



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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, October 17, 2015

Weather: Mostly cloudy, with a high of 77 degrees. Winds S 10-15 mph.

54-hole cut: 73 players at 2-under 214 from a field of 82 professionals remaining after the 36-hole cut.

Third-Round Leaders

Brendan Steele	63-70-69—202 (-14)
Andrew Loupe	68-72-63—203 (-13)
Kevin Na	68-71-64—203 (-13)

Brendan Steele

For the second-straight day, Brendan Steele began his day with a birdie at the first. He followed that with additional birdies at the fifth and ninth holes, both par fives. On the inward nine, he made birdie at No. 10 and finished with eight straight pars. His lone bogey of the day came at the par-4 eighth hole.

Steele has previously held a lead/co-lead after 54 holes on the PGA TOUR twice. He led outright at the 2011 Valero Texas Open, where he captured his lone PGA TOUR victory, and finished T19 at the 2011 PGA Championship after holding a share of the lead after three rounds.

Troy Matteson (2009), Rocco Mediate (2010) and Sangmoon Bae (2014) are the only 54-hole leaders/co-leaders to hang on for the win in the eight-year history of the Frys.com Open.

In its eight-year history, the tournament has yielded only one wire-to-wire winner: Rocco Mediate in 2010. Steele has led outright after each of the first three rounds.

Last year, the only wire-to-wire winners were Jordan Spieth (Masters) and Jason Day (BMW Championship).

In round three, Steele hit 16/18 greens in regulation, taking him to 46 of 54 this week.

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.

Andrew Loupe

Louisiana native Andrew Loupe opened with five consecutive birdies and closed with four birdies on his last five holes en route to a (tournament) course-record-tying, 9-under 63. Brendan Steele posted the score in round one this week, and Johnny Miller first achieved the feat at the 1976 Kaiser International Open Invitational.

Loupe's 63 today is his lowest on the PGA TOUR in relation to par. He opened with an 8-under 63 at Monterey Peninsula in the first round of the 2014 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am (T27).

Loupe hit 17 of 18 greens in regulation in round three, missing only on the par-4 sixth hole. He has missed just 12 of 54 so far this week.

Loupe is making his second start at the Frys.com Open. Following rounds of 72-76 at CordeValle GC in 2013-14, he missed the cut.

Loupe made a full-time return to the PGA TOUR for the 2015-16 season by virtue of his eighth-place finish on the 2015 Web.com Tour priority list. On that Tour this past season, he won the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship in the Web.com Tour Finals. With the win in Ohio, he moved from 42nd to third in the Web.com Tour Finals rankings.

In his rookie year on the PGA TOUR in 2014, his lone top-10 finish was a T4 at the Valero Texas Open. In 15 starts on the PGA TOUR this past season, his lone top-10 finish was a T6 at the inaugural Barbasol Championship.

Before shifting his focus to golf, Loupe earned all-state honors in basketball twice and was invited to the Louisiana All-Star game, but was unable to participate due to injury. As a high school junior in 2006, was named High School Athlete of the Year by Baton Rouge's The Advocate newspaper.

Kevin Na

Playing his last four holes in four-under-par, Kevin Na posted a bogey-free, 8-under 64 to get to 13-under 203. Na finished birdie-eagle-par-birdie.

Na is making his fourth start in the Frys.com Open this week. After back-to-back, 7-under 64s at CordeValle GC in 2013-14, Na finished T3. He also made starts in 2007 (T61), 2008 (MC) and 2011 (T15).

Na, who finished 25th in 2014-15 FedExCup points, collected seven top-10 finishes last season, his second-most in a season (nine in 2009). His best finish last season was a T2 at the CIMB Classic last November.

Na missed only two fairways and greens in regulation in round three (9th and 18th fairways, 9th and 11th greens).

Na is in search of his second career PGA TOUR victory. In 2011, he won the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open in his adopted home town of Las Vegas.

Jason Bohn

Making his fourth start in the Frys.com Open, an event in which he has not enjoyed much success, Jason Bohn posted an 8-under 64 in round three to get to 12-under 204 and two strokes back.

Bohn previously missed the cut at the Frys.com Open in 2012 and last season. He finished T40 at CordeValle GC in 2013-14.

By 28 spots, Bohn's 40th-place finish on the 2014-15 FedExCup points list marked his best finish in the FedExCup era. In achieving that position, he claimed six top-10 finishes in 27 starts, two of which were runner-up finishes (T2/Sanderson Farms Championship, T2/Colonial National Invitational Tournament).

Bohn has collected two career PGA TOUR wins in 295 starts before this week, the 2005 B.C. Open and 2010 Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

Miscellaneous Notes

In his Frys.com Open debut, Justin Rose posted a third-round, 4-under 68 to get to 12-under 204. He will begin Sunday's final round just two strokes back.

Rory McIlroy, who began round three six strokes back, wasn't able to mount much of a charge in round three, posting a second-consecutive, 1-under 71. At 6-under 210, he will head into Sunday's final round eight strokes back. Eight of McIlroy's 46 career top-10 finishes have come by way of a tournament debut, including his first career PGA TOUR victory.

2014-15 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year Daniel Berger posted a 2-under 70 in round three and is at 7-under 209, seven strokes back.

Ten of 17 2015-16 PGA TOUR Rookies are in this week's Frys.com Open field. Harold Varner III and Emiliano Grillo are at 12-under 204 (T4) to lead the rookie class.

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).

R3: Kevin Na (64), Emiliano Grillo (65), Kyle Reifers (65), Ryan Moore (67), Scott Langley (68), Justin Rose (68) and Charles Howell III (68).

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
R3:	35.304	34.609	69.913	70.994