



2015 WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS-BRIDGESTONE INVITATIONAL

(The 40th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Akron, OH
Firestone Country Club
South Course

August 5-9, 2015
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,400

FedExCup Pts: 550
Purse: \$9,250,000

Second-Round Notes – Friday, August 7, 2015

Weather: Partly cloudy day with highs in low 80s with winds NE at 7-12 mph.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Jim Furyk	66-66—132 (-8)
Shane Lowry	70-66—136 (-4)
Bubba Watson	70-66—136 (-4)
Dustin Johnson	69-67—136 (-4)

Jim Furyk, 132, 8-under

Jim Furyk matched his opening-round 4-under 66 in the second round, finishing the day atop the leader board at 8-under par. The lead of four shots is the largest following the second round at the World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational since Tiger Woods led Keegan Bradley and Chris Wood by seven shots in 2013 en route to his most recent victory. The four-shot lead matches the second-largest of the season through 36 holes, falling one short of Jordan Spieth's lead of five after two rounds at the Masters.

Furyk is playing in his 16th Bridgestone Invitational, twice finishing runner-up – once in 2001 in a memorable playoff against Tiger Woods and later in 2012 when he led after each round and through the entire final round before a bogey on the final hole resulted in a second-place finish.

This is the 25th time in Furyk's career that he has held the second-round lead; he has gone on to win on four of those occasions, most recently in 2010 at the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola. The last time he failed to convert a 36-hole lead was at the 2014 RBC Canadian Open, when he finished second to Tim Clark.

The second-round 66 is Furyk's lowest second round since a 66 in the second round of this year's Memorial Tournament. He last shot 66 at the Bridgestone invitational in 2012 in the second round (following an opening-round 63). His 13 birdies through two rounds leads the field, despite the fact that he has only hit 11 of the 28 fairways, good for 52nd place in that stat.

The oldest winner of a World Golf Championships is Vijay Singh when he won the 2008 Bridgestone Invitational (45 years, 5 months and 12 days). At 45 years, 2 months and 28 days, Furyk would be the second-oldest to win a World Golf Championships tournament.

As a lifelong Steelers fan, Furyk will be attending the Pro Football Hall of Fame induction ceremony as a guest of Jerome Bettis in Canton, Ohio, on Saturday evening.

Furyk won for the 17th time in his PGA TOUR career earlier this year at the RBC Heritage. He is also the oldest player to win on the PGA TOUR this season, and has won in 13 of his 22 seasons on the PGA TOUR.

Shane Lowry, 136, 4-under

Ireland's Shane Lowry is tied for second after a 4-under-par 66. Lowry has earned \$728,517 on the PGA TOUR non-member money list in 2015. That amount would put him at 121 on the current PGA TOUR money list. If he can stay inside the equivalent of the top 125 through the Wyndham Championship, he would earn his PGA TOUR card for the 2015-16 season. His 339 non-member FedExCup points would put him at No. 145 on the current points list.

This is Lowry's third start at the Bridgestone Invitational, with his best finish coming in 2013 when he tied for 48th. His 66 in the second round was the second-lowest round of his PGA TOUR career, the lowest a 65 at Royal Liverpool in The Open Championship last year.

Lowry's previous-best position through two rounds was T12 at this year's U.S. Open at Chambers Bay, where he eventually finished T9.

Bubba Watson, 136, 4-under

Bubba Watson shot a 4-under-par 66 in the second round is T2, four shots back of the lead. He is looking for his second World Golf Championships win of the year, having already claimed the HSBC Champions in China late last year.

Watson is looking for his third win of the season, having claimed the Travelers Championship earlier this summer in addition to the HSBC Champions. It would be the first time in Watson's career to win three times in one season – he has won twice on three occasions, including this season.

Watson is second to Jordan Spieth in the FedExCup with 2,043 points to Spieth's 3,763. If he were to win this week (earning 550 FedExCup points), at next week's PGA Championship (600 points) and at the Wyndham Championship (500 points), he would have 3,693 FedExCup points, still shy of Spieth's current point total.

This is Watson's sixth start in the Bridgestone Invitational, his best finish a T19 in 2012.

Dustin Johnson, 136, 4-under

Dustin Johnson is T2 following a second-round 67. He is looking for his second win of the season and second World Golf Championships victory this year to go with his win at the Cadillac Championship. Johnson also won the HSBC Champions in 2013, so a win at the Bridgestone Invitational would be the third World Golf Championships victory of his career, tying him with Australia's Geoff Ogilvy for the second-most all time; Tiger Woods has won the most WGCs, with 18 victories.

This is Johnson's sixth start in the Bridgestone Invitational, with his best finish 15th in 2010.

Graeme McDowell, 137, 4-under

Northern Ireland's Graeme McDowell is T5 at 3-under-par.

McDowell has only one top-10 finish this season, a T3 at his first event at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions. McDowell hasn't had less than two top-10 finishes since he regained full-time membership in 2009.

McDowell has never finished inside the top 20 at the Bridgestone Invitational in seven previous attempts.

He would be the third player from Northern Ireland to win the Bridgestone Invitational joining Rory McIlroy (2014) and Darren Clarke (2003).

Players from Northern Ireland have won four World Golf Championships events. Other than the 34 World Golf Championships won by players from the United States, Australia leads the way with six World Golf Championships victories.

Country	World Golf Championships titles
USA	34
AUS	6 (Geoff Ogilvy-3, Adam Scott, Craig Parry, Jason Day)
ENG	4 (Ian Poulter-2, Justin Rose, Luke Donald)
NIR	4 (Rory McIlroy-2, Darren Clarke-2)

Miscellaneous notes

The top 10 on the leaderboard includes players from eight different countries. The 25 countries represented in this year's World Golf Championship-Bridgestone Invitational are the most in tournament history. The previous best – 22 countries – occurred last year.

With current world No. 1 and defending champion Rory McIlroy still sidelined with an ankle injury, Jordan Spieth will move to No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking if he wins the Bridgestone Invitational. Spieth, who has a record-lead in the FedExCup standings thanks to four wins this season, including two major championships, broke par at Firestone South for the first time in six career attempts, shooting a 2-under 68; he is six shots off the lead.

England's Lee Westwood is making his 52nd start in a World Golf Championships event, the most of any player since the series began in 1999. Westwood followed up a first-round 68 with an even-par 70 and is six shots off the lead.

Recent PGA TOUR winner Danny Lee salvaged what started as a tough round with birdies on his final two holes and is now 3-under-par through 36 holes. Lee has played in 31 PGA TOUR events heading into this week, the most of any player on the PGA TOUR. Lee is looking to reach the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola for the first time. Lee, who was born in South Korea but is officially listed as being from New Zealand, is 13th in the standings for the Presidents Cup International Team. The top 10 international players (excluding those eligible for the European Ryder Cup team) from the Official World Golf Ranking will qualify as the conclusion of the 2015 Deutsche Bank Championship and then two Captain's selections will be made on September 8, 2015.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: None

R2: None

This is the first time since the 2013 Open Championship at Muirfield that there are no bogey free rounds through the first 36 holes.

Scoring average:

	Front nine	Back nine	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.519	35.844	71.364	---
R2:	35.793	35.195	70.988	71.174

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