



2016 Masters Tournament

(The 22nd of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Augusta, Ga.

April 7-10, 2016

FedExCup Points: 600 to the winner

Augusta National Golf Club

Par/Yards: 72/7,435

Second-Round Notes – Friday, April 8, 2016

Weather: Mostly sunny skies with a high of 70. Wind WNW 10-15 mph with gusts up to 30 mph.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Jordan Spieth	66-74—140 (-4)
Rory Mcllroy	70-71—141 (-3)
Danny Lee	68-74—142 (-2)
Scott Piercy	70-72—142 (-2)

Cut: 55 professionals and two amateurs at 6-over 150 from a field of 83 professionals and six amateurs.

Cut Rules: After 36 holes, the low 50 and ties within 10 strokes of the lead play the final two rounds.

Today's second round yielded no rounds in the 60s, the first time since round three of the 2007 Masters. Only four players recorded sub-par rounds (71): Rory Mcllroy, Dustin Johnson, Troy Merritt and Daniel Berger.

Jordan Spieth (World No. 2) and Rory Mcllroy (World No. 3) will be paired together for the 13th time on the PGA TOUR and first time on any weekend round. The last time the duo was paired together was the 2016 World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship.

Tournament	Rd.	Jordan Spieth				Rory Mcllroy			
		Score	RTP	Rd. Finish	Trn. Finish	Score	RTP	Rd. Finish	Trn. Finish
2016 WGC- Cadillac Champ.	2	72	E	T12	T17	65	-7	T2	T3
	1	69	-3	T8	T17	71	-1	T16	T3
2015 PGA Championship	2	67	-5	T7	2	71	-1	T27	17
	1	71	-1	T24	2	71	-1	T24	17
2015 PLAYERS Champ.	2	72	E	T103	CUT	71	-1	T13	T8
	1	75	+3	T109	CUT	69	-3	T11	T8
2014 Open Championship	2	75	+3	T56	T36	66	-6	1	1
	1	71	-1	T33	T36	66	-6	1	1
2014 Masters Tournament	2	70	-2	T3	T2	77	+5	T46	T8
	1	71	-1	T12	T2	71	-1	T12	T8
2013 Valero Texas Open	2	76	+4	T96	CUT	67	-5	T5	2
	1	71	-1	T31	CUT	72	E	T45	2
Average		71.67	-0.33			69.75	-2.25		

Second-Round Lead Notes

The second-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win the Masters Tournament 30 times in the previous 79 events. Four players have performed the feat since 2000, Mike Weir (2003), Trevor Immelman (2008), Bubba Watson (2014) and Jordan Spieth.

The last Masters champion who was not inside the top 10 on the leaderboard after 36 holes was Charl Schwartzel (T12/2011), prior to that it was Jack Nicklaus (T17) in 1986.

The last Masters champion who was not inside the top five on the leaderboard after 36 holes was Adam Scott (T7/2013), prior to that it was Charl Schwartzel (T12/2011) and Mark O'Meara (T9/1998).

The largest 36-hole lead at the Masters is five strokes: Harry Cooper (1936), Herman Keiser (1946), Jack Nicklaus (1975), Raymond Floyd (1976) and Jordan Spieth (2015). Four players carried that lead to victory (Harry Cooper).

The largest comeback at the Masters after the second round is eight strokes (Jack Burke, 1956). Burke was eight behind Ken Venturi through two rounds but edged Venturi by one with closing rounds of 75-71.

In 2015, Jordan Spieth held a five-shot lead over Charley Hoffman.

Jordan Spieth

Jordan Spieth began the day with a two-shot lead, which decreased to one after five bogey-or-worse scores (four bogeys and one double bogey), a career-high for a Masters round. Today's 74 is Spieth's first over-par round in 10 career rounds at Augusta National Golf Club.

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

This marks Spieth's seventh 36-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR. Of his six previous second-round leads/co-leads, he has converted three for victory: 2015 Masters, 2015 U.S. Open and 2016 Tournament of Champions.

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. Eighty years ago, in 1932, Horton Smith became the first two-time Masters champion.

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).

Spieth can return to world No. 1 with a successful defense at the Masters Tournament, provided Jason Day finishes outside the top five. Day is currently T15.

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

Rory Mcllroy

Rory Mcllroy is making his eighth start at the Masters and 29th start in a major. His two top-10s at the Masters have come in his last two starts (2015/4th and 2014/T8).

Mcllroy posted rounds of 70-71. In his eight starts at Augusta National, there are only two years he did not begin with two rounds in the 70s: 2011: 65-69 and 2012: 71-69.

Mcllroy has been inside the top-three after two rounds at the Masters on two previous occasions. Here's a look at his career second-round positions at the Masters.

Year	R2 Position	Finish Position
2015	T19	4
2014	T46	T8
2013	T13	T25
2012	T3	T40
2011	1	T15
2010	MC	MC
2009	T42	T20

The winner of the 2011 U.S. Open, 2012 and 2014 PGA Championship and 2014 Open Championship, is looking to complete the career grand slam. Five players have won all four majors in a career:

Gene Sarazen	1935 Masters; 1922, 1932 U.S. Open; 1932 British Open; 1922, 1923, 1933 PGA Championship
Ben Hogan	1951, 1953 Masters; 1948, 1950, 1951, 1953 U.S. Open; 1953 British Open; 1946, 1948 PGA Championship
Gary Player	1961, 1974, 1978 Masters; 1965 U.S. Open; 1959, 1968, 1974 British Open; 1962, 1972 PGA Championship
Jack Nicklaus	1963, 1965, 1966, 1972, 1975, 1986 Masters; 1962, 1967, 1972, 1980 U.S. Open; 1966, 1970, 1978, British Open; 1963, 1971, 1973, 1975, 1980 PGA Championship
Tiger Woods	1997, 2001, 2002, 2005 Masters; 2000, 2002, 2008 U.S. Open; 2000, 2005, 2006 British Open; 1999, 2000, 2006, 2007 PGA Championship

At age 26, Mcllroy looks to become just the third player to complete the career grand slam aged 26 or younger: Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods.

Mcllroy cannot reach World No. 1 this week, but a win would take him to World No. 2 provided Jordan Spieth finished outside the top four.

An 11-time PGA TOUR winner, Mcllroy's last TOUR victory was the 2015 Wells Fargo Championship.

Mcllroy is in search of his fifth major. Players who have won five majors in their career: Seve Ballesteros, James Braid, Phil Mickelson, Byron Nelson, John H. Taylor and Peter Thomson.

Additional Player Notes

Scott Piercy (T3) is making his second start in the Masters Tournament. In his only other appearance in 2013, he finished T54 with rounds of 75-69-78-76—297 (+9). This marks his 12th major appearance. His only top-10 in the majors came at the 2013 PGA Championship (T5). Piercy is No. 47 in the Official World Golf Ranking, compared with Danny Lee (38), Rory McIlroy (3) and Jordan Spieth (2).

Danny Lee (T3) 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

Hideki Matsuyama (T5), who is making his fifth start at the Masters, recorded the best finish by an amateur in the past 10 Masters (T27 in 2011). He finished fifth last year, his lone top-five in 13 major starts.

Amateurs Bryson DeChambeau and Romain Langasque both made the cut. The last time two or more amateurs made the cut was in 2012: Hideki Matsuyama, Patrick Cantlay and Kelly Kraft.

First-timers Bryson DeChambeau and Kiradech Aphibarnrat are the only first-time players with par-or-better rounds through 36 holes. Fourteen players have recorded par-or-better rounds each round throughout a Masters tournament, most recently Jordan Spieth in 2014.

Phil Mickelson missed the cut for just the third time in 24 appearances. Today's 79 marks his worst round in 90 rounds at the Masters. (Previously, 77 on two occasions: 2013/R3 and 2007/R4).

Rickie Fowler missed the cut (+10) for the first time in six Masters starts. Before this week, the Masters was the only major he had never missed a cut in.

Tom Watson made his 43rd and final appearance at the Masters Tom Watson. The eight-time major champion is one of nine two-time Masters champions (1977, 1981).

Three PGA TOUR Champions players advanced to the weekend: Larry Mize, Bernhard Langer and Davis Love III.

Of the 16 former Masters champions in the field, six advanced to the weekend: Jordan Spieth (1), Bubba Watson (57), Adam Scott (T42), Charl Schwartzel (MC), Phil Mickelson (MC), Angel Cabrera (T23), Trevor Immelman (MC), Zach Johnson (MC), Mike Weir (MC), Vijay Singh (MC), Mark O'Meara (MC), Bernhard Langer (T15), Ian Woosnam (MC), Sandy Lyle (MC), Larry Mize (T47) and Tom Watson (MC).

Miscellaneous Notes

- Dating to 1991, with the exception of Zach Johnson (T4) in 2007, Bubba Watson (T3) in 2012 and Adam Scott (3rd) 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).