



2015 The Honda Classic

(The 15th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Feb. 26 - March 1, 2014

Purse: \$6,100,000 (\$1,098,000/winner)

PGA National (Champion Course)

Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,140

Final-Round Notes – Monday, March 2, 2015

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 81 degrees, with E winds 8-15 mph.

Final-round play was suspended due to darkness at 6:18 p.m. Sunday with all 71 players yet to complete their round. Those players were back in position at 8:00 a.m. Monday. The final round concluded at 12:01 p.m.

Final-Round Leaderboard

Padraig Harrington 67-66-71-70—274 (-6)*

Daniel Berger 68-71-71-64—274 (-6)

Paul Casey 69-70-68-68—275 (-5)

Russell Knox 69-68-70-68—275 (-5)

Ian Poulter 71-64-66-74—275 (-5)

*won with a par-3 on the second extra hole (par-3 17th)

Three of the last four events on the PGA TOUR have been won with single-digit under-par scores: Farmers Insurance Open (9-under), Northern Trust Open (6-under), The Honda Classic (6-under).

Padraig Harrington wins in Playoff over Daniel Berger

Padraig Harrington, who entered the final round trailing Ian Poulter by three strokes, carded an even-par 70 and then defeated Daniel Berger with a par on the second playoff hole (par-3, No. 17) to win The Honda Classic.

Playoff records: Padraig Harrington (3-1), Daniel Berger (0-1).

Monday's playoff is the sixth of the season in 15 events on the PGA TOUR.

The Honda Classic has now had eight playoffs, including two in a row (Russell Henley defeated Russell Knox, Rory McIlroy and Ryan Palmer in 2014).

Monday Finish

The Honda Classic is the fourth unscheduled Monday finish on the PGA TOUR since 2013; 2013 BMW Championship (rain), 2013 Arnold Palmer Invitational (thunderstorms) and 2013 Farmers Insurance Open (fog).

The last Monday finish at The Honda Classic was in 2007 when Mark Wilson won in the first year at PGA National.

Padraig Harrington

Padraig Harrington wins his sixth PGA TOUR title in his 239th start at the age of 43 years, 6 months and 2 days.

Harrington collects 500 points and moves from No. 208 to No. 21 in the FedExCup standings.

Harrington's PGA TOUR victories (6): 2005 The Honda Classic, 2005 The Barclays, 2007 Open Championship, 2008 Open Championship, 2008 PGA Championship, 2015 The Honda Classic.

The 2015 Honda Classic marks Harrington's 119th start since his last victory at the 2008 PGA Championship at Oakland Hills Country Club.

Harrington (2005, 2015) becomes just the fourth player to win The Honda Classic multiple times, joining Jack Nicklaus (1977-78) Johnny Miller (1980 and 1983) and Mark Calcavecchia (1987 and 1998).

Harrington becomes the first player to win on the PGA TOUR with two double bogeys (Nos. 6, 17) in the final round since Vaughn Taylor won the 2004 Barracuda Championship.



Prior to Harrington's win Monday, the last two players in their 40s to win on TOUR were Angel Cabrera (2014 Greenbrier Classic) and John Senden (2014 Valspar Championship).

En route to his 2005 Honda Classic win, Harrington began the third round 10 strokes back at 2-under (Country Club at Mirasol). He began the final round seven shots back before winning in a playoff.

Harrington becomes the first sponsor exemption to win on the PGA TOUR since Lee Westwood won the 2010 FedEx St. Jude Classic.

Harrington wins in his seventh start in The Honda Classic, and is coming off a missed cut last year. In addition to his wins in 2005 and 2015, he posted top-20 finishes at this event in 2006 (T16) and 2007 (T13).

This week marked Harrington's fourth made cut in nine starts this season, with last week's T56 at the Northern Trust Open his previous-best finish.

Harrington's victory is his first top 10 since a T10 at the 2013 FedEx St. Jude Classic.

Beginning with his win at The Honda Classic in 2005, an international player has won this event eight times in the last 11 years. The list includes Harrington (2005, 2015), Luke Donald (2006), Ernie Els (2008), Y.E. Yang (2009), Camilo Villegas (2010), Rory Sabbatini (2011) and Rory McIlroy (2012).

Harrington becomes the first player in his 40s to win on the PGA TOUR this season, compared to seven in their 20s and seven in their 30s.

Harrington is just the second 36-hole leader this season to carry that lead on to victory (Brandt Snedeker/AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am).

Harrington's Statistics for the Week:

Driving Distance: 293.3 yards (10th)

Fairways in Regulation: 30 of 56 (T52)

Greens in Regulation: 46 of 72 (T24)

Sand Saves: 4 of 4 (1)

Strokes Gained Putting: +0.168 per round (37)

Strokes Gained Tee to Green: +2.915 per round (2nd)

Total Putts: 111 (T10)

About Pdraig Harrington

Height/Weight: 6-1, 190

Birthdate: August 31, 1971

Birthplace: Dublin, Ireland

Residence: Dublin, Ireland

Family: Wife, Caroline; Patrick (2003), Ciaran (2007)

Education: Dublin Business College

Turned Pro: 1995

Joined TOUR: 2003

Daniel Berger

Daniel Berger equaled the round of the week with a final-round 6-under 64 (Brooks Koepka/R3, Ian Poulter/R3, Brian Harman/R4) to earn a spot in a playoff won by Pdraig Harrington on the second extra hole.

Berger's runner-up finish comes in his 12th career PGA TOUR start at the age of 21 years, 10 months and 23 days. He was seeking to become the youngest winner on the PGA TOUR since Jordan Spieth won the 2014 John Deere Classic at the age of 19 years, 11 months and 17 days.

Had he won, the 21-year-old Berger would have become the youngest player to win The Honda Classic (Rory McIlroy holds the record when he won in 2012 at the age of 22 years and 10 months).



Burger is a native of Plantation, Florida and currently resides in Jupiter. He grew up shagging balls at The Dye Preserve in Jupiter for playing privileges.

Berger's father, Jay, was a professional tennis player and at one point was ranked in the top 10 in the world. He is now head of men's tennis for the U.S. Tennis Association.

Berger earned his PGA TOUR card via the 2014 Web.com Tour, finishing 28th on the priority list.

Berger's previous-low round on the PGA TOUR was 65, set during the opening round of the OHL Classic at Mayakoba and Waste Management Phoenix Open.

Berger made his 11th start of the season this week (12th of his career, finished T28 at 2014 U.S. Open), with T10 finishes at the Waste Management Phoenix Open and AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am his previous-best outings.

Berger began the final round nine strokes behind 54-hole leader Ian Poulter, but stormed back to earn a spot in the playoff. By comparison, the largest come-from-behind victory on the last day to win is 10 strokes (Paul Lawrie, 1999 Open Championship).

Berger began the final round tied for 12th place. In tournament history, only one winner has come from outside the top 10 on the final day to win. In 2005, Padraig Harrington was T21 after three rounds, seven strokes off the lead, and carded a final-round 63 to eventually win in a playoff over Joe Ogilvie and Vijay Singh.

Ian Poulter

Ian Poulter entered the final round with a three-stroke cushion, but a 4-over 74 let him T3 and one stroke out of the playoff. This week marked his first lead entering the final round of a PGA TOUR event. Poulter was seeking to join Luke Donald (2006) as the only natives of England to win The Honda Classic.

Since moving to PGA National in 2007, six of the nine 54-hole leader/co-leaders of The Honda Classic have held on to the lead, with the exception of co-leaders Mark Calcavecchia, Luke Donald and Matt Jones in 2008, Rory McIlroy in 2014 and Poulter in 2015.

Through 14 events on the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, five 54-hole leaders/co-leaders have parlayed that position into a win. The last to accomplish it was Bill Haas at the Humana Challenge.

Additional Player Notes

Defending Honda Classic champion Russell Henley finished T44 in his bid to join Jack Nicklaus (1977-78) as the only back-to-back winners of the Honda Classic.

Making his 156th PGA TOUR start, Paul Casey finished T3 in his attempt for his second TOUR victory (2009 Shell Houston Open). Casey has finished inside the top 12 in three of his last four starts at The Honda Classic (T4-2010, MC-2013, T12-2014, T3-2015). He was seeking to become the second player this year to lose in a playoff (Northern Trust Open) one week and win the following week. Jimmy Walker followed a playoff loss to Patrick Reed at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions with a win at the Sony Open in Hawaii.

One year after losing in a playoff to Russell Henley at The Honda Classic, Russell Knox finished T3 in his second start at this event.

2006 Honda Classic champion Luke Donald (T7) recorded his fifth top-10 finish in his last six starts at The Honda Classic (Won-2006, T46-2007, 2-2008, T10-2011, T8-2014, T7-2015).

Patrick Reed, who will return to Trump National Doral next week to defend his World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship title, finished T7 following a final-round 3-over 73. Reed joined elite company in January after winning the 2015 Hyundai Tournament of Champions. He became the fifth player in the last 25 years to win at least four times on TOUR before turning 25. Player ages when they won for the fourth time in the last 25 years:

<i>Player</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Starts</i>	<i>Event</i>
Tiger Woods	21 years, 3 months, 15 days	29	1997 Masters
Rory McIlroy	23 years, 3 months, 9 days	50	2012 PGA Championship
Phil Mickelson	23 years, 6 months, 24 days	54	1994 Hyundai Tournament of Champions



Sergio Garcia 24 years, 4 months, 7 days 95 2004 AT&T Byron Nelson Championship
Patrick Reed 24 years, 5 months, 7 days 72 2015 Hyundai Tournament of Champions
(Note: Adam Scott would also be on this list, but his victory at the 2005 Northern Trust Open was unofficial)

Miscellaneous Notes

Four of the world's top-10 ranked players competed at this year's The Honda Classic:

Player	OWGR	Finish this week
Rory McIlroy	1	MC
Sergio Garcia	6	T31
Justin Rose	8	MC
Martin Kaymer	10	T44

The week of The Honda Classic offered the final opportunity to qualify for the following week's World Golf Championships event, the Cadillac Championship down the road at Trump National Doral. Players not previously eligible qualified by being inside the top 50 in the Official World Golf Ranking (Paul Casey) or the top 10 in the FedExCup standings following The Honda Classic (Robert Streb, Sang-Moon Bae, Charley Hoffman). James Hahn also earned his way into the field off of the FedExCup standings but will not play.

Scoring Averages at the par-70 PGA National:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.690	36.592	72.282	---
R2:	35.784	36.597	72.381	72.342
R3:	35.408	35.732	71.141	72.153
R4:	34.986	35.521	70.507	71.832

Cumulatively, the par-4 6th has played the toughest this week, yielding a 4.411 average, with the par-5 18th hole (4.719) the easiest.

"Bear Trap" averages this week – No. 15 (3.137/8th toughest), No. 16 (4.203/6th toughest), No. 17 (3.236/5th toughest).

Bogey-free Rounds:

R1: Jim Herman (65), Daniel Berger (68).

R2: None

R3: Ian Poulter (66), John Huh (68)

R4: None