



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

**Doral, Fla.                                      March 5-8, 2015**  
**The Blue Monster Course at Trump National Doral**

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

**Third-Round Notes, Saturday, March 07, 2015**

**Weather**

Cloudy with occasional showers. Temperature still warm in the 80s with NE winds at 10-20 mph throughout the day.

**Second-Round Leaderboard**

J.B. Holmes	USA	62-73-70—205 (-11)
Dustin Johnson	USA	68-73-69—210 (-6)
Bubba Watson	USA	71-69-70—210 (-6)
Ryan Moore	USA	66-71-74—211 (-5)

**J.B. Holmes, 1<sup>st</sup>**

J.B. Holmes, who entered the third round with a two-stroke cushion, birdied holes 14,15, 16 and 17 to surge into a five-stroke 54-hole lead as he attempts to win his first-ever World Golf Championships event. Having held the solo lead through the completion of all three rounds, he would be the first wire-to-wire champion on the PGA TOUR since Rory McIlroy won the 2014 Open Championship. Tiger Woods is the only player to win a Cadillac Championship in wire-to-wire fashion having done it once in 2002 and again in 2006.

This is the fifth time that J.B. Holmes has led or shared the lead after 54 holes on the PGA TOUR. In has four 54-hole leads, Holmes has gone on to win three times (2006 and 2008 Waste Management Phoenix Open and the 2014 Wells Fargo Championship).

Holmes is making his third start at the Cadillac Championship, finishing T40 in 2008 and T18 in 2010. 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.

R1 at a glance: 7 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens, 25 putts, 2/2 sand saves.

R2 at a glance: 9 of 14 fairways, 12 of 18 greens, 30 putts, 1/2 sand saves.

R3 at a glance: 9 of 14 fairways, 11 of 18 greens, 26 putts, 5/5 sand saves.

Holmes is in search of his fourth PGA TOUR victory: 2006 and 2008 Waste Management Phoenix Open, 2014 Wells Fargo Championship.

During Thursday's opening round, Holmes 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 course record, a 61 (-11) during the second round of the 2000 Doral Ryder Open.

**Third-Round Leader Stats**

The third-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win five of 15 stroke-play events this season with the last being Bill Haas at the Humana Challenge.

In 15 previous Cadillac Championships, a third-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win the event 10 times. The largest final-round comeback in tournament history came from Justin Rose (three strokes) in 2012. The largest come-from-behind victory on the final day on the PGA TOUR this season is five strokes by Robert Streb at The McGladrey Classic. The last comeback win of six strokes or more was Matt Jones' victory at last year's Shell Houston Open.

Both J.B. Holmes and Dustin Johnson recorded a hole-in-one at the par-3 4<sup>th</sup> hole on Saturday. Each player used a 7-iron on the 207-yard hole. The last time two players aced the same hole in the same round was The Barclays in 2013 at the 14th hole at Liberty National Golf Club by K.J. Choi and Greg Chalmers.

#### **Dustin Johnson career holes-in-one**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Tournament</b>	<b>Rnd</b>	<b>Hole</b>
2015	World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship	3	4
2011	The Open Championship	1	16
2010	Northern Trust Open	2	6
2008	Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial	2	13

#### **J.B. Holmes career holes-in-one**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Tournament</b>	<b>Rnd</b>	<b>Hole</b>
2015	World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship	3	4
2011	Travelers Championship	11	4

There have now been 15 holes-in-one recorded on the PGA TOUR during the 2014-2015 season.

As the Official Mortgage Sponsor of the PGA TOUR, Quicken Loans will award one year's worth of mortgage payments to Mark C. from New Braunfels, Texas and Debbie T. from Avon, Mississippi, respectively to commemorate each player's 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](http://www.pgatour.com/quickenloans). Participants in the 2014 Sweepstakes must re-register to be eligible in 2015.

During the 2015 Cadillac Championship, players will have the opportunity to win a Cadillac performance vehicle with a hole-in-one on the 9th and 15th holes. A popular fan location, the 9th hole offers players a chance to win a 2015 Cadillac Escalade. With the challenging peninsula green a hole-in-one at the 15<sup>th</sup> means an all-new 2016 Cadillac ATS-V.

#### **Dustin Johnson, T2**

Dustin Johnson, who won the World Golf Championship-HSBC Champions in 2014 and finished runner-up at the 2011 Cadillac Championship, 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. Following rounds of 68-73-69, he'll enter the weekend T6 and five strokes behind J.B. Holmes.

Making his fifth start of the 2014-2015 season, Johnson has two top-4 finishes including a playoff loss at the Northern Trust Open. Johnson has a good history at the Cadillac Championship with a T4 finish last year and runner-up in 2011.

Johnson, an eight-time winner on the PGA TOUR is looking for his second career World Golf Championships victory having won the World Golf Championships-HSBC Championship in 2013.

R1 at a glance: 7 of 14 fairways, 14 of 18 greens, 26 putts, 2/4 sand saves.

R2 at a glance: 7 of 14 fairways, 12 of 18 greens, 29 putts, 0/4 sand saves.

R3 at a glance: 6 of 14 fairways, 14 of 18 greens, 30 putts, 1/1 sand saves.

#### **Bubba Watson, T2**

In search of his second-consecutive World Golf Championships victory (2015 HSBC Champions), Bubba Watson is tied for second at 6-under-par, five strokes off the lead. Watson has two runner-up finishes in his last three starts at the Cadillac Championship. Watson has yet to finish worse than T14 in four starts this season.

R1 at a glance: 4 of 14 fairways, 11 of 18 greens, 29 putts, 1/2 sand saves.

R2 at a glance: 8 of 14 fairways, 9 of 18 greens, 24 putts, 5/6 sand saves.

R3 at a glance: 9 of 14 fairways, 10 of 18 greens, 27 putts, 3/4 sand saves.

J.B. Holmes (1<sup>st</sup>), Bubba Watson (T2) and Dustin Johnson (T2) have been three of the longest-hitting drivers of the golf ball in recent years. They are ranked 1, 2 and three in Driving Distance - All Drives this week.

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Average Driving Distance – All drives</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	J.B. Holmes	315.5 yards
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bubba Watson	315.0 yards
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dustin Johnson	308.8 yards

### **Long Ball**

#### **Player Longest Single Drive on TOUR**

Dustin Johnson	463 yards, 2011 Deutsche Bank Championship
Bubba Watson	442 yards, 2012 Bridgestone Invitational
J.B. Holmes	429 yards, 2007 Hyundai Tournament of Champions

Dating back to 2006, in six of the last nine years, one of these three players (Holmes, Johnson and Watson) has led the TOUR in overall driving distance at the end of a season.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Average Drive</b>
<b>2015</b>	Dustin Johnson*	313.7 yards
2014	Bubba Watson	314.3 yards
2012	Bubba Watson	315.5 yards
2011	J.B. Holmes	318.4 yards
2008	Bubba Watson	315.1 yards
2007	Bubba Watson	315.2 yards
2006	Bubba Watson	319.6 yards

\* (Currently driving distance leader)

### **Additional Player Notes**

Bill Haas shot the round of the day with a 7-under-par 65. It is Haas' best score at Trump National Doral in 23 rounds. Haas finished T6 last year, matching his best career-finish in 19 World Golf Championships events. The round moved Haas from T31 to start the day to T5.

2013 FedExCup champion Henrik Stenson stands T5 in his 28<sup>th</sup> World Golf Championships start. He is seeking his second win in the World Golf Championships series, having won the 2007 Cadillac Match Play. Stenson's best finish in seven previous starts at the Cadillac Championship is T3 in his inaugural appearance in 2005.

World No. 1 Rory McIlroy is 1-under-par, 10 strokes off the lead an T12.

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 R3:

Lee Westwood	50 (T8)
Ernie Els	48 (not in the field)
Tiger Woods	44 (not in the field)
Phil Mickelson	44 (T34)
Jim Furyk	44 (T34)

There are four past champions in the field this week:

<b>Player (year won)</b>	<b>Cadillac (thru 3 rounds)</b>
Patrick Reed (2014)	T12
Justin Rose (2012)	T40
Phil Mickelson (2009)	T34
Geoff Ogilvy (2008)	T60

Seventeen players are making their first start in the Cadillac Championship:

<b>Player</b>	<b>Cadillac (thru 3 rounds)</b>
Brooks Koepka*	T18
Morgan Hoffmann*	T12
Shane Lowry	T12
Brendon Todd	T22
Mikko Ilonen	T22
Cameron Tringale*	T34
Bernd Wiesberger	T34

Alexander Levy	T40
Danny Willett	T40
David Lipsky	T57
Danie van Tonder*	T57
Robert Streb*	T60
Koumei Oda	T63
Tommy Fleetwood	T66
Steven Jeffress*	T66
Anirban Lahiri	70
Gary Stal*	71

\* making their first starts at the tournament and in any World Golf Championships event.

Scoring Averages:

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
R1:	36.495	36.904	73.400	---
R2:	37.014	36.452	73.466	73.411
R3:	36.246	36.302	72.548	73.138

The par-4 18<sup>th</sup> hole has played the toughest through three rounds at 4.566. The par-5 8<sup>th</sup> hole has been the easiest at 4.4.632.

Bogey-Free Rounds

R1 – J.B. Holmes (62), Gary Woodland (70), Jamie Donaldson (70).  
R2 –Webb Simpson (69), Morgan Hoffmann (71).  
R3 - None

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