



2014 The Honda Classic

(The 14th of 41 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Feb. 27 - March 2, 2014 Purse: \$6,000,000 (\$1,080,000/winner)
PGA National (Champion Course) Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,140

Second-Round Notes – Friday, February 28, 2014

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 76. Winds N 10-15 mph.

Preferred lies have been utilized in the first two rounds.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Rory McIlroy	63-66—129 (-11)
Brendon de Jonge	66-64—130 (-10)
Russell Henley	64-68—132 (-8)
Lee Westwood	68-65—133 (-7)
Russell Knox	70-63—133 (-7)

At the 2013 Honda Classic, Luke Guthrie held a one-stroke lead over eventual champion Michael Thompson after the second round.

36-hole Cut

The cut came at even-par 140 with 79 players advancing to the weekend out of 144 professionals.

With more than 78 players making the 36-hole cut, a 54-hole cut will be in effect following the third round to reduce the field to the low 70 players and ties.

Rory McIlroy

One day after Rory McIlroy's 7-under 63 marked his lowest round on TOUR since a 63 at the 2010 Open Championship (R1), he came back a day later with a 66, good for a one-stroke lead over Brendon de Jonge at the midway point of The Honda Classic.

McIlroy's 36-hole total of 129 through the opening two rounds is a new career-low, topping his 130 at the 2012 Deutsche Bank Championship. Here's a look at his best opening 36-hole scores on the PGA TOUR:

129	2014 Honda Classic	TBD
130	2012 Deutsche Bank Championship	Won
131	2011 U.S. Open	Won
132	2012 BMW Championship	Won
133	2012 Honda Classic	Won
133	2012 FedEx St. Jude Classic	T7

McIlroy's 36-hole total of 129 is one shy of Dan Pohl's Honda Classic record set in 1989.

R2 at a glance: 7 of 14 fairways, 11 of 18 greens, 24 putts, 1 of 1 sand saves.

McIlroy has a career-low 49 putts through the first two rounds. His previous-best totals through the first two rounds were 50 putts (2012 Deutsche Bank Championship) and 52 putts (2013 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, 2013 The Barclays, 2012 FedEx St. Jude Classic, 2010 FedEx St. Jude Classic).

During the 2013 PGA TOUR season, McIlroy had just seven made putts over 25 feet. By comparison, he has made four putts in excess of 25 feet so far this week at The Honda Classic (26'10"/R1/#2, 45'6"/R1/#11, 29'4"/R2/#5, 27'4"/R2/#7).

McIlroy has previously held at least a share of the 36-hole lead four times, most recently carrying that lead on to victory at the 2012 Deutsche Bank Championship. He also carried the 36-hole lead to victory at the 2011 U.S. Open, where he won by eight.



Mcllroy is looking for his first win on TOUR since the 2012 BMW Championship.

Mcllroy at The Honda Classic: 2009 (T13), 2010 (T40), 2011 (T70), 2012 (Won), 2013 (WD), 2014 (TBD).

Mcllroy (2012) is the youngest winner in Honda Classic tournament history at 22 years, 10 months.

In 2012 when Mcllroy won The Honda Classic he was just the fourth player to win the event and post four rounds in the 60s (66-67-66-69). The others were Tom Kite (1981), Matt Kuchar (2002) and Camilo Villegas (2010).

International players have dominated The Honda Classic in recent years, with wins by Padraig Harrington (2005), Luke Donald (2006), Ernie Els (2008), Y.E. Yang (2009), Camilo Villegas (2010), Rory Sabbatini (2011) and Rory Mcllroy (2012).

36-hole Leader Statistics

The last second-round leader/co-leader to carry their lead to the winner's circle at The Honda Classic was Camilo Villegas in 2010.

The second-round leader/co-leaders have carried their lead on to victory seven of 13 times during the 2013-14 season, most recently Jimmy Walker at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Brendon de Jonge

With rounds of 66-64, Brendon de Jonge sits just one stroke behind tournament-leader Rory Mcllroy. He is making his seventh start at The Honda Classic, with a T9 in 2010 his best finish. Friday's 64 is de Jonge's best score in 22 rounds at the event, topping a third-round 67 in 2010.

R2 at a glance: 12 of 14 fairways, 14 of 18 greens, 24 putts, 2 of 2 sand saves.

de Jonge, a member of the 2013 President's Cup International team, has six made cuts in nine starts on TOUR this season, with a T16 at The McGladrey Classic his best finish.

Russell Henley

With a 2-under 68 Friday, Russell Henley sits 8-under 132 and three strokes behind Mcllroy.

R2 at a glance: 9 of 14 fairways, 8 of 18 greens, 25 putts, 1 of 2 sand saves.

Henley finished T13 in his first start at The Honda Classic in 2013 with rounds of 68-71-70-70.

Henley is now 6-under in six career rounds on the Bear Trap (Nos. 15-17), the lowest of any player since 2007 on those holes.

Henley is looking for his first top 10 on TOUR since a T6 at the 2013 Memorial Tournament.

Lee Westwood

Lee Westwood's 5-under 65 is his second best score in 22 rounds at The Honda Classic (63/R4/2012).

R2 at a glance: 9 of 14 fairways, 12 of 18 greens, 25 putts, 3 of 4 sand saves.

Westwood (currently T4) is making his sixth start at The Honda Classic, with three top-10 finishes in his last four starts at the event (T9-2013, 4-2012, T9-2010).

Westwood is making his sixth start of the 2013-14 season, with a T20 at the Northern Trust Open his best outing.

Tiger Woods

Tiger Woods was in and out of the cut line throughout the day Friday, but a birdie on the par-4 13th hole and five ensuing pars led to a weekend appearance for the 79-time PGA TOUR winner. Woods has just nine missed cuts in 297 starts as a professional on the PGA TOUR, with his last coming at the 2012 Greenbrier Classic.



Woods missed cuts on the PGA TOUR (297 professional starts)

- 1997 Canadian Open
- 2005 HP Byron Nelson Championship
- 2005 Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Classic
- 2006 U.S. Open
- 2009 British Open
- 2010 Wells Fargo Championship
- 2011 PGA Championship
- 2012 Wells Fargo Championship
- 2012 The Greenbrier Classic

Had Woods missed the cut, it would have marked just the second time that he and Phil Mickelson missed the cut in the same week as professionals on the PGA TOUR (2012 Greenbrier Classic). They also missed the cut at the 1993 HP Byron Nelson Championship, with Woods competing as an amateur.

Woods previous three starts at The Honda Classic: MC (1993/amateur), T2 (2012), T37 (2013).

Miscellaneous Notes

Seven of the world's top-10 ranked players are competing at this year's Honda Classic:

Player	OWGR	2013 FEC Standing	Current 2014 FEC Standings	R2 Honda Position
Tiger Woods	1	2	225	T66
Adam Scott	2	4	101	T23
Henrik Stenson	3	1	144	MC
Phil Mickelson	5	9	83	MC
Zach Johnson	7	5	8	T23
Rory McIlroy	8	50	104	1
Sergio Garcia	9	22	56	T66

The week of The Honda Classic offers the final opportunity to qualify for the following week's World Golf Championships event, the Cadillac Championship down the road at Trump National Doral. Players not previously eligible can qualify by being inside the top 50 in the Official World Golf Ranking (players inside the top 50 in the OWGR as of 2/24/14 cannot drop out) or the top 10 or the FedExCup standings following The Honda Classic.

Phil Mickelson missed the cut for the second time in four starts at The Honda Classic (MC-1995, T27-2001, T11-2002, MC-2014). It is his first missed cut on TOUR since the 2013 Greenbrier Classic. Mickelson was seeking his fourth victory in the state of Florida (1997 Bay Hill Invitational; 2007 PLAYERS Championship; 2009 WGC-Cadillac Championship).

Adam Scott, at 3-under 137, earns his 29th consecutive made cut on the PGA TOUR, moving out of a tie with Jason Day for the best current streak on TOUR.

Twelve players have made The Honda Classic their first career TOUR title. Since 2000, five players have achieved the feat; Matt Kuchar (2002), Pdraig Harrington (2005), Mark Wilson (2007), Y.E. Yang (2009) and Michael Thompson (2013).

Since 1980, only four players have won The Honda Classic in their first attempt; Tim Herron (1996), Matt Kuchar (2002), Todd Hamilton (2004) and Pdraig Harrington (2005). Mark Wilson (2005) and Michael Thompson (2013) are the only United States natives to win since 2005.

Five of the last six winners of The Honda Classic have finished the season of their win inside the top 30 in FedExCup standings (Michael Thompson finished No. 66 in 2013).

Scoring Averages at the par-70 PGA National:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Thursday	35.028	35.229	70.257	---
Friday	34.908	35.289	70.197	70.227



Morning scoring average: R1: 70.25; R2: 69.27
Afternoon scoring average: R1: 70.26; R2: 71.13

The par-4 6th hole played the toughest for the second-consecutive day, yielding a 4.317 average. The par-5 18th hole was the easiest at 4.514.

The "Bear Trap" averages:

R1: No. 15 (3.069/8th toughest), No. 16 (4.111/7th toughest) and No. 17 (3.063/9th toughest).

R2: No. 15 (3.063/9th toughest), No. 16 (4.141/5th toughest) and No. 17 (3.211/3rd toughest).

Bogey-free Rounds:

R1: Rory McIlroy (63), Russell Henley (64), William McGirt (65), Thomas Bjorn (69).

R2: Russell Knox (63), John Senden (63), Jason Allred (66), Billy Hurley III (67), Patrick Reed (67), Brian Stuard (68), Will MacKenzie (68).

Hideki Matsuyama withdrew prior to the second round with a wrist injury.

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