



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**

Third-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.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Position	Name	Score
1	Martin Laird	66-66-68—200 (-13)
T2	Hideki Matsuyama	69-71-63—203 (-10)
T2	Brooks Koepka	71-68-64—203 (-10)
T2	Zach Johnson	66-70-67—203 (-10)

Martin Laird

Scotland's Martin Laird shot a 3-under 68 in round three to take the 54-hole lead on Saturday. This marks Laird's fourth time atop a leaderboard through three rounds. Below are his results when heading into the final round with at least a share of the lead:

Tournament	Lead	Final Round	Result
2011 Arnold Palmer Invitational	2 strokes	75 (+3)	Won
2010 Shriners Hospitals For Children Open	1 stroke	69 (-2)	T2
2010 The Barclays	3 strokes	71 (E)	P2

Through 54 holes at TPC Scottsdale, Laird is second in the field in Strokes Gained Tee-to-Green at +9.943.

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.

With par-saving putts of 9'5" on the 16th hole and 8'9" on the 18th hole, Laird was able to preserve his lead heading into Sunday's final round.

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.

Laird owns three PGA TOUR wins, coming at the 2009 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, 2011 Arnold Palmer Invitational and 2013 Valero Texas Open.

Laird is looking to become the fifth international winner of the Waste Management Phoenix Open, joining Aaron Baddeley (2007), Jesper Parnevik (1998), Vijay Singh (1995) and Sandy Lyle (1988) since the tournament re-located to TPC Scottsdale in 1987. With a win, Laird would join Lyle as the only Scottish winners of the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

With rounds of 66-66-68 Laird has a chance become the fifth consecutive Waste Management Phoenix Open champion to record all four rounds in the 60s.

Year	Champion	Score
2014	Kevin Stadler	65-68-67-68—268(-16)
2013	Phil Mickelson	60-65-64-67—256(-28)
2012	Kyle Stanley	69-66-69-65—268(-20)
2011	Mark Wilson	65-64-68-69—266(-18)

Brooks Koepka

With a 7-under 64 in round three, Brooks Koepka has now shot par or better in nine of 11 rounds on the PGA TOUR this season. The 24-year old has finished in the top-10 in both of his PGA TOUR starts this season (T8/Frys.com Open, T4/Shriners Hospitals for Children Open).

Koepka birdied six of his first eight holes on the back nine to shoot a 6-under 30 and move into a tie for second, which represents his second best position through 54 holes at a PGA TOUR event. Previously, Koepka held the lead heading into the final round of the 2013 Frys.com Open, where he went on to finish T3.

In the 2013-14 season, Koepka made 12 of 16 cuts on the PGA TOUR, with two top-10s as a non-member. He earned enough non-member FedExCup points/money during the season to achieve Special Temporary Membership, and parlayed that into a top-125 finish on the non-member FedExCup points list to earn his TOUR card for the 2014-15 season

Koepka was second in the field in Strokes Gained Putting on Saturday, gaining 3.056 strokes on the field.

Hideki Matsuyama

22-year old Hideki Matsuyama fired a bogey-free, 8-under 63 on Saturday to sit 10-under 203 through 54 holes.

In his lone PGA TOUR win, the 2014 Memorial Tournament, Matsuyama entered the final round two strokes behind 54-hole leader Bubba Watson before shooting a final round 69 (-3) and prevailing in a playoff over Kevin Na.

With a win on Sunday, Matsuyama would join Patrick Reed and Russell Henley as the only players currently under the age of 25 with multiple PGA TOUR wins.

Matsuyama was in contention entering last year's final round as well, sitting tied for third and three shots back in 2014 before finishing T4.

Matsuyama led the field in Strokes Gained Tee-to-Green on Saturday, gaining 5.571 strokes on the field.

Zach Johnson

Making his fifth start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season, Zach Johnson fired a 4-under 67 in round three to sit tied for second at 10-under. Johnson made three straight birdies from holes 13-15 to join Koepka and Matsuyama in second place.

Johnson leads the field in Strokes Gained Tee-to-Green for the week at +10.109, despite ranking just 70th in driving distance and T28 in fairways hit.

Johnson is making his first start since 2010 at the Waste Management Phoenix Open and his sixth overall. His best finish at TPC Scottsdale is a tie for 12th in 2009.

Making his 293rd start on the PGA TOUR, Johnson is in search of his 12th victory and his first since the 2014 Hyundai Tournament of Champions

Jon Rahm

Jon Rahm, a 20-year old member of the Arizona State University men's golf team, fired a 5-under 66 on Saturday to sit tied for fifth at 9-under par. Rahm is currently the World's No. 3-ranked amateur.

Below are the best performances from ASU students who played at the Waste Management Phoenix Open while active members of the men's golf team:

Player	Year	Finish
Phil Mickelson	1991	T32
Braxton Marquez	2010	78 th
Phil Mickelson	1989	CUT
Ki Taek Lee	2014	CUT

Miscellaneous Notes

During today's third round of the Waste Management Phoenix Open, Francesco Molinari aced the 16th hole with a pitching wedge from 133 yards. As the Official Mortgage Sponsor of the PGA TOUR, Quicken Loans will award one year's worth of mortgage payments to Maurice H. of Lawrenceville, Ga. 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.

Molinari's ace was the first at the 16th during the Waste Management Phoenix Open since Jarrod Lyle's in the second round of 2011, and the ninth since the tournament was first played at TPC Scottsdale in 1987.

In addition to Molinari's ace, 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. 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.

There have been 20 "Get in the Q" sweepstakes winners so far this week, including the following six on Saturday:

- Troy M. from Canyon Lake, Texas
- Lindsey C. from Corona, California
- Marilyn H. from Alcester, South Dakota
- Jack B. from West Hartford, Connecticut
- Martin J. from Las Vegas, Nevada
- Russ S. from Cashmere, Washington

Martin Laird's three-stroke lead in the second largest 54-hole lead on the PGA TOUR this season (Sang-Moon Bay, four strokes, Frys.com Open).

Through 10 events in the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, five 54-hole leaders have managed to convert for victory.

Current FedExCup No. 2 Robert Streb shot a 2-under 69 on Saturday to sit T7 through 54 holes.

Past champions in this week's field: Phil Mickelson/1996, 2005, 2013 (MC), J.B. Holmes/ 2006, 2008 (T46), Aaron Baddeley/2007 (T38), Kenny Perry/2009 (MC), Hunter Mahan/2010 (T46), Mark Wilson/2011 (T46) 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).

R3: Hideki Matsuyama (63), Francesco Molinari (64), Russell Henley (65), Russell Knox (65), Kevin Chappell (65), James Hahn (66), Michael Putnam (67), Ryan Palmer (68), Jamie Donaldson (68), Seung-Yul Noh (67).

R1 spectator attendance: 118, 461

R2 spectator attendance: 81, 309

R3 spectator attendance: 159,906