



# 2015 FEDEX ST. JUDE CLASSIC (The 31<sup>st</sup> of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

 TPC Southwind
 June 11-14, 2015
 FedExCup Points: 500

 Memphis, TN
 Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,239
 Purse: \$6,000,000

# Final-Round Notes - Sunday, June 14, 2015

Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 89 degrees. Winds S 8-14 mph.

#### **Final-Round Leaderboard**

Fabian Gomez 66-68-67-66—267 (-13) Greg Owen 64-70-67-70—271 (-9)

Argentina's Fabian Gomez parlayed a share of the 54-hole lead into his first career PGA TOUR title in his 70<sup>th</sup> start at the age of 36 years, 6 months and 18 days.

Gomez' four-stroke win over Greg Owen, with whom he shared the 54-hole lead, is the largest margin of victory in the FedEx St. Jude Classic since Brian Gay won by five strokes in 2009.

Gomez earns 500 FedExCup points to move up 88 spots from No. 124 to 36<sup>th</sup> in the race for the FedExCup (793 points). In 2014, it took 438 points to qualify for the PGA TOUR Playoffs for the FedExCup, 611 to qualify for Deutsche Bank Championship, 968 for BMW Championship and 1,769 for TOUR Championship.

With his win, Gomez extends his fully-exempt status through the 2016-17 PGA TOUR season.

If not otherwise exempt, Gomez earns a spot into the following tournaments: 2015 Quicken Loans National, 2015 PGA Championship, 2016 Hyundai Tournament of Champions, 2016 CareerBuilder Challenge in partnership with the Clinton Foundation, 2016 Masters and 2016 RBC Heritage.

Despite the victory, Gomez will not earn a berth into this week's U.S. Open field at Chambers Bay. Coming into the week ranked No. 288 in the Official World Golf Rankings. The top 60 in the rankings earn a spot into the field after today, the last avenue through which anyone outside that number could've played his way in.

With his win, Gomez becomes the ninth player to have made the FedEx St. Jude Classic his maiden PGA TOUR victory: Don Whitt (1959), Bob Lunn (1968), Larry Mize (1983), Mike Hulbert (1986), Jodi Mudd (1988), Dicky Pride (1994), Harrison Frazar (2011), Harris English (2013) and *Fabian Gomez (2015)*.

Since moving to TPC Southwind in 1989, Gomez becomes the 12<sup>th</sup> player to win after having the lead/co-lead after 54 holes.

In the 58-year history of the event, Gomez becomes just the fifth international player to win the FedEx St. Jude Classic and first since Lee Westwood in 2010. The others: Gary Player (1974), Nick Price (1993, 1998) and Greg Norman (1997).

Gomez becomes the fifth player from Argentina to win on the PGA TOUR, and first since Angel Cabrera at the 2014 Greenbrier Classic. The others: Roberto De Vicenzo, José Cóceres and Andres Romero.

The last Latin American player to win on TOUR was Camilo Villegas at the 2014 Wyndham Championship. The last player from Argentina to win on TOUR was Angel Cabrera at the 2014 Greenbrier Classic.

With his win, Gomez becomes the 11<sup>th</sup> international-born player to win this season on the PGA TOUR (12 wins) and third straight (Steven Bowditch/AT&T Byron Nelson, David Lingmerth/the Memorial Tournament).

Gomez becomes the 14<sup>th</sup> player in his 30s to win on TOUR this season (15 wins).

Gomez' win today comes in his third start in the FedEx St. Jude Classic (2011/T15, 2013/MC).

Gomez wins in his 17<sup>th</sup> start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season and marks his second top-10 finish of the season (T8/The McGladrey Classic).

With the win, Gomez claims the fourth top-10 finish of his career. His closest brush with victory came with T2 honors at the 2013 Puerto Rico Open.

Gomez, a 2010 and 2014 graduate of the Web.com Tour, claimed eight top-25 finishes on that Tour last season and, as a result, finished 48<sup>th</sup> on the 2014 Web.com Tour priority list.

Gomez has won twice on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica, winning back-to-back titles at the Personal Classic in Buenos Aires in 2013-14.

Gomez' 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 17-12-2-1

Owen's career PGA TOUR starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 70-40-4-1.

### **Fabian Gomez Statistics:**

Fairways Hit 30 of 56
Driving Distance 293.1 yards
Greens in Regulation 49 of 72
Total Putts 106

Strokes Gained: Putting +3.960 (.99 p/r) Strokes Gained: Tee to Green +12.287 (3.07 p/r)

Sand Saves 1 of 2

#### **About Fabian Gomez**

Birthdate: November 27, 1978

Birthplace: Resistencia, Chaco, Argentina Resides: Resistencia, Chaco, Argentina Family: Wife, Pamela; Melina, Valentina

Height/Weight: 5-8, 165

Turned Pro: 2002

Web.com Tour Graduate: 2010, 2014

Joined PGA TOUR: 2011

#### **Greg Owen**

England's Greg Owen, who held a share of the first- and third-round leads, wasn't able to mount much of a charge Sunday, posting an even-par 70 in his fifth start in the FedEx St. Jude Classic.

Owen was in search of his first career PGA TOUR win this week in his 214th start. Today's solo-second matches his career-best from the 2006 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard.

Getting off the tee proved most difficult over the weekend for Owen, as he hit six of 14 fairways in regulation in rounds three and four.

Prior to today, Owen's best finish in 12 starts on the PGA TOUR this season was a T22 at the Sanderson Farms Championship. His last top ten came at the 2012 McGladrey Classic (T7).

This week marked Owen's first 54-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR.

#### **Phil Mickelson**

Thanks largely to birdies from 48' 11" and 25' 3" on Nos. 14 and 18, respectively, Phil Mickelson closed with a 5-under 65 to get to 8-under 272. His T3 finish is his best on the PGA TOUR since finishing solo-second at last year's PGA Championship.

His 65 is his best final-round score since posting an 8-under 62 at last year's World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational (T15).

In his 12<sup>th</sup> start of the season this week, Mickelson was in search of his third top-10 finish of the season (T2/Masters, T4/Wells Fargo Championship). From 1994-2013, Mickelson went into the U.S. Open with at least three top 10s under his belt. In 2014, Mickelson's lone top-10 finish was solo-second at the PGA Championship in the season's final major.

Mickelson was making his fifth start in the FedEx St. Jude Classic this week (T59/2009, MC/2001, T2/2013 and T11/2014).

Mickelson improved in driving accuracy each day:

First Round	5 of 14 fairways
Second Round	7 of 14 fairways
Third Round	8 of 14 fairways
Final Round	10 of 14 fairways

#### **Brooks Koepka**

Beginning the day one stroke back, Brooks Koepka's even-par 70 was good for a share of third place.

Koepka was making his 13<sup>th</sup> start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, where he claimed his first career TOUR title in early February at the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

In addition to his win, additional top-10 finishes for Koepka this season have come at the Frys.com Open (T8) and Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (T4).

After 54 holes in Scottsdale, Koepka was three strokes off the lead, heading into the final round. He went on to win by one stroke on the strength of a final-round, 5-under 66.

Koepka was making his second start at the FedEx St. Jude Classic, having finished T19 last year.

#### **Billy Horschel**

Reigning FedExCup champion Billy Horschel offset two bogeys with five birdies and an eagle, good for a 5-under 65 and T8 honors.

Horschel was making his sixth start in the FedEx St. Jude Classic, and fifth straight. His T8 finish this week marks his third-consecutive top-10 finish in the event (T6/2014, T10/2013).

#### **Boo Weekley**

With a final-round, 5-under 65, Boo Weekley finished T8, good for his fifth top-10 finish of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, tying his record for most for a season (2007, 2008).

Weekley was making his 10<sup>th</sup> start in the FedEx St. Jude classic, and ninth straight. His only other top-10 finish in the event was a T4 in 2008.

## **Miscellaneous Notes**

Playing on a sponsor exemption, Austin Cook struggled in the final round, posting a 2-over 72 and finishing T22. Last year, Cook Monday qualified for the 2014 FedEx St. Jude Classic, his first-ever PGA TOUR start, where he finished T13 after rounds of 67-73-65-70—275 (-5).

2013 FedEx St. Jude Classic champion Harris English carded a 1-under 69 in the final round to finish T45 at even-par 280. He entered the week ranked 68<sup>th</sup> in the Official World Golf Ranking, needing no worse than a two-way tie for second in order to move into the top 60 of the Official World Golf Ranking. The top 60 tomorrow earn a spot into the U.S. Open field.

This year marked the ninth-consecutive playing of the event the week before the U.S. Open. The best U.S. Open finish by the prior week's champion is a T16 by Lee Westwood in 2010. Since moving to TPC Southwind in 1989, the FedEx St. Jude Classic was also played the week before the U.S. Open in 2001 (Bob Estes/T30 U.S. Open), 1999 (Ted Tryba/T66 U.S. Open) and 1992 (Jay Haas/T23 U.S. Open). Despite last year's win in Memphis, Ben Crane did not qualify to play in the following week's U.S. Open.

The best U.S. Open finish by a winner of the FedEx St. Jude Classic the same year was a T3 by Fred Couples in 1993, when the Memphis event was contested two weeks after the U.S. Open.

Since moving to the TPC Southwind in 1989, the closest a Memphis winner has come to winning a major in the same year was when Lee Westwood claimed runner-up honors at the 2010 British Open.

Since 1934, just 11 players have won the week before winning a major championship, most recently being Rory McIlroy (2014 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, PGA Championship).

There were 24 players in this week's field scheduled to compete at the U.S. Open at Chambers Bay.

Past FedEx St. Jude Classic champions in the field who made the cut: Ben Crane/2014 (T37), Harris English/2013 (T45), Harrison Frazar/2011 (67<sup>th</sup>) and David Toms/2003, 2004 (T62).

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Greg Owen (64), Ryan Palmer (64), Scott Brown (65), Brian Davis (65), Alex Prugh (66) and Jerry Kelly (69).

R2: Russell Knox (64), David Toms (66), Chad Campbell (66), Mark Hubbard (68), Troy Merritt (67) and Whee Kim (68).

R3: None

R4: Seung-Yul Noh (65), Boo Weekley (65)

Scoring Averages at the par-70 TPC Southwind:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.432	35.491	70.938	
R2:	35.607	35.806	71.413	71.174
R3:	35.000	35.895	70.895	71.119
R4:	35.027	34.973	70.000	70.933

In the final round, the par-4 fifth hole played as the toughest (4.321). The par-5 16th was the easiest (4.551).