



2015 Valspar Championship

(The 18th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Tampa Bay, Fla.

March 9-15, 2015

Purse: \$5,900,000 (winner: \$1,062,000)

Innisbrook Resort & GC (Copperhead Course)

Par/Yards: 36-35 - 71/7,340

Second-Round Notes – Friday, March 13, 2015

Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 85 degrees. Winds SSE 10-15 mph.

36-Hole-Cut: 71 players at 1-over 143 from a field of 155 professionals and one amateur.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Position	Name	Score
1	Brendon de Jonge	67-69—136 (-6)
T2	Five players	137 (-5)

Brendon de Jonge

Zimbabwe's Brendon de Jonge offset two bogeys with four birdies in round two and will begin the weekend with a one-stroke lead. His 69 marks just the second time in eight starts in the event to post a sub-par score in round two (66/2011).

This marks the fourth occasion in which de Jonge has held a 36-hole lead/co-lead. He most recently held a share of the 36-hole lead at the 2012 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open en route to second place.

De Jonge is making his 12th start of the season, in which he has collected a pair of top-10 finishes. He lost in a playoff to Robert Streb at The McGladrey Classic and finished T10 at last week's Puerto Rico Open.

De Jonge remains in search of his first career PGA TOUR win in his 221st TOUR start. His two closest calls were this year's McGladrey Classic playoff loss and his second-place showing in Las Vegas.

De Jonge is looking to become the fourth player to make the Valspar Championship his first career PGA TOUR win; Carl Pettersson (2005), Gary Woodland (2011) and Kevin Streelman (2013).

De Jonge is coming off missed cuts in 2012 and 2014 at the Valspar Championship. He finished T45 in 2013. His best finish, T5, came in 2011.

Second-Round Lead Notes

De Jonge's 6-under 136 ties the highest 36-hole lead of the year (Northern Trust Open).

De Jonge's 6-under 136 is one stroke shy of the tournament's 36-hole high for a leader. In 2008, Brandt Snedeker led after the second round at 5-under 137.

The only second-round leaders of the Valspar Championship to hang on for the win have been K.J. Choi in 2002 and 2006 and Retief Goosen in 2003.

Last year, Robert Garrigus held a 3-stroke lead at 7-under-par after 36 holes. John Senden was eight strokes back at 1-over-par, before winning by one stroke over Kevin Na.

Jordan Spieth

Jordan Spieth, who earned Special Temporary Membership to the PGA TOUR with his T7 finish here in 2013, drained a 17-foot birdie putt from off the green at his last hole of the day to post a 4-under 67 and get to 5-under 137 headed into the weekend.

Last year, Spieth finished T20 on the Copperhead Course in his second start in the event.

Spieth is making his seventh start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season this week, having already collected top-10 finishes at the Waste Management Phoenix Open (T7), AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am (T7) and Northern Trust Open (T4).

En route to a total of 24 putts for the round, Spieth needed just 11 strokes on his inward nine (Nos. 10-18).

Kevin Streelman

2013 Valspar Championship winner Kevin Streelman made two bogeys and four birdies en route to a 2-under 69 to get to 5-under 137 and one stroke back. In 2013, he was seven strokes back after 36 holes.

Streelman is looking become just the third player to win the Valspar Championship multiple times; K.J. Choi (2002, 2006) and Retief Goosen (2003, 2009).

Streelman is in search of his third career PGA TOUR win this week. At last year's Travelers Championship, he captured his second TOUR title in dramatic fashion by making birdie on each of his last seven holes the final day. Streelman's seven birdies to finish and win became a new PGA TOUR record, supplanting Mike Souchak's previous record of six straight from the 1956 St. Paul Open.

Streelman is making his sixth start in the Valspar Championship this week where, in addition to his 2013 victory, claimed a previous top-10 finish in 2012 (T10).

Streelman is making his 11th start of the season this week, with solo-second honors at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open his only top ten. He is coming off missed cuts in each of his last two starts at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am and Northern Trust Open.

Henrik Stenson

Making his first start in the Valspar Championship, World No. 3 Henrik Stenson eagled his first hole of the day (par-5 first) and birdied the last made to post a 1-under 70 and get to within one of Brendon de Jonge's lead headed into the weekend.

For the second straight day, Stenson hit nine of 13 fairways in regulation (69.2 percent) and improved from 11 greens in round one to 15 in round two (83.3 percent). He needed 33 putts to complete his round, eight more than in round one.

Stenson is making just his third start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season this week. Following a T24 at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions in Shanghai in early November, Stenson finished T4 with Adam Scott at last week's WGC-Cadillac Championship.

Stenson, a four-time winner on the PGA TOUR, is looking for his first victory since the 2013 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola en route to taking the FedExCup title.

Three players have won the Valspar Championship in the first start in the event; Gary Woodland (2011), Retief Goosen (2003) and John Huston (2000, first year of event).

Derek Ernst

Derek Ernst made five consecutive birdies on hole Nos. 17-3 en route to his a 2-under 69. At 5-under, he will begin the third round Saturday trailing by just one stroke.

After 36 holes at the 2013 Wells Fargo Championship, Ernst was three strokes back before claiming his first TOUR victory via sudden death with David Lynn.

Ernst is making his second start in the Valspar Championship. Following rounds of 77-73 last year, he missed the cut.

Ernst is making his 12th start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, where he has missed the cut in seven of his last eight starts.

Ernst's lone top-10 finish on the PGA TOUR in 61 starts is his victory at Quail Hollow.

In the second grade, Ernst was attempting to make a gift for his mother when he accidentally sliced his right eye with a shard of PVC pipe. As the eye healed, scar tissue developed and continues to give him poor depth perception in that eye to this day.

Miscellaneous Notes

Prior to this week's Valspar Championship, Adam Scott led the PGA TOUR for most consecutive-cuts-made (44). His missed cut this week gives the distinction to Steve Stricker with 35.

Making his PGA TOUR debut this week, the world's No. 1 amateur Ollie Schniederjans followed an even-par 71 in round one with a 75 in Friday's second round to miss the cut.

During today's second round of the Valspar Championship, Jonathan Byrd aced the 15th hole from 211 yards. As the Official Mortgage Sponsor of the PGA TOUR, Quicken Loans will award one year's worth of mortgage payments to Craig C. from Woodland Park, Colo. to commemorate the ace. The Quicken Loans' Hole-In-One Sweepstakes awards one year's worth of mortgage payments to a randomly-selected entrant for every ace during official PGA TOUR events from the Waste Management Phoenix Open through the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola. Fans can enter the sweepstakes by visiting www.pgatour.com/quickenloans. Participants in the 2014 Sweepstakes must re-register to be eligible in 2015.

The ace was Byrd's fourth on the PGA TOUR. At the 2010 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, Byrd aced the 17th hole in sudden death to claim his fourth PGA TOUR title.

Byrd's ace was the 10th at the Valspar Championship and second one posted at No. 15 (Mathias Gronberg/R2/2004).

In 11 previous starts at the Valspar Championship, Byrd (74-70) has collected a tournament record six top-20 finishes. His best among them is a T4 in 2006. Before this week, he had never missed a cut in the event.

Ten of the 12 different past champions are in the field this week: John Senden/2014 (+3/MC), Kevin Streelman/2013 (-5/T2), Luke Donald/2012 (-2/T15), Gary Woodland/2011 (+5/MC), Jim Furyk/2010 (E/T45), Retief Goosen/2009, 2003 (+1/T57), Sean O'Hair/2008 (-4/T7), K.J. Choi/2006, 2002 (+6/MC), Carl Pettersson/2005 (+1/T57) and Vijay Singh/2004 (-3/T11).

Notables who missed the cut:

Ernie Els	69-77—146 (+4)
Adam Scott	71-74—146 (+4)
Justin Rose	74-72—146 (+4)
Ollie Schniederjans	71-75—146 (+4)
Pdraig Harrington	76-72—148 (+6)

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – Henrik Stenson (67), Brendon de Jonge (67), John Peterson (68).

R2 – Lucas Glover (69).

Scoring Averages at the par-71 Copperhead Course:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1	36.083	35.250	71.333	--
R2	36.688	36.188	72.875	72.104

Snake Pit Statistics (R2):

Hole	Rank	Scoring Average
16	3	4.368
17	10	3.104
18	12	4.090

The par-5 first hole was the easiest in round two with an average of 4.556. The toughest hole was the par-3 13th hole, which played to an average of 3.382.