



**2016 Masters Tournament**

*(The 22<sup>nd</sup> of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)*

**Augusta, Ga.  
Augusta National Golf Club**

**April 7-10, 2016**

**FedExCup Points: 600 to the winner  
Par/Yards: 72/7,435**

**First-Round Notes – Thursday, April 7, 2016**

**Weather:** Partly cloudy skies with a high of 72. Winds WSW 12-16 mph with gusts up to 30-35 mph.

**First-Round Leaderboard**

Jordan Spieth	66 (-6)
Danny Lee	68 (-4)
Shane Lowry	68 (-4)

**First-Round Lead Notes**

The first-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win the Masters Tournament 16 times in the previous 79 events. Trevor Immelman (2008) and Jordan Spieth (2015) are the only players since 1985 to carry the first-round lead/co-lead on to victory.

The last eight winners of the Masters have opened with a round in the 60s. Since 2000, the only eventual winner of the Masters to shoot an over-par opening round is Tiger Woods (74/2005).

The last 10 Masters winners have been in the top 10 after round one. The worst first-round position by an eventual champion was Tiger Woods (T33/2005 – won via playoff).

In 2015, Jordan Spieth held a three-shot lead over Ernie Else, Justin Rose, Jason Day and Charley Hoffman.

**Jordan Spieth**

Jordan Spieth recorded his second bogey-free round in nine career rounds at the Masters, posting a 6-under 66 in the first round. In his only other bogey-free round at Augusta National Golf Club, he also recorded a 6-under 66 (2015/R2).

Spieth has now led/co-led the last six out of seven Masters rounds, dating to his co-lead after 54 holes in 2014 (runner-up). He has led the last five consecutive rounds, only the second player to do so. Arnold Palmer led six straight rounds, from the 1960 first round to round two of 1961.

Only six times in Masters history has the defending champion held the round one lead the year after winning.

Champion	Year Won	R1 Lead	Finish as Defending Champion
Jack Burke Jr.	1956	1957	T7
Arnold Palmer	1960	1961	T2
Gary Player	1961	1962	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Jack Nicklaus	1965	1966	Won
Jose Maria Olazabal	1994	1995	T14
<b>Jordan Spieth</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>TBD</b>

With a bogey-free 6-under 66, Spieth recorded the best opening-round score for a defending champion since 1995 when Jose Maria Olazabal opened with a 66.

This marks Spieth's fifth 18-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR. Of his four previous first-round lead/co-leads, he has converted for victory once; at the 2015 Masters.

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Spieth has birdied 34 of his last 90 holes, dating to the first round of 25 where recorded nine birdies. In nine career rounds at Augusta National Golf Club, Spieth has produced a 68.8 scoring average.

Spieth is the first player in Masters history to record par-or-better rounds in his first nine rounds. Spieth is a combined 29-under par through his first nine rounds.

Only three players have successfully defended a Masters title: Tiger Woods (2001-02), Nick Faldo (1989-90) and Jack Nicklaus (1965-66).

With a win this week, Spieth would become the youngest second-time winner of the Masters at the age of 22 years, 8 months, 14 days, surpassing Jack Nicklaus who was 25 years, 2 months, 21 days when he won his second Masters in 1965.

#### Youngest second-time winners

Jack Nicklaus	25 years, 2 months, 21 days (1965)
Tiger Woods	25 years, 3 months, 8 days (2001)
Seve Ballesteros	26 years, 2 days (1983)
Horton Smith	27 years, 10 months, 14 days (1936)

The youngest player in the modern era to win three majors was Gene Sarazen who won his third major, the 1923 PGA Championship, at the age of 21 years, 7 months, 2 days. *Note: Young Tom Morris won his third major (1870 Open Championship) at the age of 19 years, 4 months, 26 days.*

Last year, Spieth became the fifth wire-to-wire winner at the Masters joining: Craig Wood (1941), Arnold Palmer (1960), Jack Nicklaus (1972) and Raymond Floyd (1976). He was also one of only two players to win wire-to-wire in the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season (Jason Day, BMW Championship).

Today's 66 is Spieth's lowest score on TOUR since the final round of the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am (66/T21). Since that final round, Spieth has posted six over-par scores in 14 stroke-play rounds.

Spieth can return to world No. 1 with a successful defense at the Masters Tournament, provided Jason Day finishes outside the top five.

After he won the 2015 Masters, Spieth went on to win the U.S. Open, becoming the sixth player to win the Masters Tournament and the U.S. Open in the same season, joining Tiger Woods (2002), Jack Nicklaus (1972), Arnold Palmer (1960), Ben Hogan (1951, 1953) and Craig Wood (1941).

Before he won the 2015 Masters, Spieth was winless in all four previous attempts with the lead/co-lead after 54 holes (2015 Shell Houston Open, 2014 Tournament of Champions at Kapalua, 2014 Masters and 2014 PLAYERS Championship). Since his Masters win, Spieth has converted all four 54-hole lead/co-leads he has held: 2015 U.S. Open, 2015 John Deere Classic, 2015 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola, 2016 Tournament of Champions at Kapalua.

Texas boasts the most Masters champions with 13 wins. Prior to Spieth's win in 2015, Ben Crenshaw was the last Texas native to win the Masters.

Jack Burke	1956
Charles Coody	1971
Ben Crenshaw	1984, '95
Jimmy Demaret	1940, '47, '50
Ralph Guldahl	1939
Ben Hogan	1951, '53
Byron Nelson	1937, '42
Jordan Spieth	2015

#### **Danny Lee**

Danny Lee is making his second appearance at the Masters. He missed the cut in 2009. He returned to the Masters after winning his first PGA TOUR title at the 2015 Greenbrier Classic.

In four previous starts in majors, Lee has three missed cuts (2009 Masters, 2015 U.S. Open and 2015 Open Championship) and a T43 (2015 PGA Championship).

Below is the number attempts before a first victory at the Masters:

1, Horton Smith, 1934  
1, Gene Sarazen, 1935  
1, Fuzzy Zoeller, 1979  
2, Jimmy Demaret, 1940  
2, Herman Keiser, 1946  
2, Charl Schwartzel, 2011  
2, Jordan Spieth, 2015

Lee is a New Zealand resident but was born in South Korea. The last player from New Zealand to win on TOUR was Michael Campbell at the 2005 U.S. Open

Lee is making his 13<sup>th</sup> start of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season where he has one top-10, a fourth-place showing at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. Today's 68 is his first round in the 60s since the second round of the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am (66), 15 stroke-play rounds ago.

Lee became the youngest ever winner of the U.S. Amateur Championship in 2008 at 18 years and 1 month. His age record was broken the following year by 17-year-old An Byeong-hun. The win catapulted him to No. 1 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking in August 2008, where he remained until turning professional in April 2009.

Lee advanced to the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola for the first time in 2015, and finished runner-up, four shots behind winner Jordan Spieth.

### **Shane Lowry**

Shane Lowry went out in 31, one off the low first-nine record at Augusta National Golf Club of 30, held by five players (most recently Gary Woodland in the third round of 2014).

Lowry is making his second start at the Masters after missing the cut in 2015. In 12 previous major starts, Lowry has two top-10s: a pair of T9s at the 2014 Open Championship and 2015 U.S. Open.

Lowry missed the cut in last week's Shell Houston Open. The last Masters champion to have missed the cut in week prior to his Masters win was Angel Cabrera in 2009, who also missed the cut at the Shell Houston Open. Six of the last 10 Masters champions played the week before their wins (Jordan Spieth (2015), Charl Schwartzel (2011), Phil Mickelson (2010 and 2006), Angel Cabrera (2009) and Trevor Immelman (2008).

Lowry is the last Special Temporary Member to win on TOUR when he won at the 2015 World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational. Prior to that, the last Special Temporary Member to win on TOUR was Jordan Spieth at the 2013 John Deere Classic

Lowry has one PGA TOUR victory (2015 World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational) and two European Tour wins (2009 The 3 Irish Open and 2012 Portugal Masters).

### **Additional Player Notes**

After making the turn with a 31 on the front nine, Jason Day (T21) triple bogeyed the 16<sup>th</sup> hole, his first career triple bogey at the Masters.

A runner-up at the 2015 Masters, Justin Rose opened with a 69, marking five consecutive under-par rounds at Augusta National Golf Club. A year ago, Rose opened with a 67 to sit three strokes behind Jordan Spieth's lead at 8-under. In 10 previous starts, Rose has never missed a cut at the Masters, where he owns three top-10s: 2015/T2, 2012/T8 and 2007/T5.

Rickie Fowler posted an 8-over 80 in the first round, marking the sixth time in his PGA TOUR career he's shot a round of 80 or higher, and third time it has occurred in a major (2015 U.S. Open/R1/81 and 2012 PGA Championship/R2/80). Making his sixth start at the Masters and 25<sup>th</sup> in a major, the Masters is the only major Fowler has never missed a cut. The highest start by a Masters champion was 75 by Craig Stadler in 1982.

Ernie Els made a score of 9 on the par-4 No. 1. The previous highest score on the opening hole was 8 by four players: Olin Browne (1998), Scott Simpson (1998), Billy Casper (2001) and Jeev Milkha Singh (2007). He took six putts on his opening hole, the 23<sup>rd</sup> six-putt or worse in stroke play events on TOUR since 1992. The last six-putt on TOUR was Graham DeLaet at the 2014 Open Championship at Royal Liverpool on the eighth hole in round two. Els posted an 8-over 80, tying his highest round at the Masters (1999/R4).

For the first time since the 2006 World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational, Ian Poulter (T4) moved outside of the top 50 in the Official World Golf Ranking at the conclusion of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season. He earned his spot in this week's field via a T6 in last year's tournament.

The last man in the field via a win at last week's Shell Houston Open, Jim Herman was the first player off in the first round, and was the first player to make birdie in the 2016 tournament. Herman birdied his first two holes, two of three on the day. With bogeys on Nos. 4-6, 11, 14 and 18, Herman posted a 3-over 75 (T54).

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- Dating to 1991, with the exception of Zach Johnson (T4) in 2007, Bubba Watson (T3) in 2012 and Adam Scott (3<sup>rd</sup>) in 2013, the Masters champion has been ranked no lower than T2 following 54 holes.
- The only Masters champion who was not inside the top 10 on the leaderboard after 54 holes was Art Wall Jr. in 1959 (T13).
- The third-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win the Masters Tournament 43 (out of 79) times, most recently Jordan Spieth (2015), Bubba Watson (2014) and Angel Cabrera (2009).
- The eventual Masters champion has come out of the final Sunday pairing 21 out of the last 25 years, with Zach Johnson (2007), Charl Schwartzel (2011), Bubba Watson (2012) and Adam Scott (2013) the exceptions.
- The youngest winner of the Masters is Tiger Woods (1997, 21 years, 3 months, 14 days).
- The oldest winner of the Masters is Jack Nicklaus (1986, 46 years, 2 months, 23 days).
- Gary Player owns the most starts in Masters history (52).
- The largest comeback victory at the Masters is eight strokes (Jack Burke, 1956). Burke was eight behind Ken Venturi through three rounds but edged Venturi by one with a closing round of 71 (compared to Burke's 80).
- Americans have won 10 of the last 16 Masters to 2000.
- Best finish by an amateur at the Masters: 2–Ken Venturi (1956); T2–Frank Stranahan (1947), Charles Roe (1961).
- Three players won the Masters in their first appearance: Horton Smith (1934), Gene Sarazen (1935), Fuzzy Zoeller (1979).

**Past Masters champions (16):** Jordan Spieth, Bubba Watson, Adam Scott, Charl Schwartzel, Phil Mickelson, Angel Cabrera, Trevor Immelman, Zach Johnson, Mike Weir, Vijay Singh, Mark O'Meara, Bernhard Langer, Ian Woosnam, Sandy Lyle, Larry Mize and Tom Watson.

**Amateurs at the Masters (6):** Bryson DeChambeau (United States), U.S. Amateur Champion, Derek Bard (United States), U.S. Amateur Runner-up, Sammy Schmitz, U.S. Mid Amateur Champion, Romain Langasque (France), British Amateur Champion, Cheng Jin (China), Asian Amateur Champion, Paul Chaplet (Costa Rica), Latin America Amateur Champion

**First timers at the Masters (20):** Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Derek Bard, Rafa Cabrera Bello, Daniel Berger, Paul Chaplet, Bryson DeChambeau, Fabian Gomez, Emiliano Grillo, Jim Herman, Cheng Jin, Smylie Kaufman, Kevin Kisner, Russell Knox, Romain Langasque, David Lingmerth, Troy Merritt, Sammy Schmitz, Cameron Smith, Andy Sullivan and Justin Thomas.

