



**2014 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open**  
(The 2<sup>nd</sup> of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Las Vegas, Nevada  
TPC Summerlin

October 16-19, 2014

Purse: \$6,200,000  
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,255

## Second-Round Notes – Friday, October 17, 2014

### Weather

Sunny, with a high temperature of 84. Winds SE 5-10 mph.

The first round was suspended due to darkness at 6:20 p.m. Thursday, with the three players left on the course completing the first round at 7:59 a.m. Friday. The second round began as scheduled at 6:50 a.m.

### 36-Hole Cut

Seventy-nine players at 2-under 140 from a field of 144 professionals.

### Second-Round Leaderboard

Andrew Putnam	67-65—132 (-10)
Russell Knox	65-67—132 (-10)
Andrew Svoboda	66-67—133 (-9)
Tony Finau	68-65—133 (-9)

### Andrew Putnam

Andrew Putnam followed an opening-round 67 with a 6-under 65 to move to 10-under 132 through two rounds of the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. This marks the first time he has held the lead/co-lead after a round on TOUR.

R2 at a glance: 10 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens, 27 putts.

Putnam is making his fourth start on the PGA TOUR, having missed the cut as a professional at the 2014 Frys.com Open and Shell Houston Open and as an amateur at the 2010 U.S. Open.

The 25-year-old Putnam is the younger brother of PGA TOUR member Michael Putnam (the 2013 Web.com Tour Regular Season Money leader). He was set to join his older brother on TOUR for the 2013-14 season until a heart-breaking final round 75 at the 2013 Web.com Tour Championship cost him the opportunity. Putnam bounced back quickly in 2014, starting the season with a runner-up finish in Colombia (first of three consecutive top-10s to start the season) and later winning his first Web.com Tour title in April at the WNB Golf Classic. He finished the season No. 8 on the Web.com Tour priority list.

Putnam is making his first start at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

Putnam missed the cut last week at the Frys.com Open with rounds of 77-70

### Russell Knox

Russell Knox joined Andrew Putnam at 10-under 132 following a second-round 4-under 67.

R2 at a glance: 9 of 14 fairways, 16 of 18 greens, 31 putts.

Knox is making his second start of the season, having finished T68 last week at the Frys.com Open (72-71-73-75). In 62 PGA TOUR starts, his best finish was a playoff loss to Russell Henley at the 2014 Honda Classic.

Knox is making his third start at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, finishing T13 in 2012 and T30 in 2013.

Knox has just two rounds in the 70s in three starts at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, both coming in the final round (73 in 2013 and 72 in 2012). The remainder of his scores at TPC Summerlin have been in the 60s.

This marks the first time Knox has held the second-round lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR. His only previous lead after any round came following a first-round 6-under 64 at the 2013 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am (finished T28).

## **Second-Round Notes**

Since the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open became a 72-hole event in 2004, the second-round leader/co-leader has won five times (including five out of last seven). Players who carried the second-round lead on to victory after round two: George McNeill ('07), Marc Turnesa ('08), Jonathan Byrd ('10), Kevin Na ('11) and Webb Simpson ('13).

## **Spencer Levin**

Spencer Levin carded a second-round 8-under 63 (the round of the day along with George McNeill) to move to T5. Three of Levin's six best rounds on the PGA TOUR have occurred at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open:

- 62 – 2009 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (first round)
- 62 – 2012 Farmers Insurance Open (first round)
- 63 – 2009 U.S. Bank Championship in Milwaukee (fourth round)
- 63 – 2010 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (second round)
- 63 – 2012 Waste Management Phoenix Open (second round)
- 63 – 2014 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (second round)

Levin's round included a 7-under 29 on the back nine at TPC Summerlin, including birdies on every hole with the exception of pars on Nos. 10 and 14.

Levin now has seven events, including the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, to earn either \$255,303 or 75 FedExCup points to retain his full playing status. He entered the season with eight events to earn \$317,703 or 123 points before opening the season with a T21 finish (\$62,400/48 points).

## **Additional Player Notes**

Making his second start at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, Andrew Svoboda followed an opening-round 66 with a 4-under 67 to move to T3. Last year, he posted rounds of 68-67-67-69 to finish T15. Svoboda missed the cut last week at the Frys.com Open with rounds of 74-71.

Tony Finau, winner of the 2014 Stonebrae Classic on the Web.com Tour, sits T3 following rounds of 68-65. He is making his fifth PGA TOUR start, finishing a career-best T12 in his rookie debut last week at the Frys.com Open, T70 at the 2007 U.S. Bank Championship in Milwaukee and missing the cut at the 2011 Sony Open in Hawaii and 2008 U.S. Bank Championship in Milwaukee.

First-round co-leaders Martin Laird (T5) and Stewart Cink (T45) posted round two scores of 70 and 75, respectively.

Defending champion Webb Simpson sits T5 after rounds of 69-65. The last repeat winner of the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open was Jim Furyk (1998-99).

Making his comeback from two bouts of myeloid leukemia, Jarrod Lyle (playing on a Sponsor's Exemption) opened 66-71 and is T22. This season, Lyle has 20 events to earn \$283,825 to retain his TOUR playing privileges.

2014 FedExCup champ Billy Horschel and current FedExCup leader Sang-Moon Bae missed cut with rounds of 71-72.

## **Miscellaneous Notes**

Seven past champions of the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open are in this week's field:

<b>Champion (Year)</b>	<b>R1-2 Scores</b>
Martin Laird (2009)	64-70—134 (T5)
Webb Simpson (2013)	69-65—134 (T5)
George McNeill (2007)	71-63—134 (T5)
Jonathan Byrd (2010)	69-69—138 (T30)
Stuart Appleby (2003)	74-64—138 (T30)
Ryan Moore (2012)	71-72—143 (MC)
Kevin Na (2011)	WD (illness)

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Stewart Cink (64), Martin Laird (64), Zack Sucher (67), Adam Hadwin (67), Nick Watney (68)  
R2: Stuart Appleby (64), Tommy Gainey (65), Webb Simpson (65), Nick Taylor (65), David Hearn (66), Wes Roach (67), Brooks Koepka (68), Alex Prugh (69), Sean O'Hair (69), Aaron Baddeley (70)

Scoring Averages at the par-71 TPC Summerlin:

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
R1	35.134	35.120	70.254	---
R2	34.852	34.993	69.845	70.049

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