



2015 PGA Championship

(The 42nd of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Sheboygan, Wisconsin
Whistling Straits (Straits)

August 10-16, 2015
Par/Yards: 72/7,501

FedExCup Points (to winner): 600
Purse: \$10,000,000

Third-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. Round three began at 9:15 a.m.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Jason Day 68-67-66—201 (-15)
Jordan Spieth 71-67-65—203 (-13)
Branden Grace 71-69-64—204 (-12)
Justin Rose 69-67-68—204 (-12)

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.

Jason Day

Jason Day and Jordan Spieth will be paired together in tomorrow's final round. They were last paired together in a final round at last month's Open Championship.

In round three, Jason Day made eight birdies, an eagle, a bogey and a double bogey (No. 15) en route to a 6-under 66 and 2-stroke advantage heading into the final round.

This marks the eighth time Day has held a 54-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR. The only one which resulted in victory was the 2010 AT&T Byron Nelson, his first of four PGA TOUR victories.

In his sixth PGA Championship start, Day finished his second round Saturday morning, due to inclement weather Friday afternoon. He played a total of 22 holes today.

Day hit 11 of 14 fairways in regulation, 13 of 18 greens and took just 24 putts.

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. Day is also the winner of the 2010 AT&T Byron Nelson and 2014 World Golf Championships-Dell Match Play.

In both of Day's victories this season, he overcame two-stroke deficits after 54 holes.

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

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.

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.

Third-Round Lead Notes at the PGA Championship

A year ago, Rory McIlroy was 13-under 200 after 54 holes and held a one-stroke lead over Bernd Weisberger.

The leading score following 54 holes at the 2004 and 2010 PGA Championships at Whistling Straits was 204 (Vijay Singh) and 203 (Nick Watney), respectively. Singh went on to a playoff win over Chris DiMarco and Justin Leonard 2004, while Watney was surpassed by Martin Kaymer (who entered the final round four strokes back).

Since the PGA Championship moved to a stroke-play event in 1958, the third-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win the PGA Championship 32 times in 57 events, most recently Rory McIlroy last year.

On the PGA TOUR this season, the third-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win 16 of 40 times, most recently J.J. Henry at last week's Barracuda Championship.

The best opening 54-hole score at the PGA Championship is 196, set by David Toms in 2001.

The largest 54-hole lead at the PGA Championship is five strokes, held by Raymond Floyd in 1969 and 1982 and Tom Watson in 1978.

Best third-round score at PGA Championship is 63, set by Jose Maria Olazabal in 2000 and Thomas Bjorn in 2005.

Best final-round comeback at PGA Championship: 7 shots (John Mahaffey in 1978).

Since 1990, the PGA Championship 54-hole leader has won 15 of 25 times, but only Rory McIlroy in 2012 and 2014 has managed to convert in the last seven years.

Jordan Spieth

FedExCup points leader Jordan Spieth birdied six of his last eight holes, including 16, 17 and 18, in round three to post a bogey-free, 7-under 65 and get within two of Jason Day's 15-under lead.

Spieth's last bogey (one of two), came on his third hole in round two (No. 12), a span of 33 holes.

Spieth's 65 today is one stroke shy of his lowest score in major championship history (40 rounds). He opened this year's Masters with an 8-under 64.

Spieth hit 11 of 14 fairways in regulation and missed just two greens (Nos. 8 and 9). In each of the first two rounds, Spieth hit 8 of 14 fairways and 12 of 18 greens. He took 28 putts in round three (24/R2, 29/R1).

Having gotten up and in/down 13 of 14 times from around the green through three rounds this week, Spieth leads the field in scrambling.

With a cumulative total of +13.143, he ranks second in Strokes Gained – Tee to Green.

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 71-67-65 this week, he is now 13 of 15 with sub-par scores in major championship rounds.

Spieth has played this season's 15 major championship rounds in a combined 50-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 12th major championship start.

Justin Rose

Making his 47th 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 play resumed Saturday morning, Rose completed his round from the 13th hole, making for a total of 24 holes today.

Rose hit 11 of 14 fairways in regulation, 16 of 18 greens and took 32 putts.

Rose has made 10 Masters starts, (3 top 10s), 10 U.S. Open starts (3 top 10s), 14 Open Championship starts (2 top 10s) 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. Incidentally, after 54 holes, Rose was tied with Jason Day at 16-under 200. Day finished three strokes back at 19-under 269 (T4).

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

Branden Grace

Branden Grace, a member of the 2013 International President's Cup team, holed a greenside bunker shot for birdie at the troublesome, par-4 18th to end his round of 8-under 64. He made eight birdies and no bogeys.

Grace's 64 ties his career-low round on the PGA TOUR. In round three of the 2012 World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship, he posted an 8-under 64 en route to a T35 finish.

Grace is making his fourth start in the PGA Championship, having missed the cut in his first two starts in 2012 and 2013. He finished T46 last year at Valhalla.

This week's PGA Championship marks Grace's 15th major championship start, with his T4 at this year's U.S. Open his best among them.

Grace is making his 12th start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, where he has collected three top-10 finishes; T7/RBC Heritage, T9/WGC-Dell Match Play and T4/U.S. Open.

Grace, a Special Temporary Member on the PGA TOUR, is currently ranked third in non-member FedExCup points with 469.

Grace is a six-time winner on the European Tour, including wins this year at the Alfred Dunhill Championship and Qatar Masters. He had never lost a 54-hole lead in six previous attempts on the European Tour.

Martin Kaymer

Germany's Martin Kaymer, winner of the 2010 PGA Championship at Whistling Straits via sudden death with Bubba Watson, broke a set of 70s in rounds one and two with a 7-under 65 in round three to get to 11-under and four strokes back.

In 2010, Kaymer also began the final round four strokes back, at 9-under 207.

Kaymer's bogey-free, 7-under 65 was highlighted by a pair of birdies on 16 and 17. He sank a 34-foot putt for two at the par-3 17th.

Kaymer's 65 is his best of 23 rounds at the PGA Championship, supplanting a 5-under 67 in round three of 2010 at Whistling Straits.

In relation to par, Kaymer's 65 is his lowest score in 103 major championship rounds. He opened with back-to-back 65s at the 2014 U.S. Open at Pinehurst No. 2, a par-70 layout.

Kaymer has competed in the PGA Championship each year since 2008, with this being his eighth start. In addition to his 2010 victory, he finished in the top 10 in 2009 at Hazeltine National GC (T6).

Two of Kaymer's three victories on the PGA TOUR have been major championship titles; 2010 PGA Championship and 2014 U.S. Open. He is also the winner of the 2014 PLAYERS Championship.

Kaymer is making his 12th start on TOUR this season, with his only top-10 finish being a T6 at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions. He missed the cut in the season's first two majors at the Masters and U.S. Open, but took home T12 honors at The Open Championship last month.

Rory McIlroy

2012 and 2014 PGA Championship winner Rory McIlroy followed back-to-back, 1-under 71s in rounds one and two with a 4-under 68 in round three. At 6-under 210, he is nine strokes back. En route to a T3 finish in the 2010 PGA Championship at Whistling Straits, McIlroy trailed Nick Watney by three strokes at 10-under 206 headed into the final round.

Twenty one of his 27 rounds at the PGA Championship have now been with scores of par-or-better, including 13 of his last 15 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 54 holes:

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

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

Phil Mickelson

In relation to par, Phil Mickelson's 6-under 66 in round three is his best lowest of 89 rounds at the PGA Championship. In last year's final round at Valhalla, he posted a 5-under 66 and en route to his win at Baltusrol in 2005, he posted a second-round, 5-under 65.

Mickelson's nine birdies today are his most ever in a major championship round (347, including today). He claimed eight on four occasions; 1996 Masters/R1, 2001 PGA Championship/R3, 2005 Open Championship/R2 and 2009 Masters/R4.

At 5-under 211 through 54 holes, Mickelson will start the final round 10 strokes back.

Mickelson is making his 23rd PGA Championship and 93rd 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. On the two previous occasions of the PGA Championship being held at Whistling Straits, he finished T6 in 2004 and T12 in 2010.

Mickelson, who is ranked 56th 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).

Miscellaneous Notes

PGA Championship Past Champions in the field

Player (Year won)	54 holes
Martin Kaymer (2010)	70-70-65 (-11)
Rory McIlroy (2012, 2014)	71-71-68 (-6)
Phil Mickelson (2005)	72-73-66 (-5)
Y.E. Yang (2009)	70-72-72 (-2)
Vijay Singh (1998, 2004)	73-71-71 (-1)
Keegan Bradley (2011)	76-70-72 (+2)
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)
Tiger Woods (1999, 2000, '06, '07)	75-73 (MC)
John Daly (1991)	73-82 (MC)
Mark Brooks (1996)	84-78 (MC)
Jason Dufner (2013)	71-75 (MC)

Brian Gaffney, the only PGA Professional who made the cut this week, followed his 71-73 start with a 6-over 78 in round three. Through 54 holes, he is at 6-over 222.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Brendan Steele (69)

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

R3: Branden Grace (64), Martin Kaymer (65), Jordan Spieth (65), Jason Bohn (66), Brooks Koepka (67)

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
R3:	35.506	35.117	70.623	72.964

The par-4 18th was again the toughest in round three, yielding a 4.537 average. The par-5 16th hole was the easiest at 4.643.