



2016 Sony Open in Hawaii
(9th of 47 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Honolulu, HI
Waialae Country Club

January 14-17, 2016
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,044

Purse: \$5,800,000 (\$1,044,000)
500 FedExCup points to winner

Second-Round Notes – Friday, January 15, 2016

Weather

Mostly cloudy with scattered showers in the area. High of 79 degrees, winds NE from 5-10 mph.

36-hole cut: 137 (-3), with 87 players advancing to the weekend out of a field of 143 professionals and one amateur. With more than 78 players making the cut, a 54-hole cut to the low 70 and ties will take place after the third round.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Brandt Snedeker	63-65 – 128 (-12)
Kevin Kisner	63-66 – 129 (-11)
Zach Johnson	64-66 – 130 (-10)
Luke Donald	65-65 – 130 (-10)
Zac Blair	65-65 – 130 (-10)
Chez Reavie	67-63 – 130 (-10)

Brandt Snedeker shot a bogey-free 65 (5-under) in the second round to take a one-shot lead through the second round of the Sony Open in Hawaii. He has a one-shot lead over Kevin Kisner, who followed an opening-round 63 with a 4-under 66. 12-under 128 is the same score that Matt Kuchar, Webb Simpson and Justin Thomas shared to lead the tournament through 36 holes last year.

Top players' history at Sony Open in Hawaii (not counting 2016)

Brandt Snedeker	2 starts (2007-MC, 2008-T69)
Kevin Kisner	4 starts (2011-MC, 2012-MC, 2014-MC, 2015-84)

Leader's history holding the second-round lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR (not counting 2016 Sony Open)

Brandt Snedeker	2 of 9 (most recent, 2015 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-AM, Won)
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Second-Round Leader Statistics

One out of the last three 36-hole leaders have gone on to win the Sony Open in Hawaii, and four out of the last nine. The following details the last three years at this event:

<u>Year</u>	<u>36-hole leader/Score</u>	<u>Eventual Champion/Score</u>
2015	Kuchar, Simpson, Thomas (128/-12)	Walker (257/-23)
2014	Stuard (130/-10)	Walker (263/-17)
2013	Henley (126/-14)	Henley (256/-24)

Through eight events in the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season, the second-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win three times (Justin Thomas, CIMB Classic; Graeme McDowell, OHL Classic at Mayakoba; Jordan Spieth, Hyundai Tournament of Champions)

Brandt Snedeker

Seven-time PGA TOUR winner Brandt Snedeker's 65 in the second round is his second-best score at Waialae, his best coming in the first round (63). He has made just one bogey through 36 holes in his bid for a second top-5 finish in a row – he finished T3 last week at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions. This is his first trip to the Sony Open in Hawaii since 2008, and just his third appearance overall.

Snedeker is two for nine converting 36-hole leads to victory (2015, '13, AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am).



Kevin Kisner

The RSM Classic champion and current FedExCup leader Kevin Kisner is seeking to become the first multiple winner of the season. Here's a look at his last three starts on TOUR: 2nd-2015 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions, Won-The RSM Classic, 9th-2016 Hyundai Tournament of Champions.

Kisner, including his 4-under 66 Friday, is a collective 85-under par in six starts this season. Overall, 20 of his 22 rounds have been under-par, with the only exceptions an even-par 71 in the second round of the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open and a 1-over 73 in the final round of the CIMB Classic.

Zach Johnson

2009 Sony Open in Hawaii champion Zach Johnson (T3) once again birdied both par-5s to shoot a 4-under 66 and is two back of the leader Snedeker (T3). The Open Champion from 2015 is making his 11th start in the event and has had varying results, ranging from his victory in 2009 to missed cuts in 2013 and 2004.

Johnson has two starts so far in 2015-16, a T75 at The RSM Classic and a T21 at last week's Hyundai Tournament of Champions. The latter of those two starts was Johnson's first after switching to a new club manufacturing company, PXG.

Johnson is vying for his 13th PGA TOUR win.

Luke Donald

Englishman Luke Donald is also just two back of Snedeker's lead after matching 5-under 65s on the first two days, with his only bogey of the tournament so far coming on the par-4 15th in the first round. This is Donald's third start of the season after playing in the CIMB Classic (T64) and the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions (T40) in the fall.

The former World No. 1 and five-time PGA TOUR-winner Donald has struggled with his game during the last few years, not finishing higher than 80th in the FedExCup since a 28th place finish in 2013. The three years prior to that, he finished 9th (2012), 3rd (2011) and 3rd (2010). In an effort to regain his form, Donald returned to his coach from his years at Northwestern, Pat Goss, early last year. His last top 10 on the PGA TOUR was last June at the Travelers Championship (T7)

Daniel Summerhays

Making his fifth start of the season, Utah's Daniel Summerhays is looking for his first PGA TOUR win. He is coming off of his best year, finishing 31st in the FedExCup on the strength of five top-10 finishes. In his first round, Summerhays made eagle on both par-5s (Nos. 9 and 18) on the way to a 3-under 67. His second round 65 included six birdies and a bogey and he sits T12, four back of the lead.

Summerhays is hoping to become the 10th player to make the Sony Open in Hawaii his first PGA TOUR win: Ted Makalena (1966), Grier Jones (1972), John Schlee (1973), Gary Groh (1975), Isao Aoki (1983), David Ishii (1990), John Morse (1995), Jerry Kelly (2002), Russell Henley (2013).

Additional Player notes

Fred Funk, at 59 years, 7 months, 1 day, is 5-under par through 36 holes and is the oldest player to make the cut at a PGA TOUR event since Tom Watson made the cut at the 2015 RBC Heritage (65 years, 7 months, 13 days). For comparison, the oldest player to make a cut on the PGA TOUR was Sam Snead, at the 1979 Manufacturers Hanover Westchester Classic (67 years, 2 months, 21 days). Funk also became the oldest player to make the cut at the Sony Open in Hawaii, eclipsing the previous mark held by Tom Kite (55 years, 1 month, 7 days).

Charles Howell III owns eight top-10 finishes and no missed cuts in 14 previous starts at the Sony Open in Hawaii (T8-2014, T3-2013, T2-2012, T5-2010, 4-2009, T2-2007, T3-2005, T4-2002). He opened this week with a 6-under 64, his best start at this event in 15 starts, and followed it up with a 1-under 69 (T16).

Web.com Tour member Haotong Li, who finished T7 at the 2015 WGC-HSBC Champions, is playing this week on a sponsor's invitation and opened with a 1-under 69. This marks his third PGA TOUR start, with the other two starts leading to a T35 and T39 at the 2014 and 2013 HSBC Champions, respectively. Li fired another 69 in the second round this week and missed the cut in his first PGA TOUR event in the United States.



Steve Stricker, who is making his first start of the 2015-16 Season, owns four top-4 or better finishes in 13 starts at the Sony Open in Hawaii (3rd-2010, T4-2008, T4-2007, 3-1996). He opened Thursday with a 1-under 69 and improved on day two, shooting a 5-under 65 (T25).

Miscellaneous Notes

Past champions: Zach Johnson (T3), Jerry Kelly (T7), Vijay Singh (T12), Ryan Palmer (T16), K.J. Choi (T66), Johnson Wagner (CUT), Jimmy Walker (T66), Russell Henley (CUT), Mark Wilson (CUT)

Rookies in the field: Emiliano Grillo (T25), Bronson Burgoon (T66), Harold Varner III (T66), Hiroshi Iwata (CUT), Michael Kim (CUT), Patton Kizzire (CUT), Rob Oppenheim (CUT), Brett Stegmaier (CUT), Dawie van der Walt (CUT),

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – Ricky Barnes (63), Vijay Singh (63), Charles Howell III (64), Shane Bertsch (65), David Hearn (65), Jerry Kelly (65), David Lingmerth (65), Robert Garrigus (67)

R2 – Zac Blair (65), Erik Compton (69), Graham DeLaet (62), Luke Donald (65), Jerry Kelly (66), Russell Knox (65), Marc Leishman (65), Sean O’Hair (66), Chez Reavie (63), John Senden (67), Brandt Snedeker (65), Jimmy Walker (68)

Scoring Averages at the par-70 Waialae Country Club:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1	34.500	34.333	68.833	---
R2	34.493	33.972	68.465	68.649

The par-4 first hole played the toughest during the second round, yielding a 4.264 average. The par-5 ninth hole was the easiest at 4.132.