



2015 Waste Management Phoenix Open
(The 11th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Scottsdale, Ariz. Jan. 29-Feb. 1, 2015 **Purse: \$6,300,000 (\$1,134,000 winner)**
TPC Scottsdale Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,266 yards **500 FedExCup points to winner**

COMPLETED Second-Round Notes – Saturday, January 31, 2015

Weather: Mostly cloudy, with a high of 57 degrees. Winds light and variable with periods of light showers throughout the day.

Due to darkness, the second round was suspended Friday at 5:47 p.m. with 15 players still on the course. Those players were back in position Saturday morning at 7:45 a.m. to complete their second round. The second round ended at 8:24 a.m., with third-round tee times occurring between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in threesomes off split tees (scheduled).

Second-Round Leaderboard

Position	Name	Score
1	Martin Laird	66-66—132 (-10)
2	Daniel Berger	65-69—134 (-8)
3	Justin Thomas	67-68—135 (-7)

Martin Laird

Making his seventh-consecutive start in this week’s Waste Management Phoenix Open, Scotland’s Martin Laird made a run up the leaderboard in round two, posting a second-straight, 5-under 66. Laird made birdies at 4, 8, 13, 15, 16 and 17. His lone bogey came at the par-4 18th with darkness setting in.

This marks Laird’s third time atop a leaderboard at the halfway point. At the 2011 Arnold Palmer Invitational, he converted his lead after 36 holes into victory, and finished T3 at the Frys.com Open this season after being in the top spot after the second round.

Through 36 holes at TPC Scottsdale, Laird leads the field in Strokes Gained Tee-To-Green at +5.03, and has gained strokes on the field on 26 of 36 holes played this week.

In his six previous start at TPC Scottsdale, Laird missed the cut in 2009, 2010 and 2013. He finished T3 in 2011, T61 in 2012 and T19 last year.

Laird is making his sixth start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season this week, with his T3 at the Frys.com Open in October being his best.

On the PGA TOUR, Laird won the 2009 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, 2011 Arnold Palmer Invitational and 2013 Valero Texas Open.

Second-Round Lead Notes

Since moving to TPC Scottsdale in 1987, the record for largest 36-hole lead is five strokes, held by Mark Calcavecchia in 2001 and Spencer Levin in 2012.

Since 2000, second-round leaders/co-leaders of the event have held on for the win five times: Tom Lehman (2000), Mark Calcavecchia (2001), Phil Mickelson (2005, 2013) and J.B. Holmes (2008).

After last year’s second round, Bubba Watson and Matt Jones were tied for the lead at 12-under 130.

Through 10 events in the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, no 36-hole leader has managed to convert for victory on the PGA TOUR.

Daniel Berger

Playing on a sponsor exemption, PGA TOUR rookie Daniel Berger made nine straight pars in round two, before seeing any action. A bogey at the par-4 10th was offset with a birdie at the par-4 11th and followed with additional birdies at Nos. 17 and 18. His 2-under 69 was good to get to 8-under 134.

The 21-year-old Berger is making his eighth start of the season and ninth career start on the PGA TOUR. His best finish is T13 at the Sony Open in Hawaii two weeks ago.

Berger, a Florida native and former Florida State University Seminole, made his way onto the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of his 28th-place finish on last year's Web.com Tour priority list. On that Tour, Berger claimed 10 top-25 finishes in 21 starts, highlighted by a T2 at the Stonebrae Classic.

At last year's U.S. Open at Pinehurst No. 2, Berger followed an 8-over 78 in round three with a 4-under 66 en route to T28 honors.

Berger's father, Jay, is the director of men's tennis for the USTA. He was the head coach of the 2012 U.S. Olympic tennis teams.

Justin Thomas

Justin Thomas, 21, is in his first season as a member of the PGA TOUR. Thomas missed the cut in his first two starts of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, but has made the cut in his last five starts headed into this week. He finished T4 at the Sanderson Farms Championship last fall and was T6 at the Sony Open in Hawaii two weeks ago after sharing the 36-hole lead.

Thomas is making his eighth start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, and 19th overall. He competed in his first four PGA TOUR events as an amateur.

Thomas made his way onto the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of his fifth place finish on the 2014 Web.com Tour priority list. On that Tour last season, he collected seven top-10 finishes, highlighted by a win at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship.

Thomas turned professional after two years at the University of Alabama where he helped his team win the 2013 NCAA team championship.

Thomas spent last year on the Web.com Tour where he won once and had seven top-10 finishes in 20 starts. His victory came at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship where he became the fourth youngest winner in Tour history.

Bubba Watson

Bubba Watson, who led after each of the first three rounds at TPC Scottsdale last year, again has himself in good position for the weekend this year.

Watson's benign round on Friday consisted of two birdies, two bogeys and 14 pars.

Watson is making his ninth-consecutive start at this week's Waste Management Phoenix Open, where he has finished inside the top 15 the last three years; T2/2014, 15th/2013 and T5/2012. His other top-15 finish at TPC Scottsdale was a T8 in his first start of 2007.

Watson is making his third start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season this week. Late last year, he claimed his seventh PGA TOUR win in dramatic, playoff fashion at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions. More recently, he finished 10th at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions in the 34-man field.

Watson's even-par 71 in round two snapped his streak of sub-par scores this season at nine straight.

Tiger Woods

As Tiger Woods' struggles escalated in round two, he posted a career-high, 11-over 82 (in a non-major and as a professional). Woods made six bogeys, two double bogeys and a triple bogey. His only birdies came at the par-4 fifth hole and par-4 eighth hole.

At 13-over 155, Woods missed a second straight cut (2014 PGA Championship) for the second time in his career, spanning 303 professional starts on the PGA TOUR. He previously missed back-to-back cuts as an amateur at the 1994 Travelers Championship and BMW Championship.

Woods made a double bogey or worse at a par three (4th hole), par four (14th) and a par five (15th) in today's second round at TPC Scottsdale.

Woods has now missed three cuts in eight starts, dating to the start of the 2013-14 PGA TOUR Season. In 79 starts from 2008-2013, he missed six cuts.

Woods has now recorded three rounds in the 80s on the PGA TOUR as an amateur or professional:

82 (+11) 2015 Waste Management Phoenix Open
81 (+10) 2002 Open Championship
80 (+8) 1994 Arnold Palmer Invitational (amateur)

Woods posted 79s at the 2010 Wells Fargo Championship (R2), 2013 Memorial Tournament (R3) and 2014 Farmers Insurance Open. (R3).

Woods played his first nine holes today in 8-over 44 (Nos. 10-18), tying his highest 9-hole score as a professional (R3/2013 Memorial).

Today marked the 23rd time in his career Woods posted a 9-hole score of 40 or higher.

Since the beginning of the 2013-14 PGA TOUR Season, 16 of Woods' 23 competitive rounds now have been over-par scores.

Woods was in search of his first TOUR title since the 2013 World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational.

In his four starts at TPC Scottsdale, Woods finished T18 in 1997, third in 1999, T5 in 2001 and MC in 2015.

Woods' start this week was his first official money on the PGA TOUR start since missing the cut at the 2014 PGA Championship. Woods competed at the Hero World Challenge in December, finishing T17 in the 18-man field.

Tiger Woods By The Numbers:

Fairways	No./Percentage
R1	5/14 (35.7%)
R2	8/14 (57.1%)
Greens	
R1	10/18 (55.6%)
R2	8/18 ((44.4%)
Putts	
R1	30
R2	29

Phil Mickelson

Like Woods, Phil Mickelson did not enjoy a good day at TPC Scottsdale in round two, posting a 5-over 76. His 5-over score was his highest in the event since posting the same number in the first round of 2009, before missing the cut.

For the second straight day, Mickelson hit nine of 14 fairways (64.3 percent). The difference was into the greens. In round one, Mickelson hit 13 of 18 greens (72.2 percent), but found just seven of 18 in round two (38.9 percent).

This marked Mickelson's 26th start at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. Of 92 rounds in the event, today marked his 22nd over-par score.

This week's missed cut is the three-time champion's sixth in the event and first since 2009.

Mickelson, who has posted eight scores of 80 or higher in 510 rounds on the PGA TOUR, collected one of them, an 80, in the final round of the 1999 Waste Management Phoenix Open at TPC Scottsdale (finished 60th).

In his first start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, Mickelson finished T24 at last week's Humana Challenge, following rounds of 71-66-68-68—273 (-15).

Miscellaneous Notes

A victory from either Berger or Justin Thomas this week would make them the 12th different player since 1940 to win on the PGA TOUR before reaching their 22nd birthday: Tiger Woods (6 times), Sergio Garcia (3 times), Robert Gamez (2 times), Jordan Spieth, John Huh, Rory McIlroy, Ben Crenshaw, Raymond Floyd, Seve Ballesteros, Phil Mickelson-A and Scott Verplank-A.

As part of the "Get in the Q" sweepstakes, Quicken Loans is giving away a monthly mortgage payment to one lucky fan every time a PGA TOUR player hits their tee shot within seven feet of the pin on the 16th hole at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. When the second round was called for the day Friday, due to darkness, 14 monthly mortgage payments had been given away to fans. To sign-up for "Get in the Q," fans should download the Waste Management Phoenix Open App or visit a Quicken Loans sign-up kiosk at the tournament.

"Get in the Q" sweepstakes winners in the first 36 holes:

Six players landed their shots Inside the Q during the second round and below are the lucky winners who will win one month's worth of mortgage payments on behalf of Quicken Loans:

- Michael R. from Las Vegas, Nevada
- Robert O. from Watsonville, California
- Bradley J. from Duncan, South Carolina
- Paul H. from Hudson, Ohio
- Richard S. from Austin, Texas
- Cire F. from Goodyear, Arizona

Eight players landed shots Inside the Q during the first round. Below are the lucky winners:

- Regis S. from Phoenix, Arizona
- Mike R. from Chandler, Arizona
- Bruce M. from Sioux Falls, S. Dakota
- Brian L. from Waukesha, Wisconsin
- Corey W. from Mesa, Arizona
- Faith E. from Dallas, Texas
- Mike C. from Mesa, Arizona
- Trish S. from Mesa, Arizona

Past champions in this week's field: Phil Mickelson/1996, 2005, 2013 (MC), J.B. Holmes/ 2006, 2008 (T44), Aaron Baddeley/2007 (T20), Kenny Perry/2009 (MC), Hunter Mahan/2010 (T27), Mark Wilson/2011 (T27) and Kyle Stanley/2012 (MC).

Bogey-free rounds at TPC Scottsdale:

R1: Ryan Palmer (64), Aaron Baddeley (65), Martin Laird (66), William McGirt (67), Angel Cabrera (67), Freddie Jacobson (68).

R2: Brian Stuard (68).

R1 spectator attendance: 118, 461

R2 spectator attendance: 81, 309