



**2015 John Deere Classic**

(The 35<sup>th</sup> of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

**Silvis, IL  
TPC Deere Run**

**July 6-12, 2015  
Par/Yards: 35-36—717,268**

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

**Final-Round Notes – Sunday, July 12, 2015**

*Weather: Partly sunny, with a high of 87 degrees. Winds SE 6-12 mph.*

**Final Leaderboard**

*Jordan Spieth	71-64-61-68—264 (-20)	Won on second hole of sudden death, No. 18, with a par-4
*Tom Gillis	66-65-69-64—264 (-20)	
Zach Johnson	66-68-66-65—265 (-19)	
Danny Lee	68-68-62-67—265 (-19)	

The 2015 John Deere Classic featured the 15<sup>th</sup> playoff of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season and third in as many weeks (Travelers Championship, The Greenbrier Classic and John Deere Classic).

**Jordan Spieth**

On the second hole of sudden death with Tom Gillis, Jordan Spieth's par-4 at No. 18 was good for his second John Deere Classic crown, fourth of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season and fifth overall in his 68<sup>th</sup> professional start on the PGA TOUR at the age of 21 years, 11 months and 15 days. Before turning professional, Spieth made eight starts on TOUR as an amateur.

Jordan Spieth Career PGA TOUR Victories

2013 -- John Deere Classic

2015 -- Valspar Championship, Masters Tournament, U.S. Open, **John Deere Classic**

Spieth becomes the first player to win four times in a season before The Open Championship since Woods won five times in 2000 (Hyundai Tournament of Champions, AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, Arnold Palmer Invitational, the Memorial Tournament and U.S. Open).

With the win, his fifth on the PGA TOUR, Spieth is now one victory shy of tying Tiger Woods for most wins on TOUR before the age of 22. Tiger Woods won the 1997 AT&T Byron Nelson (his fifth TOUR win) at the age of 21 years, 4 months and 18 days. Spieth turns 22 on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

2013 John Deere Classic	19 years, 11 months, 18 days
2015 Valspar Championship	21 years, 7 months, 19 days
2015 Masters Tournament	21 years, 8 months, 16 days
2015 U.S. Open	21 years, 10 months, 25 days
<b>2015 John Deere Classic</b>	<b>21 years, 11 months, 15 days</b>

With the win and 500 FedExCup points, Spieth increases his lead in the FedExCup standings by 1,713 points over Jimmy Walker with a PGA TOUR Season record of 3,628.

**FedExCup season-ending points leaders since 2009 (when the points were restructured)**

2014-15	Jordan Spieth	3,628
2009	Tiger Woods	3,431
2010	Ernie Els	1,846
2011	Nick Watney	1,906
2012	Tiger Woods	2,269
2013	Tiger Woods	3,059
2013-14	Rory McIlroy	2,582

The 2015 John Deere Classic marked the seventh time Spieth has held a lead/co-lead after 54 holes. With the win, he has now converted three 54-hole leads into victory, each of which being his most recent wins – 2015 Masters, 2015 U.S. Open and this week's John Deere Classic. At the 2013 John Deere Classic, Spieth began the final round trailing by six strokes. At the 2015 Valspar Championship, he trailed by one stroke.

Spieth becomes the eighth different player to win four or more times in a season in the last 25 years dating back to the 1991 season, joining Tiger Woods, Rory McIlroy, Vijay Singh, Phil Mickelson, Davis Love III, David Duval and Nick Price.

**Player with 4+ wins in a single season since 1991**

Season	Wins	Player
2014-15	4	Jordan Spieth
2013	5	Tiger Woods
2012	4	Rory McIlroy
2009	6	Tiger Woods
2008	4	Tiger Woods
2007	7	Tiger Woods
2006	8	Tiger Woods,
2005	6	Tiger Woods
	4	Vijay Singh
	4	Phil Mickelson
2004	9	Vijay Singh
2003	5	Tiger Woods
	4	Davis Love III
	4	Vijay Singh
2002	5	Tiger Woods
2001	5	Tiger Woods
2000	9	Tiger Woods
	4	Phil Mickelson
1999	8	Tiger Woods
	4	David Duval
1998	4	David Duval
1997	4	Tiger Woods
1996	4	Phil Mickelson
1994	4	Nick Price
1993	4	Nick Price

Through 72 holes this week (16 competitive rounds), Spieth is 61-under-par at TPC Deere Run. With his 3-under 68 in today's final round, Spieth has now posted 15 of 16 rounds at TPC Deere Run at par-or-better. As an amateur in 2012, he posted a 1-over 72 in round three.

Only 11 players have managed to win on the PGA TOUR the week before winning a major.

- 2014 Rory McIlroy won the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational followed by PGA Championship
- 2007 Tiger Woods won the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational followed by PGA Championship
- 2006 Phil Mickelson won BellSouth Classic followed by Masters
- 1988 Sandy Lyle won Greater Greensboro Open followed by the Masters
- 1971 Lee Trevino won the Canadian Open followed by the British Open
- 1959 Art Wall won the Azalea Open followed by the Masters
- 1949 Sam Snead won the Greater Greensboro Open followed by the Masters
- 1946 \*Ben Hogan won the Winnipeg Open followed by the PGA
- 1945 \*Byron Nelson won the Chicago Victory Open followed by the PGA
- 1939 Ralph Guldahl won the Greater Greensboro Open followed by the Masters
- 1939 \*Henry Picard won the Scranton Open followed by the PGA

\* No event scheduled the week after first win. Major was the next event contested

Spieth is one of four multiple winners on the PGA TOUR this season; Jimmy Walker (Sony Open in Hawaii, Valero Texas Open), Rory McIlroy (WGC-Cadillac Match Play, Wells Fargo Championship), Bubba Watson (WGC-HSBC Champions, Travelers Championship).

**Jordan Spieth Statistics:**

Fairways Hit	39 of 56
Driving Distance	283.7 yards
Greens in Regulation	52 of 72
Total Putts	105
Strokes Gained: Putting	+6.315 (1.58 p/r)
Strokes Gained: Tee to Green	+8.241 (2.06 p/r)
Sand Saves	0 of 1

**2015 at a Glance – Jordan Spieth**

Starts -- 18  
Cuts Made -- 16  
Top-10 finishes -- 11  
Victories – 4

**About Jordan Spieth**

Birthdate: July 27, 1993  
Birthplace: Dallas, Texas  
Resides: Dallas, Texas  
Family: Single  
Height/Weight: 6-1, 185  
Education: University of Texas  
Turned Pro: 2013

**Tom Gillis**

When Tom Gillis' second shot found the water hazard on the second hole of sudden death, No. 18, he fell victim to Jordan Spieth, who claimed his second John Deere Classic title via sudden death.

Gillis' 7-under 64 in the final round is his lowest round on the PGA TOUR since posting a second-round, 7-under 63 at the 2013 AT&T Byron Nelson (T12).

By virtue of his runner-up finish at the John Deere Classic, Gillis earns the final spot into this week's Open Championship, an event he has competed in twice (2008/T58 and 1999/WD).

Gillis' runner-up finish comes in his fifth start in the John Deere Classic; 2015/P2, 2013/T54, 2012/T36, 2005/T40 and 2003/T12.

Had he won, Gillis would have become the second-oldest first-time winner on the PGA TOUR since 1970. Ed Dougherty won the 1995 Sanderson Farms Championship at the age of 47 years, 8 months, 19 days. The oldest first-time winner was John Barnum, who won the 1962 Cajun Classic at the age of 51 years, 1 month and 5 days.

Gillis' runner-up finish marks his first top-10 finish since the 2012 Children's Miracle Network Classic. His best PGA TOUR finish before this week was a share of second place at the 2012 Honda Classic.

Gillis claimed one win on the Web.com TOUR, the 2009 Web.com Tour Players Cup.

Gillis is a two-time graduate of the Web.com Tour, 2009 and 2014. He made his way back onto the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of his 23<sup>rd</sup>-place finish on the 2014 Web.com Tour priority list.

Before this week, Gillis had made just five cuts in 11 starts on the PGA TOUR this season, with his best finish being a T26 at the Frys.com Open.

**Zach Johnson**

Zach Johnson's 6-under 65 in the final round extended his streak of consecutive rounds in the 60s at TPC Deere Run to 28 (totaling 125-under par). Not since the final round of 2008 (even-par 71) has Johnson posted a score in the 70s.

Since 2004, Johnson has recorded 231 birdies at TPC Deere Run, the most of any tournament. He has 182 total birdies at Doral.

With scores of 66-68-66-65 this week, Johnson has now posted scores of par-or-better in his last 20 straight rounds in PGA TOUR-sanctioned events.

Johnson was looking to capture his second John Deere Classic title (2012), his third win in the state of Illinois (2013 BMW Championship) and 12<sup>th</sup> career win on the PGA TOUR in his 306<sup>th</sup> start.

Johnson's 14<sup>th</sup> start in the John Deere Classic this week is more than any other event he's competed in on the PGA TOUR.

Johnson's T3 finish marks his sixth top-five finish in the John Deere Classic and fifth consecutive; 2011/T3, 2012/1<sup>st</sup>, 2013/T2, 2014/2 and 2015/T3.

With his T3 finish, Johnson claims his seventh top-10 finish of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, supplanting his previous-best of fifth place at the AT&T Byron Nelson. The finish at TPC Deere Run is his 64<sup>th</sup> top 10 on the PGA TOUR. In his last start before this week, Johnson finished sixth at the Travelers Championship two weeks ago.

### **Danny Lee**

A day removed from his 9-under 62, Danny Lee nearly won for a second-consecutive week, posting a 4-under 67 in Sunday's final round. Lee bogeyed the 72<sup>nd</sup> hole to miss joining the playoff between Jordan Spieth and Tom Gillis.

Had Lee won, he would've become the first player to win in back-to-back weeks since Billy Horschel won the 2014 BMW Championship and TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

The last player to get his first two wins in back-to-back starts was Camilo Villegas in 2008: BMW Championship and TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola. The last player to get his first two wins in back-to-back starts was David Duval in 1997: Michelob Championship at Kingsmill and Children's Miracle Network Classic). *Duval went on to win the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola in his next start.*

Lee is a New Zealand resident, but was born in South Korea. He is currently No. 16 in the Presidents Cup International Standings.

The last John Deere Classic winner to have also won the week before was David Frost in 1993 (Canadian Open, John Deere Classic).

### **Steve Stricker**

For the first time in 52 rounds at TPC Deere Run, Steve Stricker posted back-to-back rounds in the 70s. He followed an even-par 71 in round three with a 1-under 70 in the final round Sunday, en route to a T35 finish.

Stricker's T35 finish in this week's John Deere Classic marks his third-highest showing in 14 starts. He followed at T46 finish in 2005 with a T51 showing in 2006.

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

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 were in the field: Brian Harman/2014 (T24), Jordan Spieth/2013 (1<sup>st</sup>), Zach Johnson/2012 (T3), Steve Stricker/2009-2011 (T35) and Jonathan Byrd/2007 (MC).

Now in its second year, The Open Qualifying Series (OQS) was an international qualifying series involving events on the world's leading golf tours for The Open Championship, which takes place at St Andrews this week. The OQS offered 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 had the chance to qualify at three events: Travelers Championship, The Greenbrier Classic and John Deere Classic. The top four players, not previously eligible, who finished among the top 12 (and ties) at the Travelers Championship and The Greenbrier Classic gained entry into The Open Championship. The top player among the top five at the John Deere Classic, Tom Gillis, also qualified. Had there been a tie for the final spot(s), the qualifier would have been determined by Official World Golf Ranking.

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, 18 players are scheduled to take advantage of the charter flight to Edinburgh Sunday night: Jonas Blixt, Steven Bowditch, Greg Chalmers, Stewart Cink, Harris English, Retief Goosen, Todd Hamilton, Brian Harman, David Hearn, Zach Johnson, Kevin Kisner, Danny Lee, Ryan Moore, Rod Pampling, Carl Pettersson, Jordan Spieth, Robert Streb and Kevin Streelman. Scott Pinkney is on the alternate list. If he gets into the field, he plans to take the charter.

**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).

R3: Jordan Spieth (61), Danny Lee (62), Zach Johnson (66), Vijay Singh (70), Tom Gillis (69), Johnson Wagner (68).

R4: Jason Bohn (64), Bryce Molder (68), Vaughn Taylor (68), Kevin Kisner (69) and William McGirt (69).

Scoring Averages at the par-71 TPC Deere Run:

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
R1:	34.460	35.069	65.529	
R2:	34.371	35.532	69.903	69.716
R3:	34.493	35.864	70.357	69.839
R4:	33.945	34.822	68.767	69.666

The easiest hole in the final round was the par-5 second hole, playing to an average of 4.495. The most difficult hole was the par-4 ninth, with an average of 4.244.