



2014 The Honda Classic

(The 15th 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**

FINAL-Round Notes – Sunday, March 2, 2014

Weather: Mostly sunny and breezy, with a high of 80 degrees. Winds ESE 10-15 mph.

Final-Round Leaderboard

Russell Henley	64-68-68-72—272 (-8)*
Ryan Palmer	68-66-69-69—272 (-8)
Russell Knox	70-63-68-71—272 (-8)
Rory McIlroy	63-66-69-74—272 (-8)
Billy Hurley III	70-67-67-69—273 (-7)

*won with a birdie-4 on the first extra hole

Russell Henley wins in Playoff over Ryan Palmer, Russell Knox, Rory McIlroy

Russell Henley, who entered the final round trailing Rory McIlroy by two strokes, carded a 2-over 72 and then birdied the first playoff hole (par-5, No. 18) to defeat Ryan Palmer, Russell Knox and Rory McIlroy to win the 2014 Honda Classic.

Playoff records: Russell Henley (1-0), Ryan Palmer (0-2), Russell Knox (0-1), Rory McIlroy (0-2)

Prior to Sunday, the last four-man playoff on the PGA TOUR came at the 2012 Valspar Championship, with Luke Donald outlasting Sang-Moon Bae, Jim Furyk and Robert Garrigus.

Sunday's playoff is the second of the season, with Ryan Moore defeating Gary Woodland on the first extra hole at the CIMB Classic.

The Honda Classic has now had seven playoffs, with Sunday's the first since Mark Wilson defeated Jose Coceres, Boo Weekley and Camilo Villegas in 2007.

Russell Henley

Henley's second PGA TOUR victory comes in his 36th career start on the PGA TOUR at the age of 24 years, 10 months and 18 days.

Henley collects 500 points and moves from No. 142 to No. 16 in the FedExCup standings.

Henley is projected to move to No. 46 in the Official World Golf Ranking, with Sunday's victory qualifying him for next week's WGC-Cadillac Championship, as well as the Masters Tournament, WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, PGA Championship and the WGC-HSBC Champions.

Henley is one of four players under 25 with multiple wins -- Rory McIlroy (6), Henley (2), Patrick Reed (2), Harris English (2).

Henley wins in his 10th start of the season, with a 27th-place finish at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions his previous-best finish. He entered the week having missed the cut in three of his last four starts.

As a rookie last year, Henley won in his first professional start on the PGA TOUR at the Sony Open in Hawaii.

Henley's win is just the third by an American in the last 10 years of The Honda Classic (Mark Wilson-2007, Michael Thompson-2013). Americans won the first 21 Honda Classic title, with internationals winning 11 of the last 21.

Henley's win is the 14th out of 15 by an American on the PGA TOUR this season, with Jason Day's win at the WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship the only exception.



R4 at a glance: 11 of 14 fairways, 11 of 18 greens, 29 putts, 2 of 2 sand saves.

Henley records his first top-10 finish since a T6 at the 2013 Memorial Tournament.

Henley made his second start this week at The Honda Classic (T13-2013, Won-2014).

Eight of the 13 winners (15 overall wins) during the 2013-14 PGA TOUR Season have been under the age of 30: Webb Simpson/Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, Chris Kirk/The McGladrey Classic, Dustin Johnson/WGC-HSBC Champions, Harris English/ OHL Classic at Mayakoba, Patrick Reed/Humana Challenge, Scott Stallings/Farmers Insurance Open, Jason Day/WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship, Russell Henley/The Honda Classic.

Henley joins Ernie Els (2008) as the only come-from-behind winners since The Honda Classic moved to PGA National in 2007.

Henley records the eighth come-from-behind win in 14 stroke-play events this season.

Henley's success this week came primarily on the back nine, playing that nine in 8-under, equaling the record at PGA National for most under par on the back nine (Rory McIlroy-2012).

Russell Henley's Statistics for the Week:

Fairways Hit	34 of 56	T33
Driving Distance	298.0 yards	10
Greens in Regulation	47 of 72	T26
Total Putts	110	T15
Strokes Gained – Putting	+0.403/round	31

About Russell Henley

Birthdate: April 12, 1989

Birthplace: Macon, Ga.

Residence: Daniel Island, S.C.

Family: Single

Height/Weight: 6-0, 180

Turned Pro: 2011

Joined TOUR: 2013

Web.com Tour Graduate: 2012

Rory McIlroy

In his attempt to become just the second wire-to-wire winner of The Honda Classic (Tim Herron, 1996), Rory McIlroy carded a 4-over 74 and then fell in a playoff to Russell Henley on the first extra hole.

McIlroy was seeking his seventh PGA TOUR victory, with his last coming at the 2012 BMW Championship.

McIlroy (2012) was seeking to join Jack Nicklaus, Johnny Miller and Mark Calcavecchia as multiple winners of The Honda Classic.

McIlroy records his second top-10 finish in three starts this season, with previous finishes coming at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions (T6) and WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship (T17).

During the 2013 PGA TOUR season, McIlroy made just seven putts from outside 25 feet. By comparison, he made four putts in excess of 25 feet this week (26'10"/R1/#2, 45'6"/R1/#11, 29'4"/R2/#5, 27'4"/R2/#7).

R4 at a glance: 9 of 14 fairways, 10 of 18 greens, 30 putts, 1 of 4 sand saves.

McIlroy at The Honda Classic: 2009 (T13), 2010 (T40), 2011 (T70), 2012 (Won), 2013 (WD), 2014 (P2).



Heading into the final round, some of McIlroy's success at The Honda Classic could be attributed to his success in the sand. He entered the day with a streak of nine consecutive sand saves at the event, beginning on the 13th hole of the third round in 2012. On Sunday, however, he was just 1 of 4 from the sand.

Tiger Woods

Tiger Woods struggled to a 5-over 40 on the opening-nine holes Sunday at PGA National and then withdrew following the 13th hole with a back injury. He was 5-over on his round at the time and even-par for the tournament. It marks the sixth time Woods has withdrawn from a PGA TOUR event in 297 professional starts.

Woods at The Honda Classic: MC (1993/amateur), T2 (2012), T37 (2013), WD (2014).

Additional Player Notes

Jacksonville Beach resident Russell Knox, in his bid to become the first Scottish player to win The Honda Classic, carded a final-round 1-over 71 to advance into Sunday's playoff. Along with Rory McIlroy and Ryan Palmer, he was eliminated on the first extra hole when Russell Henley posted a birdie. The runner-up finish for Knox is a career-best on the PGA TOUR (45 starts), besting top-10 finishes at the 2012 Frys.com Open (T9), 2012 Children's Miracle Network Classic (T9) and 2014 Farmers Insurance Open (T10).

Ryan Palmer, a three-time winner on the PGA TOUR, finished runner-up this week for the seventh time in his career. He also finished runner-up this year at the Humana Challenge. Palmer was the only player in the field with all four rounds in the 60s.

This week marked Ryan Palmer's eighth start at The Honda Classic, with a T26 in 2012 his previous-best finish (T30-2004, T34-2005, MC-2007, T52-2009, MC-2010, T26-2012, T41-2013, P2-2014).

Billy Hurley III posted four rounds at par-or-better this week en route to a fifth-place finish, his second top-10 finish of the season (T9-Frys.com Open). He missed the cut with matching rounds of 3-over 73 in his only other Honda Classic start (2012). Hurley's best finish in 46 TOUR starts is T4 at the 2012 AT&T National.

After missing the cut in his first two appearances at The Honda Classic (2012, 2013), David Hearn posted rounds of 67-70-70-67 to finish T6. It is his first top-10 finish since a playoff loss at the 2013 John Deere Classic.

Will MacKenzie's T6 finish is his third top-10 finish in 10 starts this season, equaling his career-high (2007). He missed the cut at The Honda Classic in his inaugural appearance in 2006, but has not missed a cut since the event moved to PGA National in 2007 (T22-2007, T65-2008, T5-2009, T12-2010, T6-2014).

Sergio Garcia finished T8 for his fourth finish inside the top 11 in as many starts this season: T11-CIMB Classic, 4-WGC-HSBC Champions, T9-WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship, T8-The Honda Classic.

David Lingmerth, a runner-up at the 2013 PLAYERS Championship, finished T8 for his first top 10 since a T9 at the 2013 Greenbrier Classic.

2006 Honda Classic champion Luke Donald (T8) recorded his fourth top-10 finish in his last five starts at The Honda Classic (Won-2006, T46-2007, 2-2008, T10-2011, T8-2014).

Stuart Appleby birdied the final hole to finish T8, his best finish since winning the 2010 Greenbrier Classic.

Miscellaneous Notes

Seven of the world's top-10 ranked players entering the week competed at this year's Honda Classic:

Player	Honda Classic	OWGR (entering week)
Tiger Woods	WD	1
Adam Scott	T12	2
Henrik Stenson	MC	3
Phil Mickelson	MC	5
Zach Johnson	T33	7
Rory McIlroy	P2	8
Sergio Garcia	T8	9



In tournament history, only one winner has come from outside the top 10 on the final day to win. In 2005, Padraig Harrington was T21 after three rounds, seven strokes off the lead, and carded a final-round 63 to eventually win in a playoff over Joe Ogilvie and Vijay Singh.

Defending champions have missed the cut (MC and MDF) in five of the last six stroke-play events on the PGA TOUR. Phil Mickelson's T42 at the Waste Management Phoenix Open is the exception:

Brian Gay	MC	Humana Challenge
Tiger Woods	MDF	Farmers Insurance Open
Phil Mickelson	T42	Waste Management Phoenix Open
Brandt Snedeker	MC	AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am
John Merrick	MC	Northern Trust Open
Michael Thompson	MC	The Honda Classic

Scoring Averages at the par-70 PGA National:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.028	35.229	70.257	---
R2:	34.908	35.289	70.197	70.227
R3:	34.722	35.127	69.848	70.145
R4:	35.435	36.362	71.797	70.408

The par-4 sixth hole played the toughest this week, yielding a 4.442 average. The par-5 third hole was the easiest at 4.486.

Cumulative "Bear Trap" averages:

No. 15 (3.104/7th toughest), No. 16 (4.129/5th toughest) and No. 17 (3.171/4th toughest).

How the Leaders played The Bear Trap this week:

Name	No. 15	No. 16	No. 17	Total
Rory McIlroy	even	even	even	even
Ryan Palmer	even	+3	-1	+2
Russell Knox	-1	-1	-1	-3
Russell Henley	+2	-1	-1	even

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).

R3: Stuart Appleby (65), Luke Guthrie (65), Keegan Bradley (66), Nicholas Thompson (66), Cameron Tringale (66), Luke Donald (68).

R4: None

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