



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

### Third-Round Notes – Saturday, October 24, 2015

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

#### Third-Round Leaders

Brett Stegmaier	66-66-68—200 (-13)
Morgan Hoffmann	66-66-69—201 (-12)
Kevin Na	68-66-68—202 (-11)
Jimmy Walker	66-67-69—202 (-11)
Chad Campbell	65-67-70—202 (-11)

**36-Hole Cut:** 80 players at 2-under 140 from a field of 144 professionals. **54-Hole Cut:** With more than 78 players making the 36-hole cut, Saturday featured a 54-hole cut to the low 70 players and ties, 71 players at 2-under 211 or better advancing to the final round.

#### 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. Stegmaier (68) recorded four birdies and one bogey in the third round to head into Sunday with a one-stroke lead.

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

During the 2015 Web.com Tour Finals, Stegmaier held the first- and second-round leads at the Small Business Connection Championship at River Run, the only leads/co-leads he has ever held on the Web.com Tour. He went on to finish fifth.

Stegmaier 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).

The 32-year-old native of Madison, Conn., was teammates at the University of Florida with Billy Horschel and Matt Every.

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.

#### Third-Round Lead Notes

The 54-hole leader/co-leader has gone on to win six of the last eight Shriners Hospitals for Children Opens: Ben Martin (2014), Webb Simpson (2013), Ryan Moore (2012), Kevin Na (2011), Marc Turnesa (2008) and George McNeill (2007).

The best come-from-behind win at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open is five strokes: Bob Estes (2001) and Phil Tataurangi (2002).

#### Morgan Hoffmann

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

Hoffmann is making his third start at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. He missed the cut here in 2014 and finished T43 in 2013.

At the age of 26, Hoffmann is looking to become the 10<sup>th</sup> Shriners Hospitals for Children Open champion under the age of 30 in the last 20 years. In the last 20 years on TOUR, there have been nine winners of the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open in their 20s, tied for second most for a tournament during this timeframe. The BMW Championship

has yielded 11 winners under the age of 30, while the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open is tied with the U.S. Open, Arnold Palmer Invitational, AT&T Byron Nelson and Booz Allen Classic.

An avid flier, Hoffmann earned his pilot's license in November 2014.

### **Kevin Na**

Kevin Na is making his 301<sup>st</sup> career start on the PGA TOUR, following last week's playoff loss to Emiliano Grillo at the Frys.com Open, his third playoff loss in three playoff appearances. The last player to lose a playoff one week and win a tournament the next was Jordan Spieth at the 2015 Masters (after losing a playoff at the Shell Houston Open).

The 2011 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open winner is in search of his second career PGA TOUR victory. With a win this week, Na would become the 10<sup>th</sup> player since 1960 to get his first two career wins in the same tournament. Matt Every last accomplished this feat, earning his first two PGA TOUR titles at the 2014 and 2015 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard.

Na is making his 10<sup>th</sup> start at TPC Summerlin. In addition to his victory, Na has four top-25 finishes. Since his 2011 win, Na finished T22 in his title defense, missed the cut in 2014 and withdrew due to illness last year.

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.

### **Jimmy Walker**

Making his 239<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR start, Walker is in search of his sixth PGA TOUR title:

2013 Frys.com Open  
2014 Sony Open in Hawaii  
2014 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am  
2015 Sony Open in Hawaii  
2015 Valero Texas Open

Walker played his first 187 events on the PGA TOUR without a win. With his 2015 Valero Texas Open victory, he won five times in his last 37 starts.

Heading into the final round at the 2014 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, Walker was T3 and four shots off Ben Martin's 54-hole lead. He finished T4, one of two top-10s in six Las Vegas starts.

One of three Presidents Cup participants in the field this week (Rickie Fowler and Steven Bowditch), Walker went 1-3-0 in his first Presidents Cup appearance in the American team's 15½-14½ victory in South Korea.

In his last nine starts, Walker has failed to record a top-10 on TOUR. His last top-10 finish was a T2 at the 2015 AT&T Byron Nelson.

### **Chad Campbell**

UNLV alum Chad Campbell followed opening rounds of 65-67 with a third-round 70 and sits two shots off the lead.

Campbell is making his 389th career PGA TOUR start this week. He is making his 215th 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 13th start at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open where he owns one runner-up (2009) and one third-place finish (2008).

### **Additional Player Notes**

Alex Cejka (T6) closed the third round birdie-ace-birdie to jump 21 spots up the leaderboard. Cejka recorded a hole-in-one on the par-3 17<sup>th</sup> with a 6-iron from 212 yards. It was his second career ace on the PGA TOUR, with his first coming in the third round of the 2010 FedEx St. Jude Classic. The hole-in-one marked the fifth ace on No. 17 since 2000, most recently by Andres Romero in the first round of the 2014 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

Cejka was grouped with eventual-champion Jonathan Byrd in the first and second rounds of the 2010 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. That year, Byrd would go on to win the tournament with a hole-in-one on the fourth playoff hole, No. 17, becoming the first champion to win a tournament with a hole-in-one as his final shot in TOUR history.

Making his 39<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR start, Nick Taylor (T6) is in search of his second PGA TOUR victory. Taylor won the 2014 Sanderson Farms Championship as a rookie, becoming the first rookie to win on the PGA TOUR since Chesson Hadley at the 2014 Puerto Rico Open. At last week's Frys.com Open, PGA TOUR rookie Emiliano Grillo supplanted Taylor as the last rookie to win on TOUR. Taylor is the last Canadian to win on the PGA TOUR

Defending champion Ben Martin followed opening rounds of 70-68 with a bogey-free 67 and sits 8-under 205 (T11). 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 has rounds of 72-65-70 and sits at T28, seven shots off the lead.

Ryan Palmer, currently 7-under 206, 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.

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 5-under 208 and T38.

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

<b>Champion (Year)</b>	<b>Current Position</b>
Kevin Na (2011)	T3
Davis Love III (1993)	MDF
Ben Martin (2014-15)	T11
Martin Laird (2009)	T46
Webb Simpson (2013-14)	T64
Ryan Moore (2012)	T38
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)

R3: Jamie Lovemark (66), Ben Martin (67)

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
R3:	35.301	35.674	70.974	70.240

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)

R3: Toughest – par-4 eighth hole (3.350); Easiest – par-5 16<sup>th</sup> hole (4.537)