



2012 World Golf Championships-Accenture Match Play Championship
(The 8th of 37 events in the PGA TOUR Regular Season)

Marana, AZ

Feb. 20-26, 2012

Purse: \$8,500,000 (\$1,400,000 to the winner)

The Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain

Par/Yards: 36-36 – 72/7,791

Third-Round Notes – Friday, February 24, 2012

Weather

Sunny and clear skies. Warm with temperatures in the upper 70s. Winds NNW in the afternoon at 5-10 mph.

Overtime

Rounds 4, 5, & 6 - If matches are all-square after 18 holes, the extra holes will be the 1st, the 9th, the 10th and then 14 through 18 until the match is decided.

Breakdown of 2012 field of 64 players:

To start the first round:

International players: 42

U.S. players: 22

Countries represented: 14

Largest international contingent: England and Australia (6 each)

After the third round:

International players: 5

U.S. players: 3

Countries represented: 6

Largest international contingent following the third round: Scotland, England, Sweden, Northern Ireland, South Korea (one player each)

The highest-ranked player to survive the third round: Rory McIlroy (No. 2)

The lowest-ranked player to survive the third round: Sang-moon Bae (No. 44)

The largest margin of victory in the third round: Peter Hanson def Brandt Snedeker, 5 and 3

Number of matches to go extra holes in the third round: 0

Winners of the 8 third-round matches by country (Number of players initially in the field in parentheses)

Australia (6)

England (6)

Lee Westwood

South Korea (5)

Sang-moon Bae

South Africa (5)

Spain (5)

Italy (2)

Northern Ireland (3)

Rory McIlroy

Sweden (3)

Peter Hanson

Denmark (2)

Scotland (2)

Martin Laird

Belgium (1)

Germany (1)

Japan (1)

United States (22)

Matt Kuchar

Hunter Mahan

Mark Wilson

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

History of upsets

Year	Round 3
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

There were five upsets in the third round: (Matt Kuchar (14) over Martin Kaymer (4), Hunter Mahan (22) over Steve Stricker (5), Peter Hanson (35) over Brandt Snedeker (18), Mark Wilson (42) over Dustin Johnson (10), and Sang-moon Bae (44) over John Senden (41). The only two years there have been more upsets at the Accenture Match Play Championship were in 2006 (7) and 2001 (6).

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

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

Player	W-L	Years Entered
Matt Kuchar	9-2	3 (2010, 2011, 2012)
Hunter Mahan	7-4	5 (2008-2012)
Lee Westwood	10-11	12 (1999-2000, 2002, 2004-2012)
Martin Laird	3-1	2 (2011-2012)
Peter Hanson	4-5	5 (2008-2012)
Mark Wilson	4-1	2 (2011-2012)
Rory McIlroy	8-3	4 (2009-2012)
Sang-moon Bae	3-0	1 (2012)

Six of the eight players who advanced are making their first appearance in the quarterfinals (Hunter Mahan, Lee Westwood, Martin Laird, Mark Wilson, Peter Hanson and Sang-moon Bae). Rory McIlroy (2009) and Matt Kuchar (2011) are making their second appearance in the quarterfinals.

How the remaining number-one seeds fared in round three:

Rory McIlroy (No. 2) def Miguel A. Jimenez (No. 52), 3 and 1

Lee Westwood (No. 3) def Nick Watney (No. 15), 3 and 2

Matt Kuchar (No. 14) def Martin Kaymer (No. 4), 4 and 3

*Luke Donald (No. 1) lost in first round to Ernie Els (No. 68)

Lee Westwood and Peter Hanson have not trailed this week in any of their matches.

With Luke Donald falling in the first round of the Accenture Match Play Championship, both Rory McIlroy (NIR) and Lee Westwood (ENG) have the opportunity to take over the No. 1 spot in the Official World Golf Ranking. Both players would need to go on to victory to supplant Donald.

There were 24 players under the age of 30 in the Accenture Match Play Championship field, the most in tournament history, bettering the record of 23 previously set in 2010 and 2011. The only players under 30 moving on to the quarterfinals are Hunter Mahan, Martin Laird, Rory McIlroy and Sang-moon Bae

The youngest winner in Accenture Match Play Championship history is Tiger Woods, who was 27 years, 2 months, 2 days old when he won in 2003. The youngest winner of a World Golf Championships event is Tiger Woods, who was 23 years, 7 months and 30 days old when he won the 1999 Bridgestone Invitational. Below are the players who advanced to the fourth round and could break one or both (McIlroy) of those records:

Name	Country	Birthdate	Age on Sunday
Rory McIlroy	Northern Ireland	5/4/1989	22/9/22
Sang-moon Bae	South Korea	6/21/1986	25/8/5

Youngest winners of World Golf Championships Events:

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
Tiger Woods	2001 Bridgestone Invitational	25 years, 7 months, 27 days
Tiger Woods	2002 Cadillac Championship	26 years, 8 months, 23 days
Martin Kaymer	2011 HSBC Champions	26 years, 11 months, 28 days
Tiger Woods	2003 Accenture Match Play	27 years, 2 months, 2 days
Tiger Woods	2003 Cadillac Championship	27 years, 9 months, 5 days
Francesco Molinari	2010 HSBC Champions	27 years, 11 months, 30 days

Third-round match highlights

Hunter Mahan (No. 22) def Steve Stricker (No. 5), 4 and 3

Mahan has three TOUR wins, one of which came at the World Golf Championship-Bridgestone Invitational in 2010. This is Mahan's 16th start in the World Golf Championships event.

Mahan and Stricker squared off once before at the Accenture Match Play Championship (2008), in a closely contested match that went 20 holes in which Stricker prevailed.

Martin Laird (No. 40) def Paul Lawrie (No. 45), 3 and 1

Martin Laird's best finish in a World Golf Championships event is T10 at the Cadillac Championship. This is his sixth start in a World Golf Championships event.

Here's a look at the best finishes by Scots at the event:

- Colin Montgomerie, 8 appearances, best finish – T9 in 2004, 2008
- Paul Lawrie, 4 previous appearances, best finish – T5 in 2001
- Martin Laird, 1 previous appearance, best finish – T33 in 2011
- Andrew Coltart, 1 appearance, best finish – T9 in 2001

Laird is guaranteed to finish at least T5 and match countryman Paul Lawrie for the best finish by a Scottish player at the Accenture Match Play Championship.

Lawrie holds the record for best Accenture Match Play Championship finish by a Scottish player, with a T5 in 2001. The former British Open champion won the Commercialbank Qatar Masters last month to move back inside the top 50 in the OWGR and qualify for the Accenture Match Play Championship for the first time since 2003.

Mark Wilson (No. 42) def Dustin Johnson (No. 10), 4 and 3

Last year was Wilson's first appearance in the event, and he was defeated in round two by Bubba Watson.

Wilson is guaranteed to post his best finish in a World Golf Championships event in seven starts. His current best finish came at both the 2011 Accenture Match Play Championship and Bridgestone Invitational (T17).

Wilson has won five PGA TOUR events, with three victories coming since the start of the 2011 season.

Sang-moon Bae (No. 44) def John Senden (No. 41), 1 up

Bae is only the third Korean to advance to the quarterfinals in Accenture Match Play Championship history, joining KJ Choi (2008, lost in the quarterfinals) and YE Yang (2011, lost in the quarterfinals).

Bae is playing his rookie season on TOUR this season after finishing T8 at PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament. He has made all four of his cuts on TOUR this season with a best finish of T14 at the Humana Challenge.

Henrik Stenson is the only rookie to win a World Golf Championships event (2007 Accenture Match Play Championship).

This is Bae's first start in a World Golf Championships event. No player, other than Jeff Maggert, who won the first-ever World Golf Championships event, has won a World Golf Championships tournament in his first start.

Of the 11 first-time participants at the 2012 Accenture Match Play Championship, only Sang-moon Bae remains in the field. Four came out on top on Wednesday and only Sang-Moon Bae survived round two.

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

Henrik Stenson, Darren Clarke and Kevin Sutherland are the only players to record their first PGA TOUR win at the Accenture Match Play Championship.

Matt Kuchar (No. 14) def Martin Kaymer (No. 4), 4 and 3

Kuchar advances to the quarterfinals for the second consecutive season. Last year, Kuchar lost to eventual champion Luke Donald in the semifinals and then beat Bubba Watson in the consolation match.

Kuchar has ended his matches on No. 18 (R1), No. 16 (R2) and No. 15 (R3) this week.

Kuchar is looking for his first World Golf Championships win in nine starts. His best finishes in the events are third last year at the Accenture Match Play Championship and T3 at the 2010 Cadillac Championship.

Lee Westwood (No. 3) def Nick Watney (No. 15), 3 and 2

Westwood has yet to trail in any of his three matches this week.

Westwood moves to the quarterfinals for the first time in 12 appearances at the Accenture Match Play Championship.

Westwood picks up his first win over Watney in three career matches against him at this event. Watney and Westwood have met in round two the past two years, with Watney winning 2 and 1 in 2010 and 1 up in 2011.

Peter Hanson (No. 35) def Brandt Snedeker (No. 18), 5 and 3

Hanson has not trailed in any of his three matches this week.

Hanson advances to the quarterfinals for the first time in five career Accenture Match Play Championship appearances.

Henrik Stenson is the only Swedish player to ever win a World Golf Championships event (2007 Accenture Match Play Championship).

Rory McIlroy (No. 2) def Miguel A Jimenez (No. 52), 3 and 1

McIlroy hasn't trailed by more than 1 down in his first three matches and last trailed on the 10th hole of his first-round match.

McIlroy lost to Geoff Ogilvy in the quarterfinals at the 2009 Accenture Match Play Championship by a score of 2 and 1.

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