



2015 Sony Open in Hawaii

(9th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Honolulu, HI
Waialae Country Club

January 15-18, 2015
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,044

Purse: \$5,600,000 (\$1,008,000)
500 FedExCup points to winner

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, January 18, 2015

Weather

Partly cloudy, with a high of 80. Winds SW 7-12 mph.

Final-Round Leaderboard

Jimmy Walker 66-66-62-63—257 (-23)
Scott Piercy 67-67-66-66—266 (-14)

Jimmy Walker

Jimmy Walker's 7-under 63 in the final round was good for a nine-stroke win. The record for largest margin of victory, seven strokes, previously belonged to Paul Azinger (2000) and John Huston (1998). Walker's nine-stroke win is the largest since Brian Gay won the 2009 RBC Heritage by 10 strokes.

Walker's 23-under 257 is one stroke shy of the tournament record of 256, belonging to 2013 champion Russell Henley.

Walker's closing 36-hole score of 15-under 125 supplants the previous-best of 126 at the Sony Open in Hawaii, posted by David Toms, who achieved the feat en route to his 2006 victory.

With his win, Walker earns his fourth career PGA TOUR victory at the age of 36 years, 2 days in his 219th career start on the PGA TOUR. He previously won the 2013 Frys.com Open, 2014 Sony Open in Hawaii and 2014 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Walker extends exempt status through the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season.

Walker earns 500 FedExCup points to move into the No. 1 spot in the race for the FedExCup with 957 points. In 2014, it took 438 points to qualify for the PGA TOUR Playoffs, 611 to qualify for Deutsche Bank Championship, 968 for BMW Championship and 1,769 for TOUR Championship.

Walker collects 500 points towards making the 2014 U.S. Presidents Cup's American Team.

Walker wins in his ninth start at the Sony Open in Hawaii. In addition to his two wins, his other top-10 finish was a 4th-place finish in 2011.

Walker becomes the first player to successfully defend his Sony Open in Hawaii title since Ernie Els (2003-2004), and fourth overall. Hubert Green won the event in 1978 and 1979, and Corey Pavin won in 1986 and 1987.

Walker's win comes a week after finishing second via a playoff to Patrick Reed at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions.

Walker becomes the first player to lose in a playoff one week and win the next since Kyle Stanley at the 2012 Farmers Insurance Open (P2) and Waste Management Phoenix Open (1st).

Walker claims a third consecutive top-10 finish for the first time on the PGA TOUR (T4/Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, P2/Hyundai Tournament of Champions and 1st/Sony Open in Hawaii).

With his final-round 63, Walker extends his streak of consecutive rounds in the 60s in Hawaii to 12.

With his final-round 63, Walker extends his streak of rounds in the 60s at Waialae Country Club to 13.



With his final-round 63, Walker has now posted 12 consecutive rounds in the 60s (dating to round one of the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open).

Walker averaged more than seven birdies per round this week, with a total of 29.

Walker played his first 187 events on the PGA TOUR without a win. With his 2015 Sony Open in Hawaii, has now won four times in 32 starts.

Since 2014, Walker is 68-under par in Hawaii's two PGA TOUR events (-28/Hyundai Tournament of Champions, -40/Sony Open in Hawaii).

Dating to 2006, Walker becomes the seventh 54-hole leader of the Sony Open in Hawaii to hang on for the win.

Walker becomes the fourth player in his 30s to win on the PGA TOUR this season (Ryan Moore/CIMB Classic, Bubba Watson/World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions and Charley Hoffman/OHL Classic at Mayakoba).

Walker extends the stretch of American-born players to win the Sony Open in Hawaii to seven. The last international winner of the event was K.J. Choi in 2008.

2014-15 PGA TOUR Season starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 5-5-3-1

Walker led the field in Strokes Gained Putting (+2.571 per round) and Strokes Gained Total (+10.282)

R1 at a glance: 8 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens, 30 putts

R2 at a glance: 11 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens, 31 putts

R3 at a glance: 8 of 14 fairways, 13 of 18 greens, 22 putts

R4 at a glance: 8 of 14 fairways, 16 of 18 greens, 27 putts

Jimmy Walker

Birthdate: 1/16/1979

Birthplace/Resides: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma/San Antonio, Texas.

Family: Wife, Erin; McLean, Beckett

Height/Weight: 6-2/180

Turned Pro: 2001

Joined PGA TOUR: 2005

Third-Round Leader(s) Statistics

In the first nine events of the 2014-15 season, four players have now parlayed a third-round lead/co-lead into victory.

Since 2006, seven of the 54-hole leaders/co-leaders have now gone on to capture the Sony Open in Hawaii. The following details the last 10 years at this event:

Year	54-hole leader/Score	Eventual Champion/Score
2015	Jimmy Walker (194/-16)	Jimmy Walker (257/-23)
2014	Chris Kirk (198/-12)	Jimmy Walker (263/-17)
2013	Russell Henley/Scott Langley (193/-17)	Henley (256/-24)
2012	Jeff Maggert, Matt Every (198/-12)	Johnson Wagner (267/-13)
2011	Mark Wilson (197/-13)	Wilson (264/-16)
2010	Ryan Palmer/Robert Allenby (199/-11)	Palmer (265/-15)
2009	Zach Johnson (200/-10)	Johnson (265/-15)
2008	K.J. Choi (195/-15)	Choi (266/-14)
2007	Charles Howell III (197/-13)	Paul Goydos (266/-14)
2006	David Toms/Chad Campbell (196/-14)	Toms (261/-19)

Scott Piercy

Scott Piercy followed a pair of 3-under 67s in rounds one and two with a pair of 66s on the weekend, good for a runner-up finish, his first top five since T5 honors at the 2013 PGA Championship.



Through six events so far this season, Piercy has now collected a pair of top-10 finishes. In addition to his second-place finish at Waialae Country Club, he finished T7 at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

Piercy was in search of his third career PGA TOUR title this week (2011 Barracuda Championship, 2012 RBC Canadian Open).

Matt Kuchar

Prior to today's birdie-less round, Matt Kuchar had gone 255 consecutive rounds on the PGA TOUR with at least one birdie, dating to the first round of the 2012 Valspar Championship.

With his 1-over 71 Sunday, Matt Kuchar claimed a fourth-consecutive top-10 finish at the Sony Open in Hawaii (T3). Before this week, he finished T5 in 2011, T5 in 2013 and T8 last year.

Kuchar began Sunday's final round two strokes off Jimmy Walker's 16-under lead. Four of his six stroke-play titles have come in come-from-behind fashion.

Kuchar has fared well in the Aloha State. Since 2011, he is 100-under-par collectively between the Hyundai Tournament of Champions and Sony Open in Hawaii.

This week's Sony Open in Hawaii was Kuchar's third start of the season in a full-field event (T21/Frys.com Open, T22/The McGladrey Classic). He finished T17 at last week's Hyundai Tournament of Champions in the 34-man field.

Miscellaneous Notes

2002 Sony Open in Hawaii winner Jerry Kelly closed with a bogey-free, 4-under 66, good for a T6 finish. Kelly finished third at Waialae Country Club last year. Coupled with his 5th-place finish at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba in his last start, this marks Kelly's first back-to-back, top-10 finishes since 2009; U.S. Bank Championship in Milwaukee/3rd, RBC Canadian Open/T5.

Eighteen of the 24 PGA TOUR rookies competed in the Sony Open in Hawaii, with Daniel Berger posting the best finish among them (-11/T13).

Past champions in the field: Jimmy Walker/2014 (-23/1st), Ryan Palmer/2010 (-10/T17), Zach Johnson/2009 (-2/T64), K.J. Choi/2008, (-6/T44), Mark Wilson/2011 (MDF), Paul Goydos/2007 (MC), Johnson Wagner/2012 (MC), Vijay Singh/2005 (MC), Russell Henley/2013 (-10/T17) and Jerry Kelly/ 2002 (-12/T6).

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – Camilo Villegas (63), Jonathan Randolph (65), Chris Kirk (66), Justin Thomas (67), Scott Piercy (67), Stuart Appleby (68), and Kyle Suppa (69).

R2 – Justin Thomas (61), Matt Kuchar (63), Russell Henley (64), James Hahn (64), Troy Merritt (64), Daniel Berger (65), Chad Collins (65), Russell Knox (65), Brendon de Jonge (65), Charles Howell III (66), Hideki Matsuyama (66), Chris Kirk (67) and Scott Langley (68).

R3 – Brian Harman (64), Harris English (65), Stewart Cink (65), Scott Langley (67) and Chad Collins (69).

R4 – Rory Sabbatini (63), Jimmy Walker (63), Chris Kirk (64), Jerry Kelly (66), Scott Piercy (66) and Brendon Todd (67).

Scoring Averages at the par-70 Waialae Country Club:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1	34.806	34.701	69.507	---
R2	34.175	34.161	68.336	68.923
R3	34.365	34.482	68.847	68.906
R4	35.200	34.343	69.543	69.007

The par-4 13th hole played the toughest in round four, yielding a 4.271 average. The par-5 18th hole was the easiest in the final round, yielding an average of 4.371.