



2014 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions
(The 5th of 43 events in the 2014-2015 PGA TOUR Season)

Shanghai, China November 3-9, 2014 FedExCup Points: 550 (winner) Purse: \$8,500,000
Sheshan International Golf Club Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,266

Second-Round Notes – Friday, November 07, 2014

First-Round Leaderboard

Player	Score
Graeme McDowell	67-67—134 (-10)
Ian Poulter	70-67—137 (-7)
Bubba Watson	71-67—138 (-6)
Hiroshi Iwata	73-65—138 (-6)
Tim Clark	69-70—139 (-5)
Kevin Na	71-68—139 (-5)
Jonas Blixt	71-68—139 (-5)
Rickie Fowler	69-70—139 (-5)

Graeme McDowell

Northern Ireland's Graeme McDowell shot a bogey-free second-round 67 to take a three-stroke lead through 36 holes at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions in Shanghai, China. It marks the second time in McDowell's career that he leads a PGA TOUR event through two rounds with the other 36-hole lead taking place during his victory at the 2010 U.S. Open.

McDowell's 134 total is one shot higher than his career-best 36-hole total on the PGA TOUR.

McDowell has recorded four consecutive top-10 finishes in World Golf Championships events including a 3rd at last year's HSBC Champions with a 268 20-under-par total for the week.

Last season McDowell missed just one cut and recorded a career-best eight top-10s in 17 starts and finished 56th in the final FedExCup standings. His last PGA TOUR victory came at the 2013 RBC Heritage in a playoff over Webb Simpson.

McDowell's lone professional victory in Asia came at in 2008 at The Championship at Laguna National previously known as the Ballatine Championship on the European Tour at Pinx Golf Club on the island of Jeju in South Korea.

Despite being one of the top players in the world, McDowell has never reached the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola on the PGA TOUR with his highest finish in the FedExCup coming in 2012 at No. 42.

Ian Poulter

2012 HSBC Champions winner Ian Poulter, who is alone in second at 7-under-par, three shots behind Graeme McDowell, is one of three past HSBC Champions are in the field: Sergio Garcia (2008), Martin Kaymer (2011).

At the 2012 HSBC Champions (played at Mission Hills), Ian Poulter entered the day four shots behind 54-hole leaders Lee Westwood and Louis Oosthuizen. Poulter carded a final-round 65 to defeat Jason Dufner, Ernie Els, Phil Mickelson and Scott Piercy by two strokes and win his second career World Golf Championships title.

Poulter became only the second player to record his first two PGA TOUR wins at World Golf Championships events, joining Darren Clarke (2000 Accenture Match Play Championship; 2003 Bridgestone Invitational).

Poulter's 21-under-par total set the new tournament low score in relation to par at the time only to be bested last year by Dustin Johnson's 24-under-par.

World Golf Championships record—low totals

Year	Tournament	Score	Winner	Course
2002	Cadillac Championship	-25	Tiger Woods	Mount Juliet Conrad
2014	HSBC Champions	-24	Dustin Johnson	Sheshan International GC
2006	Cadillac Championship	-23	Tiger Woods	The Grove
2000	Bridgestone Invitational	-21	Tiger Woods	Firestone Golf Club
2012	HSBC Champions	-21	Ian Poulter	Mission Hills – Olazabal Course

With two World Golf Championships titles, Poulter became the seventh player with multiple World Golf Championships victories, joining: Tiger Woods (18), Geoff Ogilvy (3), Darren Clarke (2), Ernie Els (2), Phil Mickelson (2), Hunter Mahan (2). Poulter is the only Englishman on that list.

Bubba Watson

Bubba Watson ended his second round with five consecutive birdies to finish at 6-under-par for the tournament and four strokes off the lead and is tied for 3rd. The five straight birdies are the most consecutive birdies during any round of Bubba Watson's PGA TOUR career.

Watson was tied for second after 36 holes at last year's World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions. He finished the event T8. The two-time Masters champion's best finish at a World Golf Championships event is runner-up which he finished at the Cadillac Championship in 2012 and last year.

Watson enjoyed his most successful season on the PGA TOUR last season as his two victories and career-high eight top-10 finishes helped him finish a career-best 5th in the FedExCup standings.

Hiroshi Iwata

Playing in the fourth PGA TOUR event of his career, Japan's Hiroshi Iwata is tied for third at 6-under-par after shooting the round of the day with a 7-under-par 65. Iwata has played in the Open Championship twice (2008, 2014), and the Sony Open in Hawaii in 2009. He missed the cut in all three previous attempts on the PGA TOUR.

Iwata, 33, won for the first time on the Japan Golf Tour at the Fujisankei Classic.

Iwata is one of seven players making their World Golf Championships debut this week. Aside from Jeff Maggert, who won the very first World Golf Championships at the 1999 Accenture Match Play Championship, no player has won a World Golf Championships in his first start in the series.

Player	Standing
Felipe Aguilar	T64
Hiroshi Iwata	T3
Jason Knutsn	71
Anirban Lahiri	T27
Antonio Lascuna	T74
Brody Ninyette	78
Marc Warren	T49

No player from Japan has ever won a World Golf Champions event.

Miscellaneous Notes

A week after strong performances, Kevin Na (-5/T5) and Thorbjorn Olesen (-5/T9) finished the first 36-holes in the top 10. Na finished second to Ryan Moore at the PGA TOUR's CIMB Cissi while Thorbjorn Olesen won the European Tour event in Australia.

Rickie Fowler, Jonas Blixt and Tim Clark join Kevin Na at 5-under-par. Fowler shot a bogey-free round as he looks to continue his strong play in some of golf's biggest events. Fowler finished in the top 5 in all four major championships in 2014 and finished in the top 10 in two of the three World Golf Championships events in 2014.

Kevin Stadler (wrist) Graham DeLaet (back) withdrew during the first round. Victor Dubuisson withdrew in the second round due to lower back injury.

Six players representing China are in the field:

Player	Place
Zhang Lianwei	T59
Ashun Wu	T27
Hao-tong Li	T49
Wen-chong Liang	T59

Ze-cheng Dou
Mu Hu

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Quick review of tournament history:

- The HSBC Champions was created in November 2005 and became an official European Tour and Asian Tour event beginning in 2006. Event champions during that timeframe: 2005 – David Howell; 2006 – Y.E. Yang; 2007 – Phil Mickelson; 2008 – Sergio Garcia.
- In 2009, the HSBC Champions was granted World Golf Championships status but was an unofficial event on the PGA TOUR. Phil Mickelson’s win in 2009 is not considered an official PGA TOUR victory.
- Beginning in 2010, the HSBC Champions counted as an official PGA TOUR victory and offered a three-year exemption on the PGA TOUR—provided the tournament was won by a PGA TOUR member. Prize money, however, did not count toward the official PGA TOUR money list, even in a PGA TOUR member won the tournament. Tournament winners during this timeframe include: 2010 Francesco Molinari (unofficial PGA TOUR win); 2011 – Martin Kaymer (unofficial PGA TOUR win); 2012 – Ian Poulter (official PGA TOUR win).
- On the final day of the 2012 event, HSBC announced renewal of its title sponsorship through 2015, along with the announcement that the event would become a part of the PGA TOUR’s FedExCup. Dustin Johnson became the first champion to be awarded official money, FedExCup points (550), and a three-year exemption for his victory in 2013.

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