



2015 Hero World Challenge

Albany Golf Course
Albany, Bahamas

December 3-6, 2015
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,267

Purse: \$3,500,000

First-Round Notes – Thursday, December 3, 2015

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 85. Winds SSE 10-15 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Paul Casey	66 (-6)
Zach Johnson	66 (-6)
Jimmy Walker	66 (-6)
Five players	67 (-5)

Paul Casey, Zach Johnson, Jimmy Walker lead after day one of the Hero World Challenge

Paul Casey, Jimmy Walker and 2013 champion Zach Johnson carded matching 6-under 66s to share the lead after day one of the Hero World Challenge.

Results at the Hero World Challenge

Casey – 7th start (3rd/2011, 3rd/2010, T11/2009, 11th/2008, T11/2007, T5/2006)

Johnson – 8th start (T8/2014, Won/2013, 18th/2012, 2nd/2011, T9/2010, T5/2009, 2nd/2007)

Walker – 2nd start (15th/2014)

Johnson is seeking to become the first player to win multiple times at the Hero World Challenge since Graeme McDowell (2010, 2012). Prior to McDowell, Tiger Woods capped off the last of his five titles at this event in 2011.

First-Round Leader Results at the Hero World Challenge

In 2014, eventual champion Jordan Spieth, at 6-under-par 66, led Zach Johnson, Steve Stricker, Rickie Fowler and Henrik Stenson by one stroke after the first round.

In the 16 previous playings of the Hero World Challenge, the first-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win just four times (Davis Love III/2003, Tiger Woods/2004, Zach Johnson/2013, Jordan Spieth/2014).

Jordan Spieth

One week removed from a runner-up finish in his title defense at the Australian Open, Jordan Spieth carded a 5-under 67 to sit just one stroke behind the three leaders following the first round of the Hero World Challenge. His round was highlighted with an ace on the par-3 second hole with a 6-iron.

Spieth at the Hero World Challenge: T16-2013, 1st-2014.

Earlier this year, Spieth capped off the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season by winning the FedExCup, with victories coming at the Valspar Championship, Masters Tournament, U.S. Open, John Deere Classic and TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

Spieth won the 2014 Hero World Challenge by a record 10 strokes over Henrik Stenson, becoming the first player to win the event in wire-to-wire fashion. His tournament-record 26-under 262 winning score shattered the previous record of 22-under 266 set by Tiger Woods in 2007.

Miscellaneous Notes

Past Hero World Challenge in the field: Zach Johnson (66/T1), Jordan Spieth (67/T4).

First-time participants: Brooks Koepka (67/T4), Anirban Lahiri (69/T10), J.B. Holmes (71/T15).

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – Paul Casey/66, Jordan Spieth/67, Dustin Johnson/68

Scoring average:

R1 – 68.666

Toughest hole – par-4 4th (4.389); Easiest hole – par-5 15th (3.944)