



Vegas is in search of his second career PGA TOUR title and first since the 2011 CareerBuilder Challenge in Palm Springs.

### **Harold Varner III**

PGA TOUR rookie Harold Varner III made six birdies and an eagle (par-5 16<sup>th</sup>) in round one, with his only bogey coming at the par-3 15<sup>th</sup>.

Varner's 65 comes in just his fourth start on the PGA TOUR. He previously played in the 2013 U.S. Open (MC), 2014 Northern Trust Open (T70) and 2014 Wells Fargo Championship (MC).

Varner made his way onto the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of his 33<sup>rd</sup>-place finish on the 2015 Web.com Tour priority list. On that Tour last season, Varner collected three top-10 finishes, highlighted by a solo-second at the Panama Claro Championship in his first start of the season.

Varner competed in all 25 events on last year's Web.com Tour.

Varner, a 25-year-old Eastern Carolina University grad, resides in Jacksonville Beach, Fla., and plays out of TPC Sawgrass.

### **Additional Player Notes**

Last year's Frys.com Open marked Jarrod Lyle's first return to the PGA TOUR following a 29-month absence to undergo treatment for myeloid leukemia. This week's Frys.com Open marks his first TOUR start since the Colonial National Invitation Tournament in late May. Lyle finished T31 at Silverado last year and opened with a 3-under 69 this week.

2014-15 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year Daniel Berger opened with a 2-under 70. Berger missed last year's cut, following rounds of 75-72.

2014 Frys.com Open runner-up Steven Bowditch opened with an even-par 72. Last year, Bowditch overcame an opening-round, 1-over 73 with scores of 68-67-67 to finish two strokes back of Sangmoon Bae. As a Captain's Pick, Bowditch is coming off his first Presidents Cup appearance, where he went 1-2-0 for the International Team.

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

This week's Frys.com Open marks the 30<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR or Champions Tour event hosted by Silverado Resort and Spa; 1968-1976 Kaiser International Open Invitational, 1977-1980 Anheuser-Busch Golf Classic, 1989-2002 The Transamerica on the Champions Tour and 2014 Frys.com Open.

Ten of 17 2015-16 PGA TOUR Rookies are in this week's Frys.com Open field. Among them, the lowest score of 7-under 65 belonged to Harold Varner III.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Stuart Appleby (70), Brendon De Jonge (68), Mark Hubbard (68), Smylie Kaufman (68), Martin Laird (65), Brendan Steele (73), David Toms (71).

Scoring Averages at the par-72 Silverado Resort and Spa (North):

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
R1:	35.736	35.008	70.744	---