



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

Quarterfinal Notes – Saturday, February 23, 2013

Weather

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 quarterfinals:

International players: 2
U.S. players: 2
Countries represented: 3
Largest international contingent: 2 countries with 1

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

United States (21)

Matt Kuchar
Hunter Mahan
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

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)
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)

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)

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

| Player | W-L | Years Entered |
|---------------|------------|--|
| Ian Poulter | 22-9 | 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 |
| Hunter Mahan | 14-4 | 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 |
| Matt Kuchar | 13-3 | 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 |
| Jason Day | 7-2 | 2011, 2012, 2013 |

With Ian Poulter (2010) and Hunter Mahan (2012) advancing to the semi-finals, it marks only the second time in Accenture Match Play Championship history that two former champions of the event have faced off in the semi-finals. In 2008, Henrik Stenson (2007) met Tiger Woods (2003, 2004, 2008) in the semi finals; Woods won, 2 up, and went on to win the title.

Should an American win the Accenture Match Play Championship, it would continue 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 McIlroy broke that streak at The Honda Classic.

All-time Accenture Match Play Championship Quarterfinal Results:

1999 – 1 of 4 matches won by top seed
2000 – 3 of 4 matches won by top seed
2001 – 3 of 4 matches won by top seed
2002 – 0 of 4 matches won by top seed
2003 – 3 of 4 matches won by top seed
2004 – 4 of 4 matches won by top seed
2005 – 1 of 4 matches won by top seed
2006 – 0 of 4 matches won by top seed
2007 – 4 of 4 matches won by top seed
2008 – 2 of 4 matches won by top seed
2009 – 2 of 4 matches won by top seed
2010 – 3 of 4 matches won by top seed
2011 – 4 of 4 matches won by top seed
2012 – 4 of 4 matches won by top seed
2013 – 2 of 4 matches won by top seed

History of upsets (lower seed defeating higher seed)

| Year | Quarterfinals |
|-------------|----------------------|
| 2013 | 2 |
| 2012 | 0 |
| 2011 | 0 |
| 2010 | 1 |
| 2009 | 2 |
| 2008 | 2 |
| 2007 | 0 |
| 2006 | 4 |
| 2005 | 3 |
| 2004 | 0 |
| 2003 | 1 |
| 2002 | 4 |
| 2001 | 1 |
| 2000 | 1 |
| 1999 | 3 |

First-time Participants: 12

With Robert Garrigus losing to Matt Kuchar in the quarterfinals, all 12 first-time participants at the 2013 Accenture Match Play Championship have been eliminated. 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).

Quarterfinal match highlights

Match No. 57 – Jason Day (No. 41) defeated Graeme McDowell (No. 17), 1 up

Graeme McDowell had trailed only three times in his matches coming into the quarterfinals, but he found himself 1 down to Jason Day through 11 holes after losing an early lead (he was 2 up through 3). McDowell squared the match with an 8-foot birdie putt on No. 14, then lost two of the next three holes to find himself 1 down heading to No. 18.

Day closed out the match with a 2-foot-2-inch par putt on No. 18.

Day's path to the semifinals:

- 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

Day's overall record is now 6-2. He was the only Australian to advance past the second round (four made the field). This is Day's first career appearance in the semifinals and the first Australian to make it this far since Geoff Ogilvy in 2009 (Ogilvy won).

Jason Day will be 25 years, 3 months and 12 days old tomorrow. He would be the fourth-youngest winner of a World Golf Championships event.

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| Tiger Woods | 1999 Bridgestone Invitational | 23 years, 7 months, 30 days |
| Tiger Woods | 1999 Cadillac Championship | 23 years, 10 months, 8 days |
| Tiger Woods | 2000 Bridgestone Invitational | 24 years, 7 months, 28 days |

McDowell leaves Tucson with a 6-7 Accenture Match Play Championship record. The T5 finish this week is his second-best performance in 23 career World Golf Championships starts (3rd at the 2011 HSBC Champions).

Match No. 58 – Matt Kuchar (No. 21) defeated Robert Garrigus (No. 36)

First-time participant Robert Garrigus had not trailed at any point during his first three matches this week, but that was not the story in his quarterfinal match against Matt Kuchar. Garrigus bogeyed No. 1 for the first time this week and went 1 down; a birdie on the next hole was matched by Kuchar, and then another bogey put Garrigus 2 down through 3 holes.

Kuchar and Garrigus matched birdies on No. 8, and then Garrigus made double-bogey on No. 10 after taking a drop when his tee shot was unplayable in the native area to the left of the fairway (4 down). Garrigus won the next two holes to cut into Kuchar's lead, but Kuchar came back with a birdie on No. 15 to take a 3-up lead that would prove to be too much for Garrigus to overcome.

Kuchar advances to the semifinals for the second time in two years. He lost to eventual champion Luke Donald, 6 and 5, in the 2011 semifinals. He went on to win the Consolation Match against Bubba Watson.

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 semifinals:

- 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

Kuchar's record improves to 14-3. Since losing in round two of the 2010 event, his first appearance, Kuchar has finished 3rd (2011) and T9 (2012).

Kuchar has four PGA TOUR wins, with only one coming in the first four months of the season (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).

But 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 is looking to break a recent streak by PLAYERS champions; Phil Mickelson (2007) is 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.

Garrigus finished his first Accenture Match Play Championship with a 3-1 record and T5. His only previous start in a World Golf Championships event was a T51 at the 2012 HSBC Champions. He has two top-10 finishes to his credit this season (T6, Farmers Insurance Open) and has not finished lower than T22 in five starts.

Match No. 59 – Hunter Mahan (No. 23) defeated Webb Simpson (No. 15), 1 up

Hunter Mahan had yet to play the final hole in his three previous matches, but it took all 18 holes for him to dispatch of 2012 U.S. Open Champion Webb Simpson. The two were all square for most of the day, with Mahan taking a 1 up lead on No. 5 with a birdie and then again on No. 10. Simpson squared the match with a birdie on No. 13 and the pair matched birdies on No. 15. But Simpson stumbled on No. 16, making bogey on No. 16 from the greenside bunker (Mahan was in the same bunker but was able to salvage par).

Mahan closed out the match with a par on No. 18.

Mahan's path to the semifinals:

- 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

Mahan becomes the fourth defending champion to advance to the semifinals.

2007 champion Henrik Stenson in 2008 (Stenson finished third that year)

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

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

Mahan's record improves to 14-4. He has won 12 of his last 13 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 through six holes. That is a streak of 151 holes (90 in 2012 and 61 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). Mah

Simpson's Accenture Match Play Championship record is now 3-2. This is his best finish (T5) in three career World Golf Championships starts and his second consecutive top-10 finish of the season (T6-Northern Trust Open).

Match No. 51 – Ian Poulter (No. 11) defeated Steve Stricker (No. 14), 3 and 2

Steve Stricker, who turned 46 today, was hoping for a ticket to the semi-finals as a birthday gift, but it was not to be. In the first match-up of past champions in the event's quarterfinals, Poulter (2010) got the best of Stricker (2001), thanks to a near-flawless scorecard that included one bogey, six birdies and one eagle.

Poulter stumbled on No. 1 with a bogey (to Stricker's birdie) to go 1 down, the first and only time this week he has been down in a match. But he rebounded quickly with birdies on No. 2 and 3 to move to 2 up. After Stricker made birdie to his par on No. 4, Poulter padded his lead with a birdie on No. 6 and an eagle on No. 8 to get to 3 up.

Stricker had never been more than 1 down at any point in his three previous matches, and the 4-down deficit with five holes to play proved to be too much for him to overcome.

Poulter's path to the semifinals:

- 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

Poulter 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.

Poulter, who won his second World Golf Championships title in November at the HSBC Champions in China, 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, Poulter 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 22-9. Only Tiger Woods (33) and David Toms (24) have won more matches at the Accenture Match Play Championship; Stewart Cink also has 22.

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

Stricker finishes the week with a 15-10 overall Accenture Match Play Championship record. This is his fourth-consecutive top-10 finish in a World Golf Championships start (T9-2012 Accenture Match Play Championship; T8-2012 Cadillac Championship; T2-2012 Bridgestone Invitational; T5-2013 Accenture Match Play Championship).

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