



## 2015 AT&T Byron Nelson

(The 29<sup>th</sup> of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Las Colinas, Texas  
TPC Four Seasons Resort

May 25-31, 2015  
Par/Yardage: 35-35—70/7,166

FedExCup Points: 500 to the winner  
Purse: \$7,100,000 (\$1,278,000)

### Third-Round Notes – Saturday, May 30, 2015

**Weather:** Mostly cloudy. High of 78. Winds NNE 10-15 mph.

The third round featured threesomes off of split tees from 12:50 – 3:10 p.m. The final round will also feature threesomes off split tees from 10:05 – 11:55 a.m.

Due to wet conditions, the first three rounds have featured preferred lies in closely mown areas.

**54-Hole Cut:** With more than 78 players (87) making the 36-hole cut, the field was reduced following the third round to the low 70 players and ties, with 72 players at 2-under 206 or better advancing to the final round.

#### Third-Round Leaderboard

Steve Bowditch	62-68-65—195 (-13)
Dustin Johnson	67-68-62—197 (-11)
Jonathan Randolph	69-63-65—197 (-11)
Scott Pinckney	69-64-64—197 (-11)
Jon Curran	67-63-67—197 (-11)
Jimmy Walker	64-66-67—197 (-11)

#### Steven Bowditch

Australian Steven Bowditch, a 31-year-old resident of Flower Mound, Texas, will enter the final round of the AT&T Byron Nelson with a two-shot lead over Dustin Johnson, Jonathan Randolph, Scott Pinckney, Jon Curran and Jimmy Walker.

Bowditch carded a third-round 4-under 65 Saturday to move to 13-under 195. Earlier this week, Bowditch opened with an 8-under 62, tying his career-low round on TOUR (2011 Sanderson Farms Championship, round four).

Bowditch's 54-hole total falls one shy of the tournament record of 194 (Loren Roberts, 1999).

Since his runner-up finish at the season-opening Fry.com Open, Bowditch has failed to post a top-10 performance. His next-best showing, a T12, came at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

Dating to 2000, there have been eight international-born winners of the championship (2000-Jesper Parnevik, 2002-Shigeki Maruyama, 2003-Vijay Singh, 2004-Sergio Garcia, 2008-Adam Scott, 2009-Rory Sabbatini, 2010-Jason Day, 2013-Sang-Moon Bae).

Bowditch's only other made cut in five AT&T Byron Nelson starts occurred in his inaugural appearance in 2011 (T60).

A runner-up finish in the season-opening Frys.com Open is Bowditch's best outing in 18 prior starts this season. He is making his 146<sup>th</sup> career start this week, with his lone victory coming at the 2014 Valero Texas Open.

Prior to this week, the only time Bowditch led after a round on the PGA TOUR was the 2014 Valero Texas Open, where he carried the second- and third-round leads on to victory. So far this week he has held the outright first- and third-round leads and a share of the 36-hole lead.

With a win Sunday, Bowditch would collect 500 FedExCup points and is projected to move from No. 68 to No. 16 in the standings.

Bowditch will be paired in the final group Sunday with Dustin Johnson and Scott Pinckney.

#### Third-Round Leader Stats

The 54-hole leader/co-leader has won three times in the last seven years at the AT&T Byron Nelson (Adam Scott/2008, Jason Dufner/2012, Brendon Todd/2014).

The low first 54-hole score at the event is 194, set by Loren Roberts (1999).

The third-round leader/co-leader has won nine of 27 stroke-play events this season, most recently Rory McIlroy at the Wells Fargo Championship.

Four shots is the tournament record for the biggest come-from-behind win after 54 holes by Keegan Bradley (2011), John Cook (1998), Bob Eastwood (1985) and Lanny Wadkins (1973).

### **Dustin Johnson**

Nine-time TOUR winner Dustin Johnson posted a 7-under 62 Saturday to move to T2. He is in search of his sixth top-10 finish of the season – and first since a T6 at the Masters Tournament.

Johnson owns three top 10s in five AT&T Byron Nelson starts (T63/2008, T4/2009, T7/2010, T20/2011, T7-2014).

With his win this year at the World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship, Johnson won for the eighth consecutive season on TOUR (the best current streak).

Johnson is hoping to join Rory McIlroy, Jimmy Walker and Jordan Spieth as multiple winners this season.

### **Jonathan Randolph**

Jonathan Randolph, a 26-year-old native and resident of Brandon, Mississippi, appeared headed to at least a share of the 54-hole lead before a double bogey on the final hole dropped him to T2 (two strokes behind Bowditch).

Recent history is on Randolph's side this week, as three of the last five champions of the AT&T Byron Nelson won in their first start at the event (Jason Day/2010, Keegan Bradley/2011, Sangmoon Bae/2013).

The last player to win the AT&T Nelson during their rookie season was Keegan Bradley in 2011.

Randolph, a 2011 Business Marketing graduate from the University of Mississippi, earned his TOUR card this season based on a 30<sup>th</sup> place finish on the Web.com Tour priority list (after finishing 16<sup>th</sup> on the regular season money list).

Randolph is making his 16<sup>th</sup> start of the season, with a T20 at his most recent start at the Wells Fargo Championship his best outing. He is currently No. 169 in the FedExCup. Randolph's career-best finish on TOUR is a T14 at the 2013 Sanderson Farms Championship.

There have been 12 players that have claimed their first TOUR win at the AT&T Byron Nelson: Don January (1956), Johnny Pott (1960), Charles Coody (1964), Mark Hayes (1976), Neal Lancaster (1994), Robert Damron (2001), Ted Purdy (2005), Brett Wetterich (2006), Jason Day (2010), Keegan Bradley (2011), Sangmoon Bae (2013), Brendon Todd (2014).

### **Jordan Spieth**

Dallas native Jordan Spieth followed a second-round 5-under 64 (his lowest round at TPC Four Seasons Resort) with a 1-under 68 to move to T18, six shots behind Bowditch.

Spieth made his PGA TOUR debut at the 2010 AT&T Byron Nelson at the age of 16, finishing T16. The 21-year-old has successfully made the cut five times in a row at the AT&T Byron Nelson. His third round scoring average at TPC Four Seasons is 71.25.

With wins at the Valspar Championship and Masters Tournament this year, Spieth became the third different player since 1940 to win three times on TOUR before reaching the age of 22 (Tiger Woods, Sergio Garcia).

So far this season Spieth has eight top-10 finishes in 14 previous starts. In addition to previously-mentioned wins, he has runner-up finishes this year at all three of the Texas events (Valero Texas Open, Shell Houston Open and Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial).

With eight runner-ups and three victories, Spieth has the most first- and second-place finishes by a TOUR player before the age of 22 since 1970. Here's the list: Spieth (11), Tiger Woods (7), Sergio Garcia (6), Bobby Clampett (5), Rickie Fowler (3).

### **Additional Player Notes**

Jimmy Walker, a five-time PGA TOUR winner and second-ranked player in the FedExCup, enters the final round T2 and just two strokes behind Bowditch. He is seeking his third win of the season (Sony Open in Hawaii, Valero Texas

Open). Walker has found little success at the AT&T Byron Nelson. Despite seven made cuts in nine previous starts, he has yet to crack the top 20, with a T23 in 2009 his best showing.

Three rounds in the 60s (69-65-64) have moved Charley Hoffman to T7 and three strokes behind Bowditch. Hoffman is riding a streak of eight made cuts, including four top-11 finishes, including a T9 at the Masters Tournament. Hoffman has finished no worse than T11 in the previous three Texas events this season (T10-Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial, T11-Valero Texas Open, T11-Shell Houston Open).

Dallas resident Ryan Palmer (T7) is making his 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive start at the AT&T Byron Nelson, dating to 2004. He missed the cut in six of his first seven starts (T73-2006) and has since finished runner-up (2011), T9 (2012), T33 (2013) and T22 (2014).

Brendon de Jonge (T10) carded a third-round 6-under 69, one shy of his career-best round on TOUR. He owns three 62s, most recently during the second round of the 2014 Wells Fargo Championship.

Local fan favorite Colt Knost (T10) opened with three consecutive bogeys but rebounded by playing the remaining 15 holes bogey-free en route to a 3-under 66. His only top-25 finish in eight AT&T Byron Nelson starts was T21 in 2013.

### **Miscellaneous Stats**

Due to heavy rain in recent days and an unplayable fairway, PGA TOUR Rules Officials made the decision to play the par-4 14<sup>th</sup> hole (scorecard yardage of 406 yards) as a 108-yard par-3 during the third round. The hole played at 104 yards during the second round. It will also play as a par-3 during the final round.

Seven past AT&T Byron Nelson winners are competing this week: Keegan Bradley (T40), Rory Sabbatini (T29), Vijay Singh (T40), Jason Dufner (T15), Scott Verplank (MC), Brendon Todd (MC), Sangmoon Bae (MC).

Until this week's final three rounds (and dating to 1983), the TOUR has never had a scorecard par of 69.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Steven Bowditch (62), Jon Curran (67), S.J. Park (68), Mark Anderson (68).

R2: Joe Affrunti (63), Matt Jones (63), Nick Watney (65), Oscar Fraustro (65), Blake Adams (66), Bryce Molder (67)

R3: Dustin Johnson (62), Daniel Berger (64), Scott Pinckney (64), Spencer Levin (65), Bryce Molder (65), S.J. Park (65), Nicholas Thompson (66), Jonas Blixt (67).

Scoring Averages at the par-70 TPC Four Seasons Resort:

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
Thursday	35.160	35.359	70.519	---
Friday	34.389	33.388	67.678	---
Saturday	35.034	32.701	67.736	---

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