



2015 THE GREENBRIER CLASSIC

(The 34th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

White Sulphur Springs, WV
The Old White TPC

July 2-5, 2015
Par/Yards: 34-36—70/7,287

FedExCup Pts: 500 to the winner
Purse: \$6,700,000 (\$1,206,000)

Second-Round Notes – Friday, July 3, 2015

Weather: Steady showers with periods of heavy rain in the morning followed by cloudy skies in the afternoon. High of 73. Winds variable 4-8 mph.

The second round was suspended at 10:04 a.m. due to heavy rains and resumed at 10:22. Afternoon tee times were pushed back 30 minutes.

Second-Round leaderboard

Jhonattan Vegas 66-65—131 (-9)

Jonathan Byrd 62-69—131 (-9)

7 players are tied at T3 (-8)

CUT: 77 professionals and one amateur at 2-under 138 from a field of 154 professionals and two amateurs.

The 138 cut ties (2010) the lowest in tournament history.

Out of the 20 rounds played by the previous five champions of The Greenbrier, the only player with a round in the 70s is Scott Stallings in round one (70) in 2011. Only four players out of the top 39 players (T26, 5-under and better) on the leaderboard have a round in the 70s.

Jhonattan Vegas

Vegas, who turned in a bogey-free 65 in round two today, missed the cut in his two previous starts at The Greenbrier in 2012 and 2014.

Vegas hit all 18 Greens in Regulation in round two and leads the field in that category this week (33/36).

Vegas has converted one of two previous second-round leads/co-leads on TOUR. He won the 2011 CareerBuilder Challenge and finished T5 at the 2011 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

Vegas missed the cut in all three of his TOUR starts during the 2013 season, before missing the remainder of the season with a left-shoulder injury. He had surgery in South Carolina in March of 2013 and missed the next six months.

Vegas won in his second career start as a member of the TOUR in 2011 as a rookie at the CareerBuilder Challenge in Palm Springs.

Vegas has made 15 of 22 cuts on TOUR this season, but has recorded only one top-25 finish. He is No. 147 in the current FedExCup standings.

Scott Langley

Langley is making his 22nd start of the season, with a T17 in the season-opening Frys.com Open his best outing. His other two top 25s include a T22 at the Northern Trust Open and T25 at last week's Travelers Championship.

Langley is making his third start at The Greenbrier Classic, missing the cut in 2013 and posting rounds of 68-71-67-69 to finish T25 a year ago.

Langley's best finishes in 82 PGA TOUR starts is a T3 at the 2013 Sony Open in Hawaii and third-place finish at the 2014 Valspar Championship.

Langley is 0-2 when holding the second-round lead/co-lead on TOUR. He finished T11 at the 2014 Travelers Championship and T12 at the 2014 Wyndham Championship.

Langley is T2 in Greens in Regulation at 32/36.

David Hearn

Hearn is among a group of seven players at 8-under (T3) entering the weekend.

Hearn is looking to become the second Canadian to win on TOUR this season (Nick Taylor/Sanderson Farms Championship). Prior to Taylor's win the last Canadian-born player to win on TOUR was Mike Weir at the 2007 Frys.com Open. Stephen Ames (2009 Children's Miracle Network Classic) was the last Canadian player to win on TOUR.

Weir won his first event in 1999, making him the first Canadian-born player to win on TOUR since Richard Zokol won the 1992 Greater Milwaukee Open.

Canadian players to win on TOUR include: Nick Taylor, Mike Weir, Stephen Ames (Trinidad-born), George Knudson, Al Balding (first Canadian to win on the PGA TOUR), Stan Leonard, Dave Barr, Dan Halldorson and Richard Zokol.

Hearn is looking for his first win in his 164th start on TOUR. His best finish is a playoff loss to Jordan Spieth at the 2013 John Deere Classic.

Hearn has made 14 of 23 cuts on TOUR this season. He sits No. 88 on the FedExCup standings.

Hearn at The Greenbrier: 2011/T18, 2012/T12, 2013/MC and 2014/T64.

Jonathan Byrd

Byrd shot opening rounds of 63-69 to stand T3 at 8-under entering the weekend.

Byrd has missed three cuts at The Greenbrier Classic (2011, 2013, 2014), along with a T21 in 2010 and T22 in 2012. Byrd is seeking his first top 10 since a T3 at the 2014 Barracuda Championship.

Byrd has now made nine of 17 cuts on TOUR this season. He stands at No. 166 in the FedExCup standings.

Byrd has five wins on TOUR: 2002 Buick Challenge, 2004 B.C. Open, 2007 John Deere Classic, 2010 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open and 2011 Hyundai Tournament of Champions.

Byrd missed the first three months of the 2013 season after having left-wrist surgery. He continues to work his way back after that injury. From 2002-2012, Byrd did not finish outside of the top 125 on the money list. The last two seasons he finished 146 (2013) and 133 (2014) on the money list.

Greg Owen

Owen is 8-under (T3) after rounds of 65-67.

After only playing in eight events on TOUR in 2014, Owen earned his card back by finishing 21st on 2014 Web.com Tour priority list.

Owen made his seventh cut in 15 starts on TOUR this season.

In 215 career starts on TOUR coming into this week, Owen is looking for his first win. He has 11 career top 10s with two runner-up finishes (2-2015 FedEx St. Jude Classic and 2-2006 Arnold Palmer Invitational).

A native of England, Owen has made seven career starts in the Open Championship. His start at the Open Championship was in 2012.

Second-Round Lead Statistics

Through 36 holes in 2014, Billy Hurley III posted 131 (-9) and held a one-stroke advantage over two players heading into the third-round, he posted 67-73 on the weekend and finished T4. The 36-hole leader the last four years has been 9-under (2012-Webb Simpson, 2013-Matt Every, 2014-Billy Hurley III and 2015-Jhonattan Vegas and Scott Langley).

No 36-hole leader has gone on to win The Greenbrier Classic in its brief five year history. Inaugural winner Stuart Appleby was T18 and eight back after the second round in 2010. Most recently 2014 champion Angel Cabrera was five-strokes off the lead heading into the weekend.

The second-round leader/co-leader has held on for victory nine times in 32 stroke-play events so far this season, the most recent being Bubba Watson last week at the Travelers Championship.

The distance between the leader and the 36-hole cut is seven shots. It ties the smallest difference between the leader and the 36-hole cut on TOUR this season at the Valspar Championship and Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

The five previous winners of The Greenbrier have come-from-behind an average of 4.4 shots.

Tiger Woods

In his second start at The Greenbrier Classic (MC in 2012 with rounds of 71-69), Tiger Woods made his fourth cut in seven starts of the season. He has rounds of 66-69—135 (-5).

Woods' opening 36-hole score of 135 is his best on TOUR since opening with a 135 at the 2013 Deutsche Bank Championship. Woods is looking for his first top 10 on TOUR since a T2 at the 2013 Barclays.

Woods is making his first start since missing the cut at the U.S. Open at Chambers Bay, which marked just his 13th missed cut in 308 professional starts on the PGA TOUR (one of which came at the 2012 Greenbrier).

Open Championship Qualifying Series (OQS)

The Open Qualifying Series (OQS) is an international qualifying series involving events on the world's leading golf tours. Now in its second year, the OQS will play in integral role in determining the field for the Open Championship at St. Andrews on July 13-19.

The Open Qualifying Series offers players the opportunity to qualify for golf's oldest major championship at events on the PGA TOUR, European Tour, PGA TOUR of Australia and Japan Golf Tour.

Players on the PGA TOUR have the chance to qualify at three events: Travelers Championship, The Greenbrier Classic and John Deere Classic. The top four players, not previously eligible, who finish among the top 12 (and ties) at the Travelers Championship and The Greenbrier Classic will earn entry into The Open Championship. The top player among the top five (and ties) at the John Deere Classic qualifies. If there are ties for the final spot(s), qualifiers will be determined by Official World Golf Ranking.

Last week at the Travelers Championship, four players qualified for The Open Championship: Brian Harman (3rd), Graham DeLaet (4th), Carl Pettersson (5th), Luke Donald (T7).

Hole-in-One Bonanza

There were no aces on Friday. Both George McNeill and Justin Thomas aced the par-3 18th hole Thursday, with The Greenbrier Resort giving each fan in the stands during McNeill's ace \$100 (\$18,900 total) and those in the stands for Thomas' ace \$500 (\$173,500 total). The next ace this week will award \$1,000 to every fan in the stands at the closing hole.

Miscellaneous Notes

Sunday, July 5th will be 69 years to the day that past Greenbrier professional emeritus Sam Snead won the 1946 Open Championship at St Andrews by four shots, the second of his seven Major victories.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – 20 rounds

R2 – 9 rounds

The par-4 second hole has played the toughest this week, yielding a 4.235 average. The par-5 12th hole was the easiest at 4.754.

Scoring Averages at the par-70 Old White Course TPC:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Thursday	33.667	35.225	68.892	---
Friday	34.174	35.622	69.796	69.344

Robert Allenby withdrew after nine holes with a sciatic nerve issue.

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