



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

Completed Third-Round Notes – Sunday, March 1, 2015

Weather: Partly cloudy and breezy. High of 81 degrees, with E winds 12-22 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Ian Poulter	71-64-66—201 (-9)
Padraig Harrington	67-66-71—204 (-6)
Patrick Reed	67-67-70—204 (-6)
Brendan Steele	66-69-71—206 (-4)

Ian Poulter

Poulter at The Honda Classic: 2006/T41, 2007/T46 and 2011/T36.

This is Poulter's first lead entering the final round of a PGA TOUR event.

Poulter is looking for his third PGA TOUR win in his 185th start at the age of 39 years, 1 month and 23 days.

Poulter would be the oldest winner on TOUR this season, supplanting Charley Hoffman's win at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba (37 years, 10 months, 20 days).

Poulter would join Luke Donald (2006) as the only natives of England to win The Honda Classic.

Poulter is making his fourth start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season. His only top 10 is a T6 at the WGC-HSBC Champions.

Poulter's best finish in the FedExCup is 31st in 2009. He has not made a start in the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

Poulter is one of two players to record his first two PGA TOUR wins at World Golf Championships events, joining Darren Clarke (2000 Accenture Match Play Championship; 2003 Bridgestone Invitational).

Poulter was the first Englishman to win two World Golf Championships titles (2010 WGC-Cadillac Match Play Championship and 2012 WGC-HSBC Champions).

The largest lead after 54 holes on TOUR this season is four strokes by eventual winner Sang-Moon Bae at the Frys.com Open.

Padraig Harrington

Harrington is looking for his sixth TOUR win in 239 starts at the age of 43 years, 6 months and 2 days.

The last two players in their 40s to win on TOUR are 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.

Playing on a sponsor exemption, Harrington is making his seventh start in The Honda Classic, and is coming off a missed cut last year. Lee Westwood is the last sponsor exemption to win on TOUR at the 2010 FedEx St. Jude Classic.

Following his first TOUR win at The Honda Classic in 2005, Harrington went on to claim five wins on TOUR: 2005 Barclays, 2007-2008 Open Championship and 2008 PGA Championship.



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

Harrington has made three cuts in eight starts this season, with a T56 at last week's Northern Trust Open being his best finish.

Harrington is in search of first top-10 finish since a T10 at the 2013 FedEx St. Jude Classic.

Harrington recorded 51 of his 52 career top 10s on TOUR from 2000-2013. His other top 10 came in 1997.

Third-Round Lead Notes

Since moving to PGA National in 2007, every 54-hole leader/co-leader of The Honda Classic, with the exception of co-leaders Mark Calcavecchia, Luke Donald and Matt Jones in 2008 and Rory McIlroy in 2014, has held on for the victory.

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.

After 54 holes last year, Rory McIlroy led by two at 12-under 198 over eventual winner Russell Henley.

Delay Summary

Friday: Due to a dangerous weather situation, the second round was delayed Friday for two hours, eight minutes, from 8:23 a.m. until 10:31 a.m. Play was suspended for a second time at 10:55 a.m., due to lightning in the area. The second round resumed again at 12:31 p.m. The second suspension lasted one hour, 36 minutes. Due to darkness, Friday's second round was suspended for the day at 6:12 p.m., with the entire afternoon wave remaining on the course.

Saturday: Players were back in position to complete their round at 7:30 a.m. Saturday morning. The second round ended at 11:39 a.m. and the third round began at 12:00 p.m. Due to a dangerous weather situation, the third round was suspended at 12:51 p.m., 51 minutes after round three began. Play was called for the day at 2:51 p.m. At the time of the suspension Saturday, 24 players had completed at least one hole.

Sunday: The third round resumed at 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning. The late start was due to the amount of clean up on the course from wind and rain damage. Players were not re-paired between round three and round four. The third round was completed at 3:59 p.m. and the final round began at 2:40 p.m.

Monday: The final round will resume at 8 a.m.

On Friday, the course received .7 of an inch of rain, but on Saturday 4.5 inches of rain was recorded. Maximum wind speeds on Saturday reached 60 mph.

The Honda Classic is the seventh event of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season to face a weather- or darkness-related suspension. The only event this season to be affected by rain and/or lightning was the CIMB Classic in late October.

Since moving to PGA National in 2007, this marks the fourth time the event has been subject to a weather suspension; R4/2011, R4/2012, R2/2015 and R3/2015.

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.

The last event to not re-pair between round three and round four was the 2014 FedEx St. Jude Classic.

**Patrick Reed**

Reed is looking for his fifth TOUR win in 76 starts at the age of 24 years, 6 months and 28 days

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

Player ages when they won for the fifth time in the last 25 years before turning age 25:

<i>Player</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Starts</i>	<i>Event</i>
Tiger Woods	21 years, 4 months, 19 days	30	1997 AT&T Byron Nelson Championship
Rory McIlroy	23 years, 3 months, 29 days	52	2012 Deutsche Bank Championship
Sergio Garcia	24 years, 5 months, 4 days	98	2004 Buick Classic
Phil Mickelson	24 years, 7 months, 6 days	73	1995 Northern Telecom Open

Reed returns to Trump National Doral next week to defend his title at the World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship.

Reed is making his third-consecutive start at The Honda Classic, having previously finished T58 in 2013 and T24 last year.

Reed is making his seventh start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season this week, where he claimed his fourth TOUR title in playoff fashion at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions.

Brendan Steele

Steele is making his fifth consecutive start in The Honda Classic this week. Although he has never missed a cut at PGA National, he has also never broken par in either weekend round.

Steele at The Honda Classic: 2011/T63, 2012/75, 2013/T51 and 2014/T33.

Steele is looking for his second career TOUR win this week in his 112th start at the age of 31 years, 10 months and 28 days. Steele's only TOUR win came at the 2011 Valero Texas Open.

Steele is making his eighth start of the season this week, with a T2 at the Humana Challenge his lone top 10. He is coming off T14 honors at last week's Northern Trust Open, thanks to back-to-back 69s on the weekend.

Miscellaneous Notes

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

<i>Player</i>	<i>OWGR</i>	<i>R3 Position</i>
Rory McIlroy	1	MC
Sergio Garcia	6	T28
Justin Rose	8	MC
Martin Kaymer	10	T51

The week of The Honda Classic offers 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 can qualify by being inside the top 50 in the Official World Golf Ranking (players inside the top 50 in the OWGR as of 2/23/15 cannot drop out) or the top 10 or the FedExCup standings following The Honda Classic.

Defending Honda Classic champion Russell Henley is T51 after round three. Jack Nicklaus (1977-78) is the only back-to-back winner of the Honda Classic.



Only three players have been able to win The Honda Classic multiple times: Jack Nicklaus (1977-78) Johnny Miller (1980 and 1983) and Mark Calcavecchia (1987 and 1998).

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

Through three rounds, the par-4 6th has played the toughest, yielding a 4.417 average, with the par-5 18th hole (4.713) being the easiest.

"Bear Trap" averages through 54 holes – No. 15 (3.138/8th toughest), No. 16 (4.202/6th toughest), No. 17 (3.256/5th toughest).

Bogey-free Rounds:

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

R2: None

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