

**2016 Masters Tournament** (The 22<sup>nd</sup> of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Augusta, Ga.April 7-10, 2016Augusta National Golf Club

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

### Third-Round Notes – Saturday, April 9, 2016

Weather: Sunny and breezy with a high of 65. Wind WNW 15-20 mph with gusts up to 25-30 mph.

### **Third-Round Leaderboard**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Scores</u>
22	Jordan Spieth	66-74-73—213 (-3)
24	Smylie Kaufman	73-72-69—214 (-2)
58	Bernhard Langer	72-73-70-215 (-1)
24	Hideki Matsuyama	71-72-72-215 (-1)

### **Third-Round Lead Notes**

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).

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In 2015, Spieth set the record 54-hole score at the Masters with a 200, and led by two over Justin Rose.

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.

### Jordan Spieth

After making double bogey on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole, Jordan Spieth will head into the final round with a one-shot lead. Spieth is the first defending champion with the outright lead since 1954, when Ben Hogan led by one (lost to Sam Snead in a playoff).

This marks the third consecutive year Spieth has held the 54-hole lead at the Masters. Spieth held his second career 54-hole lead/co-lead at the 2014 Masters, where he went on to finish runner-up behind Bubba Watson.

Spieth has now led/co-led the last eight out of nine Masters rounds, dating to his co-lead after 54 holes in 2014 (runner-up). He has led the last seven consecutive rounds, the first player in Masters history to accomplish this feat. 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 10<sup>th</sup> 54-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR. Of his previous nine third-round leads/co-leads, he has converted five for victory and all since last year's Masters: 2015 Masters, 2015 U.S. Open, 2015 John Deere Classic, 2015 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola 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). Woods was the last defending champion to hold the 54-hole lead/co-lead.

With a win, Spieth would become the first player to successfully defend a title on the PGA TOUR since Matt Every at the 2014-15 Arnold Palmer Invitational.

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.* 

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Gene Sarazen	21 years, 7 months, 2 days (1923 PGA Championship)
Jack Nicklaus	23 years, 6 months, 0 days (1963 PGA Championship)
Bobby Jones	24 years, 3 months, 23 days (1926 U.S Open)
Tiger Woods	24 years, 5 months, 19 days (2000 U.S. Open)
Rory McIlroy	25 years, 3 months, 15 days (2014 Open Championship)

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 T5.

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).

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

### Smylie Kaufman

Playing in his first Masters, Alabama native and PGA TOUR rookie Smylie Kaufman posted the low round of the day, a 3-under 69. He was the only player in the last two days to shoot a round in the 60s.

Kaufman is making his first start at the Masters after winning the 2015 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. From his winner's press conference: "To be playing like -- if you would have told me I had a round at the Masters, if somebody was going to take me out and not completely with the Masters, just to play Augusta National, I would have freaked out. But now that I'm playing the Masters, it's a joke. It's unbelievable."

Kaufman is looking to become the fourth player to win the Masters in their first appearance and first in the last 37 years: Horton Smith (1934), Gene Sarazen (1935), Fuzzy Zoeller (1979).

At the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, Kaufman posted a final-round 10-under 61 (which came 2½ hours before the final group holed out) to earn his first career PGA TOUR victory. His closing-61 marked the lowest finish on TOUR by a winner since Tommy Gainey closed the 2012 RSM Classic with a 10-under 60. His seven-stroke, come-from-behind victory marked the largest on TOUR since Gainey came from the same number back to win in Sea Island in 2012.

Grandfather (Alan Kaufman) was a former golf coach at University of Alabama-Birmingham and one-time coach of major-winner Graeme McDowell

Kaufman earned his PGA TOUR card this season with a 13th place finish on the 2015 Web.com Tour priority list. He posted five top-10 finishes in 20 starts, led by a victory at the United Leasing Championship.

### **Bernhard Langer**

Winner of the 1985 and 1993 Masters, Bernhard Langer is looking to join Jimmy Demaret (1940, 1947, 1950), Sam Snead (1949, 1952, 1954), Gary Player (1961, 1974, 1978), Nick Faldo (1989, 1990, 1996) and Phil Mickelson (2004, 2006, 2010) as players to win the Masters three times. Only eight players have won three or more Masters.

Langer is making his 33<sup>rd</sup> Masters start where he owns nine top-10s (two wins) and nine missed cuts.

Langer will be 58 years, 7 months and 14 days on Sunday, and with a win, would become the oldest major winner in history:

Masters Tournament, 46 years, 2 months, 23 days, Jack Nicklaus, 1986 U.S. Open, 45 years, 15 days, Hale Irwin, 1990

The Open Championship (modern era), 44 years, 3 months, 3 days, Roberto De Vicenzo, 1967; (*Pre-Modern Era) 46 years, 3 months, 10 days, Old Tom Morris, 1867* PGA Championship, 48 years, 4 months, 18 days, Julius Boros, 1968

With a victory, Langer would become the oldest winner in PGA TOUR history, surpassing Sam Snead who won the 1965 Greater Greensboro Open (Wyndham Championship) at the age of 52 years, 10 months, 8 days.

Langer would become the oldest third-time winner of the Masters, surpassing Gary Player who won his third Masters in 1978 at the age of 42 years, 5 months, 8 days.

With a victory, Langer would claim his third Masters in his 33<sup>rd</sup> start, the most attempts before a third victory. The previous high number of attempts belongs to Gary Player who won this third Masters in his 21<sup>st</sup> attempt.

Langer competes regularly on PGA TOUR Champions where he is third on the all-time wins list with 26, behind Hale Irwin (45 wins) and Lee Trevino (29 wins).

Langer was one of three PGA TOUR Champions players who advance to the weekend (Larry Mize and Davis Love III).

The last active PGA TOUR Champions player to win on TOUR was Davis Love III (2015 Wyndham Championship).

Langer's last victory on the PGA TOUR was the 1993 Masters Tournament, a span of 23 years. With a win this week, Langer would set a PGA TOUR record for most years between victories, surpassing the current record (15 years) by eight years. He would also break the record for longest length between victories (1985-2016) currently held by Jack Nicklaus (23 years, 1963-1986).

Today's 70 was Langer's lowest round on TOUR since the second round of the 2015 Open Championship (T78). His last top-10 on the PGA TOUR was a T8 at the 2014 Masters Tournament.

## Hideki Matsuyama

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). The low amateur at the 2011 Masters, Matsuyama looks to become the fifth player to earn low amateur honors at the Masters and go on to win, joining Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Ben Crenshaw and Jack Nicklaus.

Matsuyama finished fifth at the 2015 Masters, his lone top-five in 13 major starts.

With a win this week, Matsuyama would become the first Japanese-born player to win a major championship. Only four Japanese players have won on the PGA TOUR: Hideki Matsuyama, Ryuji Imada, Shigeki Maruyama and Isao Aoki (1983 Sony Open in Hawaii).

Mastsuyama claimed his second career PGA TOUR victory earlier this season by defeating Rickie Fowler in a playoff at the 2016 Waste Management Phoenix Open.

# **Additional Player Notes**

At No. 8 in the Official World Golf Ranking, Dustin Johnson (T5) is the highest ranked player inside the top 10 without a major victory.

Rory McIlroy failed to record a birdie in the third round, marking his first birdie-free round in a major since round two of the 2010 Open Championship.

Only five players were under par in the third round: Smylie Kaufman (-3), Bernhard Langer (-2), Jason Day (-1), Lee Westwood (-1) and Louis Oosthuizen (-1).

World No. 1 Jason Day is only three shots off the lead. Day has won his last two starts on TOUR (Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard and World Golf Championships-Dell Match Play). Only two players have won the Masters coming off wins in their last two starts: Jack Nicklaus in 1975 (Doral-Eastern Open and Sea Pines Heritage Invitational) and Tiger Woods in 2001 (Bay Hill Invitational and THE PLAYERS Championship).

# **Miscellaneous Notes**

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- 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).

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