

Third Round Notes – May 31, 2008

WEATHER

Weather: 1.75 inches of rain fell on Muirfield Village Golf Club overnight. Weather today – cloudy and breezy with temperatures in the high 70s. W 15-20 gusting to 32 mph.

Play was suspended at 1:39 p.m. due to a dangerous situation. Play resumed at 4:04 p.m. for a total delay of two hours and 25 minutes. Round three was completed at 8:09 PM.

The suspension of play at 1:39 p.m. on Saturday marked the 10th tournament on the 2008 PGA TOUR to experience a delay of play. Seven of the last nine Memorial Tournaments have been marred by suspensions. . In the its 33-year history, there have been delays in 34 out of 131 rounds played.

Scoring Averages:

	Front Nine	Back Nine	Total	Cumulative
Round 1	35.533	37.200	73.733	
Round 2	37.398	38.458	75.856	74.786
Round 3	36.737	37.224	73.961	74.586

LEADERS

Comparing the leaders at Muirfield Village Golf Club:

	Final Rd Scoring			Avg YTD	Misc. info
	Front	Back	Total		
Mathew Goggin	-7	-1	-8	71.64 (83)	Looking for first title – 33 years old
Mike Weir	-7	+2	-5	71.38 (63)	Eight TOUR titles – 38 years old
Justin Rose	-5	E	-5	70.25 (14)	Looking for first title – 27 yrs old
Matt Kuchar	E	-5	-5	71.45 (T69)	Look for second title – 29 yrs old
Kenny Perry	-3	-2	-5	72.42 (129)	Nine TOUR titles – 47 years old
Jerry Kelly	-4	-1	-5	71.17 (T51)	Two TOUR titles – 41 years old

MATHEW GOGGIN

Goggin has held a tournament lead a total of six times in his career, including all three this week at the Memorial Tournament. This is his first 54-hole lead.

With a lead	Score	Next round/position	Eventual finish
2008 Memorial Tournament, rd 3	71 (-8)		
2008 Memorial Tournament, rd 2	137 (-7)	71, 1 st	
2008 Memorial Tournament, rd 1	65 (-7)	72, 1 st	
2008 EDS Byron Nelson Champ., rd 1	67 (-3)	69, 2 nd	T19
2008 Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, rd 1	65 (-7)	73, 21 st	T35
2002 Buick Invitational, rd 1	64(-8)	76, 23 rd	T22

While the tournament has never had a wire-to-wire winner, Goggin becomes only the fourth player in Memorial Tournament history to hold the lead first, second and third rounds, joining:

- 2005, Jeff Sluman, shot 72 on Sunday and finished T3
- 1989, Fuzzy Zoeller, shot 72 on Sunday and finished second
- 1982, Roger Maltbie, shot 74 on Sunday and finished T2

Goggin is making his first start at the Memorial Tournament. No player in the history of this event has won in his first start (other than Roger Maltbie, who won the first Memorial in 1976, of course).

Three players have made the Memorial Tournament their first PGA TOUR victory: Keith Fergus (1981); Kenny Perry (1991); and Tom Lehman (1994).

The third-round leader has gone on to win 15 times in the Memorial Tournament's history: Carl Pettersson (2006); Bart Bryant (2005); Ernie Els (2004); Kenny Perry (2003, 1991); Tiger Woods (2000,

1999); Fred Couples (1998); Tom Watson (1996, 1979); Greg Norman (1995); Tom Lehman (1994); Hal Sutton (1986); Jim Simons (1978); Roger Maltbie (1976).

The second-round leader has gone on to win 11 times in the Memorial Tournament's history: Carl Pettersson (2006); Kenny Perry (2003, 1991); Tiger Woods (2000, 1999); Fred Couples (1998); Tom Lehman (1994); Hale Irwin (1985); Keith Fergus (1981); Tom Watson (1979); Jim Simons (1978).

The only player in the Memorial Tournament's history to lead after the first round and go on to win the event was Ernie Els in 2004 (68-70-66-66=270).

MIKE WEIR

Mike Weir has made eight previous starts at the Memorial Tournament and has two top-5 finishes. He finished fourth in 2000 edition, while in 2003 he posted a third-place finish after closing with a 7-under 65, sharing low round of the day honors with Tiger Woods.

If Weir manages to win on Sunday he will become the winningest Canadian in PGA TOUR history. Currently Weir is tied with George Knudson, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, with eight PGA TOUR titles. Knudson won eight times between 1961 and 1972.

Weir, who posted a bogey-free round on Saturday, shared low third-round honors with his 4-under 68, moving him to T2 heading into the final round. Weir has one top-10 finish for the 2008 season. He finished fourth at the Mercedes-Benz Championship after holding the 36- and 54-hole leads.

Considering his history, Weir is in prime position to win the Memorial Tournament tomorrow. Seven of his eight career victories have come when he was trailing heading into the final round. Come-from-behind wins:

Year	Event	After 54 holes/strokes	Sunday score
2007	Fry's Electronics Open	T2/ one stroke back	68
2003	Masters Tournament	2/ two strokes back	68
2003	Nissan Open	T10/ seven strokes back	66
2003	Bob Hope Chrysler Classic	T4/ four strokes back*	67
2001	THE TOUR Championship	T3/ two strokes back	68
2000	WGC-American Express Champ.	T2/ one stroke back	69
1999	Air Canada Championship	T4/ two strokes back	64

*After 72 holes

JUSTIN ROSE

In three career starts, Justin Rose's best finish at Muirfield Village Golf Club was fourth place in 2004 when he posted four consecutive under-par rounds. That year he shared the 36-hole lead and after 54-holes he was two strokes back of eventual Champion Ernie Els. He posted weekend rounds of 69-71 to finish fourth.

Rose is looking for his first top-10 finish of the 2008 PGA TOUR season. His best finish to date was a T14 at the PODS Championship.

If Rose manages to breakthrough on Sunday and win the Memorial tournament, he would become the first Englishman to win the Memorial Tournament. Rose would also be the youngest winner (at 27 years, 10 months, 1 day old on Sunday) since Tiger Woods won in 2001.

Rose is also trying to join the ever-growing list of PGA TOUR winners in their 20s in 2008. There have already been nine 20-something winners in 22 events this year, compared to seven in all 48 events in 2007. Matt Kuchar could also join this list – he will be 29 years, 11 months and 11 days old on Sunday.

Date	Tournament	Winner	Birthdate	Age at win
1/20	Bob Hope Chrysler Classic	D.J. Trahan	12/18/80	27 years, 1 month, 2 days

2/3	FBR Open	J.B. Holmes	4/26/82	25 years, 9 months, 8 days
3/9	PODS Championship	Sean O'Hair	7/11/82	25 years, 6 months, 28 days
3/30	Zurich Classic of New Orleans	Andres Romero	5/8/81	26 years, 10 months, 22 days
4/6	Shell Houston Open	Johnson Wagner	3/23/80	28 years, 14 days
4/13	Masters Tournament	Trevor Immelman	12/16/79	28 years, 3 months, 28 days
4/27	EDS Byron Nelson Championship	Adam Scott	7/16/80	27 years, 9 months, 11 days
5/4	Wachovia Championship	Anthony Kim	6/19/85	22 years, 10 months, 15 days
5/11	THE PLAYERS Championship	Sergio Garcia	1/9/80	28 years, 4 months, 2 days

Nine times have players in their 20s won the Memorial Tournament: Roger Maltbie (24 in 1976); Jim Simons (28 in 1978); Tom Watson (29 in 1979); Keith Fergus (27 in 1981); Hal Sutton (28 in 1986); Tiger Woods (23 in 1999, 24 in 2000, 25 in 2001); Carl Pettersson (28 in 2006).

MATT KUCHAR

Matt Kuchar is looking for his second PGA TOUR title. His only victory came at the 2002 Honda Classic over six years ago. He won his first title in his 17th career professional start and this week he is making his 143rd start since winning in 2002.

When Kuchar won the 2002 Honda Classic he entered the final round three-strokes back of Mike Weir. He closed with a 6-under 66 at TPC Heron Bay to defeat Brad Faxon and Joey Sindelar by two strokes.

KENNY PERRY

Kenny Perry would be the oldest winner in Memorial Tournament history (47 years, 9 months, 21 days old on Sunday). **Tom Watson currently holds that record at 46 years, 8 months, 28 days.** Perry would also be the oldest winner on TOUR this year – a mark currently held by Steve Lowery, who won the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am at 47 years, 3 months, 29 days.

The winner's check of \$1,080,000 would make Perry the all-time earnings leader for the Memorial Tournament with \$3,091,542.84, moving him past Tiger Woods by \$328,394.84.

JERRY KELLY

Jerry Kelly's best finish in 11 previous starts at the Memorial Tournament is a T9 in 2002.

This T2 is Jerry Kelly's best position in the Memorial Tournament heading into the final round. His previous best position after 54 holes was 14th in 2002 (when he finished T9 after a final-round 68).

Kelly is looking for his third PGA TOUR win. His two other victories – Sony Open in Hawaii and Advil Western Open – both came in 2002.

Kelly will be 41 years, 6 months and 9 days old on Sunday. A win would make him the fifth-oldest champion in Memorial Tournament history.

MISCELLANEOUS

J.B. Holmes has moved up the leaderboard each day to put himself in contention for the Memorial Tournament title. He shot 74 in round one and was T60. He shot 69 in round two to move to T17. He shot 70 today and is T8. If Holmes should go on to win, he would tie the tournament record for highest start – 74 (+2) – by a winner. That record is held by Raymond Floyd, who went 74-69-67-71, to win in 1982.

The biggest come-from-behind win in Memorial Tournament history is five shots, which has happened three times:

- 2007 K.J. Choi was T7 after 54 holes, shot a 65 on Sunday to win by 1
- 2002 Jim Furyk was T10 after 54 holes, shot a 65 on Sunday to win by 2
- 1992 David Edwards was T6 after 54 holes, shot a 67 on Sunday and won in a playoff

Mike Weir, Nick Watney and Stuart Appleby shared low third-round honors at 4-under-par 68. Wier moved to T2, while both Watney and Appleby vaulted from T47 to T15 entering Sunday's final round, eight strokes back of the lead.

Bogey-free rounds - Thursday: Rod Pampling, 67 (-5); Friday: NONE; Saturday: Mike Weir (68), Nick Watney (68).

The par-4 tenth played as the most difficult hole on Saturday with an average of 4.355, giving up only three birdies-Ben Curtis, Nick Watney and Jim Furyk.

Fewest players under par after 54 holes at the Memorial Tournament:

1990	0
1979	1
1976	3
1978	7
1977	9
1989	9
1984	10
1985	13
2008	14
1981	16

Here's how the nine former champions in the field fared have fared through 54 holes:

2007	K.J. Choi	76-74-47—224	T57
2006	Carl Pettersson	68-75-74—217	T18
2005	Bart Bryant	76-74-71—221	T43
2003, 1991	Kenny Perry	66-71-74—211	T2
2002	Jim Furyk	71-74-73—218	T25
1998	Fred Couples	72-71-77—220	T36
1994	Tom Lehman	76-70-72—218	T25
2004	Ernie Els	73-78=151 (+7)	MC
1993	Paul Azinger	80-78=158 (+14)	MC