



2015 World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship
(The 16th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Doral, Fla.
The Blue Monster Course at Trump National Doral

March 5-8, 2015

Purse: \$9,250,000 (\$1,570,000)
Par/Yards: 36-36-72/7,528

First-Round Notes – Thursday, March 5, 2015

Weather

Partly cloudy skies and warm temperatures with a high in the mid-80s. Southeast winds at 15-25 mph in the morning, gradually diminishing throughout the afternoon.

First-Round Leaderboard

- 1 J.B. Holmes, 62 (-10)
- 2 Ryan Moore, 66 (-6)
- T3 Alexander Levy, 68 (-4)
- T3 Dustin Johnson, 68 (-4)
- T3 Rickie Fowler, 68 (-4)
- T6 Brooks Koepka, 69 (-3)
- T6 Henrik Stenson, 69 (-3)

First-Round Leader Stats

The first-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win just two of 15 events so far this season (Sangmoon Bae/Frys.com Open; James Hahn/Northern Trust Open).

In 15 previous Cadillac Championships, a first-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win the event six times:

2002	Tiger Woods	65 (-7)	1 over Lowery, Toms
2006	Tiger Woods	63 (-8)	1 over Harrington, Poulter
2008	Geoff Ogilvy	65 (-7)	tie Jimenez
2009	Phil Mickelson	65 (-7)	tie Goosen, JM Singh, Marksaeng
2013	Tiger Woods	66 (-6)	tie Garcia, Jacobson, McDowell, B Watson
2014	Patrick Reed	68 (-4)	1 over six others

J.B. Holmes, 62 (-10)

J.B. Holmes, who last played the Cadillac Championship in 2010, tied the 18-hole tournament record at Trump National Doral's Blue Monster (event moved here in 2009). Bubba Watson recorded the other 62, during the second round in 2012. Two additional 62s have been posted in tournament history: Sergio Garcia and Retief Goosen, R4, 2002, Mount Juliet Conrad.

Stephen Ames owns the Blue Monster at Trump National Doral record, a 61 (-11) during the second round of the 2000 Doral Ryder Open.

The previous low first-round score at the Cadillac Championship is a 63, posted by Nick Price (2000, Valderrama Club de Golf) and Tiger Woods (2006, The Grove). Holmes' previous best round at Trump National Doral was a 68 during the final round of the 2008 event.

Holmes' career-low round on the PGA TOUR is a 60, posted during the third round of The Greenbrier Classic 2010.

Holmes' R1 included:

7/14 Fairways Hit
15/18 Greens Hit

25 Putts
2/2 Sand Saves

With a 30 (-6) to kick off his round (he started on No. 10), Holmes matched his best back-nine score on the PGA TOUR, which he's recorded twice, most recently during the third round of The Greenbrier Classic in 2010.

Holmes' best finish in two previous Cadillac Championship starts came at the 2010 event, where he finished T18. His best performance in 10 World Golf Championships appearances is a T5 – his lone top-10 finish in the series – at the 2011 Cadillac Match Play.

Holmes has been an 18-hole co-leader four previous times in his career but has never converted one of those leads into a victory. Most recently, he co-led the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am with Justin Hicks at 64 (-8) and went on to finish T10. He has never had an outright first-round lead.

Holmes is the 16th player to shoot 62 or better on the PGA TOUR this season. Of the previous 15, only Jimmy Walker (62, third round, Sony Open in Hawaii) has also won the tournament.

Holmes' four-shot lead is the largest 18-hole lead on the PGA TOUR since Phil Mickelson led by four shots after the opening round of the 2013 Waste Management Phoenix Open.

Ryan Moore, 66 (-6)

In 12 previous rounds at the Cadillac Championship, Ryan Moore had never made more than five birdies in a single round. Today, he carded five birdies on the front nine alone, then added three more on Nos. 10, 11, 12 before stumbling on the finishing hole with a double-bogey. His 66 (-6) is his low round at Trump National Doral (previous best was a 69 in R4-2011 and R3-2014).

Moore tied his season-best total of eight birdies, carded during the final round of the CIMB Classic, which he went on to win. Moore's personal record for most birdies in a round in a PGA TOUR event is 11, in round two of the 2012 Humana Challenge (he shot 61 and eventually finished T42).

Moore's best finish in three previous starts at the Cadillac Championship is a T22 in 2011. His best finish in 14 previous World Golf Championships starts came at the 2009 HSBC Champions, when he finished third.

Alexander Levy, 68 (-4)

Frenchman Alexander Levy, currently ranked No. 55 in the world, recorded a 68 (-4) in his first Cadillac Championship start, highlighted by a 22-1/2-foot eagle putt on the par-5 18th hole.

Levy, 24, is a two-time winner on the European Tour: 2014 Volvo China Open and Portugal Masters (shortened to 36 holes due to weather).

He is making his third World Golf Championships start; he finished T58 at the 2014 Bridgestone Invitational and T14 at the 2014 HSBC Champions.

Dustin Johnson, 68 (-4)

Dustin Johnson sandwiched six birdies between bogeys on No. 3 and No. 18 to tie his best opening round at Trump National Doral (68 at the 2013 event).

Johnson, who won the World Golf Championship-HSBC Champions in 2014, is again playing well after returning to the TOUR following a six-month hiatus. He missed the cut in his first event of the year (Farmers Insurance Open) and at last week's Honda Classic, but he posted a T4 at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am and finished T2 after a three-way playoff at the Northern Trust Open.

Johnson finished second at the 2011 Cadillac Championship. He held a two-shot lead heading into the final round, but carded a 71 to eventual champion Nick Watney's 67 and finished two shots back.

Johnson has four total top-10 finishes in the World Golf Championships series.

Rickie Fowler,

Rickie Fowler recorded his best opening round at the Cadillac Championship in five starts with a 68 (-4).

Fowler is looking for his first top-10 finish of the season since his 2014-15 season debut at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions, where he finished T3. Fowler's best finish at the Cadillac Championship came in his first appearance, in 2011, when he finished 8th.

Miscellaneous Notes

Phil Mickelson opened with a 74 (+2) that included a bogey on No. 7 and No. 18. It was his first birdie-free round since Sunday of the 2012 U.S. Open, a streak of 186 rounds.

World No. 1 Rory McIlroy's opening-round of 73 (+1) included one eagle, three birdies, four bogeys and a double-bogey. McIlroy shot 40 (+4) on the back nine (he started on No. 10).

Lee Westwood became the first player to make 50 starts in the World Golf Championships series this week. Below is a list of most World Golf Championships appearances (Cadillac Championship, Cadillac Match Play, Bridgestone Invitational and HSBC Champions since it became a World Golf Championships event in 2009), and their standings through R1:

Lee Westwood	50 (R1-71)
Ernie Els	48 (not in the field)
Tiger Woods	44 (not in the field)
Phil Mickelson	44 (R1-74)
Jim Furyk	44 (R1-70)

There are four past champions in the field this week:

Player (year won)	R1 Standing
Patrick Reed (2014)	71
Justin Rose (2012)	73
Phil Mickelson (2009)	74
Geoff Ogilvy (2008)	74

Seventeen players are making their first start in the Cadillac Championship: Anirban Lahiri, Tommy Fleetwood, Mikko Ilonen, Alexandar Levy, David Lipsky, Shane Lowry, Koumei Oda, Brendon Todd, Bernd Wiesberger and Danny Willett; Morgan Hoffmann, Steven Jeffress, Brooks Koepka, Gary Stal, Robert Streb, Cameron Tringale and Danie Von Tonder are making their first starts at the tournament and in any World Golf Championships event. Last year, Reed became the first player to win the Cadillac Championship in his first start in the event (excluding 1999).

The field includes 42 players from 20 countries outside the United States. With 21 countries total, this marks the most countries represented in the Cadillac Championship since 2008 (21).

o USA 32	o NIR 2	o IRL 1
o ENG 8	o SCO 2	o KOR 1
o AUS 5	o AUT 1	o NED 1
o RSA 5	o DEN 1	o NZL 1
o FRA 3	o ESP 1	o SWE 1
o JPN 3	o FIN 1	o THA 1
o GER 2	o IND 1	o WAL 1

Thomas Bjorn withdrew after 9 holes. He receives last-place, unofficial money (\$42,000) and no FedExCup points.

Scoring Average

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Total
Front 9	36.495				
Back 9	36.904				
Total	73.400				

Bogey-Free Rounds

R1 – J.B. Holmes (62); Gary Woodland (70); Jamie Donaldson (70).

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