



2015 John Deere Classic

(The 35th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

**Silvis, IL
TPC Deere Run**

**July 6-12, 2015
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,268**

**Purse: \$4,700,000 (\$846,000)
FedExCup: 500 (winner)**

Second-Round Notes – Friday, July 10, 2015

Weather: Mostly sunny, with an afternoon high of 81 degrees. Winds NE 5-10 mph.

Cut: 73 professionals and one amateur at 4-under 138 from a field of 153 professionals and three amateurs.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Justin Thomas	63-67—130 (-12)
Johnson Wagner	68-63—131 (-11)
Tom Gillis	66-65—131 (-11)

Justin Thomas

Thomas hit 10 of 14 fairways for the second day in a row, and 12 of 18 greens in regulation. He needed 25 putts to complete his round.

Thomas' previous best position after 36 holes was T1 at the 2015 Sony Open in Hawaii, one of only two times he has led/co-led after any round (he also was T1 after the third round of the 2015 CareerBuilder Challenge in partnership with the Clinton Foundation).

Thomas best positions at the top of the leaderboard:

Position	Round	Tournament
T1	Round 2	2015 Sony Open in Hawaii
T1	Round 3	2015 CareerBuilder Challenge in partnership with the Clinton Foundation
T2	Round 2	2015 Northern Trust Open
3	Round 2	2015 Waste Management Phoenix Open
T4	Round 1	2015 Valspar Championship

Thomas has amassed five top-10 finishes in 23 starts this season, with his best showing a T4 at the Sanderson Farms Championship. His most recent finish inside the top 10 was a T7 at the Wells Fargo Championship. In his four events since then, he has struggled, missing two cuts and finishing outside the top 50 in the other two.

Thomas is making his 31st start as a professional this week on TOUR, with his best finish being his T4 at the Sanderson Farms Championship earlier this season.

Second-Round Lead Notes

Since moving to TPC Deere Run in 2000, the second-round leader has held on for the win just three times (2010/Steve Stricker, 2002/J.P. Hayes and 2001/David Gossett).

The second-round leader has emerged victorious nine of 33 times on the PGA TOUR this season. The last to do so was Bubba Watson at the Travelers Championship two weeks ago.

Johnson Wagner

Johnson Wagner recorded a bogey-free 8-under par 63, supplanting his previous low round at TPC Deere Run, a 65 in round two of 2014. Wagner hit 14 of 14 fairways and 16 of 18 greens in regulations.

Wagner is making his sixth appearance at the John Deere Classic where he has three missed cuts and a T7 best finish in 2014. His T7 last year was his only top 10 in the 2013-14 PGA TOUR season.

With eight birdies on the day, this marked Wagner's 36th career bogey-free and first round with eight or more birdies since the final round of the 2014 CareerBuilder Challenge in partnership with the Clinton Foundation, where he had nine.

In his 231st start on TOUR, Wagner is in search of his fourth career win and first since the 2012 Sony Open in Hawaii.

Earlier this year, Wagner lost in a playoff to J.B. Holmes at the Shell Houston Open, his only top 10 of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season.

Tom Gillis

Tom Gillis is making his 12th start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, where he has six missed cuts and yet to post a top 25 finish.

Gillis is winless in 171 career starts on TOUR. His closest brush with victory was a T2 finish at the 2012 Honda Classic. His best position after 36 holes was T1 at the 2012 Honda Classic.

Born in Pontiac, Michigan, Gillis is making his fifth start at the John Deere Classic where his best finish is a T12 in 2013. (2013/T54, 2012/T36, 2005/T40 and 2003/T12).

Through 36 holes, Gillis has hit 24 of 28 fairways and ranks first in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (7.832).

Scott Pinckney

Starting off No. 10, PGA TOUR rookie Scott Pinckney birdied two of his first three holes, before back-to-back bogeys on Nos. 14-15. He went 5-under on his second nine, highlighted by an eagle on the par-5 No. 2 and three birdies in his last five holes. Pinckney finished his round at 11:49 a.m.

Pinckney is making his first start at the John Deere Classic. In 21 starts this year, he has made 13 cuts and recorded six top 25s, including top-10 finishes at the Puerto Rico Open (T6), Valero Texas Open (T8) and AT&T Byron Nelson (T2).

Pinckney's best position on the PGA TOUR after round two is T4, which has happened on two occasions this season: the Puerto Rico Open and AT&T Byron Nelson – with both resulting in top 10s.

Pinckney is childhood friend of Rory McIlroy. The pair met as nine-year-olds during the Doral Junior Public Links. McIlroy would later stay with Pinckney's family in Utah for three months, competing on the junior circuit.

Daniel Summerhays

Summerhays is making his fifth start at the John Deere Classic (MC/2011, MC/2012, T4/2013 and T13/2014). In 14 rounds at TPC Deere Run, he has 12 rounds under par, including his last two rounds of 65 and 67.

Summerhays previously held the lead at the John Deere Classic after the third round in 2013, thanks to a career-low 9-under 62. He finished T4.

Playing in his 132nd TOUR event, Summerhays is still in search of his first win. He has two runner-ups: a playoff loss for runner-up at the 2013 Sanderson Farms Championship and a T2 at the 2014 Valero Texas Open.

Summerhays has made 22 starts this season, highlighted by two top 10s: Valspar Championship (T10) and Valero Texas Open (T4).

Summerhays has missed three cuts in his last four events: The Greenbrier Classic (MC), Travelers Championship (MC), U.S. Open (T27) and the Memorial Tournament (MC).

Will Wilcox

Will Wilcox is making his second start at the John Deere Classic after missing the cut in 2014.

In 11 starts this season, Wilcox has three top 15s: Sanderson Farms Championship (T14), Puerto Rico Open (T6) and FedEx St. Jude Classic (T12). He comes off missed cuts in his last two starts at the Travelers Championship and The Greenbrier Classic.

Wilcox's highest position after 36 rounds occurred at the 2015 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am (T4). He went on to finish T18.

Zach Johnson

Zach Johnson's 3-under 68 in the second round extended his streak of consecutive rounds in the 60s at TPC

Deere Run to 26 (totaling 114-under par). Not since the final round of 2008 (even-par 71) has Johnson posted a score in the 70s.

Johnson's round-by-round finishing position and score at the John Deere Classic en route to his victory in 2012: RD 1 (T39/68), RD 2 (T11/65), RD 3 (T3/66), RD4 (1/65).

Johnson hit all 14 fairways in round two (25 of 28 through two rounds) and 15 of 18 greens in regulation for the second day in a row (30 of 36). This was the 18th time in his career and fourth time at TPC Deere Run Johnson has hit every fairway during a round.

Jordan Spieth

Spieth followed an opening even-par 71 with a 7-under 64 in round two. Today's round matches his best at TPC Deere Run, from last year's second round (T7).

Spieth began the day at T101 and moved to T16. His statistics in the second round:

Fairways: 10/14

Greens: 13/18

Strokes Gained: Tee to Green: +2.51

Strokes Gained: Putting: +3.36

Putts: 25

Feet of Putts Made: 131'2"

With six birdies and one eagle, Spieth recorded his 11th round with seven or more birdies or better this season.

Most Rounds with 7 or More Birdies or Better This Season

Player	# of Birdies or Better
Spieth, Jordan	11
Day, Jason	9
Lee, Danny	9
Wheatcroft, Steve	9
Jones, Matt	8

Miscellaneous Notes

Defending John Deere Classic champion Brian Harman followed his opening 67 with a 3-under 68 and sits in a tie for sixteenth. Harman ended a three-week stretch of defending champions missing the cut in their title defense (Martin Kaymer/U.S. Open, Kevin Streelman/Travelers Championship and Angel Cabrera/The Greenbrier Classic).

Three years ago, Luke Guthrie (T11) won the Web.com Tour's Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco, which is being played this week in Boise, Idaho.

Of three amateurs in the field this week, University of Georgia's Lee McCoy was the only one to make the cut after rounds of 67-71—138 (-4). McCoy missed the cut at the 2015 U.S. Open and 2015 Travelers Championship in his only other PGA TOUR starts.

The John Deere Classic has produced 20 first-time PGA TOUR winners over the years – seven of those have come at TPC Deere Run (Michael Clark/2000, David Gossett/2001, Mark Hensby/2004, Sean O'Hair/2005, John Senden/2006, Jordan Spieth/2013 and Brian Harman/2014).

Five of the last eight John Deere Classic champions are in the field: Brian Harman/2014 (T16), Jordan Spieth/2013 (T16), Zach Johnson/2012 (T11), Steve Stricker/2009-2011 (T11) and Jonathan Byrd/2007 (MC). Sean O'Hair (2005), John Senden (2006) and Kenny Perry (2008) are not in this year's field.

Now in its second year, The Open Qualifying Series (OQS) is an international qualifying series involving events on the world's leading golf tours for The Open Championship, which takes place at St Andrews next week. The OQS offers players the opportunity to qualify for golf's oldest major championship at events on the PGA TOUR, the European Tour, the PGA Tour of Australasia and the Japan Golf Tour. Players on the PGA TOUR have the chance to qualify at three events: Travelers Championship, The Greenbrier Classic and John Deere Classic. The top four players, not previously eligible, who finish among the top 12 (and ties) at the Travelers Championship and

The Greenbrier Classic will earn entry into The Open Championship. The top player among the top five (and ties) at the John Deere Classic will also qualify. If there are ties for the final spot(s), qualifiers are determined by Official World Golf Ranking.

The current alternate list for the Open Championship, based on Official World Golf Ranking as of Monday, July 6th (**in the field this week*)

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| 1. Kevin Streelman (USA)* | 6. Chris Wood (England) |
| 2. Hiroshi Iwata (Japan) | 7. Brendan Steele (USA) |
| 3. Richie Ramsay (Scotland) | 8. Cameron Smith (Australia) |
| 4. Shawn Stefani (USA)* | 9. Emiliano Grillo (Argentina) |
| 5. George McNeill (USA)* | 10. Justin Thomas (USA)* |

From 1980-89, 1997-98 and 2004 to the present, the John Deere Classic has preceded The Open Championship. The best finish by a John Deere Classic winner in The Open Championship was Zach Johnson in 2012 when he finished T9 at Royal Lytham & St Annes Golf Club.

Year	Player	Tournament Name	Open Championship Finish
2014	Brian Harman	<i>John Deere Classic</i>	T26
2013	Jordan Spieth	<i>John Deere Classic</i>	T44
2012	Zach Johnson	<i>John Deere Classic</i>	T9
2011	Steve Stricker	<i>John Deere Classic</i>	T12
2010	Steve Stricker	<i>John Deere Classic</i>	T55
2009	Steve Stricker	<i>John Deere Classic</i>	T52
2008	Kenny Perry	<i>John Deere Classic</i>	DNP
2007	Jonathan Byrd	<i>John Deere Classic</i>	T23
2006	John Senden	<i>John Deere Classic</i>	T35
2005	Sean O'Hair	<i>John Deere Classic</i>	T15
2004	Mark Hensby	<i>John Deere Classic</i>	DNP
1998	Steve Jones	<i>Quad City Classic</i>	T57
1997	David Toms	<i>Quad City Classic</i>	DNP
1980-89	<i>*No winners competed in Open Championship during these years</i>		

There are 18 players in this week's field scheduled to compete in next week's Open Championship at St. Andrews. Currently, 20-23 players are scheduled to take advantage of the charter flight to Edinburgh Sunday night.

Only 11 players have managed to win on the PGA TOUR the week before winning a major. Since 2000, the only three players to achieve the feat were Phil Mickelson (2006 BellSouth Classic/Masters Tournament), Tiger Woods (2007 World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational/PGA Championship) and Rory McIlroy (2014 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational/PGA Championship). Mickelson won the Scottish Open the week prior to his 2013 Open Championship title.

After hitting his tee shot on No. 2 in the second round, Mike Weir withdrew due to personal reasons.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Charles Howell III (64), Steven Alker (65), Spencer Levin (66), Will Wilcox (66), Zach Johnson (66), Alex Cejka (67), Brian Harman (67), Jhonattan Vegas (67), Adam Hadwin (68), Pat Perez (69), Roberto Castro (69) and Scott Brown (69).

R2: K.J. Choi (68), Max Homa (66), Mark Hubbard (67), Danny Lee (68), Andrew Loupe, Bryce Molder (65), Hudson Swafford (66) and Johnson Wagner (63).

Scoring Averages at the par-71 TPC Deere Run:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.460	35.069	65.529	
R2:	34.371	35.532	69.903	69.716

Morning Scoring Average: 69.26

Afternoon Scoring Average: 69.55

The easiest hole in round two was the par-5 second hole, playing to an average of 4.544. The most difficult hole was the par-4 9th, with an average of 4.201.