



**2016 Farmers Insurance Open**  
(The 12<sup>th</sup> of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

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

### **Second-Round Notes – Friday, January 29, 2016**

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

**36-hole cut:** 72 players at 1-under 143 from a field of 156 professionals.

#### **Second-Round Leaderboard**

Gary Woodland (N/S)	68-67—135 (-9)
K.J. Choi (S/N)	68-67—135 (-9)
Dustin Johnson (S/N)	70-66—136 (-8)

#### **Gary Woodland**

Making his seventh start in the Farmers Insurance Open, and sixth straight, Gary Woodland birdied five of his first nine holes on the South Course, en route to a 5-under 67. Bogeys at Nos. 12, 16 and 17 were offset by a total of eight birdies.

This marks Woodland's first 36-hole lead on the PGA TOUR. His previous-best position after a second round was T2 at the 2013 Barclays, which is the position in which he finished the event.

Having never missed a 36-hole cut, Woodland's lone top-10 finish at the Farmers Insurance Open is a T10 in 2014. He finished T45 last year, following weekend rounds on the South Course of 75-74. Woodland missed the 54-hole cut in 2009 and 2012.

Of the four final rounds he has previously made it to, Woodland has never posted a sub-par score. At 73.75, his final-round scoring average at Torrey Pines is the worst of the four. At 73.67, his round-three scoring average isn't a lot better.

Woodland, who previously won the 2011 Valspar Championship and 2013 Barracuda Championship, is seeking win No. 3 in his 152<sup>nd</sup> start this week.

In three previous starts this season, Woodland's best finish is a T13 at the Sony Open in Hawaii in his most recent start.

#### **K.J. Choi**

South Korea's K.J. Choi made seven birdies and two bogeys in round two on the North Course to claim a share of the 36-hole lead with Gary Woodland. This marks his 10<sup>th</sup> 36-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR. Of the previous nine, he has converted for the win five times. He has been unable to do so the last three times he has been at the top after 36 holes.

Choi is making his 14<sup>th</sup> start in the Farmers Insurance Open, with his two top-10 finishes coming in the last three years; T9 in 2013 and T2 in 2014. Choi finished T53 last year after weekend rounds of 76-74.

Choi has collected eight PGA TOUR titles, and is in search of his first since the 2011 PLAYERS Championship, a span of 104 events, including this week.

#### **Second-round Lead Notes**

Since 2000, the only two players to convert a 36-hole lead/co-lead into victory at the Farmers Insurance Open have been Phil Mickelson (2000, 2001) and Tiger Woods (2008, 2013).

Through 10 events in the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season, four players have carried the second-round lead/co-lead on to victory. Most recently, Jason Dufner achieved the feat at last week's CareerBuilder Challenge.



**Dustin Johnson**

Making his eighth start in the Farmers Insurance Open, Dustin Johnson improved on a 2-under 70 on the South Course in round one with a bogey-free, 6-under 66 in round two on the North Course. The 66 ties his low score in the event (26 rounds). Johnson also posted a bogey-free 66 on the North Course in round one of 2012 (T43), as well as a bogey-free 66 on the South Course in the final round of 2011 (T3).

Beginning on No. 10, Johnson settled for six straight pars, before reeling off four birdies over the course of his next five holes to post the 66.

Despite the different courses, Johnson has hit seven of 14 fairways in each of the first two rounds. His approach into the greens improved significantly from the first round on the South Course (11/18) to Friday's second round on the North Course (17/18).

Johnson has experienced mixed success in the Farmers Insurance Open. He missed last year's cut, but finished T3 in 2011. That top-five finish notwithstanding, Johnson has been unable to finish inside the top 10.

Johnson, a nine-time winner on the PGA TOUR, is looking to extend his current-record-streak of winning at least once a year to nine-consecutive seasons. By comparison, he leads Justin Rose (5) and Zach Johnson (4). The all-time record belongs to Jack Nicklaus, who won at least once for 17 straight seasons, between 1962 and 1978.

In just two starts so far this season on the PGA TOUR, Johnson finished T5 at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions and T10 at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions.

**Additional Player Notes**

Defending champion Jason Day followed an opening-round, even-par 72 on the North Course with a 2-over 74 on the South Course to miss the cut. The last time a defending champion of the Farmers Insurance Open missed the cut was Jose Maria Olazabal in 2003.

San Diego native Phil Mickelson struggled in round two with a 4-over 76 on the North Course to miss the cut. In 27 starts in the event, this marks just the seventh time to have not been around for the weekend. Mickelson also missed the cut last year and withdrew after the second round in 2014.

Mickelson was coming off a T3 finish at last week's CareerBuilder Challenge.

En route to his three wins in the event, after 36 holes, Mickelson was T6 in 1993 and T1 in 2000 and 2001.

Making his first PGA TOUR start as a professional, Paul Dunne followed a 3-under 69 on the South Course with a 1-under 71 on the North Course. At 4-under 140, he will head into the weekend trailing Gary Woodland and K.J. Choi by five strokes.

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 missed the cut with scores of 73-71—144. This marks just his second missed cut in seven starts (2014).

Six past champions are in the field: Jason Day (2015/MC), Scott Stallings (2014/T27), Brandt Snedeker (2012/T57), Ben Crane (2010/T14), Nick Watney (2009/MC) and Phil Mickelson (1993, 2000-01/MC).

<b>Scoring Averages:</b>	<b>R1</b>	<b>R2</b>
North Course	70.897	70.963
South Course	73.359	73.680

**Hardest/Easiest Holes**

R1: Hardest (North) – par-3 12 <sup>th</sup> (3.372)	Easiest (North) – par-5 18 <sup>th</sup> (4.359)
R2: Hardest (North) – par-3 12 <sup>th</sup> (3.321)	Easiest (North) – par-5 18 <sup>th</sup> (4.372)
R1: Hardest (South) – par-4 12 <sup>th</sup> (4.474)	Easiest (South) – par-5 6 <sup>th</sup> (4.654)
R2: Hardest (South) – par-4 12 <sup>th</sup> (4.513)	Easiest (South) – par5 6 <sup>th</sup> (4.641)



**Bogey-free rounds:**

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

R2: Chad Campbell (66/NC), Derek Fathauer (65/NC), Adam Hadwin (70/SC), Brian Harman (70/NC), James Hahn (69/NC), Dustin Johnson (66/NC), Michael Kim (69/SC), Martin Laird (68/NC).