

2015 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

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

**The Old Course
St. Andrews, Scotland**

July 16-19, 2015

**FedExCup Pts: 600
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,297**

Final-Round Notes – Monday, July 20, 2015

Weather: Cloudy with some patches of rain. Winds SE 5-10 mph, increasing to SW 15-20 mph. High of 64.

Monday's finish marked 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.

Final-Round Leaderboard

Zach Johnson	66-71-70-66—273 (-15) (won in a 4-hole aggregate playoff)
Marc Leishman	70-73-64-66—273 (-15)
Louis Oosthuizen	67-70-67-69—273 (-15)
Jordan Spieth	67-72-66-69—274 (-14)
Jason Day	66-71-67-70—274 (-14)

4-hole aggregate playoff scores: Zach Johnson (1-under), Louis Oosthuizen (Even), Marc Leishman (2-over)

Playoff Records

Zach Johnson	4-1
Marc Leishman	0-1
Louis Oosthuizen	0-2

This week marked the 16th playoff of the season and the fourth in as many weeks.

The playoff was the 21st at the Open Championship, and first since Stewart Cink outlasted Tom Watson in 2009.

Zach Johnson

Zach Johnson entered the day trailing Jason Day, Paul Dunne and Louis Oosthuizen by three strokes, but stormed back with a final-round 6-under 66 to win the 144th Open Championship in a playoff over Oosthuizen and Marc Leishman.

Only four champions have posted a lower final round than Johnson's 66: 64 (Greg Norman/1993), 65 (Tom Watson/1977, Seve Ballesteros/1988, Justin Leonard/1997).

Johnson becomes the 14th player to win the Masters Tournament and Open Championship in a career, joining Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods, Ben Hogan, Gary Player, Tom Watson, Gene Sarazen, Sam Snead, Arnold Palmer, Nick Faldo, Seve Ballesteros, Phil Mickelson, Sandy Lyle, Mark O'Meara.

Johnson becomes the sixth player to win majors at Augusta and St. Andrews, joining Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods, Seve Ballesteros, Nick Faldo and Sam Snead.

Johnson wins his 12th PGA TOUR title in his 307th start at the age of 39 years, 4 months and 26 days.

PGA TOUR victories (12): 2004 AT&T Classic, 2007 Masters Tournament, 2007 AT&T Classic, 2008 Valero Texas Open, 2009 Sony Open in Hawaii, 2009 Valero Texas Open, 2010 Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial, 2012 Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial, 2012 John Deere Classic, 2013 BMW Championship, 2014 Hyundai Tournament of Champions, 2015 Open Championship.

Johnson collects 600 points and moves inside the top 10 in the FedExCup standings.

Becomes the 79th player with multiple major championship titles.

Wins in his 12th Open Championship start, with top-10 finishes in 2015 (won), 2013 (T6), 2012 (T9).

Wins in his 46th major championship start and posts his eighth top-10 finish in those events.

Wins in his 19th start of the PGA TOUR season, previous-best finish a T3 at last week's John Deere Classic.

Posts the 18th win by a player in his 30s this season, compared to 16 in their 20s and three in their 40s.

Has finished inside the top 10 in four of his last five starts: 5th-AT&T Byron Nelson, T72-U.S. Open, 6th-Travelers Championship, T3-John Deere Classic, 1st-Open Championship.

Wins for the eighth out of the last nine seasons on the PGA TOUR, including four consecutive.

About Zach Johnson

Birthdate: February 24, 1976

Height/Weight: 5-11, 164

Birthplace: Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Residence: St. Simons Island, GA

Family: Wife, Kim; Will (2007), Wyatt (2010), Abby (2012)

Education: Drake University (1998, Business Management/Marketing)

Turned Professional: 1998

Joined PGA TOUR: 2004

Web.com Tour Graduate: 2003

Louis Oosthuizen

2010 Open Championship winner Louis Oosthuizen finished runner-up in his bid to join Tiger Woods (2000, 2005) and Jack Nicklaus (1970, 1978) as players to win successive Open Championships at St. Andrews since 1970.

Both of Oosthuizen's playoff losses have come in major championships: 2012 Masters, 2015 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 now one for five 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.

Marc Leishman

Marc Leishman entered the day trailing Jason Day, Paul Dunne and Louis Oosthuizen by three strokes, but fought back with a final-round 6-under 66 to join the three-man playoff. He was seeking his second PGA TOUR title (2012 Travelers Championship) in his 170th start.

Leishman was hoping to become the fifth Australian to win The Open Championship: Peter Thomson (5), Greg Norman (2), Kel Nagle and 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.

Played in his fifth Open Championship (2010-60th, 2012-MC, 2013-MC, 2014-5th, 2015-P2).

Making his 16th major championship start, runner-up finish tops his previous-best finishes of T4 at the 2013 Masters and T5 at the 2014 Open Championship.

Jordan Spieth

FedExCup leader Jordan Spieth finished T4 and just one stroke shy of the playoff in his bid to win the first three legs of the Grand Slam.

Spieth has posted 10 of 12 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, Spieth is 37-under in the three majors up to this point. The previous record was 35-under (Tiger Woods/2000, Nick Faldo/1990).

Spieth was seeking to become the ninth player to win the Masters and The Open Championship in the same season: 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).

Spieth was seeking to become the seventh player to win 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).

Spieth made his third Open Championship start this week (T4-2015, T36-2014, T44-2013).

Jason Day

Jason Day finished T4 after carrying the 54-hole lead/co-lead for the second consecutive major championship (finished T9 at the U.S. Open). He is now one for seven when holding at least a share of the 54-hole lead, with his lone win in those events coming at the 2010 AT&T Byron Nelson.

Day recorded his only sub-70 scores in 20 rounds this week at The Open Championship (R1-66, R3-67). After a T60 in his inaugural appearance at St. Andrews in 2010, he has followed with a T30 in 2011, T32 in 2013, T58 in 2014 and T4 in 2015

Day now owns nine top-10 finishes in 20 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
2015	Open Championship	T4	66	71	67	70	274/-14
2013	PGA Championship	T8	67	71	72	67	277/-3
2015	U.S. Open	T9	68	70	68	74	280/E
2010	PGA Championship	T10	69	72	66	74	281/-7

Amateurs at The Open Championship

Jordan Niebrugge	T6
Ashley Chesters	T12
Oliver Schniederjans	T12
Paul Dunne	T30
Romain Langasque	T65
Paul Kinnear	MC
Gunn Yang	MC
Alister Balcombe	MC
Ben Taylor	MC

The silver medal (given to the low amateur) was presented to Jordan Niebrugge, who finished 11-under 277 (T6). He becomes the first amateur to post a top-10 finish at The Open Championship since Chris Wood (5th, 2008) and Justin Rose (4th, 1998).

Lowest total by an amateur at The Open:

277 – Jordan Niebrugge (2015)

279 – Oliver Schniederjans (2015), Ashley Chesters (2015)

281 – Iain Pyman (1993), Tiger Woods (1996)

282 – Justin Rose (1998), Matteo Manassero (2009), **Paul Dunne (2015)**

283 – Guy Wolstenholme (1960), Lloyd Saltman (2005)

Additional Player Notes

Making his 68th start in a major championship, Sergio Garcia notches his 20th top-10 finish with a T6 effort this week at St. Andrews. Garcia is a two-time runner-up at The Open Championship (2007, 2014) and PGA Championship (1999, 2008).

2013 U.S. Open champion Justin Rose finished T6 for his first top-10 finish at The Open Championship since a T4 showing in his inaugural appearance in 1998.

Sitting at 15-under with just five holes to play, Adam Scott appeared in good position to hoist the Claret Jug until a disastrous finish (bogey-bogey-par-bogey-double bogey) led to a T10 finish. Here's a look at Scott's last four starts at The Open Championship: 2nd-2012, T3-2013, T5-2014, T10-2015. Scott had four top-10 finishes in his first 39 major

championship starts, but has since added 11 in his last 19 starts, including his victory at the 2013 Masters Tournament.

Padraig Harrington, winner of the 2007 and 2008 Open Championship, finished T20 in his bid to become the 20th player with three or more wins at The Open Championship. Harrington's week included a third-round 7-under 65, his lowest score in 218 rounds in major championships.

Brooks Koepka (T10) now has four top-20 finishes in just nine major championship appearances, led by a T4 at the 2014 U.S. Open. His previous-best finish at The Open Championship was T67 in 2014.

Third-round co-leader Paul Dunne, a 22-year-old native of Dublin, Ireland, carded a 6-over 78 to finish T30 in his bid to become the first amateur to win a major championship since Johnny Goodman won the 1933 U.S. Open. Dunne's week included a third-round 66, the lowest round by an amateur in an Open Championship contested at St. Andrews.

Rickie Fowler finished T30 in his hopes to follow in the footsteps of Phil Mickelson, the last player to win the Scottish Open and Open Championship back-to-back in the same season.

Ernie Els finished T65 with rounds of 71-73-69-73. Here's a list of players who have recorded the most sub-70 scores at The Open Championship: Els (40), Nick Faldo (37), Jack Nicklaus (33), Tom Watson (30).

McGladrey Classic champion Robert Streb carded a final-round 1-over 73 and saw his streak of consecutive under-par rounds come to an end at 11.

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

Past Open Championship Winners

Louis Oosthuizen	T2
Padraig Harrington	T20
Stewart Cink	T20
Phil Mickelson	T20
Paul Lawrie	T40
David Duval	T49
Ernie Els	T65
Mark O'Meara	T78
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

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)

R4: Scott Arnold (66), Brendon Todd (66), Martin Kaymer (68), Brooks Koepka (68), Russell Henley (69), James Morrison (69), Jason Day (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
Round 4	34.400	37.038	71.438	71.714

Toughest hole

R1: par-4 17th (4.833)

R2: par-4 17th (4.522)
R3: par-4 17th (4.412)
R4: par-4 17th (4.800)
Cumulative: par-4 17th (4.655)

Easiest hole

R1: par-5 fifth (4.506)
R2: par-4 18th (3.513)
R3: par-5 fifth (4.388)
R4: par-5 fifth (4.325)
Cumulative: par-5 fifth (4.464)

History of the Open Championship at St. Andrews

St. Andrews hosted The Open Championship for the 29th time this week, five more than the second course on the list – Prestwick. Here's a look at the winners of Open Championships hosted at St. Andrews since 1970:

Year	Winner	Winning Score
1970	Jack Nicklaus	5-under 283
1978	Jack Nicklaus	7-under 281
1984	Seve Ballesteros	12-under 276
1990	Nick Faldo	18-under 270
1995	John Daly	6-under 282
2000	Tiger Woods	19-under 269
2005	Tiger Woods	14-under 274
2010	Louis Oosthuizen	16-under 272
2015	Zach Johnson	15-under 273