



2015 Travelers Championship

(The 33rd of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Cromwell, Conn.
TPC River Highlands

June 22-28, 2015
Par/Yardage: 35-35—70/6,841

FedExCup Points: 500 to the winner
Purse: \$6,400,000 (\$1,152,000)

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, June 28, 2015

Weather: Cloudy, with periods of light rain throughout the day. Temperatures reached into the low 70s, with N/NE winds 6-12 mph.

Final-Round Leaderboard

Bubba Watson	62-67-68-67—264 (-16)	Won on second hole of sudden death
Paul Casey	67-68-64-65—264 (-16)	
Brian Harman	66-65-65-69—265 (-15)	

Bubba Watson

Bubba Watson made just his third bogey of the week on the par-4 17th hole to open the door for what would become extra holes with England's Paul Casey. On the second extra hole, No. 18, Watson secured the victory with a par four.

En route to his 2010 win at TPC River Highlands, Watson made a double-bogey six at No. 17, which he followed by with a birdie at the 72nd to join sudden death with Scott Verplank and Corey Pavin. On the second extra (No. 16), Watson emerged victorious.

Watson has now converted five of six playoffs into victories. The one that got away was the 2010 PGA Championship (Martin Kaymer).

With this week's sudden death win, Watson notched his second Travelers Championship crown and eighth overall in his 223rd career start on the PGA TOUR at the age of 36 years, 7 months and 23 days. Watson also won the 2010 Travelers Championship, 2011 Farmers Insurance Open, 2011 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, 2012 Masters Tournament, 2014 Northern Trust Open, 2014 Masters Tournament, 15 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions and 2015 Travelers Championship.

With the win, Watson extends his exempt status on the PGA TOUR through the 2019-20 season.

With the win, Watson is projected to move from No. 12 to No. 3 in the FedExCup standings.

With his win, Watson becomes the seventh multiple winner of the Travelers Championship: Stewart Cink (2008, 1997), Peter Jacobsen (2003, 1984), Phil Mickelson (2001-02), Paul Azinger (1989, 1987), Billy Casper (1973, 1968, 1965, 1963), Arnold Palmer (1960, 1956).

The Travelers Championship now becomes the second tournament on the PGA TOUR Watson has won twice (Masters Tournament/2012, 2014).

Six of the past 12 outcomes at TPC River Highlands have been decided through a playoff (2015/Bubba Watson, 2013/Ken Duke, 2010/Bubba Watson, 2007/Hunter Mahan, 2005/Brad Faxon and 2004/Woody Austin).

This marks the 14th playoff of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, and first since the Memorial Tournament (David Lingmerth over Justin Rose).

With his win, Watson joins Jimmy Walker (Sony Open in Hawaii, Valero Texas Open), Rory McIlroy (WGC-Cadillac Match Play, Wells Fargo Championship) and Jordan Spieth (Valspar Championship, Masters Tournament and U.S. Open) as multiple winners on the PGA TOUR this season.

Of Watson's eight wins, six have now come in come-from-behind fashion. Most recently, he overcame a two-stroke deficit headed into the final round of this season's WGC-HSBC Champions to beat Tim Clark in sudden death.

With his win, Watson becomes the fourth-consecutive player to come-from-behind in the final round to win (Kevin Streelman/2014, Ken Duke/2013, Marc Leishman/2012).

With his win, Watson becomes the 20th (of 32) player to come-from-behind in the final round to claim victory this season on the PGA TOUR.

Both of Watson's Travelers Championship wins have been results of come-from-behind charges. In 2010, he rallied from six strokes back to win in sudden death over Corey Pavin and Scott Verplank.

Watson's only three bogeys of the week came at the par-3 16th in round one, the par-4 12th in round three and the par-4 17th in the final round. The last winner of the Travelers Championship with fewer was Freddie Jacobson in 2011, who had just one blemish on his card.

This marked Watson's ninth start in the Travelers Championship, and eighth consecutive. In addition to his 2010 and 2015 wins at TPC River Highlands, Watson has finished inside the top 10 in 2008 (T6), 2012 (T2) and 2013 (T4). His only missed cut came in his first start of 2006.

Watson now has 154 total birdies at TPC River Highlands, tying his record for most total birdies in an event. At the Waste Management Phoenix Open, he also has 154 birdies, also through nine starts.

With his win, Watson claims the fourth win by a former Georgia Bulldog this season (Patrick Reed/Hyundai Tournament of Champions, Chris Kirk/Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial and Watson/WGC-HSBC Champions, Travelers Championship).

There have been 10 former Georgia Bulldogs to win on the PGA TOUR. Watson leads that contingent with eight titles. Last season, Georgia Bulldogs accounted for eight victories on TOUR.

With his win, Watson claimed the fourth win of the Travelers Championship by a left-handed player since 2000 (Phil Mickelson/2000-2001, Watson/2010, 2015).

Watson was paired with Graham DeLaet and fellow lefty Brian Harman in today's final round. The last time two left-handed players were in a final group on Sunday on the PGA TOUR was at the 2014 Memorial Tournament (Watson and Scott Langley). Hideki Matsuyama won the event.

With his win, the eighth of his PGA TOUR career, Watson ties Mike Weir for most wins by a left-handed player on TOUR. Phil Mickelson leads that group, with 42 titles.

With his win, Watson claims his fifth top-10 finish of the season and first since a third-place showing at the WGC-Cadillac Championship. He claimed a career-most eight in the 2013-14 PGA TOUR Season.

Watson's win at the Travelers Championship comes a week after a missed cut at the U.S. Open. Watson did not compete in the 2010 U.S. Open, prior to his win at TPC River Highlands.

In 10 starts this season, Watson has missed just one cut (U.S. Open). In each of the last four seasons on the PGA TOUR, he has missed three.

2014-15 PGA TOUR Season starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 10-9-5-2

Bubba Watson Statistics:

Fairways Hit	30 of 56
Driving Distance	318.3 yards
Greens in Regulation	50 of 72
Total Putts	107
Strokes Gained: Putting	+5.694 (1.424 p/r)
Strokes Gained: Tee to Green	+7.372 (1.843 p/r)
Sand Saves	20 of 22

About Bubba Watson

Birthdate: November 5, 1978

Birthplace: Bagdad, Florida

Resides: Orlando, Florida

Family: Wife, Angie; Caleb, Dakota Hope

Height/Weight: 6-3, 180

Education: Faulkner State CC, University of Georgia (2008, Consumer Economics)

Turned Pro: 2002

Joined PGA TOUR: 2006

Web.com Tour Graduate: 2005

Third-Round Lead Notes

Dating to 2000, the third-round leader/co-leader at the Travelers Championship has gone on to win four times: Stewart Cink (2008), J.J. Henry (2006), Peter Jacobsen (2003) and Phil Mickelson (2001).

The largest come-from-behind win is seven strokes by Brad Faxon in 2005. Marc Leishman came back from six strokes to win in 2012.

Through 32 stroke-play events on the PGA TOUR this season, 12 third-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win. Most recently, Jordan Spieth achieved this feat at the U.S. Open.

Paul Casey

After beginning the final round of the Travelers Championship three strokes off the lead at 11-under 199, Paul Casey posted a final-round, 5-under 65 to force sudden death with 2010 Travelers Championship winner Bubba Watson. When an errant, greenside bunker shot flew the green considerable, Watson won with a par.

Casey's playoff loss marked his fourth top-5 finish of the season, and sixth top ten. It also marked the second time he has lost in a playoff this year. In February, he and Watson fell to James Hahn at the Northern Trust Open. Casey is now 1-2 in playoffs. He beat J.B. Holmes at the 2009 Shell Houston Open.

Before this season, Casey had not had a top-10 finish since claiming just one in 2011 (T7 Frys.com Open).

Casey's third-round, 6-under 64 marked his lowest score on the PGA TOUR since posting an 8-under 62 in round one of this year's Sony Open in Hawaii (finished T30).

Casey, who ended 2010's season in the FedExCup standings a career-best sixth dropped as low as to No. 197 at the end of the 2013 season.

This week's Travelers Championship marked Casey's 165th career start on the PGA TOUR. He remains in search of his second TOUR win (2009 Shell Houston Open).

Graham DeLaet

Canada's Graham followed his 6-under 64 in round three with a 1-under 69 in Sunday's final round to finish alone in fourth. Through 123 PGA TOUR events now, DeLaet remains in search of his maiden TOUR victory. He has three runner-ups: 2014 Farmers Insurance Open, 2014 Waste Management Phoenix Open and 2013 Barclays.

With his fourth-place finish, DeLaet earned a spot into The Open Championship in two weeks. Details are below.

This week's Travelers Championship marked DeLaet's 18th start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season, where additional top 10s came at the Waste Management Phoenix Open (T7) and Northern Trust Open (T8).

This marked DeLaet's sixth-consecutive start at the Travelers Championship, where his best performance is a third-place finish in 2013. He only has one missed cut, which came in 2011.

DeLaet and his wife Ruby are expecting twins in early December.

On Tuesday, DeLaet won \$10,000 for his charity, the Graham & Ruby DeLaet Foundation. During Tuesday's practice round, PGA TOUR players and caddies were given a chance to hit at the famous Travelers floating umbrella on the hole known as The Umbrella at 15 ½, which is located between the 15th and 16th holes at TPC River Highlands. The hole is 71 yards long and the target is a 40-foot umbrella. The players are given one attempt at the umbrella, with the winner receiving \$10,000 from Travelers, to the charity of their choice.

Brian Harman

Brian Harman, who lead by one after 54 holes, wasn't able to mount a charge Sunday, posting a 1-under 69 to finish third.

Harman is now one of two when holding a 54-hole lead. He claimed his first career PGA TOUR win at last year's John Deere Classic after sleeping on a one-stroke lead after 54 holes.

Harman was making his 21st start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season where he has now amassed six top-25 showings, including a T8 finish at THE PLAYERS Championship and a T10 at the Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial.

Harman has made the cut in all five starts at the Travelers Championship (2004, 2012-2015), with this week's third-place finish supplanting his previous best of T24 in 2012.

Harman was making his 116th career PGA TOUR start this week.

Luke Donald

In his first start at the Travelers Championship, former World No. 1 Luke Donald closed with a 4-under 66 to claim a share of seventh place. The finish is just his second top ten of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season (T7/The Honda Classic). His 66 matches his low round of the year.

With his T7 finish, Donald earned a spot into The Open Championship in two weeks. Details are listed below.

Donald came into the week ranked 130th in FedExCup standings and 68th in the Official World Golf Ranking, as he sought his sixth career PGA TOUR victory and first since the 2012 Valspar Championship.

Patrick Rodgers

After making birdie on his final hole on Friday to make the cut on the number, Patrick Rodgers fired a career-low 7-under 63 in the third round to jump 51 spots on the leaderboard to No. T8. On Sunday, he posted a 3-over 73 to finish T39.

Rodgers made his first PGA TOUR start at the 2010 Travelers Championship as an amateur (MC). He made his professional debut at the 2014 Travelers Championship (T46).

Rodgers is playing on Special Temporary Membership, allowing him to accept unlimited sponsor exemptions for the remainder of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season in his attempt to earn his 2015-16 TOUR card. Rodgers also sits at No. 9 on the current Web.com Tour money list after a win earlier this season at the Colombia Championship Presented by Claro.

Open Qualifying Series

Now in its second year, The Open Qualifying Series (OQS) is an international qualifying series involving events on the world's leading golf tours for The Open Championship, which takes place at St Andrews in July. The OQS offers players the opportunity to qualify for golf's oldest major championship at events on the PGA TOUR, the European Tour, the PGA Tour of Australasia and the Japan Golf Tour. Players on the PGA TOUR have the chance to qualify at three events: Travelers Championship, The Greenbrier Classic and John Deere Classic. The top four players, not previously eligible, that finish among the top 12 (and ties) at the Travelers Championship and The Greenbrier Classic will earn entry into The Open Championship. The top player among the top five (and ties) at the John Deere Classic will also qualify. If there are ties for the final spot(s), qualifiers are determined by Official World Golf Ranking.

Brian Harman (3rd), Graham DeLaet (4th), Carl Pettersson (5th) and Luke Donald (T7) are those who qualified for The Open Championship via the Open Qualifying Series.

Apart from the OQS, the first five PGA TOUR members and any PGA TOUR members tying for fifth place, not exempt in the top 20 of the PGA TOUR FedExCup Points List for 2015 upon completion of the Travelers Championship, earn a berth into The Open Championship.

Charley Hoffman, Robert Streb, Kevin Kisner and Steven Bowditch are those who qualified for The Open Championship in this manner.

Miscellaneous Stats

Jon Rahm, one of two amateurs given a sponsor exemption this year, posted rounds of 68-69-69-72—278 (-2) to finish T64. Rahm, a junior at ASU, made his first PGA TOUR start earlier this season at the Waste Management

Phoenix Open where he became the first amateur to finish in the top five of a PGA TOUR event since Chris Wood finished fifth at the 2008 Open Championship.

Seven past champions of the Travelers Championship are in the field: Kevin Streelman, 2014 (MC), Ken Duke, 2013 (T10), Marc Leishman, 2012 (T39), Bubba Watson, 2010 (1st), Stewart Cink, 1997, 2008 (MC), Hunter Mahan, 2007 (MC) and J.J. Henry, 2006 (T60).

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Brian Stuard (64), Tom Gillis (65), Jason Gore (65), Jhonattan Vegas (66), Jim Herman (67), David Lingmerth (68), Mark Hubbard (68), Gonzalo Fdez-Castano (68), Chad Campbell (68) and J.J. Henry (68).

R2: Steven Bowditch (68), Graham DeLaet (66), Spencer Levin (68), Lee McCoy (66), Chez Reavie (65), Jim Renner (68), Nick Watney (64) and Bubba Watson (67).

R3: Steve Alker (68), Brice Garnett (66), Brian Harman (65), Zach Johnson (64), Patrick Rodgers (63) and Brandt Snedeker (63).

R4: Chad Campbell (66).

Scoring Averages at the par-70 TPC River Highlands:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.782	34.301	69.083	---
R2:	35.122	34.929	70.051	69.565
R3:	34.153	34.264	68.417	69.351
R4:	34.737	34.778	69.515	69.375

The par-4 fourth hole played the toughest this week, yielding a 4.198 average. The par-5 6th hole played the easiest with a 4.703 average.

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