



2015 Northern Trust Open
(The 14th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Pacific Palisades, Calif. February 16-22, 2015
The Riviera Country Club Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,349

Purse: \$5,700,000 (\$1,206,000)
500 FedExCup points to winner

First-Round Notes – Thursday, January 19, 2015

Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 66 degrees. Winds WSW 10 mph.

Due to darkness, the first round was suspended for the day at 5:50 p.m., with three players remaining on the course: David Lingmerth, Jim Herman and Drew Scott. Those players were back in position at 7:45 a.m. to complete their round, which was completed at 7:57 a.m. The second round will begin as scheduled at 6:40 a.m.

First-Round Leaderboard

Position	Name	Score
T1	Retief Goosen	66
T1	James Hahn	66
T1	Vijay Singh	66
T1	Daniel Summerhays	66
T1	Nick Watney	66
T1	Derek Fathauer	66

Vijay Singh

Making his ninth-consecutive start at the Northern Trust Open and 14th overall, Vijay Singh opened with a 5-under 66. With the exception of a 3-under 68 in 2011, Singh has opened with an over-par score at The Riviera Country Club each year since 2009. His last four second-round scores have all been below par.

Singh's only top-10 finish in the event was solo-second in 2011.

Singh is making his fifth start of the season on the PGA TOUR this week, with his T34 at last week's AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am being his best showing.

Singh, a member of the World Golf Hall of Fame (2006), has claimed 34 career PGA TOUR wins. His most recent win on TOUR came at the 2008 Deutsche Bank Championship, 149 starts ago.

Singh's only top 10-finish since the 2013 season came in the first event of the 2013-14 PGA TOUR Season (Frys.com Open/2nd).

Singh's 66 today comes three days shy of his 52nd birthday (2/22/1963).

Singh is one of six players over the age of 50 in this week's field; Fred Couples (71), Davis Love III (72), Kenny Perry (72) and Scott Verplank (73) and Woody Austin (77).

This marks the 23rd time Singh has been atop the leaderboard after 18 holes. Of the previous 22, he has converted five into victory. He most recently achieved the feat at the 2007 Hyundai Tournament of Champions. Since then, two first-round lead/co-leads have resulted in finishes outside the top 10: 2007 Quicken Loans National/T12 and 2012 Greenbrier Classic/T33.

Nick Watney

En route to his second-place finish at last week's AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, Nick Watney ended the final round with birdies on his 71st and 72nd holes. Keeping the momentum going, Watney opened with an eagle-three at the first hole in round one today. He followed the eagle with birdies at Nos. 6-8 and 17 en route to a 5-under 66.

Watney is making his ninth start of the season at this week's Northern Trust Open and looking for his third-consecutive top-10 finish of the season. Before last week's runner-up honors at Pebble Beach, he finished T7 at the Farmers Insurance Open a week earlier.

Watney has collected five wins on the PGA TOUR, and he remains in search of his first victory since the 2012 Barclays.

This marks the ninth time of Watney being in the lead / co-lead. He has never been able to parlay an 18-hole lead/co-lead into a victory.

Retief Goosen

In search of his eighth career PGA TOUR win, and first since the 2009 Valspar Championship, Retief Goosen opened with a 5-under 66. This week's start is his 104th since his win in the Tampa Bay area.

Goosen is making his eighth start in the Northern Trust Open and remains in search of his first top-10 finish in the event. His best is T12 in 2011.

Goosen is also making his eighth start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season this week, with his lone top-10 finish coming in the form of T3 honors at the season's first event, the Frys.com Open.

This marks the seventh time of Goosen being in the lead / co-lead after 18 holes. The only one which resulted in victory was the 2001 U.S. Open, when he held at least a share of the lead all four rounds.

James Hahn

In eight previous rounds at the Northern Trust Open, James Hahn had broken par just twice. As a result, he finished T61 in 2013 and T29 last year. Hahn's opening-round, 5-under 66 matches his lowest from round three last year.

Hahn remains in search of his first career PGA TOUR win in his 65th start on TOUR this week. His best finish is a T3 at the 2013 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Hahn is making his 11th start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season this week, with a best finish of T17 at The McGladrey Classic.

This marks the second time of being in the lead / co-lead after round one. He previously finished T4 at the 2013 Humana Challenge after holding a share of the 18-hole lead.

Daniel Summerhays

In search of his first win on the PGA TOUR in his 119th TOUR start this week, Daniel Summerhays birdied four consecutive holes in round one, Nos. 16-1, en route to a 5-under 66.

Summerhays has previously not enjoyed much success in the Northern Trust Open. In his first two starts of 2011 and 2013, he missed the cut. Last year, he finished T29. Today's 66 is just his second score under par in 11 rounds in the event, matching that of round three last year.

Summerhays is making his 10th start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season this week, with a T17 at the Sony Open in Hawaii his best showing.

Summerhays has twice been a runner up on the PGA TOUR. He lost in a playoff to Woody Austin at the 2013 Sanderson Farms Championship and finished T2 with Will MacKenzie at last year's Valero Texas Open.

This marks Summerhays' third time of being in the lead / co-lead after 18 holes. Of the other two, he finished T2 at the 2013 Sanderson Farms Championship and T43 at the 2013 Wells Fargo Championship.

Derek Fathauer

Derek Fathauer made his way back on to the PGA TOUR by virtue of finishing first in the 2014 Web.com Tour Finals. On that Tour last year, he claimed eight top-10 finishes, highlighted by a win the Web.com Tour Championship. Fathauer previously played full-time on the PGA TOUR in 2009.

Fathauer is making his ninth start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season this week, with a T12 at the season-opening Frys.com Open his best finish.

This marks Fathauer's first time competing in the Northern Trust Open, and this is his first time of being higher than T9 after 18 holes (2009 RBC Canadian Open).

First-Round Lead Notes

Six players tied for the lead after 18 holes at The Riviera Country Club is the most since 2011, when nine were tied at the top at 4-under 67.

Through 13 events on the PGA TOUR this season, the most to take a share of the 18-hole lead was six at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba.

Since 2000, the only players to parlay an 18-hole lead/co-lead into victory at the Northern Trust Open have been Phil Mickelson in 2009 and Aaron Baddeley in 2011.

Through 13 events this season on the PGA TOUR, the only player to convert a first-round lead/co-lead into a win was Sang-Moon Bae at the Frys.com Open last October.

Last year, Dustin Johnson led after the first round with a 5-under 66.

Miscellaneous notes

For the second straight year, defending champion Bubba Watson opened with a 1-under 70 and trails the lead by four strokes.

Last week's AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am winner Brandt Snedeker opened with a 2-over 73.

Four-time PGA TOUR champion and winner of this year's Sony Open in Hawaii Jimmy Walker opened with a 2-over 73. A week before his win at Waialae Country Club, Walker lost in a playoff to Patrick Reed at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions. Walker leads Robert Streb in the race for the FedExCup by 207 points.

In the 25th anniversary of his 1991 victory at the Northern Trust Open, Fred Couples opened with an even-par 71. Couples is making his 33rd start in the event, where he has amassed 14 top-10 finishes. Most recently, he finished T7 in 2011. Following a pair of 1-over 72s, Couples missed last year's cut.

Will Zalatoris, the Wake Forest freshman who earned a spot into this week's field by virtue of winning Monday's Northern Trust Open Collegiate Challenge, opened with a 5-over 76. Zalatoris shot a 4-under 67 to win the spot in the field over 13 other college kids.

Blake Adams withdrew before his first round with a back injury and was replaced in the field by Tom Hoge. Stuart Appleby also withdrew prior to his tee time with sciatic nerve issues and was replaced by Alex Cejka. Brian Davis withdrew after the first round.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Brendon Todd (69).