



2015 Farmers Insurance Open
(The 12th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

La Jolla, Calif.
Torrey Pines Golf Course
South Course (Host)
North Course

Feb. 5-8, 2015

Purse: \$6,300,000 (\$1,134,000 to the winner)
500 FedExCup points to winner
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,698
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First-Round Notes – Friday, February 6, 2015

Weather: Fog early, becoming sunny in the afternoon. High of 70. Winds WNW 6-12 mph.

Thursday: Due to fog, the start to the first round was delayed one hour from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Play was suspended again due to fog at 10:11 a.m. and resumed at 11:40 a.m. for an overall delay of two hours and 29 minutes. Play was suspended due to darkness at 5:16 p.m. with 42 players yet to complete their round.

Friday: The 42 players that did not finish round one were scheduled to be back in position at 8:30 a.m. Friday, with the second round beginning as scheduled at 9:00 a.m. Play was suspended 30 minutes due to fog. The first round resumed at 9 a.m. and the second round began at 9:30 a.m. The first round was completed at 10:09.

The Farmers Insurance Open is the fifth event of the season with some type of suspension/delay of play: Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (darkness), CIMB Classic (dangerous weather), Sanderson Farms Championship (darkness), Waste Management Phoenix Open (darkness), Farmers Insurance Open (fog/darkness). A year ago, the Farmers Insurance Open had a 30-minute delay to the start of the opening round.

First-Round Leaderboard

Nicholas Thompson	64 (-8) NC
Michael Thompson	65 (-7) NC
Brooks Koepka	66 (-6) NC
Cameron Tringale	66 (-6) NC

Nicholas Thompson

Nicholas Thompson opened with an 8-under 64 – equaling his career-low round on the PGA TOUR – on the North Course Thursday to take a one-stroke clubhouse lead over Michael Thompson at the Farmers Insurance Open. By comparison, the lowest first-round score at the Farmers Insurance Open belongs to Brandt Snedeker, who posted an 11-under 61 on the North Course in the opening round in 2007.

Thompson's 64 is the seventh such score of his career, with the most recent coming during the third round of the 2013 John Deere Classic (finished T12).

R1 at a glance: 11 of 14 fairways, 16 of 18 greens, 29 putts.

In 2014, Stewart Cink also opened with a 64 at the North Course for a one-stroke lead over Gary Woodland.

Thompson is making his 199th TOUR start this week, with a T2 finish at the 2008 Ginn sur Mer Classic his best finish. The Farmers Insurance Open has not produced a first-time TOUR winner since Jay Don Blake in 1991.

This week marks Thompson's 10th start of the season, with a T9 at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba his best outing. Most recently he missed the cut at last week's Waste Management Phoenix Open.

Thompson owns five made cuts in six prior starts at the Farmers Insurance Open, with a T17 finish in 2009 and T21 in 2013 marking his best outings. Most recently, he carded rounds of 72-70-76-77 to finish T71 in 2014.

Should it hold up, this will mark the third time Thompson has held an 18-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR, eventually finishing T27 at the 2006 84 Lumber Classic and T11 at the 2009 Shell Houston Open.



The last player to convert a first-round lead into victory at the Farmers Insurance Open was George Burns in 1987. Burns opened with a 9-under 63 and won by four.

Tiger Woods

Tiger Woods withdrew from the Farmers Insurance Open following his 11th hole with a back injury. It represents his third WD in his last eight starts on TOUR (2014 World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational, 2014 Honda Classic, 2015 Farmers Insurance Open).

Overall, Woods has withdrawn from a PGA TOUR event eight times in 304 professional starts:

- 2015 Farmers Insurance Open
- 2014 Honda Classic
- 2014 World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational
- 2012 World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship
- 2011 THE PLAYERS Championship
- 2010 THE PLAYERS Championship
- 2006 Northern Trust Open
- 1998 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am

Woods' worst opening-round score in 14 previous starts at the Farmers Insurance Open was an even-par 72 in 2014. He stood 2-over through 11 holes when he withdrew Thursday. Seven of Woods' 79 PGA TOUR victories have come at the Farmers Insurance Open.

Additional Player Notes

Michael Thompson recorded eight birdies and one bogey (No. 3) en route to a 7-under 65 on the North Course to move within one stroke of Nicholas Thompson. Making his fourth start at the Farmers Insurance Open, Thompson's only other round in the 60s in the event came in round one in his inaugural start in 2011 (69, finished T65).

Brooks Koepka, winner of last week's Waste Management Phoenix Open, carded an opening-round 66 and is currently two strokes behind Thompson. He is seeking to become the first back-to-back winner on TOUR since Billy Horschel won the 2014 BMW Championship and TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola en route to winning the FedExCup.

San Diego native Phil Mickelson opened with a 2-over 74 on the South Course in his 26th start at the Farmers Insurance Open. Wins here in 1993, 2000 and 2001 are among 10 top-10 finishes for Mickelson, who also finished runner-up in 2011.

FedExCup leader Jimmy Walker, who won the Sony Open in Hawaii three weeks ago, opened with an even-par 72 on the South Course. He has two top 10s in seven starts at the Farmers Insurance Open (T4-2013, T8-2012).

Dustin Johnson, making his first start on the PGA TOUR since missing the cut at the 2014 RBC Canadian Open in July, opened with a 2-over 74 on the South Course

Defending Farmers Insurance Open champion Scott Stallings opened with a 2-under 70 on the North Course. The last player to win the event in back-to-back seasons was Tiger Woods (2005-08).

2012 Farmers Insurance Open champion Brandt Snedeker entered the week with a streak of 221 holes without a 3-putt. He extended that streak to 334 holes until a 3-putt on the par-4 fifth hole Thursday (his 14th hole of the day after beginning on No. 10). Snedeker ended the day with a 2-under 70.

First-Round Scoring Averages:

North Course – 70.286

South Course – 73.526

Hardest/Easiest Holes

Hardest (North) – par 4 11th (4.442)

Easiest (North) – par 5 18th (4.403)

Hardest (South) – par 4, 12th (4.449)

Easiest (South) – par-5 13th and par-5 6th (4.705)

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 –J.J. Henry (68), Spencer Levin (68), J.B. Holmes (69), Harris English (68)