



**2015 Farmers Insurance Open**  
(The 12<sup>th</sup> 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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### Third-Round Notes – Saturday, February 7, 2015

**Weather:** Mostly sunny with a high of 71. Winds WNW 6-12 mph.

#### **Third-Round Leaderboard**

Harris English 68-66-73—207 (-9)  
J.B. Holmes 69-70-68—207 (-9)  
(Five players are tied at 8-under)

#### **Harris English**

English is looking for his third TOUR win in his 89<sup>th</sup> start on TOUR at the age of 25 years, 6 months, 13 days.

This is English's first 54-hole lead on TOUR.

English at the Farmers Insurance Open: T43 (2012) and T73 (2013).

This is English's eighth start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season, and he has recorded two top-25 finishes so far.

Last season, University of Georgia graduates won eight events on TOUR; Chris Kirk (2), Bubba Watson (2), Russell Henley, Harris English, Brendon Todd and Brian Harman. Patrick Reed, who played one year at Georgia, won twice. Through the first 11 events this season, former Georgia players Bubba Watson (WGC-HSBC Champions) and Patrick Reed (Hyundai Tournament of Champions) have already won.

There have been 10 former Georgia Bulldogs win on the PGA TOUR, led by seven-time winner Bubba Watson.

Colleges with most wins on TOUR since the 2013 season: Georgia (11), Florida (6), Stanford (5). Note: The Georgia total does not include Patrick Reed's four wins since 2013.

English held a two stroke lead after the second-round lead this week. He won his two previous events when holding the 36-hole lead (2013 FedEx St. Jude Classic and 2014 OHL Classic at Mayakoba).

No player has been able to convert the 36-hole lead in 11 events this season on TOUR.

There has been six winners in their 20s and five in their 30s this season on TOUR.

#### **J.B. Holmes**

Holmes has converted three of his previous four third-round leads/co-leads on TOUR. He converted at the 2006 and 2008 Waste Management Phoenix Open and 2014 Wells Fargo Championship. He failed to convert at the 2010 Valero Texas Open (T13).

In May of 2011, Holmes began feeling vertigo-like symptoms and announced on August 22, 2011 that he would undergo surgery that would sideline him from competition for the rest of the season. His last event of 2011 was a WD from the PGA Championship. He had successful brain surgery on September 1 at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md., to repair Chiari malformations. He returned to golf following brain surgery at the 2012 Farmers Insurance Open (MC).

Holmes missed four of five cuts to start the 2013 season before fracturing his left ankle when he hit a rut in the road on March 9 while rollerblading with his wife. His last start was at The Honda Classic in March 2013. He used rollerblading as part of his training regimen. His first start back on the PGA TOUR after the injury was at the 2014 Farmers Insurance Open.



A T23 in 2014 is Holmes' best career finish in nine previous starts at the Farmers Insurance Open.

Holmes won his third PGA TOUR event last season at the Wells Fargo Championship. He has not had a top 10 on TOUR since winning the 2014 Wells Fargo Championship last May.

### **Spencer Levin**

Levin is among the five players tied for second and one shot off the lead entering the final round.

Levin had left-thumb surgery in 2013 and did not play on TOUR that season. He made 20 starts in 2014 before missing the rest of the season due to injury. His last start of 2014 was at the Greenbrier Classic in early July. Levin returned in late August and played in all four Web.com Tour Finals events, finishing 64th in the priority ranking, 14 spots behind the 50th and final card issued.

Levin entered the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season with eight events as part of a Major Medical Extension. He needed 123 FedExCup points to clear his medical requirement, which he accomplished after the OHL Classic at Mayakoba.

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

Levin is looking for his first win on TOUR in his 152<sup>nd</sup> career start. His best career finish is second at the 2011 OHL Classic at Mayakoba.

Levin is tied with six other players for the largest lead (6 shots) with 18 holes to play and lost on the PGA TOUR. The players are Bobby Cruickshank (1928 Florida Open), Gay Brewer (1969 Danny Thomas-Diplomat Classic), Hal Sutton (1983 Anheuser-Busch Golf Classic), Greg Norman (1996 Masters), Sergio Garcia (2005 Wells Fargo Championship) and Levin (2012 Waste Management Phoenix Open).

A T20 at the 2011 Farmers Insurance Open is Levin's best finish in San Diego in five previous starts. He missed the cut in 2009 and 2014 at the Farmers Insurance Open.

Levin's father, Don, was an All-American golfer at San Jose State and played on TOUR in the early 80s.

### **Ian Poulter**

Poulter is 6-under and stands T13 heading into the final round. Poulter is making his first start on TOUR since a T6 finish at the WGC-HSBC Champions in China in November.

Poulter tweeted that his car was towed from a restaurant on Friday night in San Diego.

Poulter at the Farmers Insurance Open: 2005 (W/D), 2007 (T9) and 2014 (T47). He closed last year with a final round 76 to drop down the leaderboard.

### **Saturday is University Day**

Farmers Insurance once again rewarded 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 were 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. Every player who wears his school colors on Saturday will have \$500 donated in his name to his college's golf program. 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. J.B. Holmes from Kentucky, Carlos Ortiz from North Texas and Scott Stallings from Tennessee Tech recorded the low rounds of the day (4-under) and their schools will split the prize.

### **Additional Player Notes**

2009 Farmers Insurance Open winner Nick Watney is one of five players at 8-under 208. Watney has two top-25s so far this season, and is vying for his first victory since capturing The Barclays in 2012. Watney was born in Sacramento, Calif., and attended Fresno State.



Lucas Glover is T3 entering the final round and just one shot off the lead. He is looking for his first top 10 on TOUR since the 2013 Zurich Classic of New Orleans (T4).

FedExCup leader Jimmy Walker, who won the Sony Open in Hawaii three weeks ago, shot a 2-under 70 in round three and is T3 entering the final round. He has two top 10s in seven starts at the Farmers Insurance Open (T4-2013, T8-2012).

Defending Farmers Insurance Open champion Scott Stallings shot a 4-under 68 to tie J.B. Holmes for the best round of the day. Stallings was T50 after the second round and moved up the leaderboard to T13 entering the final round. The last player to win the event in back-to-back seasons was Tiger Woods (2005-08).

During today's third round of the Farmers Insurance Open, Chad Campbell aced the third hole with a PW from 143 yards. As the Official Mortgage Sponsor of the PGA TOUR, Quicken Loans will award one year's worth of mortgage payments to Tom F. from Grand Haven, Michigan to commemorate the ace. The Quicken Loans' Hole-In-One Sweepstakes awards one year's worth of mortgage payments to a randomly selected entrant for every ace during official PGA TOUR events from the Waste Management Phoenix Open through the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola. Fans can enter the sweepstakes by visiting [www.pgatour.com/quickenloans](http://www.pgatour.com/quickenloans). Participants in the 2014 Sweepstakes must re-register to be eligible in 2015.

The ace was Campbell's third on TOUR: 2009 Frys.com Open and 2010 Travelers Championship.

Campbell is one of five players one shot off the lead at 8-under.

**Scoring Averages for the week:**

Course	R1	R2	R3	Cumulative
North Course	70.286	70.179	-	70.232
South Course	73.526	73.662	72.824	73.345

**Hardest/Easiest Holes**

Hardest (North) – par 3 12<sup>th</sup> (3.359)                      Easiest (North) – par 5 18<sup>th</sup> (4.333)

Hardest (South) – par 4, 12<sup>th</sup> (4.454)                      Easiest (South) – par-5 6<sup>th</sup> (4.725)

**Bogey-free rounds:**

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

R2–Harris English (66), Charlie Beljan (71), Chad Collins (66), Brice Garnett (69), Bill Haas (67), Marc Leishman (66), Greg Owen (70), Zack Sucher (65), Andrew Svoboda (67), Jimmy Walker (66), Nick Watney (65)

R3 – John Peterson (70)

**Statement from Hunter Mahan:**

"Kandi and I are thrilled to have welcomed our beautiful boy, Miller Myles Mahan, 7lbs 5oz, into the world yesterday afternoon in Dallas. Mom and Son are doing great, and we could not be more excited to introduce our daughter, Zoe, to her new baby brother."