



#### 2016 John Deere Classic

(The 41st of 42 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

 Silvis, IL
 August 8-14, 2016
 Purse: \$4,800,000 (\$864,000)

 TPC Deere Run
 Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,268
 FedExCup: 500 (winner)

Third-Round Notes - Saturday, August 13, 2016

Weather: Partly cloudy with a high of 82. Wind NW at 8-15 mph with gusts of 20 mph.

### **Third-Round Leaderboard**

Ryan Moore 65-65-65—195 (-18) Ben Martin 66-68-62—196 (-17) Morgan Hoffmann 67-67-62—196 (-17)

### Ryan Moore

Ryan Moore will head into the final round with a one-shot lead after posting three matching rounds of 65. His third-round 65 marked his only bogey-free round of the week.

Moore posted three consecutive rounds in the 60s for the first time since the 2016 Northern Trust Open, when he posted rounds of 69-68-69-69 to finish 10<sup>th</sup>.

Moore, who is making his eighth start in the John Deere Classic, has now posted 22 straight sub-par scores at TPC Deere Run.

Moore only missed two greens in the third round.

This marks Moore's eighth third-round lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR. Of his seven previous 54-hole leads/co-leads, he has converted for victory three times: 2014 CIMB Classic, 2013 CIMB Classic and 2012 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

His most recent 54-hole lead/co-lead on TOUR was the 2015 Valspar Championship where he finished fifth.

Moore is in search of his fifth PGA TOUR victory in his 276<sup>th</sup> start on TOUR. His last win came when he successfully defended his title at the 2014 CIMB Classic.

Both of Moore's top-10 finishes in the John Deere Classic have come in the last four years; T8/2012, T7/2014.

Moore is in search of his fifth top-10 finish of the season in his 18<sup>th</sup> start and looking to improve on a season-best third-place showing from the Valspar Championship.

Moore and wife Nichole welcomed their second child, Sullivan Meyer, on May 26, 2016.

# Third-Round Lead Notes

Since moving to TPC Deere Run in 2000, the third-round leader has held on for the win eight times, most recently Jordan Spieth in 2015.

Last year, Jordan Spieth recorded his career-low PGA TOUR round of 10-under 61, to lead by two. Spieth went on to win via a playoff, defeating Tom Gillis on the second extra hole.

The third-round leader has emerged victorious 17 of 37 times on the PGA TOUR this season. The last to do so was Jimmy Walker at the PGA Championship.

Each PGA TOUR player who wins a TOUR event after having the 54-hole lead – a feat commonly called "sleeping on the lead" – will receive a new TEMPUR-Breeze bed from Tempur-Pedic, Official Mattress of the PGA

TOUR. One fan who has entered the Sleeping on the Lead Sweepstakes at tempurpedicgolf.com and one military member from the PGA TOUR's Birdies for the Brave® program will also each take home a new TEMPUR-Breeze bed. This program will run from the World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational until the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

## **Morgan Hoffmann**

After birdies at Nos. 2, 3 and 7, Morgan Hoffmann made six consecutive birdies on Nos. 11-16, one shy of the season record of seven by two players (Fabian Gomez/Sony Open in Hawaii/R4 and Jim Furyk/Travelers Championship/R4).

Hoffmann's 62 ties his career-low round on the PGA TOUR (62–2014 BMW Championship/3) and bests his low score of the season by one (63–Sony Open in Hawaii/1).

His 62 replaces a third-round 63 from 2013 as his best round in 11 rounds at the John Deere Classic.

With nine birdies in his round, Hoffmann tied his career-best birdie total in a round, which has happened on two previous occasions, most recently in round two of the 2015 Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill.

Hoffmann is making his fourth start in the John Deere Classic: 2014/MC, 2013/T15 and 2011/MC.

In search of his first PGA TOUR victory, Hoffmann looks to join seven players who have picked-up their first PGA TOUR title at TPC Deere Run: Michael Clark/2000, David Gossett/2001, Mark Hensby/2004, Sean O'Hair/2005, John Senden/2006, Jordan Spieth/2013 and Brian Harman/2014. In all, the tournament has produced 20 first-time PGA TOUR winners.

There have been 15 first-time winners on TOUR this season, most recently Greg Chalmers at the Barracuda Championship.

Hoffmann's best PGA TOUR finish is a third-place showing at the 2013 BMW Championship.

In 23 starts this season, Hoffmann has yet to crack the top-10, with his best finishes being a pair of T11s at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open and the Barbasol Championship. Hoffmann comes into the week after missed cuts in his last two starts (RBC Canadian Open and Travelers Championship), where he failed to post a par-or-better score.

## **Ben Martin**

After starting his round with five consecutive birdies (Nos.1-5), Ben Martin added birdies at Nos. 14-15 and Nos. 17-18 to post a 9-under 62.

Martin's 62 ties his career-low round on the PGA TOUR (62–2 times, most recent 2015 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open/3) and bests his low score of the season by three (65–2 times, most recent Travelers Championship/1).

Martin is making his third start in the John Deere Classic where he missed the cut in 2014 and finished T38 in 2011.

In 23 starts, Martin has one top-10 this season, a T7 effort at the Barracuda Championship. He comes into the weekend having missed the cut in his two last starts (RBC Canadian Open and Travelers Championship).

Martin has won once on the PGA TOUR - the 2015 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

### Wesley Bryan (T5)

After starting the day sharing the lead with Ryan Moore, Wesley Bryan posted four birdies against one bogey and a double bogey to post a 1-under 70. Bryan will begin the final round five shots back.

For the first time this week, Bryan failed to birdie the par-4 18th hole.

Bryan is one week removed from winning his third Web.com Tour title of the season at the Digital Ally Open, worthy of a battlefield promotion to the PGA TOUR.

No player has ever won in their first PGA TOUR start following a three-win Web.com Tour promotion. Only two players have won on the Web.com Tour and PGA TOUR in the same season (Paul Stankowski/1996 and Jason Gore/2005)

Paul Stankowski is the only player to win a Web.com Tour event and PGA TOUR event in back-to-back weeks. He won the 1996 Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by NACHER on the Web.com Tour, then went on the next week to win the PGA TOUR's BellSouth Classic. (The Louisiana Open was the site of Bryan's first Web.com Tour title).

Here's a look at players who have made their way to the PGA TOUR via the Web.com Tour's Three Victory Promotion:

2016	Wesley Bryan	2005	Jason Gore	2001	Chad Campbell
2014	Carlos Ortiz	2003	Tom Carter	2001	Heath Slocum
2009	Michael Sim	2002	Patrick Moore	1997	Chris Smith
2007	Nick Flanagan	2001	Pat Bates		

### **Additional Player Notes**

Whee Kim closed with five consecutive birdies (Nos. 14-18) to go along with two birdies on the front. His 64 in the third round ties his career-low PGA TOUR round (64–2015 Zurich Classic of New Orleans/4).

Sponsor invite and University of Illinois alum Charlie Danielson made five birdies and a hole-out eagle on No. 18 from 149 yards using a 9-iron to post a 5-under 66 in the third round. This is just his fourth start on the PGA TOUR and second since turning professional.

Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada player Aaron Wise posted eight birdies against no bogeys in the third round for an 8-under 63, jumping 48 spots up the leaderboard. Wise helped the Oregon Ducks to their first-ever NCAA Championship in May, after capturing the Men's Individual Championship. He then won the Syncrude Oil Country Championship in July, becoming the youngest winner in Mackenzie Tour history at the age of 20 years, 1 month, 10 days.

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

There are five University of Illinois alum in this week's field. Here's how they stand after the third round; D.A. Points (MC), Steve Stricker (T37), Scott Langley (T37), Luke Guthrie (MC) and sponsor invite Charlie Danielson (T21).

With just two weeks remaining, the John Deere Classic will once again prove pivotal in the race for the FedExCup. Only the top 125 after the Wyndham Championship advance to The Barclays, the first of four Playoffs events. Every player from No. 120-135 is in the field, with the exception of Will Wilcox and Padraig Harrington.

Player	FedExCup Rank	R3 Position	
Nick Taylor	120	MC	
Ben Martin	121	T2	
Blayne Barber	122	T58	
Chris Stroud	123	MC	
Bronson Burgoon	124	T50	
Johnson Wagner	125	4	
Matt Jones	126	T29	
Chad Collins	127	MC	
Kyle Stanley	129	T11	
Sung Kang	130	T21	
Scott Stallings	132	T11	
Tim Wilkinson	133	MC	
Tyler Aldridge	134	T37	
Retief Goosen	135	MC	

There are 22 players who are a perfect nine-for-nine in FedExCup Playoffs appearances. Of them, five are in this week's John Deere Classic field: Zach Johnson (T50), Jerry Kelly (MC), John Senden (MC), Hunter Mahan (MC) and Rory Sabbatini (T50).

Of the five past champions in the field this week, only Zach Johnson and Steve Stricker made the cut. Brian Harman, John Senden and Sean O'Hair all missed the cut.

# Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Zach Johnson (65), Matt Jones (67), Rory Sabbatini (67), Zac Blair (67), Rob Oppenheim (67)

R2: Wesley Bryan (65), Bronson Burgoon (67), Adam Hadwin (68), Morgan Hoffmann (67), Billy Hurley III (67), Hiroshi Iwata (68), Kent Jones (69), Sung Kang (66), Kelly Kraft (64), Andrew Landry (67), D.H. Lee (68), Geoff Ogilvy (70), Alex Prugh (70), Jon Rahm (66), Andres Romero (68), Kyle Stanley (66), Shawn Stefani (67), Michael Thompson (69) and Johnson Wagner (64).

R3: Angel Cabrera (69), Morgan Hoffmann (62), Whee Kim (64), Ben Martin (62), Ryan Moore (65), Scott Stallings (66) and Aaron Wise (63).

## Scoring Averages at the par-71 TPC Deere Run:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.949	35.494	70.442	
R2:	34.444	35.444	69.887	71.69
R3:	33.630	34.959	68.589	69.640