



**2015 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am**  
*(The 13<sup>th</sup> of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)*

<b>Pebble Beach, CA</b>	<b>Feb. 12-15, 2015</b>	<b>Purse: \$6,800,000 (\$1,224,000/500 FedExCup pts)</b>
<b>Pebble Beach Golf Links (Host)</b>		<b>Par/Yards: 36-36—72/6,816</b>
<b>Spyglass Hill Golf Course</b>		<b>Par/Yards: 36-36—72/6,953</b>
<b>Monterey Peninsula Country Club, Shore Course</b>		<b>Par/Yards: 34-37—71/6,867</b>

**First-Round Notes – Thursday, February 12, 2015**

*Weather: Sunny, with afternoon highs in the mid-70s. Winds WNW 5-10 mph.*

**First-Round Leaderboard**

Position	Name	Score
T1	J.B. Holmes (PB)	64 (-8)
T1	Justin Hicks	64 (-8)
T3	Six players	-7

**J.B. Holmes**

Coming off his playoff loss at last week's Farmers Insurance Open, J.B. Holmes had easily the day's strongest start in round one. Beginning on No. 10 at Pebble Beach, Holmes holed a wedge from 123 yards for an eagle-two, which he followed with a birdie-three at No. 11. He added six more birdies on the round and took just one bogey en route to an 8-under 64.

Making his ninth-consecutive start at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, Holmes previously finished inside the top 10 in 2010 (T2). After the first round that year, Holmes was T2, following a 7-under 65.

Holmes is making his seventh start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, with last week's runner-up finish at Torrey Pines being his lone top-25 showing.

Holmes is in search of his fourth career PGA TOUR title and first since last year's Wells Fargo Championship. Holmes also won the 2006 and 2008 Waste Management Phoenix Open.

In round one, Holmes hit 10 of 14 fairways (71.4 percent) and 16 of 18 greens (88.9 percent).

This marks Holmes' fourth time to have at least a share of an 18-hole lead on the PGA TOUR. Most recently, he was tied for the 18-hole lead at the 2011 Northern Trust Open, where he finished T12.

**Justin Hicks**

Making his fourth start in the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, Justin Hicks eagled Pebble Beach's par-5 18<sup>th</sup> hole en route to a bogey-free, 8-under 64.

Of his three previous starts in the event, Hicks finished T12 in 2013, but missed the cut in 2011 and 2014.

Hicks is in search of his first career win on the PGA TOUR this week in his 92<sup>nd</sup> start. His best finish came at last year's Barricuda Championship (2<sup>nd</sup>) under the Modified Stableford scoring format.

Only six players since 1970 have earned their first win at this event: John Cook (1981), Steve Jones (1988), Brett Ogle (1993), Matt Gogel (2002), Arron Oberholser (2006) and D.A. Points (2011).

Hicks made a return to the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of his 75<sup>th</sup>-place finish on the 2014 FedExCup points list.

Hicks' only other lead/co-lead after 18 holes on the PGA TOUR was at the 2008 U.S. Open. He finished T74.

### **First-Round Leader Notes**

Since 2000, the first-round leader/co-leader of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am has held on for the win just five times; D.A. points (2011), Dustin Johnson (2009, 2010) and Phil Mickelson (2005, 2007).

The only first-round leader/co-leader to parlay a first-round lead/co-lead into victory on the PGA TOUR this season is Sang-Moon Bae (Frys.com Open).

### **John Daly**

Making his 12th start at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, John Daly opened at Pebble Beach with a bogey-free, 7-under 65 in his bid to right the ship. In his first start of 1991, he claimed T20 honors, but has missed 10 consecutive cuts in the event since.

Daly's last bogey-free round came with a 5-under 66 in the first round of the 2010 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

Daly's 65 in round one is his best score by three strokes in 35 rounds in the event. He shot 68 in rounds one and four in 1991.

In relation to par, today's 7-under 65 is Daly's lowest score on the PGA TOUR since posting an 8-under 63 in round two of the 2012 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

Playing out of the Past Champion category, Daly is making his fourth start of the season. Following a T29 at the Sanderson Farms Championship in his first start of the season, he missed the cut at the Sony Open in Hawaii and Humana Challenge.

Daly is making his 512<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR start this week, and remains in search of his sixth TOUR title. His last win came at the 2004 Farmers Insurance Open.

### **Jim Furyk**

At Monterey Peninsula Country Club, Jim Furyk opened with a bogey-free, 7-under 64.

Furyk is making his 19<sup>th</sup> start in the AT&T Pebble Beach national Pro-Am this week, where he has amassed four top-10 finishes and missed just two cuts (1999, 2011). His best finish in the event is a T3 in 1998.

Today's 64 matches Furyk's lowest score in the event from the third round in 2000. His score that day came on Pebble Beach's par-72 layout, as opposed the par-71 of Monterey Peninsula Country Club.

Furyk is making his first start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season this week, and is coming off a season highlighted by 11 top-10 finishes. Of them, four were runner-up showings.

Furyk, a 16-time winner on the PGA TOUR, is in search of his first win since the 2010 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola. With that win, Furyk also claimed the FedExCup title.

### **Brandt Snedeker**

Two years after Jim Furyk won the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola and captured the 2010 FedExCup title, Brandt Snedeker did the same thing. With a 7-under 64 in round one this week, Snedeker shares third place with Furyk and four other players. Like Furyk, Snedeker also played bogey-free in round one.

Snedeker is making his eighth start in the event he won in 2013. That victory marks his only top-10 finish at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Snedeker has collected three top-10 finishes in six previous starts on the PGA TOUR this season, all three being T10s (Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions and the Waste Management Phoenix Open).

Snedeker is in search of his seventh career win on the PGA TOUR and first since his victory at Pebble Beach in 2013.

### **Jimmy Walker**

Defending champion Jimmy Walker opened with an even-par 72 at Spyglass Hill and is T99. Last year, Walker opened with a 6-under 66 at Pebble Beach and was three strokes back of Andrew Loupe.

Walker is making his eighth consecutive start at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, where he has top-10 finishes in each of his last four starts. Prior to last year's win, he finished T3 in 2013 and collected T9s in 2011 and 2012.

Walker claimed his first PGA TOUR title of the season, and fourth overall, a month ago at the Sony Open in Hawaii. As a result, Walker again this year comes into the week as the FedExCup points leader, with 1039 points, 160 ahead of No. 2 Robert Streb.

### **Dustin Johnson**

2009-2010 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am champion Dustin Johnson opened with a 2-under 69 at Monterey Peninsula Country Club in his bid to become just the fifth player to win the event more than twice; Mark O'Meara (5), Phil Mickelson (4), Johnny Miller (3), Jack Nicklaus (3).

Johnson played his first round on Pebble Beach both years he won.

Johnson is making his eighth consecutive start in the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. In addition to his wins in 2009-2010, other top-10 finishes were T7 in his first start of 2008, T5 in 2012 and T2 last year.

Johnson is in search of his ninth career PGA TOUR win and first since the 2013 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions.

### **Ernie Els**

Making just his second start at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, and first since the rain-shortened 1996 event, Ernie Els opened with a 2-under 70 at Pebble Beach.

This week marks Els' second start on the PGA TOUR this season, having previously finished T46 at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions.

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

Following his even-par 72 at Pebble Beach, PGA TOUR rookie Mark Hubbard surprised his girlfriend, Meghan McCurley, with a marriage proposal off the 18<sup>th</sup> green. In front of media and spectators, McCurley said "Yes."

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – Justin Hicks (64), Jim Furyk (64), Brandt Snedeker (64), John Daly (65), J.J. Henry (65), Rod Pampling (65), Brandt Jobe (67), Jim Herman (68), Billy Horschel (68), D.A. Points (68), Roberto Castro (69), Billy Mayfair (69), Oliver Goss (69).

Scoring Averages:

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
PB	34.615	35.442	70.058	--
SH	35.615	36.154	71.769	--
MP	33.346	35.596	68.942	--