



**2016 Waste Management Phoenix Open**  
(The 12th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

**Scottsdale, Ariz. Feb. 4-7, 2016**      **Purse: \$6,500,000 (\$1,170,000 winner)**  
**TPC Scottsdale Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,266 yards**      **500 FedExCup points to winner**

**Final-Round Notes – February 7, 2016**

***Weather:** Sunny, with a high of 78 degrees. Winds SW 4-8 mph.*

**Final-Round Leaderboard**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Score</b>
P1	Hideki Matsuyama	65-70-68-67—270 (-14)
P2	Rickie Fowler	65-68-70-67—270 (-14)
3	Harris English	68-67-71-66—272 (-12)

**Hideki Matsuyama**

Hideki Matsuyama, who began the final round of the Waste Management Phoenix Open trailing by three strokes at 10-under, birdied the 72<sup>nd</sup> hole to post a 4-under 67 and force sudden death with Rickie Fowler. On the fourth extra hole, No. 17, Matsuyama's par was good enough for his second career PGA TOUR win at the age of 23 years, 11 months, 13 days in his 65<sup>th</sup> start on TOUR. Matsuyama first won the 2014 Memorial Tournament.

Matsuyama now moves to 2-0 in playoffs.

With the win, Matsuyama collects 500 FedExCup points and moves from No. 74 to 11<sup>th</sup>. It took 458 points to qualify for the PGA TOUR Playoffs for the FedExCup in 2014-15, 554 to qualify for Deutsche Bank Championship, 692 for BMW Championship and 1,062 for the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

Since moving to TPC Scottsdale in 1987, this marks the seventh playoff and first since 2011 (Mark Wilson over Jason Dufner). Also since then, this week's, three-hole sudden-death shootout tops the previous record for most extra holes; 1988 (Sandy Lyle over Fred Couples), 1996 (Phil Mickelson over Justin Leonard) and 2009 (Kenny Perry over Charley Hoffman).

This marks the fifth playoff of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season and first since the CareerBuilder Challenge two weeks ago.

Matsuyama wins in his third-consecutive start in the Waste Management Phoenix Open and has now collected top-5 finishes in all three starts; P1/2016, T2/2015, T4/2014.

Matsuyama becomes the sixth player in the last seven years of the Waste Management Phoenix Open to come from behind in the final round and win. In 2013, Phil Mickelson converted his 54-hole lead into victory at TPC Scottsdale.

The biggest come-from-behind win in the event since moving to TPC Scottsdale in 1987 belongs to Kyle Stanley, who emerged victorious after beginning the day eight strokes back.

Matsuyama becomes the seventh player (of 12 events) to come from behind in the final round and win on the PGA TOUR this season.

En route to his 2014 win at the Memorial Tournament, Matsuyama overcame a two-stroke deficit in the final round to beat Kevin Na in sudden death.

This marks Matsuyama's eighth top-5 finish since the start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season (29 starts), a current record. Jason Bohn trails with six.

Matsuyama wins in his fifth start of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season, with solo-fifth-place honors at the CIMB Classic being his only other top-10 finish.

Matsuyama becomes the first international-born player to win the Waste Management Phoenix Open since Aaron Baddeley in 2007. Since moving to TPC Scottsdale in 1987, he becomes the fifth international winner of the event, joining Baddeley (2007), Jesper Parnevik (1998), Vijay Singh (1995, 2003) and Sandy Lyle (1988).

Matsuyama becomes the sixth player in his 20s to win on the PGA TOUR this season, joining Emiliano Grillo (Frys.com Open), Smylie Kaufman (Shriners Hospitals for Children Open), Justin Thomas (CIMB Classic), Peter Malnati (Sanderson Farms Championship) and Jordan Spieth (Hyundai Tournament of Champions).

2015-16 PGA TOUR Season starts-made cuts-top 10s-wins: 5-4-2-1

R1 at a glance: 8 of 14 fairways, 14 of 18 greens, 27 putts

R2 at a glance: 7 of 14 fairways, 10 of 18 greens, 26 putts

R3 at a glance: 6 of 14 fairways, 16 of 18 greens, 34 putts

R4 at a glance: 10 of 14 fairways, 16 of 18 greens, 30 putts

**Full Name:** Hideki Matsuyama

**Height:** 5-11 **Weight:** 170

**Birthday:** February 25, 1992

**Birthplace:** Ehime, Japan

**Residence:** Sendai, Japan

**Family:** Single

**Turned professional:** 2013

**Joined PGA TOUR:** 2013

### **Rickie Fowler**

Two weeks after his win at the Abu Dhabi Championship, Rickie Fowler birdied the 72<sup>nd</sup> hole Sunday to force sudden death with Japan's Hideki Matsuyama. The short and tempting par-4 17<sup>th</sup> hole proved to be Fowler's demise. A bogey in regulation Sunday dropped him into a tie with Matsuyama and, on the fourth extra hole in the playoff, a tee shot into the hazard again cost Fowler.

Fowler now moves to 2-2 in playoffs. He won the 2012 Wells Fargo Championship and 2015 PLAYERS Championship after extra holes, but has interestingly now lost playoffs in Phoenix. In addition to this week's Waste Management Phoenix Open, he also lost the 2009 Frys.com Open at Grayhawk GC in his second start as a professional.

Fowler was making his eighth start in this week's Waste Management Phoenix Open, with this being his second solo runner-up finish (2010). Fowler finished T43 at TPC Scottsdale last year, following missed cuts in 2013 and 2014.

Fowler will now remain in search of his fourth career PGA TOUR title to go along with his 2012 Wells Fargo Championship, 2015 PLAYERS Championship and 2015 Deutsche Bank Championship crowns.

Fowler was solid across the board this week, finishing second in Strokes Gained: Tee To Green (+2.85 per round). He was also T1 in Strokes Gained: Total (3.48 per round).

### **Harris English**

Georgia native Harris English posted a 5-under 66 in the final round to claim third-place alone. He began the day six strokes back, but missed the Rickie Fowler/Hideki Matsuyama playoff by just two strokes.

English was making his fifth-consecutive start in this week's Waste Management Phoenix Open, with a ninth-place finish in 2014 his best showing.

English was making his seventh start of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season this week, with this week's third-place finish marking his first top-10 finish of the season and 18<sup>th</sup> since joining the PGA TOUR in 2012.

English previously claimed victories on the PGA TOUR at the 2013 FedEx St. Jude Classic and 2014 OHL Classic at Mayakoba.

### **Danny Lee**

Danny Lee, who began the final round with a three-stroke lead at 13-under, struggled in the final round, posting a 2-over 73, good for fourth-place honors.

Lee was making his fourth start in the Waste Management Phoenix Open, where he broke a streak of three missed cuts.

Lee was making his sixth start of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season this week, having collected only one top-25 finish. Lee's last top-10 before this week came at the 2015 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola (T2).

### **Phil Mickelson**

In his 27<sup>th</sup> start in the Waste Management Phoenix Open, 1996, 2005 and 2013 winner Phil Mickelson posted a final round, even-par 71 to finish T11 at 8-under 276.

Mickelson was looking to become the first four-time winner of this event. Mark Calcavecchia, Gene Littler and Arnold Palmer also captured three tournament titles.

Mickelson's 10 top-10 finishes in the event represents the tournament record by one over Mark Calcavecchia.

### **Will Wilcox**

Alabama native Will Wilcox posted a final-round, 6-under 65 to finish T6 in his first start in the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

In the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, Wilcox collected four top-10 finishes, highlighted by a solo-second at the inaugural Barbasol Championship in his home state of Alabama.

Following a T10 at the Frys.com Open in the 2015-16 season's first event, Wilcox struggled with three, ensuing missed cuts, a withdraw and T17 finish at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba.

### **Bubba Watson**

Bubba Watson's 2-over 73 Saturday marked the first time he has failed to shoot par or better in 37 career rounds at TPC Scottsdale. In today's final round, Watson bounced back with a 5-under 66 to finish T14 at 7-under 277.

Through 38 rounds at TPC Scottsdale (10 starts), Watson is now 100-under-par.

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

Seven past champions were in the field this week: Brooks Koepka (2015/T41) Phil Mickelson (2005, 2013/T11), Kyle Stanley (2012/T45), Mark Wilson (2011/T65), J.B. Holmes (2006, 2008/T17), Hunter Mahan (2010/MC) and Aaron Baddeley (2007/MC).

The par-4 14<sup>th</sup> hole played, collectively, the toughest this week, with an average of 4.190. The easiest was the par-5 13<sup>th</sup>, with an average of 4.635.