2015 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

(The 36th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)



FedExCup Pts: 600

The Old Course July 16-19, 2015

St. Andrews, Scotland Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,297

Third-Round Notes - Sunday, July 19, 2015

Weather: Cloudy. Winds NNE 10-15 mph, veering E 5-10 mph. High of 64.

Monday's finish will be just the second at The Open Championship, with Seve Ballesteros recording a 6-under 65 at Royal Lytham St. Annes in 1988 to win by two over Nick Price. The last Monday finish on the PGA TOUR came at this year's Honda Classic, won by Padraig Harrington.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Paul Dunne (a) 69-69-66—204 (-12) Louis Oosthuizen 67-70-67—204 (-12) Jason Day 66-71-67—204 (-12) Jordan Spieth 67-72-66—205 (-11)

Prior to this week's three-way tie for the lead, the last time more than one player shared the 54-hole lead at The Open Championship was 2001 (four players).

Seven of the top 14 players on the leaderboard have won major championship titles.

Jason Day

Following a 5-under 67, Jason Day holds the 54-hole lead/co-lead for the second-consecutive major championship. Last month, battling a bout of Benign Positional Vertigo, he shared the 54-hole lead with Dustin Johnson, Branden Grace and Jordan Spieth before finishing T9 at the U.S. Open.

Prior to Day, the last player to carry the lead/co-lead into the final round in successive majors was Jordan Spieth at this year's Masters Tournament and U.S. Open. Prior to that, Rory McIlroy held the 54-hole lead at the 2014 Open Championship and PGA Championship.

Day is a 27-year-old native of Beaudesert, Queensland Australia. A win Sunday would come in his 164th PGA TOUR start at the age of 27 years, 8 months and 8 days.

Day's PGA TOUR victories (3):

2010 AT&T Byron Nelson Championship

2014 World Golf Championships-Cadillac Match Play Championship

2015 Farmers Insurance Open

Day's first-round 6-under 66 and third-round 5-under 67 represent his only sub-70 scores in 19 rounds at The Open Championship (five starts). He finished T60 in his inaugural appearance at St. Andrews in 2010, followed by T30 in 2011, T32 in 2013 and T58 in 2014.

Four Australians account for nine victories at The Open Championship: Peter Thomson (5), Greg Norman (2), Kel Nagle, Ian Baker-Finch.

Australians have won 16 Major Championships: Peter Thomson (5), David Graham (2), Greg Norman (2), Ian Baker-Finch, Steve Elkington, Jim Ferrier, Wayne Grady, Kel Nagle, Geoff Ogilvy and Adam Scott.

Day owns eight top-10 finishes in 19 previous Major Championship appearances:

2013	U.S. Open	T2	70	74	68	71	283/+3
2011 U.S. Open		2	71	72	65	68	276/-8
2011	Masters Tournament	T2	72	64	72	68	276/-12
2013	Masters Tournament	3	70	68	73	70	281/-7
2014	U.S. Open	T4	73	68	72	68	281/+1
2013	PGA Championship	Т8	67	71	72	67	277/-3

2015	U.S. Open	Т9	68	70	68	74	280/E
2010	PGA Championship	T10	69	72	66	74	281/-7

Day, winner of the 2015 Farmers Insurance Open, is hoping to join Jordan Spieth, Rory McIlroy and Jimmy Walker as multiple winners this season.

Day has previously held a 54-hole lead/co-lead six times on the PGA TOUR, most recently at the 2015 U.S. Open (T9). The only one which produced a victory was the 2010 AT&T Byron Nelson.

Louis Oosthuizen

2010 Open Championship winner Louis Oosthuizen owns rounds of 67-70-67 and will enter the final round of The Open Championship in a three-way share of the lead with Jason Day and Paul Dunne. By comparison, he led by four strokes going into the final round in 2010.

Carrying the largest 54-hole lead (4 strokes) into the final round of an Open Championship since Tiger Woods led by six at St. Andrews in 2000, Oosthuizen carded a final-round 1-under 71 to move to 16-under 272 and a seven-stroke win over Lee Westwood at the 2010 Open Championship.

Oosthuizen owns one of 22 major championship titles held by South Africans: Gary Player (9), Bobby Locke (4), Ernie Els (4), Retief Goosen (2), Charl Schwartzel, Louis Oosthuizen, Trevor Immelman.

Winners of the Open Championship from South Africa: Bobby Locke (1949, 1950, 1952, 1957), Gary Player (1959, 1968, 1974), Ernie Els (2002, 2012) and Louis Oosthuizen (2010).

Oosthuizen is hoping to join Tiger Woods (2000, 2005) and Jack Nicklaus (1970, 1978) as players to win successive Open Championships at St. Andrews since 1970.

A win by Oosthuizen Sunday would come in his 28th major championship appearance and 95th PGA TOUR start.

Oosthuizen is one for four when carrying at least a share of the lead into the final round on TOUR, with the 2010 Open Championship representing his only win in those events. Most recently, he carried a share of the 54-hole lead at the 2014 AT&T Byron Nelson on to a T11 finish.

Paul Dunne

Paul Dunne, a 22-year-old native of Dublin, Ireland, moved atop the leaderboard with a third-round 6-under 66. He is seeking to become the first amateur to win a major championship since Johnny Goodman won the 1933 U.S. Open.

Dunne's 66 is the lowest round by an amateur in an Open Championship contested at St. Andrews.

Dunne is the only player in the field this week with three rounds in the 60s.

Dunne followed in the footsteps of Graeme McDowell by earning Conference USA Player of the Year honors in 2014 while starring for the University of Alabama-Birmingham. McDowell earned the honor in 2001 and 2002.

The last Irishman to win the Silver Medal (awarded to low amateur at The Open) was Rory McIlroy in 2007.

The last amateur winner on the PGA TOUR was Phil Mickelson at the 1991 Northern Telecom Open.

Last amateurs to post a top-10 finish at The Open Championship: Chris Wood (5th, 2008), Justin Rose (4th, 1998).

The last amateur to win The Open Championship was Bobby Jones in 1930. Here's the list of amateurs who have won The Open: Bobby Jones (3), Harold Hilton (2), John Ball Jr.

The last time an amateur led going into the final round of The Open was Bobby Jones in 1927 (St. Andrews).

Third-Round Leader Stats at the Open Championship

In Open Championship history, the third-round leader/co-leader has held on for the win 64 times. The most recent to achieve the feat was Rory McIlroy in 2014.

The third-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win 13 of 34 stroke-play events on the PGA TOUR this season, most recently Jordan Spieth at the John Deere Classic..

The largest final-round, come-from-behind win at the Open Championship (and on the PGA TOUR) is 10 strokes by Paul Lawrie at the 1999 Open Championship.

The lowest third round at the Open Championships is 63, set by Isao Aoki in 1980 (Muirfield) and Paul Broadhurst in 1990 (St. Andrews).

Jordan Spieth

FedExCup leader Jordan Spieth posted a third-round 6-under 66 to move to solo fourth place with just 18 holes remaining at The Open Champonship. He is seeking to become the second player in the history of the modern game to win the first three majors of the season. Ben Hogan won the first three in 1953 but did not play the PGA Championship as it overlapped with The Open Championship.

A win for Spieth (which would be his fifth on the PGA TOUR) would come at the age of 21 years, 11 months, 23 days. By comparison, Tiger Woods won his fifth event (1997 AT&T Byron Nelson) at the age of 21 years, 4 months, 18 days.

Spieth became just the second player since 1940 to win four times on TOUR before the age of 22. Tiger Woods won the 1997 Masters (his fourth win) at the age of 21 years, 3 months and 14 days.

Spieth has posted nine of 11 rounds under par in majors this season. A third-round 1-over 71 at Chambers Bay and third-round 72 this week mark the only exceptions. Overall, he is 34-under in the three majors up to this point.

A player has won the Masters and The Open Championship in the same season eight times: Ben Hogan (1953), Arnold Palmer (1962), Jack Nicklaus (1966), Gary Player (1974), Tom Watson (1977), Nick Faldo (1990), Mark O'Meara (1998) and Tiger Woods (2005).

Six players have won the U.S. Open and The Open Championship in the same season: Bobby Jones (1926, 1930), Gene Sarazen (1932), Ben Hogan (1953), Lee Trevino (1971, Tom Watson (1982) and Tiger Woods (2000).

Earlier this season, Spieth became the sixth player to win the Masters and U.S. Open in the same season, joining Tiger Woods (2002), Jack Nicklaus (1972), Arnold Palmer (1960), Ben Hogan (1951, 1953) and Craig Wood (1941). In the process, he became the youngest to win two career majors since Gene Sarazen in 1922.

Spieth is making his third Open Championship start (T36-2014, T44-2013).

With five wins and eight runner-up finishes, has the most first- and second-place finishes by a TOUR player before the age of 22 since 1970: Spieth (13), Tiger Woods (7), Sergio Garcia (6), Bobby Clampett (5), Rickie Fowler (3).

Since 1934, only 11 players on the PGA TOUR have won the week before winning a major, with Lee Trevino the only player performing the feat at the Open Championship:

2014	Rory McIlroy	won WGC-Bridgestone Invitational followed by PGA Championship
2007	Tiger Woods	won WGC-Bridgestone Invitational followed by PGA Championship
2006	Phil Mickelson	won BellSouth Classic followed by Masters
1988	Sandy Lyle	won Greater Greensboro Open followed by the Masters
1971	Lee Trevino	won the Canadian Open followed by the Open Championship
1959	Art Wall	won the Azalea Open followed by the Masters
1949	Sam Snead*	won the Greater Greensboro Open followed by the Masters
1946	Ben Hogan*	won the Winnipeg Open followed by the PGA
1945	Byron Nelson*	won the Chicago Victory Open followed by the PGA
1939	Ralph Guldahl	won the Greater Greensboro Open followed by the Masters
1939	Henry Picard*	won the Scranton Open followed by the PGA
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^{*} No event scheduled the week after first win. Major was the next event contested

Padraig Harrington

Playing his 217th round in a major championship, Padraig Harrington recorded his lowest score with a 7-under 65 Sunday, moving to solo fifth place and two strokes behind the leaders.

Harrington is hoping to add his name to the list of players with three or more wins in The Open Championship:

- 6 Harry Vardon
- 5 James Braid, JH Taylor, Peter Thomson, Tom Watson
- 4 Walter Hagen, Bobby Locke, Tom Morris Jr., Tom Morris Sr., Willie Park Sr.
- 3 Jamie Anderson, Bob Ferguson, Bobby Jones, Henry Cotton, Gary Player, Jack Nicklaus, Seve Ballesteros, Nick Faldo, Tiger Woods

Additional Player Notes

Second-round leader Dustin Johnson made just one birdie Sunday (No. 15) and closed with three consecutive bogeys for a 3-over 75. He'll enter the final round T18 and five strokes back.

Marc Leishman's third-round 8-under 64 is a new personal-best in 49 rounds of major championships. His previous low came at the 2014 Open Championship, closing with a 65 to finish T5 (the best of his four Open starts). Leishman heads a group of nine players at T6 and three strokes behind the leaders.

McGladrey Classic champion Robert Streb's 70 is his 11th consecutive under-par round on TOUR. He is making his third major championship start (T42 at '15 U.S. Open, MC at '15 Masters Tournament).

David Lipsky has played his last 37 holes without a bogey, including a 2-under 70 Sunday.

Two Champions Tour members made the cut this week: Mark O'Meara (T70) and Bernhard Langer (T78).

Past Open Championship Winners

Louis Oosthuizen	T1
Padraig Harrington	5
Stewart Cink	T18
Paul Lawrie	T26
David Duval	T33
Phil Mickelson	T45
Ernie Els	T57
Mark O'Meara	T70
John Daly	MC
Darren Clarke	MC
Sandy Lyle	MC
Tom Lehman	MC
Ben Curtis	MC
Justin Leonard	MC
Tiger Woods	MC
Todd Hamilton	MC
Nick Faldo	MC
Mark Calcavecchia	MC
Tom Watson	MC

Amateur Leaderboard

T1
T6
T26
T45
T45
MC
MC
MC
MC

Miscellaneous Notes

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Dustin Johnson (65), Jason Day (66), Kevin Na (67), Luke Donald (68)

R2: Adam Scott (67), David Lipsky (69), Anirban Lahiri (70)

R3: Marc Leishman (64), Padraig Harrington (65), Paul Dunne (66), Jim Furyk (66), Jason Day (67), Greg Chalmers (69), Brooks Koepka (69), David Lipsky (70)

Scoring Averages at the par-72 Old Course:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Round 1	34.494	37.744	72.237	
Round 2	35.647	36.712	72.359	72.298
Round 3	34.562	35.150	69.713	71.770

Toughest hole

R1: par-4 17th (4.833) R2: par-4 17th (4.522) R3: par-4 17th (4.412)

Easiest hole

R1: par-5 fifth (4.506)

R2: par-4 18th (3.513) R3: par-5 fifth (4.388)