



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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, March 14, 2015

Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 83 degrees. Winds SSW at 10-15 mph with gusts to 20 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Position	Name	Score
1	Ryan Moore	69-68-67—204 (-9)
2	Jordan Spieth	70-67-68---205 (-8)
3	Derek Ernst	67-70-69---206 (-7)
4	Sean O’Hair	66-72-69---207 (-6)

Ryan Moore

After making 12 consecutive pars, Ryan Moore birdied four of his last six holes to shoot a 4-under-par 67 and forge a one-stroke lead over Jordan Spieth with a 54-hole total of 9-under 204. He’s the only player in the field with three straight scores in the 60s, a first since 2012 at Innisbrook. He could become the first Valspar Championship winner since Gary Woodland in 2011 to record four straight sub-70 scores.

Moore is making his ninth start of the season and is currently ranked 32nd in the OWGR. In addition to his three-stroke victory at the CIMB Classic, his second consecutive title in Malaysia, he was T9 last week at the WGC-Cadillac Championship.

Moore is looking for his fifth career title on the PGA TOUR in his 243rd start on the circuit. A victory tomorrow at the Valspar Championship would also make him the first multiple winner on the PGA TOUR this season.

Moore is making his ninth start in the Valspar Championship. He finished T8 in 2007. Moore missed the cut in both the 2012 and 2013 Valspar Championship and did not play here last year.

Before today, Moore has been in sole possession of a 54-hole lead on the PGA TOUR twice. He eventually finished T3 at the 2010 BMW Championship and was T5 at the 2014 Travelers Championship. Moore also was tied for a third-round lead four times in his PGA TOUR career and won twice from that position, most recently at the 2014 CIMB Classic.

Stats Thru 54 holes: Fairways Hit: 29/39 (74.4%)/T4; Greens In Regulation: 35/54 (64.9%)/T30; Strokes Gained Putting: 4.107 (1)

Third-Round Lead Notes

For the second time in the last three weeks on the PGA TOUR, the 54-hole leader has a total of 9-under (Ian Poulter/Honda Classic). J.B Holmes and Harris English were also tied at 9-under at the Farmers Insurance Open.

Before today, the last time a player reached 9-under or greater at the Valspar Championship was in 2012 when Jim Furyk and Retief Goosen were tied for the lead at 11-under 202. 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.

The third-round leader of the Valspar Championship has gone on to win eight times in the previous 14 events, most recently Kevin Streelman in 2013.

Only five of the previous 17 events on the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season have been won by a 54-hole leader/co-leader but it hasn’t happened since Bill Haas did so at the Humana Challenge in late January.

Jordan Spieth

Jordan Spieth, who earned Special Temporary Membership to the PGA TOUR with his T7 finish here in 2013, was bogey free over his last 15 holes, including three birdies, and he trails Ryan Moore by a stroke after three rounds of the Valspar Championship.

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

Spieth is trying to become the fourth different player since 1940 to win twice on the PGA TOUR before reaching their 22nd birthday.

Below is a list of players since 1940 to win twice on the PGA TOUR before reaching their 22nd birthday

Jordan Spieth	2013 John Deere Classic	19 years, 11 months, 18 days
Jordan Spieth	TBD (2015 Valspar Championship)	21 years, 7 months, and 19 days
Tiger Woods	1996 Las Vegas Invitational	20 years, 9 months, 6 days
Tiger Woods	1996 Walt Disney World Classic	20 years, 9 months, 20 days
Tiger Woods	1997 Mercedes Championship	21 years, 13 days
Tiger Woods	1997 Masters Tournament	21 years, 3 months, 14 days
Tiger Woods	1997 GTE Byron Nelson Golf Classic	21 years, 4 months, 18 days
Tiger Woods	1997 Motorola Western Open	21 years, 6 months, 6 days
Sergio Garcia	2001 MasterCard Colonial	21 years, 4 months
Sergio Garcia	2001 Buick Classic	21 years, 5 months, 16 days
Sergio Garcia	2002 Mercedes Championships	21 years, 11 months, 28 days
Robert Gamez	1990 Northern Telecom Tucson Open	21 years, 6 months, 2 days
Robert Gamez	1990 Nestle Invitational	21 years, 8 months, 13 days

Ranked 10th in the OWGR, 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).

Derek Ernst

Derek Ernst started his round with an eagle and then offset three bogeys with three birdies the rest of the way to shoot a second straight 2-under 69. At 7-under, he will begin the final round trailing by just two strokes.

Currently ranked 757th in the OWGR, Ernst is looking for his second win on the PGA TOUR in his 62nd career start at the age of 24 years, 9 months and 30 days. His victory at the 2013 Wells Fargo Championship is his only career top-25 finish on the PGA TOUR.

After 54 holes at the 2013 Wells Fargo Championship, Ernst was two strokes back of both Phil Mickelson and Nick Watney 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.

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

Sean O'Hair, the 2008 Valspar Championship winner, is bidding to join K.J. Choi (2002/2005) and Retief Goosen (2003/2009) as the third multiple champion at Innisbrook. Currently three strokes off the lead after three rounds, O'Hair is bidding for his fifth career title on the PGA TOUR and first victory since the 2011 Canadian Open. O'Hair's last top-10 finish was a T10 at the 2014 Arnold Palmer Invitational.

A winner earlier this year at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions, Patrick Reed is also attempting to become the first multiple champion on the 2014-15 PGA TOUR. He is looking for his fifth TOUR win in his 78th start at the age of 24 years, 7 months and 10 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

52-year-old World Golf Hall of Fame member Vijay Singh, the 2004 Valspar Championship winner, is currently T8 after posting a second consecutive 70 today. In the 14-year history of this event, there's only been one player over age 50 record a top-10 finish in this event – 50-year-old Tom Lehman/T8/2009.

Daniel Summerhays equaled the low round of the day with a 4-under 67 in the morning. Summerhays jumped 37 spots in the standings into a T8, the biggest move by a player in the Valspar Championship field on Saturday.

Matt Kuchar's 3-under 68 today moved him to 5-under for the tournament and he's within striking distance for a victory. Kuchar is one of only four players who has won at least one title in the last three or more seasons. Last week, Dustin Johnson's victory at the WGC-Cadillac Championship extended to eight his streak of winning seasons. Justin Rose has won at least one PGA TOUR title in every season since 2010 while Zach Johnson, like Kuchar, has claimed a PGA TOUR victory in each season since 2012.

Bogey-free rounds:

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

R2 – Lucas Glover (69)

R3 – Ryan Moore (67), Daniel Summerhays (67)

Scoring Averages at the par-71 Copperhead Course:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative	2014 Cumulative
R1	36.083	35.250	71.333	--	72.646
R2	36.688	36.188	72.875	72.104	72.620
R3	36.535	35.577	72.113	72.106	72.323

Snake Pit Statistics (R2 vs. R3):

Hole	Rank	R2 Scoring Average	Rank	R3 Scoring Average
16	3	4.368	5	4.211
17	10	3.104	8	3.085
18	12	4.090	12	4.028

The par-5 first hole was the easiest in round three with an average of 4.535. The toughest hole was the par-3 8th hole, which played to an average of 3.254.