



2016 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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, January 30, 2016

Weather: Mostly cloudy, with a high of 61 degrees. Winds WSW 12-15 mph.

Due to expected, inclement weather Sunday, final-round tee times will be from 7:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. PT Sunday. Players will tee off Nos. 1 and 10 in threesomes.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Scott Brown	66-71-70—207 (-9)
K.J. Choi	68-67-72—207 (-9)
Jimmy Walker	69-71-68—208 (-8)

Scott Brown

With five birdies and three bogeys, good for a 2-under 70, Augusta, Ga. native Scott Brown takes a share of the 54-hole lead for the third time on the PGA TOUR. On the previous two occasions, he converted for victory at the 2013 Puerto Rico Open and finished T10 after the 2015 Puerto Rico Open.

Making his 112th start on TOUR, Brown remains in search of his second career PGA TOUR victory (2013 Puerto Rico Open).

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

Through six starts this season, Brown has collected one top-10 finish (T5/OHL Classic at Mayakoba). He is coming off a missed cut at last week's CareerBuilder Challenge.

Brown and his wife Allison welcomed their second child, Emmerly Merritt, on Jan. 19. Interestingly, in his first two starts after the birth of their first daughter in 2012, Brown finished T7 at the John Deere Classic and T5 at the Sanderson Farms Championship.

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.

K.J. Choi

South Korea's K.J. Choi came off the rails a bit in round three, but brought it back enough to find himself atop the leaderboard at 9-under 207 with Scott Brown. Choi took two bogeys and a double bogey at the par-4 seventh hole, which we negated with birdies at Nos. 6, 13, 14 and 18.

Of the five previous times Choi has been leading or tied for the lead after 54 holes, he has converted all five into victory.

Choi is making his 14th 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.

Third-round Lead Notes

Since 2000, on just five occasions has a player managed to convert a 54-hole lead/co-lead into victory at the Farmers Insurance Open; Tiger Woods (2003, 2008, 2013), John Daly (2004), and Phil Mickelson (2000).



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

Jimmy Walker

Texas native Jimmy Walker birdied his last two holes in round three to post a 4-under 68 and get to 8-under 208 through 54 holes, one back of Scott Brown and K.J. Choi.

Walker is making his ninth start in the Farmers Insurance Open, where his three top-10 finishes have all come within the last four years; T8/2012, T4/2013 and T7/2015.

Walker has enjoyed tremendous success on the PGA TOUR since the onset of the 2013-14 campaign. Walker claimed his first three victories in the 2013-14 Season (Frys.com Open, Sony Open in Hawaii, AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am) and added two more in the 2014-15 Season (Sony Open in Hawaii, Valero Texas Open). As a result, Walker made it through all four FedExCup Playoffs events each of the past two seasons.

Four of Walker's five victories came before March the past two seasons. His most recent win, the 2015 Valero Texas Open, came in late March.

Walker, who opened with a 3-under 69 on the South Course in round one, has now made six birdies in both rounds on the South Course this week.

Though his score would dictate otherwise, Walker has struggled off the tee this week, hitting just six, four and three of 14 fairways in rounds 1-3, respectively (13/42).

Additional Player Notes

Jonas Blixt (T5) posted the day's low round of 6-under 66 to get to 7-under 209 through 54 holes. Blixt opened with a 5-over 77 on the South Course. Should he win, he would take the distinction of having the highest opening-round score of any player to go on and win the Farmers Insurance Open. Pete Brown (1970) and Fuzzy Zoeller (1979) both opened with 76s en route to their wins. Phil Mickelson opened with a 3-over 75 in 1993 on his way to victory. The two most recent winners at Torrey Pines (Scott Stallings (2014) and Jason Day (2015) opened with 72 and 73, respectively.

Dustin Johnson struggled in round three, posting a 2-over 74. In round two, Johnson missed just one green in regulation. In round three Saturday, he managed to hit just 11 of 18. At 6-under 210, he will begin the final round three strokes back.

The shot of the day belonged to Jason Gore, who holed his second shot into the par-5 18th from 258 yards with a 3-wood, moving him from even to 3-under. He would finish the day with a 2-under 70 and get to 4-under 212 through 54 holes.

2010 Farmers Insurance Open champion Ben Crane used a hybrid to hole his second shot from the primary rough on the par-4 15th hole from 198 yards. At 6-under 210, Crane will begin the final round three strokes back. En route to his 2010 at Torrey Pines, Crane began the final round two strokes back.

Before Gore, the last player to make a two on the par-5 18th on Torrey Pines' South Course was David Edwards in the third round of 1987.

Making his first PGA TOUR start as a professional, Paul Dunne posted a third-round, 1-under 71 to get to 5-under 211. He trails Scott Brown and K.J. Choi by four strokes.

Six past champions made starts in this week's Farmers Insurance Open: Scott Stallings (2014/-4/T24), Brandt Snedeker (2012/-3/T27), Ben Crane (2010/-6/T9), Jason Day (2015/MC), Nick Watney (2009/MC) and Phil Mickelson (1993, 2000-01/MC).

Patrick Reed withdrew after his third round with an ankle injury.

Scoring Averages:	R1	R2	R3
North Course	70.897	70.963	
South Course	73.359	73.680	
South Course			73.156



Hardest/Easiest Holes

R1: Hardest (North) – par-3 12th (3.372)
R2: Hardest (North) – par-3 12th (3.321)

Easiest (North) – par-5 18th (4.359)
Easiest (North) – par-5 18th (4.372)

R1: Hardest (South) – par-4 12th (4.474)
R2: Hardest (South) – par-4 12th (4.513)
R3: Hardest (South) – par-4 12th (4.451)

Easiest (South) – par-5 6th (4.654)
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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).

R3: None