



2015 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open
(2nd of 43 events in the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season)

Las Vegas, Nevada
TPC Summerlin

October 22-25, 2015
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,255

Purse: \$6,400,000

Completed First-Round Notes – Friday, October 23, 2015

Weather: Sunny, with a high of 78. Winds NE 4-8 mph

The first round was suspended due to darkness at 6:08 p.m. Pacific Time Thursday with 13 players left on the course. Those players were back in position at 7:24 a.m. PT Friday to complete their round, with play ending at 8:03 a.m. The second round began as scheduled at 6:55 a.m. PT.

First-Round Leaders

David Hearn	64 (-7)
Michael Thompson	64 (-7)
Mark Hubbard	64 (-7)
Tyler Aldridge	64 (-7)
Eleven players	65 (-6)

David Hearn

David Hearn hit 17 of 18 greens in regulation en route to a 7-under 64 which included eight birdies and one bogey. Starting on No. 10, Hearn made back-to-back birdies on his opening holes, then closed with three consecutive birdies on Nos. 7-9.

Hearn is making his sixth start in the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open where he owns two top-10s: T7 (2014) and T5 (2011).

Making his 173rd career start on TOUR, Hearn has yet to record a PGA TOUR victory although he has two runner-ups: 2013 John Deere Classic and 2015 Greenbrier Classic – both via playoff losses.

The last Canadian-born player to win on TOUR was Nick Taylor at the 2014 Sanderson Farms Championship.

Canadian players to win on TOUR include: Nick Taylor, Mike Weir, Stephen Ames (Trinidad-born), George Knudson, Al Balding (first Canadian to win on the PGA TOUR), Stan Leonard, Dave Barr, Dan Halldorson and Richard Zokol.

2014-15 PGA TOUR Season in review: Hearn advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs for a fifth consecutive season on the strength of his playoff loss at The Greenbrier Classic and three additional top-10 finishes through the Wyndham Championship. He made it to the BMW Championship before ending his season ranked 55th in the FedExCup standings.

Hearn's only other leads/co-leads on TOUR have come this year. Hearn shared the lead after the first round of the 2015 PLAYERS Championship and he was in sole possession of the lead after the third round of the 2015 RBC Canadian Open.

Michael Thompson

In his fourth Shriners Hospitals for Children Open start, Michael Thompson recorded seven birdies, one eagle and one double bogey. He took 27 putts and totaled 151'9" of putts made.

Thompson at Shriners Hospitals for Children Open: MC (2014) T13 (2012) and 75 (2011).

Thompson has previously led/co-led after 18 holes on three occasions, most recently the 2014 McGladrey Classic (finished T66).

In 128 career starts on the PGA TOUR, Thompson's only win came at the 2013 Honda Classic.

2014-15 PGA TOUR Season in review: Thompson made 14 cuts in 27 starts, with one top-10. He missed the FedExCup Playoffs for the first time in five seasons, finishing 146th. In the Web.com Tour Finals, Thompson finished T2 at the Hotel Fitness Championship, the first Finals event. He earned \$88,000, ensuring his spot on the PGA TOUR in 2015-16. Thompson went on to post T56 and T39 at the Small Business Connection Championship and the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship, respectively. With his card secured, he elected to not play the Web.com Tour Championship and was 14th in the final priority-ranking order.

Mark Hubbard

Mark Hubbard, who missed the cut at the 2014 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, was added to the field as an alternate. The last alternate to win on TOUR was Derek Ernst at the 2013 Wells Fargo Championship.

The 2014-15 PGA TOUR rookie is making his 29th career TOUR start. His best finish on TOUR is a T20 at the 2015 CareerBuilder Challenge.

2014-15 PGA TOUR Season in review: Despite a pair of top-25 finishes and 15 made cuts in 25 starts last season, Hubbard failed to advance to the FedExCup Playoffs, finishing outside the top 125 in the standings after the Wyndham Championship at No. 164. Hubbard played the Web.com Tour Finals where a T5 at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship helped him secure his TOUR card. He finished 36th on the 2015 Web.com Tour priority list.

Hubbard proposed to his girlfriend on No. 18 at Pebble Beach after the first round of the 2015 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and will be married in Santa Cruz in July 2016.

Hubbard finished T30 in last week's Frys.com Open, the season opener.

Tyler Aldridge

Tyler Aldridge posted an opening-round 7-under 64, with his lone blemish a bogey at the par-3 eighth hole (the first hole he played upon resuming his first round Friday morning).

Aldridge, making his first-ever start at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, finished T55 in his season opener last week at the Frys.com Open (including four matching rounds of 1-under 71). His start at Silverado was his first on TOUR since his rookie season in 2009 (which included three made cuts in 17 starts).

This week marks the first lead after any round for Aldridge on the PGA TOUR.

First-Round Lead Notes

Since the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open became a 72-hole event in 2004, Ryan Moore (2012) is the only first-round leader/co-leader who has carried that lead on to victory. He opened that year with a 10-under 61 and a one-stroke lead over Brendon de Jonge.

Patrick Rodgers (T5)

In 2014-15, Rodgers earned Special Temporary Membership and parlayed that into a top-125 finish on the FedExCup points list as a non-member to earn PGA TOUR membership for the 2015-16 season.

Because Rodgers played more than seven events in a previous season, he is not considered a PGA TOUR rookie, although he is a first-year member on TOUR.

In his only other start at TPC Summerlin, Rodgers missed the cut in 2014.

Rodgers recorded four under-par rounds to finish T6 in the season-opening Frys.com Open.

Rodgers earned his first career professional win with a playoff victory over Steve Marino at the Colombia Championship on the Web.com Tour in February 2015.

Additional Player Notes

UNLV alum Chad Campbell (T5) is making his 13th start at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open where he owns one runner-up (2009) and one third-place finish (2008).

In his first start in the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open since 2010, Rickie Fowler opened with a 1-over 72. It marks his first over-par round in nine rounds at TPC Summerlin.

Ryan Palmer recorded a first-round 6-under 65 and sits in a tie for fifth. Palmer wore a Shriners pin on his hat in honor of his late father Butch, who was active in the Khiva Shrine of Amarillo (#731) and served as potentate (head officer) in 2001. Butch was tragically killed in an automobile accident in August 2015.

William McGirt posted a 5-under 66 in the first round and sits in a tie for 16th. McGirt's father Curtis was a former Shriners patient who as a child, was treated at the Shriners Hospital in Greenville, S.C., for bilateral club foot.

It's been 22 years since Davis Love III won the 1993 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open and this week marks his 22nd start in Las Vegas. He opened with a 3-under 68 in the first round.

In his first round as an official member of the PGA TOUR, Patton Kizzire shot a 6-under 29 on the back nine to post a 6-under 65, good for T5.

Nine former Shriners Hospitals for Children Open champions are in the field:

Champion (Year)	R1 Score
Ben Martin (2014-15)	70 (-1)
Webb Simpson (2013-14)	71 (E)
Ryan Moore (2012)	69 (-2)
Kevin Na (2011)	68 (-3)
Jonathan Byrd (2010)	67 (-4)
Martin Laird (2009)	71 (E)
George McNeill (2007)	70 (-1)
Stuart Appleby (2003)	74 (+3)
Davis Love III (1993)	68 (-3)

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Henrik Norlander (65), Alex Cejka (67), Hiroshi Iwata (67), Nick Watney (67), Scott Stallings (68), Tyrone Van Aswegen (68).

Scoring Averages at the par-71 TPC Summerlin:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.535	34.833	69.368	---

In the first round, the par-4 third hole played as the toughest (4.208). The par-4 15th hole was the easiest (3.528).