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### 2015 Farmers Insurance Open pre-tournament notes

**Dates:** February 2-8, 2015

**Where:** La Jolla, California

**Courses:** Torrey Pines Golf Course

South Course (host)

Par/Yards: 72/7,698

North Course

Par/Yards: 72/7,052

**Field size:** 156

**2014 champion:** Scott Stallings

**Purse:** \$6,300,000 (\$1,134,000/winner)

**FedExCup:** 500 points to the winner

**Format:** 72-hole stroke play

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### How the Farmers Insurance Open was won by Scott Stallings in 2014

Stallings shot a final-round 68 to cling to a one-shot victory over five other players, including Jason Day, Pat Perez, Marc Leishman, Graham DeLaet and K.J. Choi. Stallings won his third career PGA TOUR event at the age of 28 years, 10 months and one day in his 88th career start. Three of Stallings 10 top-10 finishes have been victories.

### Saturday is University Day

Farmers Insurance is once again rewarding school spirit during the third round of the Farmers Insurance Open, encouraging fans and TOUR players to wear their university colors in support of Farmers "University of Farmers" advertising campaign. Fans and TOUR players are encouraged to wear their own university colors to support the program and raise money for charity. For "extra credit" Farmers will make donations to college golf programs from players posting the best third-round 18-hole scores. The player with the low third-round score will receive \$10,000 for his alma mater's golf team and an additional donation will be made for second place. Every player who wears his school colors on Saturday will have \$500 donated in his name to his college's golf program.

University Day has raised more than \$180,000 for college golf since it began in 2011, thanks to participation from top players like Tiger Woods, Rickie Fowler, Billy Horschel, Hunter Mahan, Jordan Spieth and Keegan Bradley.

### A look at the field

- 14 of the 30 players that made it to the 2014 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola will play in the Farmers Insurance Open: Billy Horschel, Chris Kirk, Jimmy Walker, Rickie Fowler, Jason Day, Justin Rose, Jordan Spieth, Bill Haas, Cameron Tringale, Gary Woodland, John Senden, Morgan Hoffmann, Hideki Matsuyama and Dustin Johnson.
- 20 of the top 50 players in the Official World Golf Rankings: Justin Rose, Jason Day, Jordan Spieth, Rickie Fowler, Jimmy Walker, Billy Horschel, Phil Mickelson, Hideki Matsuyama, Chris Kirk, Dustin Johnson, Bill Haas, Jamie Donaldson, Ian Poulter, Keegan Bradley, Brooks Koepka, Gary Woodland, Luke Donald, Shane Lowry, Marc Leishman and Tiger Woods.
- Jimmy Walker the current FedExCup leader, who won the Sony Open in Hawaii three weeks ago, missed the cut at last year's Farmers Insurance Open. Walker has two top 10s in seven starts at Torrey Pines.
- Three of the last four FedExCup champions are in the Farmers Insurance Open field (Billy Horschel/2014, Brandt Snedeker/2012 and Bill Haas/2011).
- Three-time Farmers Insurance Open winner and San Diego native Phil Mickelson will make his 26<sup>th</sup> start in the event. He has 10 top 10s, but had to WD after round two last year due to injury.
- Brandt Snedeker will make his ninth career start in the Farmers Insurance Open. He has five top 10s in his previous eight starts. Snedeker's finishes: 2007/3, 2008/MC, 2009/T42, 2010/T2, 2011/T9, 2012/won, 2013/T2, 2014/MC.

- Tiger Woods looks to inch closer to the PGA TOUR's all-time victory total. He is currently second with 79 TOUR wins, just three behind Sam Snead's 82. Woods has seven wins, 12 top 10s and has made all 14 cuts in the Farmers Insurance Open. Woods missed the 54-hole cut last year at Torrey Pines and finished T80.
- Dustin Johnson will make his first start on the PGA TOUR since missing the cut at the 2014 RBC Canadian Open in July.

### **Tournament Records**

The Farmers Insurance Open has not produced a first-time TOUR winner since Jay Don Blake in 1991.

There has never been a rookie winner at the Farmers Insurance Open. Gene Littler won the event as an amateur in 1954.

The only two international players to win the Farmers Insurance Open are Gary Player (1963) and Jose Maria Olazabal (2002).

The largest final round come-from-behind win at the Farmers Insurance Open is eight shots by Scott Simpson in 1998.

### **Charity**

As the host organization of the Farmers Insurance Open, a PGA TOUR Tournament and Southern California's see-and-be-seen event, The Century Club of San Diego is able to provide partnership fundraising programs and experiences for charities, local military families, community organizations and schools. Since its inception, The Century Club of San Diego has generated more than \$28 million for the San Diego community, with \$2.8 million generated in 2014 alone.

### **The Farmers Insurance Open and the FedExCup**

The Farmers Insurance Open enters the second season featuring a wraparound schedule that bridges two years with 47 events. The 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season included seven events during the fall of 2014, all of which awarded FedExCup points. After a seven-week break, the season resumed at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions. The FedExCup Playoffs once again features four events and concludes in September 2015 with the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola and the crowning of the FedExCup champion.

Every week is significant in the race for the FedExCup – four of the six winners from the fall calendar of 2013 (Jimmy Walker, Chris Kirk, Dustin Johnson, Webb Simpson) qualified for the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola and two others (Harris English, Ryan Moore) finished inside the top 40.

### **Miscellaneous 2014-15 PGA TOUR notes**

- Entering the 2014-15 season, 29 of the top 30 players in the Official World Golf Ranking were PGA TOUR members, including 2014-15 new members Victor Dubuisson and Jamie Donaldson. Thomas Bjorn (30) is the lone non-member inside the top 30.
- The 2014-15 rookie class of 24 players includes 21 players under the age of 30. The list of 24 includes three players playing on medical extensions from previous years but remain in the rookie category.
- Four new members earned PGA TOUR cards through the non-member FedExCup points list but are not considered part of the rookie class: Victor Dubuisson (France); Francesco Molinari (Italy); Jamie Donaldson (Wales); and Brooks Koepka (United States).
- There are 86 active international players representing 24 countries in 2014-15. Australia has the most international members (16).

### **2013-14 year in review**

- Billy Horschel, thanks to victories at the two final FedExCup Playoff events, became the youngest winner of the FedExCup at the age of 27 years, 9 months and 7 days.
- Rory McIlroy, winner of three events including back-to-back majors (The Open Championship and PGA Championship), was voted the PGA TOUR Player of the Year. McIlroy also captured the Arnold Palmer Award as the leader in official earnings and the Byron Nelson Trophy for lowest adjusted scoring average.
- Chesson Hadley, winner of the Puerto Rico Open presented by seepuertorico.com, was voted the PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year.
- Sixteen different players under the age of 30 won on TOUR in 2013-14, accounting for a total of 22 of the 45 events. The last time there were 16 winners under the age of 30 in a season was 2011, with a total of 18 wins.
- Jimmy Walker held the top spot in the FedExCup rankings for 36 of 37 weeks in 2013-14, including a record 30 straight weeks starting with his Sony Open in Hawaii win. Billy Horschel won the FedExCup thanks to victories at the last two FedExCup Playoff events, the BMW Championship and TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

- There were no repeat winners in 2013-14, the last being Tiger Woods who won the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard back-to-back in 2012 and 2013. Ian Poulter came closest, finishing second in the defense of his World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions title.
- 25 of the 45 PGA TOUR events in 2013-14 were decided by one stroke (19) or a playoff (6).
- Hunter Mahan is the only player to qualify for the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola every year since the inception of the FedExCup in 2007. Over the eight years, Mahan is also the only player to play in every FedExCup Playoff event (32).

**Notable changes for the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season:**

- Starting in January 2015, winners of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard and the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide will receive a three-year PGA TOUR exemption and a three-year exemption into THE PLAYERS Championship.
- The Presidents Cup 2015 eligibility for the U.S. Team will be based on FedExCup points instead of money. Presidents Cup points for the FedExCup Playoffs will be weighted the same as World Golf Championships (550 for first place, 315 for second, etc.).
- The Top 125 Money List from the previous season, established following the conclusion of the 2014 Wyndham Championship, will remain as an exempt category in 2014-15 for standard, open events only.
- The Humana Challenge in partnership with the Clinton Foundation and the RBC Heritage will include the Top 10 from the Previous Tournament Category.

Below are the 2014-15 PGA TOUR rookies:

<b>2014 Web.com Tour Regular Season Graduate Rookies (13)</b>				
<b>Player</b>	<b>(Cuts/Starts)</b>	<b>Birthdate</b>	<b>Age as of October 9, 2014</b>	<b>College</b>
Carlos Ortiz	(1-1)	4/24/91	23 years 5 months, 15 days	North Texas
Andrew Putnam	(0-1 pro, 0-1 amateur)	1/25/89	25 years, 8 months, 14 days	Pepperdine
Zack Sucher	(0-1 amateur)	10/2/86	28 years, 7 days	UAB
Adam Hadwin	(8-11)	11/2/87	26 years, 11 months, 7 days	Louisville
Justin Thomas	(3-7 pro, 3-4 amateur)	4/29/93	21 years, 5 months, 10 days	Alabama
Blayne Barber	(2-3)	12/25/89	24 years, 9 months, 14 days	Auburn
Tony Finau	(1-3)	9/14/89	25 years, 25 days	--
Jon Curran	(2-5)	2/17/87	27 years, 7 months, 22 days	Vanderbilt
Daniel Berger	(1-1)	4/7/93	21 years, 6 months, 2 days	Florida State
Jonathan Randolph	(2-2 pro, 1-2 amateur)	8/10/88	26 years, 1 month, 29 days	Ole Miss
Mark Hubbard	(1-2)	5/24/89	25 years, 4 months, 15 days	San Jose State
Byron Smith	(0-0)	3/31/81	33 years, 6 months, 8 days	Pepperdine
Roger Sloan	(1-2)	5/15/87	27 years, 4 months, 24 days	UTEP
<b>2013 Web.com Tour Finals Graduates (8)</b>				
<b>Player</b>	<b>(Cuts/Starts)</b>	<b>Birthdate</b>	<b>Age as of October 9, 2014</b>	<b>College</b>
Zac Blair	(1-1)	8/20/90	24 years, 1 month, 9 days	BYU
Tom Hoge	(0-1)	5/25/89	25 years, 4 months, 14 days	TCU
Whee Kim	(0-0)	2/22/92	22 years, 7 months, 17 days	Yonsei University
Scott Pinckney	(0-1 pro, 0-1 amateur)	3/13/89	25 years, 6 months, 26 days	Arizona State
Nick Taylor	(0-3 pro, 2-6 amateur)	4/14/88	26 years 5 months 25 days	Washington
Oscar Fraustro	(1-3)	6/14/82	32 years, 3 months, 25 days	--
Sung Joon Park	(0-0)	6/9/86	28 years, 4 months	--
Carlos Sainz Jr.	(0-0)	11/7/85	28 years, 11 months, 2 days	Mississippi State

<b>2013 Web.com Tour Graduates – Major Medical Extension (2)</b>				
<b>Player</b>	<b>(Cuts/Starts)</b>	<b>Birthdate</b>	<b>Age as of October 9, 2014</b>	<b>College</b>
Patrick Cantlay	(10/19 pro, 7/8 amateur)	3/17/92	22 years, 6 months, 22 days	UCLA
Benjamin Alvarado	(1-7)	9/2/85	29 years, 1 month, 7 days	Arizona State
<b>2010 Web.com Tour Graduates – Major Medical Extension (1)</b>				
Joe Affrunti	(5/17)	8/1/81	33 years, 2 months, 8 days	Illinois