



2015 Frys.com Open
(1st of 43 events in the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season)

Napa, Calif. October 15-18, 2015
Silverado Resort and Spa (North)

Purse: \$6,000,000
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,203

Second-Round Notes – Friday, October 16, 2015

Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 79 degrees. Winds SW 5-10 mph.

36-hole cut: 82 players at 2-under 142 from a field of 144 professionals.

Second-Round Leaders

Brendan Steele	63-70—133 (-11)
Will Wilcox	68-67—135 (-9)
Jhonattan Vegas	64-71—135 (-9)
Graham DeLaet	67-68—135 (-9)
Harold Varner III	65-70---135 (-9)

Brendan Steele

For the second consecutive day, Brendan Steele occupied the top spot on the leaderboard after rounds of 63-70 to lead by two. In its eight-year history, the tournament has yielded only one wire-to-wire winner: Rocco Mediate in 2010.

Through 36 holes, Steel has hit 30 of 36 greens in regulation.

Steele has previously held a share of a 36-hole lead at the 2011 Valero Texas Open, where he captured his lone PGA TOUR victory, 117 starts ago. This is the first time he's ever held the outright lead after two rounds.

Steele is making his fifth start at the Frys.com Open, with his lone top-10 finish being a T7 in 2011 at CordeValle GC in nearby San Martin.

On the strength of four top-10 finishes in the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, Steele advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs for a fourth time. He played his way through the BMW Championship, before he ended his season ranked 50th in the FedExCup standings.

Second-Round Leaders at the Frys.com Open

Rocco Mediate (2010) is the only second-round leader/co-leader to hang on for the win in the eight-year history of the Frys.com Open.

The largest 36-hole lead at the Frys.com Open is four strokes (John Mallinger in 2012 over Billy Horschel and Jhonattan Vegas).

Will Wilcox

Making his first Frys.com Open start, Will Wilcox carded a bogey-free 67 to sit two shots off the lead.

Wilcox leads the field in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (7.251)

In 2014-15, Wilcox collected four top-10 finishes in 17 starts, highlighted by a runner-up finish in his home state of Alabama at the Barbasol Championship. In his first start in the FedExCup Playoffs, missed the cut at The Barclays and was forced to withdraw before the start of the following week's Deutsche Bank Championship due to a knee injury.

Wilcox is in search of his first career PGA TOUR victory, with a runner-up at the 2015 Barbasol Championship his best finish. With a victory this week, he would join Bryce Molder (2011), Jonas Blixt (2012) and Jimmy Walker (2013-14) as players to make the Frys.com Open their first PGA TOUR title.

Jhonattan Vegas

Vegas is making his fourth start in the Frys.com Open. He missed the cut last year at Silverado and in 2013 at CordeValle GC. In his first start, he finished T22 at CordeValle GC in 2012.

Vegas is playing on a sponsor exemption this week. The last sponsor exemption to win on TOUR was Padraig Harrington at the 2015 Honda Classic.

After finishing 153rd on the FedExCup points list, Vegas recorded finishes of T37, T12 and T39 in the Web.com Tour Finals which placed him on the Finals bubble spot of No. 25 entering the finale at TPC Sawgrass. A pair of 71s resulted in him missing the cut by two shots at the Web.com Tour Championship, and he consequently dropped nine spots to No. 34 on the Finals money list.

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

Graham Delaet

In his previous two starts at the Frys.com Open, DeLaet finished T39 in 2015 and T6 in 2010.

DeLaet claimed three top-10 finishes in 22 starts in the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season. He withdrew from the RBC Canadian Open in his native country due to a lingering hand injury and did not compete again until the first FedExCup Playoffs' event, The Barclays. A missed cut at Plainfield CC ended his season at No. 112 in the FedExCup standings.

Harold Varner III

PGA TOUR rookie Harold Varner III is making just his fourth PGA TOUR start. He previously played in the 2013 U.S. Open (MC), 2014 Northern Trust Open (T70) and 2014 Wells Fargo Championship (MC).

The last rookie to win on the PGA TOUR was Nick Taylor at the 2014 Sanderson Farms Championship.

Varner made his way onto the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of his 33rd-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.

Additional Player Notes

Colt Knost and James Hahn carded the low rounds of the day (66). Knost closed the round birdie-eagle-birdie-birdie and hit 15 of 18 greens in regulation.

In his Frys.com Open debut, Justin Rose (T6) made a total of 127' 6" putts, highlighted by a 22' 1" foot par putt on No. 1 and a 31' 8" par putt on No. 14.

In his first start in Napa, Rory Mcllroy will head into the weekend six shots back after rounds of 68-71. Eight of his 46 career top-10 finishes have come by way of a tournament debut, including his first career PGA TOUR victory

Of the four players who competed in last week's Presidents Cup, only two will play on the weekend: Steven Bowditch (MC), Chris Kirk (MC), Hideki Matsuyama (T29) and Charl Schwartzel (T19).

2012 FedExCup champion Brandt Snedeker made an 11' 5" par putt to birdie the 18th and make the cut at -2.

In his first start on TOUR since the 2015 Colonial National Invitational Tournament, Jarrod Lyle missed the cut after rounds of 69-77. Last year's Frys.com Open (T31) marked Jarrod Lyle's first return to the PGA TOUR following a 29-month absence to undergo treatment for myeloid leukemia.

2014-15 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year Daniel Berger followed an opening 2-under 70 with a 3-under 69 to sit at T19.

Miscellaneous Notes

This week's Frys.com Open marks the 30th 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.

Matt Every withdrew after second rounds. No reason was given.

Jason Kokrak was disqualified for signing an incorrect scorecard.

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).

R2: Derek Fathauer (69), Adam Hadwin (67), Martin Piller (70), Kyle Reifers (71), Sam Saunders (68), Tyrone Van Aswegen (68), Steve Wheatcroft (69) and Will Wilcox (67).

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

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.736	35.008	70.744	---
R2:	36.260	35.608	71.868	71.306