



**2015 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Second-Round Notes – Saturday, October 24, 2015**

*Weather: Sunny, with a high of 79. Winds NE 4-8 mph.*

*The second round was suspended due to darkness at 6:05 p.m. Friday with 14 players left on the course. Those players will be back in position at 8:00 a.m. Saturday to complete their round. The third round will begin with threesomes off split tees from approximately 9:40 – 11:50 a.m.*

**36-hole Cut**

80 players at 2-under 140 from a field of 144 professionals.

**Second-Round Leaders**

Chad Campbell	65-67—132 (-10)
Tyler Aldridge	64-68—132 (-10)
Morgan Hoffmann	66-66—132 (-10)
Brett Stegmaier	66-66—132 (-10)
Five players at	133 (-9)

**Chad Campbell**

UNLV alum Chad Campbell moved to 10-under 132 following rounds of 65-67. His lone bogey Friday came on his final hole, missing an 8-foot par putt on the par-4 18<sup>th</sup>.

Campbell is making his 389<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR start this week. He is making his 215<sup>th</sup> start since notching the last of his five PGA TOUR victories at the 2007 Sanderson Farms Championship. Campbell missed the cut last week at the Frys.com Open with matching rounds of even-par 72.

Campbell is making his 13<sup>th</sup> start at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open where he owns one runner-up (2009) and one third-place finish (2008).

This week marks the ninth time Campbell has held the lead/co-lead after the second round on the PGA TOUR, most recently finishing T11 at the 2015 RBC Canadian Open. The only such lead he parlayed to victory came at the 2006 CareerBuilder Challenge in partnership with the Clinton Foundation.

**Tyler Aldridge**

Tyler Aldridge carded a second-round 68 to move to 10-under 132, marking his first second-round lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR. He has just two bogeys through the opening 36 holes (No. 8 in round one and No. 7 in round two).

Earlier Friday, Aldridge returned to finish his opening round (which was delayed due to darkness on Thursday) with a bogey-birdie finish for a 7-under 64. It topped his career-low round on TOUR by two strokes (66/R2/2012 Travelers Championship).

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).

Aldridge is hoping to join the following list of players since 2000 to post their first-career victory at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open: Phil Tataurangi (2002), Andre Stolz (2004), Wes Short Jr. (2005), Troy Matteson (2006), George McNeill (2007), Marc Turnesa (2008), Martin Laird (2009), Kevin Na (2011), Ben Martin (2014-15).

Aldridge earned his 2015-16 PGA TOUR card via a 29<sup>th</sup> place finish on the 2015 Web.com Tour priority list.

**Morgan Hoffmann**

Matching rounds of 5-under 66s have Morgan Hoffmann in a four-way tie for the lead in his third start at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. He missed the cut here in 2014 and finished T43 in 2013.

This week marks the second time Hoffmann has held the lead/co-lead following the second round on TOUR. Earlier in 2015, he led outright at the Arnold Palmer Invitational before closing with matching 1-under 71s to finish fourth.

Hoffmann is making his season debut following an 85<sup>th</sup> place finish in the FedExCup standings during the 2014-15 Season.

### **Brett Stegmaier**

At the time of the suspension of play Friday, Brett Stegmaier held the lead at 11-under through 15 holes. He returned Saturday with a par-bogey-par finish (his only bogey of the round) to sit in a four-way tie for the lead. The 32-year-old native of Madison, CT opened this week with a 5-under 66 (with six birdies, an eagle and three bogeys).

Stegmaier earned his PGA TOUR card this season with an 18<sup>th</sup> place finish on the 2015 Web.com Tour priority list. He played in all 25 events on the Web.com Tour, with four top-10 finishes.

Stegmaier is making his fifth career start on the PGA TOUR and holds his first second round lead/co-lead. His only made cut came last week with a T74 at the Frys.com Open.

### **Second-Round Lead Notes**

The 36-hole leader/co-leader has gone on to win five of the last eight Shriners Hospitals for Children Opens: Webb Simpson (2013), Kevin Na (2011), Jonathan Byrd (2010), Marc Turnesa (2008) and George McNeill (2007).

### **Nick Watney**

Nick Watney followed up an opening-round 4-under 67 (which included hitting all 18 greens in regulation) with a 66 Friday to move to 9-under 133. The 34-year-old Las Vegas resident found 13 of 18 greens during his second round.

Watney is making his 299<sup>th</sup> career start on the PGA TOUR this week, with the last of his five wins coming at The Barclays in 2012. After five consecutive years of finishing inside the top 15 in the FedExCup (2009-2013), Watney finished No. 105 in 2014 and No. 58 during the 2014-15 season.

Watney is making his 11<sup>th</sup> start at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, led by a runner-up finish in 2011. He also owns top-10 finishes in 2005 (T6), 2010 (T6) and 2012 (T10).

Watney opened the 2015-16 season with a T64 at the Frys.com Open, with a disappointing 6-over 77 on the final day.

### **Ryan Palmer**

Ryan Palmer, currently 8-under 134, claimed the last of his three PGA TOUR victories at the 2010 Sony Open in Hawaii. This week marks his 319<sup>th</sup> start on TOUR.

Palmer is coming off of a 38<sup>th</sup> place finish in the FedExCup during the 2014-15 Season. It marked the sixth consecutive season he has finished no worse than 71<sup>st</sup> in the season-long race (2010/23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011/53<sup>rd</sup>, 2012/55<sup>th</sup>, 2013/71<sup>st</sup>, 2013-14/14<sup>th</sup>, 2014-15/38<sup>th</sup>).

Palmer is wearing 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. This week marks his ninth start at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, with a T8 in 2010 his lone top-10 finish.

### **Additional Player Notes**

This week marks the 242<sup>nd</sup> start of Brendon de Jonge's career on the PGA TOUR, with runner-up finishes at the 2012 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open and 2015 McGladrey Classic his best finishes. He has finished inside the top 100 in the FedExCup six consecutive seasons, led by a 26<sup>th</sup> place finish in 2013. He is currently T5.

Patton Kizzire, 2015 Web.com Tour Regular Season and Finals combined money leader, sits 8-under 134 in his first start as a PGA TOUR member. Kizzire, one of 17 PGA TOUR rookies this season, delayed the start of his season for his St. Simons, Ga. wedding on Saturday, October 17. He enters the final two rounds at T10.

Ollie Schniederjans, playing this week on a Sponsor's Exemption, posted a second-round 4-under 67 to move to 7-under (T16) through 36 holes. The last player to win on the PGA TOUR on a Sponsor Exemption was Padraig Harrington at the 2015 Honda Classic. Three have been just five such winners on TOUR since Tiger Woods performed the feat at the 1996 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

Defending champion Ben Martin has rounds of 70-68 and sits 4-under 138 (T41). Jim Furyk is the only player to successfully defend his Shriners Hospitals for Children Open title (1998-99).

In his first start in the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open since 2010, Rickie Fowler (T27) overcame an opening 1-over 72 (his only over-par round at this event) with a 6-under 65 to easily make it to the weekend. All three of his top scores at TPC Summerlin have come during the second round, including 64s in 2009 and 2010. Fowler closed Friday with a 6-under 30 on the back nine, making over 215' of putts during the round (including a 79-foot eagle on No. 13).

Frys.com Open champion Emiliano Grillo missed the cut following rounds of 74-70. The last player to win the first two starts of a season was Ernie Els (2003 Hyundai Tournament of Champions, Sony Open in Hawaii).

William 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. McGirt is currently at 3-under 139 and T48.

Tony Finau (T69) holed a 5-iron from 236 yards on the par-5 13<sup>th</sup> hole for the first albatross of the season.

Jin Park (T69) eagled the par-4 third hole with a 5-iron from 203 yards.

Ben Crane was disqualified after self-reporting his violation of Rule 13-4 (Ball in hazard: Prohibited Actions).

John Mallinger withdrew following six holes Friday with a back injury.

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

<b>Champion (Year)</b>	<b>Current Position</b>
Kevin Na (2011)	T10
Davis Love III (1993)	T27
Ben Martin (2014-15)	T41
Martin Laird (2009)	T48
Webb Simpson (2013-14)	T69
Ryan Moore (2012)	T69
Jonathan Byrd (2010)	MC
George McNeill (2007)	MC
Stuart Appleby (2003)	MC

Bogey-free rounds:

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

R2: Kevin Na (66), Scott Piercy (67), Hunter Stewart (68), Fabian Gomez (68), Charles Howell III (68), Shane Bertsch (70)

Scoring Averages at the par-71 TPC Summerlin:

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
R1:	34.535	34.833	69.368	---
R2:	35.225	35.479	70.704	70.028

Toughest Holes at TPC Summerlin:

R1: Toughest – par-4 third hole (4.208); Easiest – par-4 15<sup>th</sup> hole (3.528)

R2: Toughest – par-4 third hole (4.246) Easiest – par-5 16<sup>th</sup> hole (4.697)