



2015 Farmers Insurance Open
(The 12th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

San Diego, Calif. **Jan. 28-31, 2016** **Purse: \$6,500,000 (\$1,170,000 to the winner)**
Torrey Pines Golf Course **500 FedExCup points to winner**
South Course (Host) **Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,698**
North Course **Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,052**

First-Round Notes – Thursday, January 28, 2015

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 67. Winds WNW 7-12 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Scott Brown	66 (-6) SC
Andrew Loupe*	66 (-6) NC
Billy Horschel	67 (-5) NC
Patton Kizzire*	67 (-5) NC
Tom Hoge*	67 (-5) NC
Rob Oppenheim*	67 (-5) NC
Harold Varner III*	67 (-5) NC

*The Farmers Insurance Open has not produced a first-time winner since 1991 (Jay Don Blake). Through 10 events in the 2015-16 season, the PGA TOUR has yielded six first-time winners.

Patton Kizzire, Rob Oppenheim and Harold Varner III are all PGA TOUR rookies. There has never been a rookie winner at the Farmers Insurance Open. Gene Littler won the event as an amateur in 1954.

Scott Brown

Scott Brown is making his seventh start of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season. He has one top-five (2015 OHL Classic at Mayakoba) and two missed cuts, including last week's CareerBuilder Challenge.

This marks the first time Brown has held a first-round lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR. His previous-best position after 18 holes was T2 at the 2013 RBC Canadian Open.

Making his 112th start on TOUR, Brown is in search of his second career PGA TOUR victory. He won the 2013 Puerto Rico Open.

Brown has missed the cut in his three previous starts at the Farmers Insurance Open (2015, 2014, 2012).

Brown and his wife Allison welcomed their second child, Emmerly Merritt, on Jan. 19.

In his last two years on TOUR, Brown has recorded two aces per year, bringing his career hole-in-one total to four: 2014 Colonial National Invitation Tournament, 2014 Deutsche Bank Championship, 2015 Wyndham Championship and 2015 CIMB Classic.

Andrew Loupe

In six starts in the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season, Andrew Loupe has either missed the cut or finished in the top 10. He recorded T10 showings at the Frys.com Open and Sanderson Farms Championship, and is coming off a career-best T3 at the CareerBuilder Challenge.

Loupe is making his 45th start on TOUR. In his only other appearance at the Farmers Insurance Open, he missed the cut in 2014.

Loupe has previously held the outright lead after the first round on two occasions: 2014 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and 2014 Valero Texas Open.

In round one, Loupe hit 4 out of 14 fairways and 15 out of 18 greens in regulation.



Loupe earned his way back onto the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of his eighth-place finish on the 2015 Web.com Tour priority list. On that Tour last season, Loupe won the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship.

First-round Lead Notes

Only three times since 1997 have at least two players been tied for the lead after the first round at the Farmers Insurance Open: 2006 (Brandt Jobe and Thomas Levet), 2012 (Spencer Levin and Kyle Stanley) and 2016 (Scott Brown and Andrew Loupe). In 1996, three players shared the 18-hole lead: Tom Lehman, Doug Martin and Kirk Triplett.

Since 2000, no first-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win the Farmers Insurance Open.

Through 10 events in the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season, only two players have carried the first-round lead/co-lead on to victory: Kevin Kisner (The RSM Classic) and Jason Dufner (CareerBuilder Challenge).

Billy Horschel

Billy Horschel is making his second start of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season following a missed cut at last week's CareerBuilder Challenge.

With eight top-10s in the 2013 season, and five in 2013-14, Horschel recorded just two top-10s in 2014-15.

The 2014 FedExCup champion wasn't able to return to East Lake GC to defend his TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola title, but on the strength of nine top-25 finishes in 25 starts through the Wyndham Championship, he advanced through the BMW Championship before ending his season at No. 66 in the FedExCup standings.

In five starts at the Farmers Insurance Open, Billy Horschel has cracked the top 25 only once (T23/2014).

Horschel hit 17 of 18 greens in round one.

Patton Kizzire

Patton Kizzire, who hit just three of 14 fairways, is making his first start in the Farmers Insurance Open and seventh of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season. His two top-10s on the season came in his first two starts: Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (T2) and Sanderson Farms Championship (T4).

Kizzire, who won the Utah Championship and News Sentinel Open on the Web.com Tour last season, took top honors on the Web.com Tour's Regular Season and Finals combined money list. In addition to his two wins on the Web.com Tour last season, Kizzire also amassed a pair of runner-up finishes and a third-place showing. In all, he collected 12 top-10 finishes in 23 starts.

Kizzire, a 29-year-old Montgomery, Alabama native, graduated from Auburn University in 2008.

Tom Hoge

In his only other appearance at the Farmers Insurance Open, Tom Hoge missed the cut in 2015.

The TCU grad, who won the 2011 Players Cup on the Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada, is in search of his maiden PGA TOUR victory.

Hoge is making his eighth start of the season where his lone top-10 came at The RSM Classic (T9).

Hoge has an accounting and finance degree from TCU. The 2011 graduate was an honorable mention All-American in 2009 and Academic All-America in 2010 and 2011.

Rob Oppenheim

At the age of 36 years, 16 days, Rob Oppenheim is the oldest rookie on the PGA TOUR this season. He earned the final PGA TOUR card and 50th position on the Web.com Tour priority list.

Oppenheim's best position after any round on the PGA TOUR is T10 after the 2015 RSM Classic.

In four starts this season, he has yet to finish in the top 25. Oppenheim, who is coming off two missed cuts, is making his eighth career start on the PGA TOUR and first at Torrey Pines.



Thinking he didn't finish 25th or better at the Web.com Tour Championship, Oppenheim left and started the drive back to his home in Orlando. He received the call 30 minutes later that Lucas Glover bogeyed the 72nd hole, and Oppenheim was projected to finish in the 50th position. When he arrived back at TPC Sawgrass to take the Class of 2015 group photo, his fellow grads clapped in his honor at receiving his card after a six-year journey.

Harold Varner III

Harold Varner III is making his 11th career PGA TOUR start. The 2015-16 rookie has one top-five finish, a T5 at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba.

Varner made his way onto the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of his 33rd-place finish on the 2015 Web.com Tour priority list. On that Tour last season, Varner collected three top-10 finishes, highlighted by a solo-second at the Panama Claro Championship in his first start of the season. Varner competed in all 25 events on last year's Web.com Tour.

Varner, a 25-year-old Eastern Carolina University grad, resides in Jacksonville Beach, Fla., and plays out of TPC Sawgrass.

Additional Player Notes

After fighting illness for the past week, defending champion Jason Day (T76) opened with an even-par 72 on the North Course. En route to victory in 2015, he opened with a 1-over 73 on the South Course, marking the highest start by a winner in the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season.

San Diego native Phil Mickelson (T15) opened with a 69 on the South Course. The three-time Farmers Insurance Open winner is making his 27th start. Mickelson started his 2015-16 campaign with a T3 finish at last week's CareerBuilder Challenge.

Making his first PGA TOUR start as a professional, Paul Dunne (T15) recorded a 3-under 69 on the South Course. Dunne gained international recognition when, as an amateur, he moved atop the leaderboard at the 2015 Open Championship, sharing the lead after three rounds at St. Andrews.

Following his win in Abu Dhabi, Farmers Insurance brand ambassador Rickie Fowler (T90) posted a 1-over 73 on the North Course.

Since the start of last season, noone has more top-five finishes without a win than Hideki Matsuyama (T8). In 28 starts since the beginning of last season, Matsuyama has carded seven top-five finishes on TOUR.

Six past champions are in the field: Jason Day (2015/T76), Scott Stallings (2014/T8), Brandt Snedeker (2012/T90), Ben Crane (2010/T54), Nick Watney (2009/T54), Phil Mickelson (1993, 2000-01/T15)

Twenty of the top 50 players in the Official World Golf Ranking are in the field, including five of the top 10. Here's how they fared:

World Ranking	Player	R1 Position
2	Jason Day	T76
4	Rickie Fowler	T90
7	Justin Rose	T54
8	Dustin Johnson	T34
10	Patrick Reed	T15

Scoring Averages: R1
North Course 70.897
South Course 73.359

Hardest/Easiest Holes

Hardest (North) – par-3 12th (3.372) Easiest (North) – par-5 18th (4.359)
Hardest (South) – par-4, 12th (4.474) Easiest (South) – par-5 6th (4.654)

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – Billy Horschel (67/NC), Steve Marino (69/NC) and Brendan Steele (68/NC).