



# 2015 Valspar Championship

(The 18<sup>th</sup> 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

Final Notes - Sunday, March 15, 2015

Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 85 degrees. Winds WNW at 10 mph.

#### Final Leaderboard

Jordan Spieth 70-67-68-69—274 (-10) \*
Patrick Reed 72-68-68-66—274 (-10)
Sean O'Hair 66-72-69-67—274 (-10)
Henrik Stenson 67-70-71-67—275 (-9)
Ryan Moore 69-68-67-72—276 (-8)

Jordan Spieth defeated Sean O'Hair and Patrick Reed with a birdie-2 on the third playoff hole (No. 17).

There has been a playoff on the PGA TOUR the last four weeks: Northern Trust Open, Honda Classic, Puerto Rico Open and Valspar Championship. It is the eighth playoff of the season on TOUR.

Spieth improves to 2-1 in playoffs, winning the 2013 John Deere Classic and 2015 Valspar Championship and dropping the 2013 Wyndham Championship.

O'Hair drops to 1-1 in playoffs, winning the 2011 RBC Canadian Open and losing the 2015 Valspar Championship.

Reed drops to 2-1 in playoffs, winning the 2013 Wyndham Championship and the 2015 Hyundai Tournament of Champions and dropping the 2015 Valspar Championship.

This is the second playoff at the Valspar Championship. The other came in 2012 when Luke Donald defeated Jim Furyk, Robert Garrigus and Sangmoon Bae. Today is the longest playoff in tournament history.

## Jordan Spieth

Spieth sank a putt from 28 feet, 2 inches on the third playoff hole for birdie-2 to defeat Patrick Reed and Sean O'Hair at the Valspar Championship. It was the second time in their young careers that Spieth and Reed found themselves in the same playoff. In 2013, Reed defeated Spieth in a playoff at the Wyndham Championship.

Spieth earns his second career PGA TOUR victory at the age of 21 years, 7 months and 19 days in his 65th career start on the PGA TOUR.

Spieth becomes the fourth different player since 1940 to win twice on the PGA TOUR before reaching their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Below is the list of players to accomplish the feat:

Jordan Spieth	2013 John Deere Classic	19 years, 11 months, 18 days
Jordan Spieth	2015 Valspar Championship	21 years, 7 months, 19 days
Tiger Woods Tiger Woods Tiger Woods Tiger Woods Tiger Woods	1996 Las Vegas Invitational 1996 Walt Disney World Classic 1997 Mercedes Championship 1997 Masters Tournament 1997 GTE Byron Nelson Golf Classic 1997 Motorola Western Open	20 years, 9 months, 6 days 20 years, 9 months, 20 days 21 years, 13 days 21 years, 3 months, 14 days 21 years, 4 months, 18 days 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

Spieth comes from one shot behind third-round leader Ryan Moore to claim the victory at the Valspar Championship.

Spieth earns 500 FedExCup points for his victory and moves from No. 44 to No. 7 in the FedExCup standings.

Spieth becomes the youngest winner in tournament history. Previously, the youngest winner in tournament history was Sean O'Hair in 2008 at the age of 25 years, 6 months, 28 days.

The third-round leader of the Valspar Championship has gone on to win eight times in the 15 year history of the event, most recently Kevin Streelman in 2013.

Only five of 18 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.

Spieth at the Valspar Championship: 2013/T7, 2014/T20, 2015/Won.

The 21-year-old Spieth wins at the event which opened many doors for him in 2013. By virtue of his T7 finish at the 2013 Valspar Championship, Spieth earned Temporary Membership for the remainder of the season. He went on to became the youngest winner on TOUR since 1931 with his victory at the John Deere Classic, tied for most top 10s on TOUR (nine), played in all four FedExCup Playoff events, was a Captain's selection for the U.S. Presidents Cup team and was voted PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year.

Spieth won in his seventh start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, 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).

About Jordan Spieth Birthdate: July 27, 1993

Birthplace/Residence: Dallas, Texas/Dallas, Texas

Family: Single

Height/Weight: 6-1/185 Turned Pro: 2012 Joined TOUR: 2013

Spieth's 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 7-6-4-1

Spieth's career PGA TOUR (amateur and pro) starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 65-53-21-2

Coming into this week, Spieth had 20 top 10s in his first 56 starts as a professional on the PGA TOUR. Below is how that ranks among some of the greats in the game (note this is not a ranking just a comparison):

Player Top 10s thru first 56 starts as a professional

 Jack Nicklaus
 40 (71%)

 Tiger Woods
 32 (57%)

 Rory McIlroy
 23 (41%)

 Jordan Spieth
 20 (36%)

 Phil Mickelson
 17 (30%)

 Seve Ballesteros
 17 (30%)

 Arnold Palmer
 16 (29%)

### Sean O'Hair

In his 11th-consecutive start at the Valspar Championship, 2008 champion Sean O'Hair lost in a playoff.

O'Hair, the 2008 Valspar Championship winner, was bidding to join K.J. Choi (2002/2005) and Retief Goosen 2003/2009) as the third multiple champion at Innisbrook.

Coming into this week, O'Hair's only sub-par score at the Copperhead in his last eight rounds was a 3-under 68 in round two of 2013.

O'Hair started the day three shots behind third-round leader Ryan Moore.

O'Hair entered the week at No. 401 in the Official World Golf Rankings.

O'Hair made his 10th start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season. His previous-best finish was a share of 17th place at The McGladrey Classic.

O'Hair's only top-10 finish last season was a T10 at the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

O'Hair, a four-time winner on the PGA TOUR, is in search of his first win since the 2011 RBC Canadian Open. Since that win, he has collected just three top-10 finishes.

O'Hair finished outside the top-125 in FedExCup points and official money earnings in 2013 (170 FexExCup points/172 money) and 2014 (160 FedExCup points/156 money). He made his way back on to the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of his 31st-place finish on the 2014 Web.com Tour priority list.

### **Patrick Reed**

Reed at the Valspar Championship: MC/2013 and P2/2015.

Reed came from four shots behind third-round leader Ryan Moore to join the playoff.

Reed made his ninth start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season this week, where he claimed his fourth TOUR title in a playoff at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions.

A winner earlier this year at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions, Patrick Reed was attempting to become the first multiple champion on the 2014-15 PGA TOUR.

Since 2000, this is the latest in the season that there has not been a multiple winner (18 events). The previous longest streak was in 2002 when Tiger Woods become the first multiple winner of the season at the Masters which was the 16<sup>th</sup> event of the season.

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:

Player	Age	Starts	Event
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:

Player	Age	Starts	Event
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

### **Ryan Moore**

Moore held a one-shot lead entering the final round and was three shots up after 12 holes before a round four 72 dropped him to fifth.

Moore made his ninth start of the season. 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.

Earlier this season at the CIMB Classic, Moore became the first person to successfully defend a title on TOUR since Tiger Woods at the Arnold Palmer Invitational (2012, 2013). Shortly after, Jimmy Walker defended his title at the Sony Open in Hawaii (2014, 2015).

Moore at the Valspar Championship: 2005/MC, 2007/T8, 2008/MC, 2009/T19, 2010/T80, 2011/T44, 2012/MC, 2013/MC, 2015/5<sup>th</sup>.

Moore has been in sole possession of a 54-hole lead on the PGA TOUR three times. Along with his fifth place finish this week, 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.

### **Henrik Stenson**

Making his first start in the Valspar Championship, World No. 3 Henrik Stenson finished fourth.

Stenson made 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 still 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).

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

52-year-old World Golf Hall of Fame member Vijay Singh, the 2004 Valspar Championship winner, finished T10. In the 14-year history of this event, there's only been one other player over age 50 record a top-10 finish in this event – 50-year-old Tom Lehman/T8/2009.

#### 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)

R4 – Harris English (65), Patrick Reed (66), Kevin Na (66), Danny Lee (67), Martin Laird (68), Billy Hurley III (71),

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
R3	36.535	35.577	72.113	72.106
R4	35.859	34.775	70.634	71.863

### Snake Pit Statistics:

Hole	Rank	Overall Scoring Average
16	1	4.265
17	8	3.072
18	10	4.065

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