



## 2015 PGA Championship

(The 42<sup>nd</sup> of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Sheboygan, Wisconsin August 10-16, 2015 FedExCup Points (to winner): 600

Whistling Straits (Straits) Par/Yards: 72/7,501 Purse: \$10,000,000

COMPLETED Second-Round Notes – Saturday, August 15, 2015

Weather: Mostly sunny, with a high of 84 degrees. Winds ESE 5-10 mph.

The second round resumed at 7:00 a.m. CT and concluded at 8:46 a.m.

The PGA Championship is the 12<sup>th</sup> event of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season to be impacted by inclement weather.

#### 36-hole Cut

The cut came at 2-over 146 with 77 professionals advancing to round three.

## **Second-Round Leaderboard**

Matt Jones 68-65—133 (-11) Jason Day 68-67—135 (-9) Justin Rose 69-67—136 (-8)

### **World Number One Scenarios**

If Rory McIlroy wins or is solo-second at the PGA Championship, his hold on the World Number One spot is secure.

Jordan Spieth can overtake the World's Number One position with any of these scenarios:

Spieth wins and McIlroy is not second alone.

Spieth is second alone and McIlroy is not in the top six.

Spieth is tied second with one other and McIlroy is not in the top 13.

Spieth is tied second with two others and McIlroy is not in the top 33.

Spieth is third alone and McIlroy misses the cut.

Spieth finishes lower than solo-third, McIlroy will remain at the top of the Official World Golf Ranking.

#### **Matt Jones**

When play was suspended for the day Friday, Matt Jones was tied with fellow Aussie Jason Day at 9-under-par. Jones was on the 13<sup>th</sup> hole and 5-under on the day. When he returned Saturday morning, he birdied Nos. 13 and 18 to claim a two-stroke lead over fellow Aussie Jason Day at 11-under 133.

The last time a 36-hole lead of a PGA Championship reached double digits was in 2000, when Tiger Woods led Scott Dunlap by a stroke at 11-under 133.

Jones' bogey-free round of 7-under 65 consisted of birdies at Nos. 2, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13 and 18.

Jones is making his fourth PGA Championship start this week: 2010/MC, 2013/T40 and 2014/T47.

This marks Jones' ninth major championship start. Most recently, he finished T30 at The Open Championship, marking his best major championship finish.

Jones claimed his first PGA TOUR title at last year's Shell Houston Open.

Day came into the week with three top-10 finishes under his belt; T7/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, 3<sup>rd</sup>/Arnold Palmer Invitational and T3/FedEx St. Jude Classic.

Jones has held a 36-hole lead/co-lead six times, though none have resulted in victory. Most recently, he held a share of the lead headed into the weekend at this year's AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, where he finished T7.

The last Australian winner of the PGA Championship was Steve Elkington in 1995 (Riviera CC). Since 1960, the only Australians to win the PGA Championship have been Elkington, Wayne Grady (1990/Shoal Creek) and David Graham (1979/Oakland Hills CC).

The last Australian winner of a major championship was Adam Scott at the 2013 Masters.

## Second-Round Lead Notes at the PGA Championship

Last year, Rory McIlroy led by a stroke at 9-under over Jason Day and Jim Furyk.

Since the PGA Championship moved to a stroke-play event in 1958, the second-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win the PGA Championship 23 times in 57 events, most recently Rory McIlroy last year.

On the PGA TOUR this season, the second-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win nine of 40 times, most recently Bubba Watson at the Travelers Championship.

The best opening 36-hole score at the PGA Championship is 131, set on seven occasions and most recently by Jason Dufner in 2013.

The largest 36-hole lead at the PGA Championship is five strokes, held by Nick Price in 1994.

Best second-round score at PGA Championship is 63, set six times and most recently by Jason Dufner in 2013.

Best comeback by a winner following 36 holes at PGA Championship: 9 shots (Bob Rosburg/1959, Bob Tway/1986.

#### **Jason Day**

Jason Day followed and opening-round, 4-under 68 with a 5-under 67 in his sixth PGA Championship start. Day returned Saturday morning to complete his round from the 15<sup>th</sup> hole. A bogey at No. 18 pulled him two strokes back of Matt Jones at 9-under 135.

In Day's first start at the PGA Championship, he finished T10 at Whistling Straits in 2010. His best showing in the event is T8 in 2013 (Oak Hill CC).

With his T4 finish at The Open Championship last month, Day claimed his ninth top-10 finish in 20 major championship appearances.

Last month, Day captured his fourth career PGA TOUR win at the RBC Canadian Open to join Jimmy Walker, Rory McIlroy, Jordan Spieth and Bubba Watson in the group of multiple winners this season. Day first won this season at the Farmers Insurance Open in February in a playoff. With four TOUR titles, only Jordan Spieth has won more than twice this season.

In both of Day's victories this season, he overcame four-stroke deficits after 36 holes.

Day began the week ranked fifth in the Official World Golf Ranking.

## **Justin Rose**

Making his 47<sup>th</sup> start in the PGA Championship, England's Justin Rose is in search of a second major championship crown to complement his 2013 U.S. Open title. When played resumed Saturday morning, Rose completed his round from the 13<sup>th</sup> hole.

Through 36 holes, Rose trails Matt Jones by three strokes at 8-under 136.

Rose has made 10 Masters starts, (3 top 10s), 10 U.S. Open starts (3 top 10s), 14 Open Championship starts (2 top10s) and 13 PGA Championship starts (2 top 10s).

Rose, a seven-time winner on the PGA TOUR, is looking for his second victory of the season. At the Zurich Classic of New Orleans, Rose bettered Cameron Tringale by a stroke at 22-under 266.

Rose has won at least one PGA TOUR event for six-consecutive years, dating to 2010.

## **David Lingmerth**

Despite playing Nos. 7-9 in 4-over (double bogey, bogey), David Lingmerth managed eight birdies en route to a 2-under 70. Through 36 holes, he is at 7-under 137.

In the five events leading up the Memorial Tournament, where Lingmerth claimed his first career PGA TOUR victory, he missed four cuts. In the five events since his win at Muirfield Village Golf Club, he has amassed three top-6 finishes and missed no cuts.

With his 70 in round two, Lingmerth is now 23 of 26 in rounds of par-or-better, dating to round one of the Memorial Tournament.

Lingmerth hit 10 of 14 fairways in regulation, 10 of 18 greens and took 26 putts.

Lingmerth is making his fourth start in a major championship this week (2013 U.S. Open/T13, 2013 PGA Championship/MC and 2015 Open Championship/T74).

With his Memorial Tournament win, Lingmerth became the ninth player from Sweden to win on the PGA TOUR, joining Jesper Parnevik (5), Carl Pettersson (5), Henrik Stenson (4), Gabriel Hjertstedt (2), Daniel Chopra (2), Jonas Blixt (2), Freddie Jacobson (1) and Richard S. Johnson (1).

While no Swedish player has ever won a major championship, international players have won four of the last six PGA Championships (Padraig Harrington/2008, Y.E. Yang/2009, Martin Kaymer/2010 and Rory McIlroy/2012). Keegan Bradley (2011) and Jason Dufner (2013) are the exceptions.

#### Jordan Spieth

FedExCup points leader Jordan Spieth made six birdies en route to a 5-under 67 in round two. He sits at 6-under 138 through 36 holes.

Exactly as he did in round one, Spieth hit 8 of 14 fairways in round two and 12 of 18 greens. Through 36 holes, he is 11 of 12 at getting up and in/down from around the green. He needed just 24 putts in round two, as opposed to 29 in round one.

Spieth holed an unlikely bunker shot for birdie at the daunting par-4 18<sup>th</sup> in round two. The first round surrendered just six birdies all day.

This week marked just the fifth event on the PGA TOUR in which Spieth has been paired with Rory McIlroy (2015 PLAYERS Championship/R1-2, 2014 Open Championship/R1-2, 2014 Masters/R1-2 and 2013 Valero Texas Open/R1-2).

Of the 12 rounds in the season's first three major championships, Spieth posted sub-par scores in 10 of them, with eight being in the 60s. His only over-par round was a 1-over 71 in round three of the U.S. Open. With scores of 71-67 this week, he is now 12 of 14 with sub-par scores in major championship rounds.

Spieth has played this season's 14 major championship rounds in a combined 43-under-par. He was 37-under through the first three majors. The previous record of 35-under-par belonged to Tiger Woods (2000) and Nick Faldo (1990).

The last player to win three majors in a calendar year was Tiger Woods in 2000 (U.S. Open, Open Championship and PGA Championship).

Spieth is making his third start in the PGA Championship this week, coming off missed cuts in the previous two in 2013 and 2014. This week's PGA Championship is Spieth's 12<sup>th</sup> major championship start.

# **Rory McIlroy**

Defending PGA Championship winner Rory McIlroy opened with back-to-back, 1-under 71s. At 2-under 142, he trails Matt Jones by nine shots. En route to a T3 finish in the 2010 PGA Championship at Whistling Straits, McIlroy trailed Matt Kuchar by three strokes at 5-under-par headed into the weekend.

Twenty of his 26 rounds at the PGA Championship have been with scores of par-or-better, including 12 of his last 14 rounds

McIlroy's scoring average in his 24 PGA Championship rounds before this week is 69.75.

En route to his four major championship titles after 36 holes:

2011 U.S. Open
2012 PGA Championship
2014 Open Championship
2014 PGA Championship
2016 by six, won by eight
Trailed by two, won by eight
Led by four, won by two
Led by one, won by one

Of the six events McIlroy has made it to the weekend this season, he has yet to post an over-par score.

#### **Phil Mickelson**

Phil Mickelson got off to a less-than-desirable start, making a double-bogey six at his first hole of the day, No. 10. Despite two birdies and an eagle at the par-5 second hole, he could manage no better than a 1-over 73. Through 36 holes, Mickelson is at 1-over 145.

Mickelson is making his 23<sup>rd</sup> PGA Championship and 93<sup>rd</sup> major championship start this week. He owns nine top 10s in 22 starts at the PGA Championship, including a win in 2005 and second-place finish last year.

Mickelson's 1-over 73 is his 11<sup>th</sup> over-par score in the PGA Championship since 2010 (22 rounds).

Mickelson, who is ranked 56<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings with 796 points, is in jeopardy of not being an automatic selection for the Presidents Cup Team for the first time in history. Dating to 1994, he has been a member on each of the previous 10 squads. His 796 points is 739 behind No. 10 on the Presidents Cup points list (1,535).

#### **Tiger Woods**

Tiger Woods, a four-time winner of the PGA Championship (1999,-2000, 2006-07), followed a 3-over 75 in round one with a 1-over 73 in round two to miss the cut in his 18<sup>th</sup> start at the PGA Championship.

Woods' highest opening, 36-hole score in a PGA Championship is 10-over 150 from Atlanta Athletic Club in 2011.

Woods' missed cut this week is his 15<sup>th</sup> in 312 starts on the PGA TOUR as a professional. This is his fourth missed cut this season (10 starts) and 10<sup>th</sup> since 2010 (73 starts).

This marks the first time in Woods' career to have missed the cut in three major championships in a year.

Woods has now posted 24 of 66 over-par scores in 18 PGA Championships, including nine of his last 14 rounds.

R1 at a glance: 7 of 14 fairways, 12 of 18 greens, 33 putts. R2 at a glance: 7 of 14 fairways, 11 of 18 greens, 28 putts.

Woods is now winless in his last 24 major championships.

On Friday afternoon, Woods committed to compete in next week's Wyndham Championship, his final shot at climbing into the top 125 in the FedExCup standings. He's currently ranked 187<sup>th</sup> with 147 points. A win in Greensboro would earn him 500 points. Currently, the 125<sup>th</sup> spot in the standings is valued at 426 points.

#### **Miscellaneous Notes**

With a 7-under 29 on his inward nine, Hiroshi Iwata came within one stroke of the PGA Championship's low-9-hole score (Brad Faxon/1995/R4/Riviera CC/front nine).

Iwata's 34-39—63 ties the PGA Championship's lowest 18-hole score, previously posted 12 times.

Iwata made a 14-stroke improvement from round one (77) to round two (63) and is at 4-under 140 through 36 holes.

Martin Kaymer, who won the 2010 PGA Championship the last time it was contested at Whistling Straits, posted back-to-back, 2-under 70s and is nine strokes back of Matt Jones at 4-under 140. After 36 holes in 2010, Kaymer was four strokes off Matt Kuchar's lead at 4-under 140.

International players have won five of the last seven PGA Championships (Padraig Harrington/2008, Y.E. Yang/2009, Martin Kaymer/2010 and Rory McIlroy/2012, 2014). Keegan Bradley (2011) and Jason Dufner (2013) are the exceptions.

## **PGA Championship Past Champions in the field**

Player (Year won)	36 holes
Rory McIlroy (2012, 2014)	71-71 (-2)
Phil Mickelson (2005)	72-73 (+1)
Martin Kaymer (2010)	70-70 (-4)
Vijay Singh (1998, 2004)	73-71 (E)
Davis Love III (1997)	79-73 (MC)
Shaun Micheel (2003)	74-73 (MC)
Padraig Harrington (2008)	76-71 (MC)
Rich Beem (2002)	76-78 (MC)

Keegan Bradley (2011)	76-70 (+2)
Tiger Woods (1999, 2000, '06, '07)	75-73 (MC)
Y.E. Yang (2009)	70-72 (-2)
John Daly (1991)	73-82 (MC)
Mark Brooks (1996)	84-78 (MC)
Jason Dufner (2013)	71-75 (MC)

# PGA Professionals Leaderboard

Player	36 holes		
Brian Cairns	83-81 (MC)		
Matt Dobyns	76-73 (MC)		
Sean Dougherty	79-81 (MC)		
Charles Frost	76-83 (MC)		
Brian Gaffney	71-73 (T50)		
Ryan Helminen	76-72 (MC)		
Brett Jones	75-78 (MC)		
Ryan Kennedy	79-90 (MC)		
Johan Kok	77-77 (MC)		
Alan Morin	87-82 (MC)		
Jeff Olson	79-82 (MC)		
Austin Peters	82-81 (MC)		
Ben Polland	76-76 (MC)		
Adam Rainaud	74-77 (MC)		
Brent Snyder	76-79 (MC)		
Bob Sowards	75-76 (MC)		
Grant Sturgeon	77-73 (MC)		
Omar Uresti	77-82 (MC)		
Daniel Venezio	89-76 (MC)		
Steven Young	77-81 (MC)		

# Bogey-free rounds: R1: Brendan Steele (69)

R2: Matt Jones (65), Carl Pettersson (70)

# Scoring Averages at Whistling Straits:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	37.377	36.768	74.145	
R2:	36.653	36.367	73.020	73.713

R2 Morning Scoring Average: 73.18 R2 Afternoon Scoring Average: 72.79

The par-4 18<sup>th</sup> was again the toughest in round two, yielding a 4.643 average and just four birdies. The par-5 16<sup>th</sup> hole was the easiest at 4.620.

Prior to round two, Alex Cejka withdrew with an ankle injury. During round two, Jamie Donaldson withdrew with a back injury.