

2014 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (The 2nd 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

Shriners Hospital for Children Open

Third-Round Notes - Saturday, October 18, 2014

Weather

Mostly cloudy with a period of light rain. Temperatures reached a high of 84. Winds E 5 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Ben Martin 68-66-62—196 (-17) Russell Knox 65-67-66—198 (-15) Jimmy Walker 69-69-62—200 (-13) Andrew Svoboda 66-67-67—200 (-13)

36-Hole Cut: 79 players at 2-under 140 or better from a field of 144 professionals. **54-Hole Cut:** With more than 78 players making the 36-hole cut, Saturday featured a 54-hole cut to the low 70 players and ties, with 71 players at 4-under 209 or better advancing to the final round.

Third-Round Notes

Since becoming a 72-hole event in 2004, the third-round leader has held on for the win in this event six times, including the last three winners (2011/Kevin Na, 2012/Ryan Moore and 2013/Webb Simpson).

Last week at the season-opening Frys.com Open, Sang-Moon Bae carried the third-round lead onto victory.

Ben Martin

Ben Martin had never held a lead on TOUR entering the final round. His previous-best position entering a final round was at the 2014 RBC Heritage where he was T3 (finished T3).

Martin's round three 62 matches his career-best round on TOUR from the 2014 Zurich Classic of New Orleans (T15).

Martin missed the cut last week at the Frys.com Open, finishing second from last with rounds of 78-79.

Martin missed the cut in his two previous starts at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open in 2011 (73-66) and 2013-14 (72-75).

Last season, Martin had three top 10s with all three being career-best third place finishes.

Russell Knox

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.

Jimmy Walker

Walker matched his career-best round on the PGA TOUR with a 62 in the third round. He now has five rounds of 62 on TOUR. Prior to today, his most recent 62 came in round three when he won the 2013 Frys.com Open.

Walker earned his first TOUR win last year on October 13 at the Frys.com Open.

Walker totaled three victories during the 2013-14 season and led the FedExCup for 36 of the first 37 weeks of the season.

Walker at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open: 2008/MC, 2009/MC, 2010/MC, 2012/T10, 2013-14/T12.

Walker and Webb Simpson are the only two members from the 2014 Ryder Cup in the field this week.

Last season, Walker made 23 of 27 cuts with 10 top-10 finishes. He ended the season No. 7 in the FedExCup standings. Walker recorded top 10s in three of the four major championships last season.

Kevin Streelman

Streelman shot up the leaderboard on Saturday after recording six straight birdies (Nos. 11-16). He also birdied No. 8 and No. 9 for a stretch of eight birdies in nine holes. Streelman stands T5 at 12-under.

In winning the 2014 Travelers Championship, Kevin Streelman birdied his last seven holes en route to a second consecutive, 6-under 64. Streelman's seven birdies to finish and win set a new PGA TOUR record, supplanting Mike Souchak's previous record of six straight from the 1956 St. Paul Open.

Scott Piercy

Piercy has three rounds of 67 this week to stand T5 (-12) entering the final round.

Piercy is playing on a Major Medical Extension this season. He started the season with 14 events to earn 200 FedExCup points or \$300,710. A three-way tie for third this week would meet Piercy's medical extension requirements.

Piercy had surgery to repair a torn flexor digitorum superficialis in his right arm in February after losing in the first round at the World Golf Championships-Accenture Match Play Championship. Dr. Thomas Graham performed the surgery at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio. The injury originally occurred at the 2013 AT&T Byron Nelson Championship.

Piercy missed the cut last week at the Frys.com Open.

Additional Player Notes

Brandt Snedeker does not have a round in the 70s in two career starts at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. He finished T24 in 2009 with rounds of 69-66-67-69. This year he has rounds of 67-68-67 and stands T9 (-11) entering the final round.

Making his comeback from two bouts of myeloid leukemia, Jarrod Lyle (playing on a Sponsor's Exemption) opened 66-71-70 and is T42. This season, Lyle has 20 events to earn \$283,825 to retain his TOUR playing privileges.

UNLV alum Bill Lunde is T9 (-11) entering the final round. Lunde is playing this week on a sponsor exemption.

Miscellaneous Notes

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

Champion (Year)	R3 Position
Webb Simpson (2013)	T5
Martin Laird (2009)	Т9
George McNeill (2007)	T18
Jonathan Byrd (2010)	T18
Stuart Appleby (2003)	MDF
Ryan Moore (2012)	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)

R3: Jimmy Walker (62), Jim Herman (62), Russell Knox (66), Jason Bohn (66), Jonathan Byrd (66), Bill Lunde (66), Whee Kim (70)

Scoring Averages at the par-71 TPC Summerlin:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1	35.134	35.120	70.254	
R2	34.852	34.993	69.845	70.049
R3	34.013	34.354	68.367	69.683

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