## 2016 Hyundai Tournament of Champions

( $8^{\text {th }}$ of 47 events in the PGA TOUR Season)
Kapalua, Maui, HI
January 7-10, 2016
Purse: $\$ 5,900,000(\$ 1,180,000)$
The Plantation Course, Kapalua Resort
Par/Yards: 36-37-73/7,452

# Third-Round Notes - Saturday, January 9, 2016 

## Weather

Mostly cloudy. High of 80 . Winds SW 10-20 mph.
Third-Round Leaderboard

| Jordan Spieth | $195(-24)$ |
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| Brooks Koepka | $200(-19)$ |
| Patrick Reed | $201(-18)$ |

Player HTOC Starts
Jordan Spieth 2 (2-2014)
Brooks Koepka 1 (TBD-2016)
Patrick Reed 3 (T16-2014, 1-2015)

## Jordan Spieth

Jordan Spieth, winner of five tournaments in 2015, including the Masters, U.S. Open and the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola en route to becoming the youngest FedExCup champion, followed a second-round 9-under 64 with an 8 under 65 (including an eagle on the $18^{\text {th }}$ hole) Saturday to lead by five over Brooks Koepka.

For comparison, Ernie Els holds the best opening 54-hole score at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions (194 in 2003) and the 72-hole record (261 in 2003).

Spieth's best opening 54 -hole scores on TOUR:
195-2015 Hyundai Tournament of Champions (TBD)
196 - 2015 John Deere Classic (won)
200 - 2013 John Deere Classic (won)
200 - 2015 Masters Tournament (won)
Most strokes under par (72 holes):
33 - Steve Stricker (2009 CareerBuilder Challenge, first four rounds of 90 -hole event)
31 - Ernie Els (2003 Hyundai Tournament of Champions)
30 - Pat Perez (2009 CareerBuilder Challenge, first four rounds of 90 -hole event)
Spieth's record when holding the 54 -hole lead/co-lead is four of eight, including four straight victories:

Tournament
2014 Hyundai Tournament of Champions
2014 Masters
2014 PLAYERS Championship
2015 Shell Houston Open
2015 Masters
2015 U.S. Open
2015 John Deere Classic
2015 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola
2016 Hyundai Tournament of Champions

After 54 holes
Finish
T1 2
T1 T2
T1 T4
1 T2
1 Won
T1 Won
1 Won
1 Won
1 TBD

A win on Sunday (which would be his seventh overall) hwould come in Spieth's $85^{\text {th }}$ PGA TOUR start at the age of 22 years, 5 months and 14 days. By comparison, the youngest winner of the Hyundai Tournament of Champions is Tiger Woods, winning in 1997 at the age of 21 years and 13 days.

The 22-year-old Texas native now has five consecutive rounds in a row in the 60 s at the par- 73 Hyundai Tournament of Champions dating back to his first appearance in 2014 when he finished solo second behind winner Zach Johnson, where he recorded rounds of 66-70-69-69.

This is Spieth's second appearance at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions (2nd - 2014).
Spieth's lone bogey through 54 holes came Saturday at the par-3 eighth hole.

## Third-Round Leader Notes

The third-round leader has gone on to win the Hyundai Tournament of Champions 23 of 31 times, the most recent being Steve Stricker in 2012.

The largest 54-hole lead at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions is six strokes, held by Geoff Ogilvy in 2009.
The largest come-from-behind win at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions is seven strokes (Gary Player in 1978).
Last season, Hideki Matsuyama and Jimmy Walker shared the 54-hole lead at 17 -under 202, while eventual champion
Patrick Reed sat two strokes back in a tie for third.
The third-round leader has won three of the seven PGA TOUR events so far in the 2015-16 Season (Justin Thomas/CIMB Classic; Russell Knox/WGC-HSBC Champions, Kevin Kisner/The RSM Classic).

## Brooks Koepka

Brooks Koepka carded a career-best, bogey-free 10-under 63 Saturday at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions to move to solo second and five strokes behind Jordan Spieth. His previous low round was 64, set on seven occasions and most recently in the first round of the 2015 FedEx St. Jude Classic.

Koepka's 63 came up one shy of the Plantation Course record of 62, set on four occasions and most recently by Chris Kirk and Jason Day in the final round a year ago.

Koepka's 54-hole total of 200 is the second-best total of his career, trailing only the 198 he opened with at the 2013 Frys.com Open (T3).

Koepka is seeking his second PGA TOUR victory (2015 Waste Management Phoenix Open) in his $45^{\text {th }}$ start at the age of 25 years, 8 months and 7 days.

## Patrick Reed

Patrick Reed is the lone player in the field without a bogey this week. The last player to record no bogeys in 72 holes and win was Lee Trevino at the 1974 Zurich Classic of New Orleans. The last player to record no bogeys in 72 holes and not win was Charles Howell III at the 2010 Greenbrier Classic (T9).

Reed is seeking to become the first player to successfully defend his Hyundai Tournament of Champions title since Geoff Ogilvy in 2009-10. Since the event moved to Kapalua in 1999, Stuart Appleby is the only other player to win in back-to-back starts, doing so in 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Reed now owns seven consecutive rounds in the 60s at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions, posting scores of 67-69-68-67 en route to winning in a playoff over Jimmy Walker a year ago.

## Kevin Kisner

FedExCup leader Kevin Kisner, who entered the third round T2 and in the last group with leader Jordan Spieth, posted a third-round 2 -under 71 to fall to T6 (10 strokes behind Spieth).

## Miscellaneous Notes

First-time participants at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions: Brooks Koepka (2), Fabian Gomez (T4), Kevin Kisner (T6), Danny Lee (T10), Peter Malnati (T10), Padraig Harrington (T12), David Lingmerth (T12), Smylie Kaufman (T15), Justin Thomas (T20), Russell Knox (T20), Alex Cejka (T24), Troy Merritt (T24), Emiliano Grillo (T26), James Hahn (32).

Bogey-free rounds:
R1: Patrick Reed (65), Jordan Spieth (66), Brandt Snedeker (67), Danny Lee (67), Steven Bowditch (69), Jason Day (70)

R2: Jordan Spieth (64), Kevin Kisner (65), Peter Malnati (66), Fabian Gomez (66), Dustin Johnson (67), Rickie Fowler
(67), Matt Every (68), Patrick Reed (69), Graeme McDowell (70)

R3: Jimmy Walker (64), Brandt Snedeker (65), Russell Knox (69)

|  | Front 9 | Back 9 | Total | Cumulative |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| R1: | 34.625 | 35.969 | 70.594 | --- |
| R2: | 34.438 | 35.281 | 69.719 | 70.156 |
| R3: | 34.438 | 35.094 | 69.531 | 69.948 |

The toughest hole Saturday was the par-4 first hole, yielding a 4.500 average. The par- 5 ninth hole was the easiest, playing to a 4.250 average.

