



**2014 Valspar Championship** (*The 18<sup>th</sup> of 41 events in the PGA TOUR Season*)

Tampa Bay, Fla.March 10-16, 2014Innisbrook Resort & GC (Copperhead Course)

Purse: \$5,700,000 (winner: \$1,026,000) Par/Yards: 36-35 - 71/7,340

# Third-Round Notes – Saturday, March 15, 2014

Weather: Mostly sunny with an afternoon high of 78 degrees. Winds SE/SW 7-15 mph.

54-hole cut: 72 players at 5-over 218

### Third-Round Leaderboard

Robert Garrigus	69-66-70—205 (-8)
Kevin Na	70-68-68-206 (-7)
John Senden	72-71-64-207 (-6)
Justin Rose	71-68-69-208 (-5)

#### **Robert Garrigus**

At 9-under through three rounds, Robbert Garrigus is 10-under on the par fives this week.

Garrigus is taking a lead/co-lead into the final round for the fourth time on the PGA TOUR. Of his previous three, each resulted in a second-place finish or share of it.

Making his 11<sup>th</sup> start of the 2013-'14 PGA TOUR season, Garrigus is looking for his first top-10 finish since a T5 at last year's World Golf Championships-Accenture Match Play Championship. Garrigus has collected four top-25 finishes this year, with a T12 in the season's first event, the Frys.com Open, his best showing.

Garrigus is in search of his second career PGA TOUR victory this week, having first won the 2010 Children's Miracle Network Classic in nearby Orlando, Fla.

Garrigus is making his seventh start in the Valspar Championship, where he finished P2 in 2012 with Jim Furyk and Sang-Moon Bae after Luke Donald made birdie on the first hole of sudden death.

## **Third-Round Lead Notes**

The highest 54-hole score to lead at the Valspar Championship is 5-under 208, held by Stewart Cink in 2008. Cink went on to finish T2 that year. The lowest 54-hole lead belongs to KJ Choi, who led by five strokes at 14-under 199 in 2002 and went on to win.

The third-round leader of the Valspar Championship has gone on to win eight times in the previous 14 events, most recently being Kevin Streelman last year.

On eight of 16 occasions this season a third-round leader/co-leader has emerged victorious. Chesson Hadley most recently achieved the feat at last week's Puerto Rico Open.

### **Kevin Na**

The only player that was bogey-free through 36 holes, Kevin Na's only bogey through 54 holes came at the par-4 10<sup>th</sup>.

Due to his pace of play, Na received a bad time on the 13<sup>th</sup> tee, the equivalent of a warning. Had he received a second bad time, it would have resulted in a 1-stroke penalty.

Na is making his 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive appearance in this week's Valspar Championship, with a T8 in 2009 his best finish. Through 10 events this season so far, Na has already amassed three top-10 finishes. In the season's first event, the Frys.com Open, he finished T3. In his first start of the calendar year, he finished T8 at the Sony Open in Hawaii, and followed that with T4 honors three starts later at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Na is making his 255<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR start this week, and searching for his second TOUR title (2011 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open).

## John Senden

With his bogey-free, 7-under 64, John Senden tied the low round of the week through three rounds.

Statistically, Senden had has best day of the week so far in the third round. In rounds one and two, he hit seven and eight greens in regulation, respectively. In round three, he hit 10. Into the greens, he hit 13/18 in rounds one and two, but improved to 16/18 on Saturday.

Senden is making his 11<sup>th</sup> appearance in the Valspar Championship, and 10<sup>th</sup> straight. His best finishes are a pair of T2s in 2007 and 2008. He missed last year's cut, following rounds of 71-75.

Senden is making his 10<sup>th</sup> start of the 2013-'14 PGA TOUR Season, with his one top-10 finish being a T4 at The McGladrey Classic.

Senden is making his 345<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR start this week, and remains in search of his second TOUR title (2006 John Deere Classic).

## **Justin Rose**

Just two weeks after withdrawing from The Honda Classic to continue rehab on the tendinitis in his right shoulder, Rose posted a 2-under 69 in round three to find himself just three strokes back. Rose is coming off a T34 from last week's World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship.

Rose is making his eighth start in the Valspar Championship, having never finished outside the top 30. His best of seven previous showings is T5 in 2011, despite a final-round, 3-over 74.

This week's Valspar Championship is Rose's fourth stroke-play start of the 2013-'14 PGA TOUR season. His best among them is fifth place at the WGC-HSBC Champions.

Rose, the reigning U.S. Open champion, is here this week in search of his sixth career PGA TOUR win.

#### **Retief Goosen**

After opening rounds of 72-73 to make the cut on the number (3-over 145), 2003, 2009 Valspar Championship winner Retief Goosen posted a bogey-free, 7-under 64 in the second group off in round three. The 64 is his best score on the PGA TOUR since a third-round 63 at the 2012 RBC Canadian Open.

The lowest third-round score in this event belongs to Mark Calcavecchia who, after opening with rounds of 75-67 in 2007, fired a 9-under 62 in round three. Calcavecchia went on to win by one.

Goosen will begin the final round at 4-under 209, four strokes back. He began 2009's final round one-stroke back before a final-round, 1-under 70 resulted in a one-stroke victory.

Goosen has birdied just one of 12 par fives this week (No. 14/R2).

Goosen is making his 10<sup>th</sup> start of the 2013-'14 PGA TOUR Season this week, with his lone top-10 finish being a T8 at the Sony Open in Hawaii.

Goosen, a seven-time winner on the PGA TOUR, is in search of his first since winning the 2009 Valspar Championship.

#### Miscellaneous Notes:

Ten of the 11 different past champions are in the field this week: Kevin Streelman/2013 (T24), Luke Donald/2012 (T8), Gary Woodland/2011 (T24), Jim Furyk/2010 (T11), Retief Goosen/2009, 2003 (T5), Sean O'Hair/2008 (T70), Mark Calcavecchia/2007 (T65), K.J. Choi/2006, 2002 (T24), Carl Pettersson/2005 (T19) and Vijay Singh/2004 (MC).

The oldest winner of the Valspar Championship and oldest player in this week's field at 53, Mark Calcavecchia is T65 following rounds of 73-71-73—217 (+4)

Bogey-free rounds (par-71): R1 – Kevin Na (70) R2 – Kevin Na (68), Morgan Hoffmann (69) R3 – John Senden (64), Retief Goosen (64), Charley Hoffman (67), Luke Donald (67), George McNeill (67) Scoring Averages at the par-71 Copperhead Course:

-	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1	37.076	35.569	72.646	
R2	36.601	35.993	72.594	72.620
R3	36.298	35.012	71.310	72.323

The par-5 14<sup>th</sup> hole was the easiest in round three with an average of 4.643. The toughest hole was the par-4 3<sup>rd</sup> hole, which played to an average of 4.298.