



**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**

**Final-Round Notes – Sunday, February 1, 2015**

*Weather: Sunny with light and variable winds and a high of 68 degrees.*

**Final Leaderboard**

Brooks Koepka	71-68-64-66—269 (-15)
Bubba Watson	65-71-69-65—270 (-14)
Ryan Palmer	64-72-68-66—270 (-14)
Hideki Matsuyama	69-71-63-67—270 (-14)

**Brooks Koepka**

Second year player Brooks Koepka shot a final round 66 to come from three shots behind third-round leader Martin Laird and win the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

Koepka earns his first career PGA TOUR victory at the age of 24 years, 8 months, 26 days in his 22<sup>nd</sup> career start on the PGA TOUR.

Koepka is the second youngest winner on TOUR this season behind Patrick Reed (24/5/7). There have been six winners in their 20s and five in their 30s on TOUR this season.

Koepka has now shot par-or-better in all 12 rounds on the PGA TOUR this season.

The 24-year old Koepka has finished in the top-10 in all three TOUR starts this season (T8/Frys.com Open, T4/Shriners Hospitals for Children Open and Win/Waste Management Phoenix Open).

Koepka held the lead heading into the final round of the 2013 Frys.com Open, where he 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.

Last season was Koepka's rookie season on TOUR. He was nominated for PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year but lost out to Chesson Hadley.

In November, Koepka won the Turkish Airlines Open on the European Tour. He was named the European Tour's Sir Henry Cotton Rookie of the Year in 2014.

Koepka joins Kyle Stanley (2012) and J.B. Holmes (2006) as the only players to win the Waste Management Phoenix Open in their first start in the event.

Koepka has never played in the Masters.

**About Brooks Koepka**

Birthdate: May 3, 1990

Birthplace/Resides: West Palm Beach, FL/Jupiter, FL

Family: Single

Education: Florida State University

Height/Weight: 6'0/186

Turned Pro: 2012

Joined TOUR: 2014

2014-15 PGA TOUR Season starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 3-3-3-1

Career PGA TOUR starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 22-16-5-1

**Brooks Koepka's Statistics for the Week:**

Fairways Hit	33 of 56	T47
Driving Distance	310.4 yards	3
Greens in Regulation	54 of 72	T4
Strokes Gained: Putting	+3.591/total	18
Strokes Gained: Tee to Green	+9.537/total	4
Sand Saves	3/6	T38

Through 11 events in the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, five 54-hole leaders have managed to convert for victory.

**Ryan Palmer**

Palmer finished T2 in his ninth start at the Waste Management Phoenix Open, where he has amassed three top-5 finishes: T2/2006, 5<sup>th</sup>/2013 and T2/2015.

In last week's second round at the Humana Challenge on the Nicklaus Private course at PGA West, Palmer recorded a career-low, 11-under 61, highlighted by a 9-under 27 on the back nine. The 27 matched the second-lowest 9-hole score in TOUR history. With it, Palmer became the fifth player in TOUR history to shoot 9-under par on nine holes and 10<sup>th</sup> player in TOUR history to shoot a 27 on nine holes.

At one point during last week's 61, Palmer was 10-under across an eight-hole stretch, worthy of the best eagle-birdie streak in PGA TOUR history.

Palmer records his second top 10 in his fourth start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season (T10/Humana Challenge).

Palmer enjoyed a strong 2013-14 PGA TOUR Season, highlighted by eight top-10 finishes. In his last two starts of the season, he finished T4 at the BMW Championship and seventh at the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola. As a result, he finished a career-best 14<sup>th</sup> in FedExCup points.

This marks the ninth time Palmer has held a lead/co-lead after 18 holes on the PGA TOUR. Most recently, he led after the first round of last year's Deutsche Bank Championship, before settling for T16.

In the 2015 calendar year, Palmer has shot under par in 11 of 12 rounds and is 47-under total.

Palmer records his eighth PGA TOUR runner-up finish and his third in last two seasons.

2014-15 PGA TOUR Season starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 4-4-2-0

Career PGA TOUR starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 299-186-40-3

**Hideki Matsuyama**

Matsuyama finished T2 in his second career start at the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

Matsuyama was in contention entering last year's final round at the Waste Management Phoenix Open, sitting tied for third and three shots back before finishing T4.

2014-15 PGA TOUR Season starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 7-7-4-0

Career PGA TOUR starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 42-35-10-1

Matsuyama won the 2010 Asian Amateur Championship which earned him an exemption in the 2011 Masters Tournament, becoming the first Japanese amateur to do so.

**Bubba Watson**

Watson won the 2012 Masters in his next start after adopting his son Caleb. He nearly won the 2015 Waste Management Phoenix Open in his second start after adopting his daughter Dakota.

Watson has shot under-par in 11 of 12 rounds this season on TOUR. His other round was an even-par 71 this week at the Waste Management Phoenix Open in round two.

Watson enjoyed his most successful season on the PGA TOUR last season as his two victories and career-high eight top-10 finishes helped him finish a career-best 5th in the FedExCup standings.

Watson is the 17th player in the history of the Masters with two-or-more wins.

2014-15 PGA TOUR Season starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 3-3-3-1

Career PGA TOUR starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 216-151-41-7

In January 2015, Watson became a part owner of the Pensacola Blue Wahoos, a minor-league baseball team (Cincinnati Reds Double-A team) with Quint Studer and Rishy Studer.

### **Jon Rahm**

Jon Rahm was born on November 10, 1994. His age on Sunday of WMPO: 20 years, 2 months, 19 days

Rahm is the first amateur to finish in the top 5 of a PGA TOUR event since Chris Wood (5<sup>th</sup>) at the 2008 British Open and Justin Rose (T4) at the 1998 British Open.

Here's a look at the last three amateurs to win a PGA TOUR event:

Phil Mickelson	1991 Northern Telecom Open	1 stroke over Tom Purtzer, Bob Tway
Scott Verplank	1985 Western Open	def. Jim Thorpe in a playoff
Doug Sanders	1956 Canadian Open	def. Dow Finsterwald in a playoff

Amateurs cannot top 10 into the next PGA TOUR event.

Rahm missed the cut in his only other start on the PGA TOUR at the 2014 OHL Classic at Mayakoba.

The last sponsor exemption to win on TOUR was Lee Westwood at the 2010 FedEx St. Jude Classic. Phil Mickelson is the last amateur sponsor exemption to win on TOUR at the 1991 Northern Telecom Open.

Jon Rahm is a 20-year old member of the Arizona State University men's golf team. Rahm is currently the World's No. 3-ranked amateur.

Rahm tops Phil Mickelson (1991/T32) for the best finish by a current member of the Arizona State University golf team in the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

Had Rahm been a professional he would have earned \$239,400.

### **Martin Laird**

Second and third-round leader Martin Laird shot a 1-over 72 in the final round to finish T5. Laird was tied for the lead entering the final two holes before a bogey on No. 17 and double-bogey on No. 18 derailed his round.

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

Since 2009, Laird has only won in odd numbered years (2009, 2011 and 2013).

Laird was coached by Jamie Bermel at Colorado State, who was also Zach Johnson's coach at Drake University.

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

Jordan Spieth finished T7 in his first career start at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. He climbed the leaderboard on the final day with a 65.

Graham DeLaet follows up a T2 at the 2014 Waste Management Phoenix Open with a T7 this year. DeLaet's top 10 is his first on TOUR since a T7 finish at the 2014 RBC Canadian Open.

Freddie Jacobson (T7) recorded his first top 10 since a T2 finish at the 2014 Wyndham Championship in August. Jacobson notched his second top 10 in his ninth start at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. His other top 10 came in his first start in Scottsdale (2004/T9).

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 23 "Get in the Q" sweepstakes winners so far this week, including the following three on Sunday:

- Judy F. from Surprise, AZ
- Preston K. from Sun City, AZ
- Amy R. from Phoenix, AZ

Fewest bogeys this week: Ryan Palmer (two bogeys and one double-bogey all in round two)

Most birdies this week: Zach Johnson (22)

Stroke average at TPC Scottsdale

2014: 70.644

2015: 70.752

Last year there were 145 rounds below 70 and 160 rounds over par at the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

This year there were 133 rounds below 70 and 148 rounds over par at the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

R1 spectator attendance: 118,461

R2 spectator attendance: 81,309

R3 spectator attendance: 159,906

R4 spectator attendance: 83,552

Total: 564,368 total for the week tops the old record of 563,008 from 2014.