



2015 Hero World Challenge

Albany Golf Course
Albany, Bahamas

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

Purse: \$3,500,000

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, December 6, 2015

Weather: Cloudy. High of 83. Winds ENE 10-15 mph, gusting to 20 mph. Play was suspended due to heavy rain at 12:15 p.m. and resumed at 12:30 p.m.

Final-Round Leaderboard

Bubba Watson	67-67-63-66—263 (-25)
Patrick Reed	69-65-66-66—266 (-22)
Rickie Fowler	70-68-65-64—267 (-21)

Bubba Watson wins Hero World Challenge

Bubba Watson followed a third-round 9-under 63 with a 6-under 66 Sunday, winning the 2015 Hero World Challenge by three strokes over Patrick Reed and four over Rickie Fowler.

Watson won with a 72-hole total of 25-under 263, one shy of the Hero World Challenge record of 26-under 262 set by Jordan Spieth in 2014. Prior to Spieth, Tiger Woods held the scoring record with a winning score of 22-under 266 in 2007.

Watson owns eight official victories on the PGA TOUR: 2010 Travelers Championship, 2011 Farmers Insurance Open, 2011 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, 2012 Masters Tournament, 2014 Northern Trust Open, 2014 Masters Tournament, 15 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions, 2015 Travelers Championship, 2015 Hero World Challenge (unofficial).

Watson wins the Hero World Challenge at the age of 37 years, 1 month and 1 day.

Watson wins in his sixth start at the Hero World Challenge (T14/2010, T6/2011, T9/2012, T3/2013, T11/2014, 1/2015).

Bubba Watson carried a two-stroke lead into the final round Sunday. In official PGA TOUR events, he has gone on to win twice in 10 attempts when carrying the lead/co-lead into the final round (2011 Zurich Classic of New Orleans and 2014 Masters Tournament). One of those attempts included the 72-hole lead in the 90-hole 2010 CareerBuilder Challenge, where he eventually finished T2.

Third-Round Leader Results at the Hero World Challenge

The 54-hole leader/co-leader has won the World Challenge just four times in the last 12 seasons (Tiger Woods/2007, Graeme McDowell/2012, Jordan Spieth/2014, Bubba Watson/2015).

In the 17 playings of the event, the third-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win seven times (Tom Lehman/1999, Padraig Harrington/2002, Davis Love III/2003, Tiger Woods/2007, Graeme McDowell/2012, Jordan Spieth/2014, Bubba Watson/2015).

Miscellaneous Notes

Patrick Reed finished runner-up in his second start at the Hero World Challenge (T3/2014, 2/2015).

Albany resident Justin Rose carded a course-record 10-under 62 Sunday to finish 13th.

Jordan Spieth finished solo fourth in his attempt to join Tiger Woods (2006-07) as the only players to win the Hero World Challenge in back-to-back seasons.

Past Hero World Challenge champions in the field: Jordan Spieth (4th), Zach Johnson (12th).

First-time participants: Brooks Koepka (7th), J.B. Holmes (T8), Anirban Lahiri (T17).

Bogey-free rounds:

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

R2 – Patrick Reed/65

R3 – Paul Casey/63, Bubba Watson/63, Adam Scott/66, Zach Johnson/67, Hideki Matsuyama/70

R4 – Justin Rose/62, Patrick Reed/66, Jordan Spieth/67

Scoring average:

R1 – 68.666; R2 – 68.444; R3 – 67.945; R4 – 67.777; Cumulative – 68.207

Toughest hole:

R1 – Toughest hole – par-4 4th (4.389); Easiest hole – par-5 15th (3.944)

R2 – Toughest hole – par-4 18th (4.278); Easiest hole – par-5 6th (4.333)

R3 – Toughest hole – par-4 18th (4.167); Easiest hole – par-5 15th (4.333)

R4 – Toughest hole – par-4 16th (4.111); Easiest hole – par-5 15th (4.444)

Cumulative – Toughest hole – par-4 18th (4.111); Easiest hole – par-5 15th (4.375)