



**2015 Hyundai Tournament of Champions**  
(8<sup>th</sup> of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

**Kapalua, Maui, HI                      January 9-12, 2015**  
**The Plantation Course, Kapalua Resort**

**Purse: \$5,700,000 (\$1,140,000)**  
**Par/Yards: 36-37—73/7,452**

## **Third-Round Notes – Sunday, January 11, 2015**

### **Weather**

Sunny skies, high of 80 degrees, WSW 10 mph

### **Third-Round Leaderboard**

Hideki Matsuyama	70-66-66—202 (-17)
Jimmy Walker	67-68-67—202 (-17)
Patrick Reed	67-69-68—204 (-15)
Sang-Moon Bae	66-69-69—204 (-15)
Brendon Todd	69-67-69—205 (-14)
Russell Henley	65-70-70—205 (-14)

The third-round leader has gone on to win the Hyundai Tournament of Champions 23 of 30 times, the most recent being Steve Stricker in 2012. The third-round leader has won three of the seven PGA TOUR events so far in the 2014-2015 season.

### **Hideki Matsuyama**

Japan's Hideki Matsuyama, in the field thanks to his victory at the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide Insurance, shot a third-round 7-under-66, his second consecutive 66, and is tied for first with Jimmy Walker after 54 holes at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions. The 132 total is the lowest consecutive two-round score of Matsuyama's career.

This is the second time that the 22 year-old has led or shared the lead through 54 holes of a PGA TOUR event. He finished T10 at the 2014 Crowne Plaza Invitational last year in the only other occasion.

R3 at a glance: 13 of 15 fairways, 16 of 18 greens, 26 putts

R2 at a glance: 11 of 15 fairways, 16 of 18 greens, 28 putts

R1 at a glance: 7 of 15 fairways, 15 of 18 greens, 31 putts

At 22 years, 10 months and 19 days old, Matsuyama would not be the youngest winner in Hyundai Tournament of Champions history. Tiger Woods won the event in 1997 at 21 years and 13 days of age.

This is Matsuyama's first trip to the Hyundai Tournament of Champions. The last player to win this event in their first appearance was Daniel Chopra in 2008.

With his win at the Memorial last year, Matsuyama became the fourth Japanese-born player to win on the PGA TOUR, joining Ryuji Imada (2008 AT&T Classic), Shigeki Maruyama (2001 Greater Milwaukee Open, 2002 HP Byron Nelson Championship, 2003 Wyndham Championship) and Isao Aoki (1983 Sony Open in Hawaii).

### **Jimmy Walker**

2014 Sony Open in Hawaii winner Jimmy Walker is at 17-under-par, tied for the lead with Hideki Matsuyama after a third-round 67. Walker is making his second start at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions, finishing T21 last year with rounds of 73-73-67-72.

R3 at a glance: 12 of 15 fairways, 15 of 18 greens, 27 putts

R2 at a glance: 10 of 15 fairways, 14 of 18 greens, 29 putts

R1 at a glance: 9 of 15 fairways, 17 of 18 greens, 32 putts

Walker is making his fourth start of the 2014-15 Season, with a T4 at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open his best outing.

Last season, Walker enjoyed his best season on TOUR, finishing No. 7 in the FedExCup standings, with wins at the Frys.com Open, Sony Open in Hawaii and AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

This is the second time in Walker's career that he has led or shared a lead through 54 holes. He won the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am after his only other third-round lead.

Walker is trying to become the fifth player to win both the Hyundai Tournament of Champions and the Sony Open in Hawaii while both events are being contested in Hawaii. Last year, Zach Johnson became the fourth player to win each of the PGA TOUR's Hawaii events Jim Furyk (1996 Sony; 2001 Tournament of Champions), Ernie Els (2003-04 Sony; 2003 Tournament of Champions), Vijay Singh (2005 Sony; 2007 Tournament of Champions), Johnson (2009 Sony, 2014 Tournament of Champions).

Five other players won the Sony Open and the Tournament of Champions when it was played in California -- Jack Nicklaus (1974 Sony; 1963-64, 1971, 1973, 1977 Tournament of Champions); Lee Trevino (1968 Sony; 1981 Tournament of Champions); Lanny Wadkins (1988, 1991 Sony Open, 1982-83 Tournament of Champions); Paul Azinger (1991 Sony; 1990 Tournament of Champions) and Mark O'Meara (1985 Sony; 1996 Tournament of Champions).

It took 188 starts on the PGA TOUR for Jimmy Walker to win for the first time (2013 Frys.Com Open in the first event of the 2013-2014 season). A victory on Sunday at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions would be his fourth in his next 30 tournaments.

Walker has one bogey in his first 54 holes this week coming on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole during the second round.

### **Patrick Reed**

The 2014 Humana Challenge and World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship winner Patrick Reed shot a third-round 5-under-par 68 and is tied for third, two shots off the lead entering the final round.

This is Reed's second appearance at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions. He finished T14 at the event last year.

With a victory, Reed would have four PGA TOUR wins at the age of 24 years, 5 months and 8 days. He would join Tiger Woods, Rory McIlroy and Sergio Garcia as the only players in the last 20 years to record 4-plus wins at 24 years or younger.

Player ages when they won for the fourth time

Tiger Woods – 21 years, 3 months, 15 days (1997 Masters)

Rory McIlroy – 23 years, 3 months, 9 days (2012 PGA Championship)

Sergio Garcia – 24 years, 5 months, 5 days (2004 Buick Classic)

In all three of Reed's victories, he held or shared the third-round lead. He has yet to win in come-from-behind fashion.

Reed has yet to bogey a hole on the back nine in three rounds and has birdied the 18<sup>th</sup> hole all three days.

R3 at a glance: 10 of 15 fairways, 14 of 18 greens, 27 putts

R2 at a glance: 8 of 15 fairways, 13 of 18 greens, 29 putts

R1 at a glance: 8 of 15 fairways, 17 of 18 greens, 29 putts

### **Sang-Moon Bae**

South Korea's Sang-Moon Bae joins Patrick Reed at T3, two strokes off the lead and the pair will play in the penultimate group for the final round. Bae won the first event of the 2014-2015 season at the Frys.Com Open and ranks No. 2 early in the FedExCup standings.

R3 at a glance: 12 of 15 fairways, 16 of 18 greens, 31 putts

R2 at a glance: 10 of 15 fairways, 16 of 18 greens, 31 putts

R1 at a glance: 11 of 15 fairways, 17 of 18 greens, 29 putts

Bae is making his second consecutive start at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions after finishing T21 in 2014.

Bae finished the 2013-2014 season ranked No. 122 in the FedExCup standings without recording a single top-10 finish in 24 starts. He has two top-10 finishes in just three events (1<sup>st</sup>- Frys.com Open, T5 – CIMB Classic) so far in the 2014-2015 season.

### **Zach Johnson**

Defending champion Zach Johnson started the round in a four-way tie for first place after rounds of 68-67. After an even-par 73 in the third round, he now sits six strokes off the lead. After hitting all 18 greens during the second round, Johnson hit just 13 greens in regulation on Sunday.

Johnson is seeking to become the first repeat winner of the Hyundai Tournament of Champions since Geoff Ogilvy won in 2009-10. Since the event moved to Kapalua in 1999, Stuart Appleby is the only other player to win back-to-back, doing so in 2004, 2005 and 2006.

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

Five of the top six players on the leaderboard heading into the final 18 holes are in their 20s. Hideki Matsuyama (T1, 22 years), Patrick Reed (T3, 24 years), Sang-Moon Bae (T3, 28 years), Russell Henley (T5, 25 years) and Brendon Todd (T5, 29 years).

First-time participants at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions: Brendon Todd (T5), Robert Streb (T7), Hideki Matsuyama (T1), Ben Martin (T11), Brian Harman (T30), Seung-Yul Noh (T15), Matt Jones (T11), Steven Bowditch (T25), Nick Taylor (T27), Chesson Hadley (T18), Matt Every (T27).

First-time participant Kevin Stadler withdrew during the third round due to a hand/wrist injury.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Russell Henley (65), Robert Streb (67), Patrick Reed (67), Jimmy Walker (67), Matt Kuchar (68), Kevin Streelman (69), Brian Harman (70)

R2: Sang-Moon Bae (69), Ben Crane (67), Brendon Todd (67), Robert Streb (69), Jason Day (69)

R3: Jimmy Walker (66), Patrick Reed (68), Hunter Mahan (69), Billy Horschel (70)

Scoring Averages at the par-73 Plantation Course:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.353	35.118	69.471	---
R2:	34.618	35.735	70.353	69.912
R3:	34.576	35.818	70.394	70.069