



PGA News

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THIRD-ROUND NOTES FROM THE SEASON'S FINAL MAJOR

RALLYING TO WIN A PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

	Year	Eventual Champion – Position in Round
After first round –	1989	Payne Stewart (T-77- 8 strokes behind)
After second round –	1986	Bob Tway (T-44 – 9 strokes behind)
After third round	1978	John Mahaffey (T-5 – 7 strokes behind)

NUMBER THAT TRANSLATES TO A CHAMPION

The 54-hole leader or co-leader has won 29 of the past 47 PGA Championships (a 57.4 percentage).

HOW THEY HANDLED THE LEAD

PHIL MICKELSON has won 14 of his 26 events on the PGA Tour when sharing or leading after 54 holes. Mickelson is 1-1 in majors. DAVIS LOVE III has won 9 of 22 events on Tour (1-1 in majors) when sharing or leading after 54 holes.

Final Round Scoring Average on the PGA TOUR for top-5:

Position	Player	Average
1	Phil Mickelson	71.00
1	Davis Love III	70.44
3	Thomas Bjorn	NA
T4	Pat Perez	73.15
T4	Steve Elkington	71.75
T4	Stuart Appleby	71.60
T4	Vijay Singh	69.23

THE MAGIC OF A FINAL PAIRING

Only twice in the last 24 major championships has the winner not come from the final pairing, Ben Curtis at the British Open in 2003 and Michael Campbell at the 2005 U. S. Open Championship. Here's a look at the four major championships and the last time the champion did not play in the final group:

Tournament	Year	Winner	Position through 54 holes
PGA Championship	1995	Steve Elkington	T5
British Open	2003	Ben Curtis	T3
U.S. Open	2005	Michael Campbell	T4
Masters Tournament	1989	Nick Faldo	T9

KEEPING IT IN THE 60s

Davis Love III has the opportunity to shoot all four rounds in the 60 this week. Fifteen players in the history of the PGA Championship (1958 to present for stroke-play events) have done so, the last being David Toms, Phil Mickelson and Steve Lowery in 2001 at the Atlanta Athletic Club.

Tiger Woods (1 – Masters Tournament; 2 – U.S. Open, 1 – British Open) and Vijay Singh (T5 – Masters Tournament, T6 – U.S. Open, T5 – British Open) have the opportunity to earn top-10 performances in all four majors in 2005.

BALTUSROL'S NO. 4 – LONG AND TOUGH

Baltusrol Golf Club boasts the longest par-4 on the Tour this year. Measuring 505 yards, the No. 7 hole could be the toughest hole on Tour in 2005. Coming into the week the par-3 14th hole at Harbour Town is the most difficult hole this season (+.496) and was also as the PGA Tour's hardest par-3 since 1983. Below is a list of the toughest holes on the Tour this season and another list of the toughest Par-4s over 490 yards

Taking a Look at Baltusrol GC through three rounds with the toughest holes on TOUR in 2005:

Course	Hole	Par	Yards	Average	Birdies	Pars	Bogeys	other
Baltusrol Golf Club	7	4	504	4.483	28	191	136	36
Harbour Town G.L.	14	3	192	3.496	31	223	93	64
Congressional C.C.	10	4	489	4.460	32	215	165	34
Pinehurst Resort, #2	2	4	469	4.458	26	244	173	33
Waialae CC	1	4	488	4.457	20	234	162	28
Quail Hollow CC	18	4	478	4.445	29	250	140	46
Bay Hill Club & Lodge	18	4	441	4.438	33	213	78	46
Westchester CC	12	4	485	4.436	13	257	161	21
Pinehurst Resort, #2	16	4	492	4.426	22	256	173	25

Toughest Par-4s on the PGA TOUR in 2005 over 490 yards:

Course	Hole	Par	Yards	Average	Birdies	Pars	Bogey	Others
Pinehurst Resort, #2	16	4	492	4.426	22	256	173	25
Augusta National GC	11	4	490	4.367	18	157	96	12
Quail Hollow CC	9	4	491	4.342	24	275	150	16
Redstone GC (Fall Creek)	7	4	498	4.332	38	261	141	24
Augusta National GC	10	4	495	4.314	15	177	81	10

TIGER MAKES HIS MOVE

Tiger Woods fired a 4-under 66 on Saturday at the PGA Championship and moved up the leaderboard 42 spots, from T62 to T20. Below is a list of his worst starts in relation to position and where he managed to finish at the end of the week.

Tournament	Score (Position)	2nd Rd	3rd Rd	final Rd	Finish
2005 PGA Championship	75 (T113)	69	66		
2004 PGA Championship	75 (T104)	69	69	73	T24
2004 PLAYERS Championship	75 (T108)	69	68	73	T16
2001 PGA Championship	73 (T100)	67	69	70	T29
2001 Buick Classic	75 (T118)	66	68	71	T16
1998 Cialis Western Open	76 (T95)	67	69	69	T9
1988 AT&T Pebble Beach Nat'1 Pro-Am	76 (T150) 72 (T143)				WD

HOW VIJAY FARES AFTER 54 HOLES

Vijay Singh has won 11 of his 28 events on the PGA TOUR when trailing after 54 holes.

Year/Tournament	54-hole	Leader Result
1993 Buick Classic	5 back Janzen, Waldorf	Playoff – Wiebe
1995 Phoenix Open	1 back Crenshaw	Playoff – Mayfair
1997 the Memorial Tournament (**)	3 back	Hoch (36-holes) 2 strokes - Furyk
1997 Buick Open	4 back Els	4 strokes – 6 players
1999 Honda Classic	5 back Booker	2 strokes – P. Stewart
2003 Phoenix Open	2 back Frazar	3 strokes – Huston
2003 John Deere Classic	2 back Riley, Lewis	4 strokes – Riley, Byrd, Lewis
2004 HP Classic of New Orleans	4 back Ogilvie	1 stroke-Ogilvie, Mickelson
2004 Bell Canadian Open	3 back Mike Weir	Playoff, 3 holes Weir
2005 Sony Open in Hawaii	4 back Maruyama	1 stroke
2005 Wachovia Championship	6 back Garcia	Playoff, 3 holes Furyk/Garcia

(**)1997 Memorial Tournament was shortened to 54 holes

WHEN TIGER TRAILS

Tiger Woods has won 10 of his 42 stroke-play events on the PGA TOUR when trailing after 54 holes (two wins were WGC-Accenture Match Play Championships).

Year/Tournament	54-hole	Leader Result
1996 Las Vegas Invitational	4 back Black	Playoff over Love
1996 Walt Disney	1 back Clements, Fehr, J. Haas by 1 over Stewart	
1997 Mercedes Championships (**)	4 back	Lehman Playoff over Lehman
1999 WGC-American Express	1 back Jimenez, Parry	Playoff over Jimenez
2000 AT&T Pebble Beach	5 back Brooks, Gogel	by 2 over Gogel, Singh
2001 THE PLAYERS Championship	2 back	Kelly by 1 over Singh
2001 Memorial Tournament	1 back Azinger	by 7 over Azinger, Garcia
2001 WGC-NEC Invitational	2 back Furyk	Playoff over Furyk
2005 Buick Invitational	1 back Donald/Lehman	3 over/Lehman/Donald/Howell
2005 Ford Championship at Doral	2 back Mickelson	1 over Mickelson

(**) 1997 Mercedes Championships was shortened to 54 hole

DIALING 63 AT A MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIP

THOMAS BJORN of Denmark on Saturday became the 20th individual to post a 63, the lowest 18-hole score, in major championship history. Bjorn birdied the 18th hole at Baltusrol Golf Club, which tied the Baltusrol's Lower Course record of 7-under-par 63, shared by Tom Weiskopf and Jack Nicklaus in the 1980 U.S. Open. *Greg Norman and Vijay Singh are the only players to post 63s in more than one major championship.* Johnny Miller (1973 U.S. Open), Raymond Floyd (1982 PGA Championship), Norman (1986 British Open) and Jack Nicklaus (1980 U.S. Open) are the only players to win after recording a 63. The following indicates those players registering a 63 in a major championship:

PGA Championship

Bruce Crampton	1975 (2nd round)
Raymond Floyd	1982 (1st round)
Gary Player	1984 (2nd round)
Vijay Singh	1993 (1st round)
Michael Bradley	1995 (1st round)
Brad Faxon	1995 (4th round)
Jose Maria Olazabal	2000 (3 rd round)
Mark O'Meara	2001 (2 nd round)
Thomas Bjorn	2005 (3 rd round)

The Masters

Nick Price	1986 (3rd round)
Greg Norman	1996 (1st round)

U.S. Open

Johnny Miller	1973 (4th round)
Jack Nicklaus	1980 (1st round)
Tom Weiskopf	1980 (1st round)
Vijay Singh	2003 (2 nd round)

British Open

Mark Hayes	1977 (2nd round)
Isao Aoki	1980 (3rd round)
Greg Norman	1986 (2nd round)
Paul Broadhurst	1990 (3rd round)
Jodie Mudd	1991 (4th round)
Nick Faldo	1993 (2nd round)
Payne Stewart	1993 (4th round)

CHARLES HOLES A HOWELL-ITZER ACE AT NO. 4

Charles Howell III made his first hole-in-one as a PGA Tour professional Saturday in the 87th PGA Championship. Howell used a 7-iron to ace the 193-yard No. 4 hole at Baltusrol Golf Club.

The following are holes-in-one recorded since 1970 at The PGA Championship*

1975 Hale Irwin

1976 Peter Oosterhuis

1977 Tom Nieporte, Bob Zender

1978 Gil Morgan

1979 Frank Connor, Ron Streck

1981 Bob Eastwood

1982 Woody Blackburn, Peter Oosterhuis

1983 Bobby Nichols

1985 Donnie Hammond

1987 Bob Lohr

1988 Paul Azinger, David Edwards, Raymond Floyd, Gene Sauers

1989 Davis Love III, Scott Hoch, Mark O'Meara, Lanny Wadkins

1995 Lee Janzen, Fuzzy Zoeller

1996 George Bowman, Steve Lowery, Vijay Singh

1997 Ernie Els

1999 Mark Brooks

2001 Nick Faldo, Scott Hoch, David Toms

2003 Robert Allenby

2004 Hale Irwin, Robert Gamez

2005 Charles Howell III

(Information incomplete prior to 1970)*

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