 22. Only Tiger Woods (43), David Toms (35) and Stewart Cink (34) have competed in more matches.

Poulter was the only English player to advance past the second round, of the six who began the event. This week's finish will mark his fifth top five in World Golf Championships events; he has two wins, a T2 at the 2006 Cadillac Championship and a fourth-place finish at the 2005 Accenture Match Play Championship.

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