



2015 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard
(The 19th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Orlando, FL March 19-22, 2015
Bay Hill Club and Lodge

Purse: \$6,300,000 (\$1,134,000 winner)
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,419

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, March 21, 2015

Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 87 degrees. Winds W 5-10 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Position	Name	Score
1	Henrik Stenson	68-66-66—200 (-16)
2	Morgan Hoffmann	66-65-71—202 (-14)
T3	Four players	203 (-13)

Henrik Stenson

Henrik Stenson played his last four holes birdie-eagle-par-birdie en route to a bogey-free, 6-under 66. Today's score was one stroke shy of his lowest for the year. Following a 9-over 81 in round three of the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions, he rebounded in the final round with a 7-under 65.

Stenson has previously taken at least a share of the lead into a final round on the PGA TOUR just once. At the 2013 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola, Stenson took a 4-stroke lead into the final round at East Lake. With it, he came out not only with the tournament title, but FedExCup title honors.

With a win tomorrow, Stenson would become this season's 19th different winner in as many events, a storyline which hasn't been featured since 1994, when 20 events passed before a multiple winner emerged.

In rounds one and three, Stenson needed 30 putts to complete each round, but took just 23 strokes with the putter in round two. With a cumulative average of 3.47, Stenson ranks second in Strokes Gained: Putting.

Stenson is making his seventh start in the Arnold Palmer Invitational this week, with his two top-10 finishes coming in his last two starts; T8/2013, T5/2014.

Stenson is making his 131st start of his PGA TOUR career this week and fourth of the season. In his past three starts, he finished T24 at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions, T4 at the WGC-Cadillac Championship and is coming off fourth-place honors at last week's Valspar Championship.

Stenson has collected four titles on the PGA TOUR; 2007 WGC-Cadillac Match Play Championship, 2009 PLAYERS Championship, 2013 Deutsche Bank Championship and 2013 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

Third-Round Lead Notes

On just five of 18 occasions this season has a third-round leader emerged victorious, but not since Bill Haas at the Humana Challenge.

Since moving to Bay Hill in 1979, 24 54-hole leaders have converted for victory, including four of the last five champions (Adam Scott/2014).

In last year's third round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational, Adam Scott led by three strokes at 15-under 201, before a 4-over 76 in the final round resulted in third-place honors. Matt Every was four strokes back at 11-under 205.

Martin Laird, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, is the only European winner of the Arnold Palmer Invitational (2011). He is just the fourth international-born player to win, joining South African Ernie Els (1998 and 2010), Australian Rod Pampling (2006) and Vijay Singh of Fiji (2007).

Morgan Hoffman

Jupiter, Fla. resident Morgan Hoffmann's previous-best position after 54 holes on the PGA TOUR is T4, most recently at the 2014 Barclays (T9).

After a 67-71-71 start at Bay Hill last year, his only other start in the event, Hoffmann was inside the top-10 at 7-under 209 through 54 holes (T8). A costly 6-over 78 Sunday resulted in a T35 finish.

Through 54 holes, Hoffmann has hit 29 of 42 fairways in regulation (69 percent) and 40 of 54 greens (74.1 percent). Hoffmann came into the week ranked 212th in Driving Accuracy (45.74 percent) and 205th in Greens in Regulation (58.02 percent).

Hoffmann is in search of his first career win on TOUR this week in his 68th start. His best finish is solo-third at last year's BMW Championship.

Hoffmann is making his 10th start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, with a T17 at the World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship two weeks ago his best showing. He missed last week's cut at the Valspar Championship.

Jason Kokrak

A year after finishing fourth at the Arnold Palmer Invitational, Canada's Jason Kokrak finds himself again in position for a win at Bay Hill, thanks to his bogey-free, 7-under 65 in round three.

After 54 holes last year, Kokrak was four strokes back at 11-under 205. He closed with a 1-over 73 to settle for the fourth-place finish.

Prior to last year's finish at Bay Hill, Kokrak missed the cut in 2012 in his only other start in the event.

Kokrak's 65 in round three today matches his season's lowest, from round one of the Humana Challenge (T48).

Kokrak has taken advantage of Bay Hill's par fives this week. Through 54 holes, he is 10-under on those four holes alone.

In round three, Kokrak had his best day off the tee, finding 11 of 14 fairways in regulation (78.6 percent). He hit six and nine in rounds one and two, respectively. He hit 14 of 18 greens (77.8 percent) and needed 25 putts, his fewest-number of putts in a round so far this week.

Kokrak is making his 13th start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season this week, with his best finish being a T7 at last week's Valspar Championship.

Kokrak is making his 86th career start on the PGA TOUR this week, where he remains in search of his first win. His closest brush with victory was claiming a share of second place at the 2012 Frys.com Open.

Ben Martin

In his third season on the PGA TOUR, Clemson University grad Ben Martin overcame a bogey at the first hole with five birdies to post a 4-under 68 and join a group of three others in a share for third place at 13-under 203.

Martin is making his third start in the Arnold Palmer Invitational where, by virtue of playing in round three, he's doing better than in his past two starts of 2011 (MC) and 2014 (MC).

Martin made a return to the PGA TOUR this season following a 76th-place finish on last year's FedExCup points list.

Martin is making his 66th start of his PGA TOUR career this week and 12th of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season. In his second start of this season, Martin claimed his first TOUR victory at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. With a win this week, he would become the season's first multiple winner.

Sean O'Hair

A week after losing in a three-way playoff at last week's Valspar Championship, Sean O'Hair is once again in good position. At 11-under 205, he trails Henrik Stenson by five strokes. O'Hair began last week's final round in Tampa Bay three strokes off Ryan Moore's lead.

With a win this week, he would join Jimmy Walker as players this season to have overcome a playoff loss one week with a victory the next. Walker won the Sony Open in Hawaii a week after losing to Patrick Reed in a playoff at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions.

O'Hair is making his 10th-consecutive start in this week's Arnold Palmer Invitational, where he's had a couple near misses. In 2008, he overcame an opening-round, 1-over 72 with three sub-par scores to finish T3. A year later, he finished solo-second despite over-par scores in both rounds on the weekend. O'Hair finished T10 at Bay Hill last year.

Rory McIlroy

In his first start at the Arnold Palmer Invitational, World No. 1 Rory McIlroy posted a 1-under 71 in round three to get to 9-under 207. He trails Henrik Stenson by seven strokes. McIlroy's first win on the PGA TOUR came in his first start at the 2010 Wells Fargo Championship, where he overcame a four-stroke deficit in the final round with a 10-under 62.

Of his nine career PGA TOUR wins, McIlroy trailed after 54 holes in four of them. In addition to his 4-stroke come-from-behind win at the Quail Hollow Club, McIlroy overcame three-stroke deficits en route to victory at the 2012 Deutsche Bank Championship and 2014 World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational.

McIlroy is in search of his 10th PGA TOUR title and first since the 2014 PGA Championship.

Miscellaneous Notes

In today's third round, Daniel Berger posted scores on the four par fives of 2, 3, 4 and 5. After a par at No. 4, he made a double-eagle on the par-5 sixth hole using a 4-iron from 237 yards. He birdied the 12th and made a 36-foot putt for eagle at No. 16. His round of 4-under 68 moved him to 7-under 209 and ninety strokes back.

Since the PGA TOUR began keeping such records in 1983, this marks the first double eagle at the Arnold Palmer Invitational. It's the 109th on the PGA TOUR in that same time frame.

Berger's only previous double eagle came as a 15-year-old in an American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) event.

In his sixth start at the Arnold Palmer Invitational, Sam Saunders is at 8-under 208 through 54 holes (70-71-67). His 67 in round three supplants his previous-best of 69 (in 19 rounds).

Past Arnold Palmer Invitational champions remaining in the field: Matt Every/2014 (-13/T3), Martin Laird/2011 (-5/T39), Ernie Els/1998, 2010 (-6/T29) and Vijay Singh/2007 (+1/T68).

There have only been five multiple winners on the Florida swing since 1980 including Ernie Els (2010), Tiger Woods (2001 and 2013), Steve Elkington (1997), Tom Kite (1989) and Ray Floyd (1981).

Tiger Woods has won eight Arnold Palmer Invitational titles. The only other players with multiple victories at the event are Tom Kite (1982, 1989), Loren Roberts (1994-95) and Ernie Els (1998, 2010).

Dr. Phillips Charities will again contribute \$5,000 to Orlando Health for every eagle made during the tournament through the "Eagles for Arnie Program." Through 54 holes, 43 eagles have been made.

The hardest hole in round three was the par-3 second hole, with a scoring average of 3.161. The easiest was the par-5 16th, with a 4.294 average.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – Morgan Hoffmann (66), John Peterson (67), Ian Poulter (67), Henrik Stenson (68), Keegan Bradley (68), Martin Laird (68), Hunter Mahan (68), George McNeill (69), Francesco Molinari (70) and David Lingmerth (70).
R2 – Danny Lee (64), Blayne Barber (65), Matt Jones (65), Harris English (66), Ben Martin (67), Chesson Hadley (68) and Daniel Summerhays (69).

R3 – Kiradech Aphibarnrat (65), Jason Kokrak (65), Brandt Snedeker (66), Henrik Stenson (66), Russell Knox (67), Zach Johnson (68), Sean O'Hair (68), Carl Pettersson (68), Adam Scott (69) and Francesco Molinari (69).

Scoring Averages:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1	36.067	35.375	71.441	---
R2	35.858	35.108	70.967	71.204
R3	35.600	34.857	70.457	71.035