



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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, January 16, 2016

Weather

Sunny turning partly cloudy in the afternoon. High of 82. Winds ENE 4-8 mph.

54-hole Cut

With more than 78 players (87) making the 36-hole, a cut was made following the third round to the low 70 and ties, with 74 players at 4-under 206 or better advancing to the final round.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Brandt Snedeker	194 (-16)
Zac Blair	194 (-16)
Kevin Kisner	195 (-15)
Si Woo Kim	196 (-14)

Snedeker, Blair or Kisner would extend the stretch of American-born players to win the Sony Open in Hawaii to eight years, while Kim would become the first international winner of the event since K.J. Choi in 2008.

Current bogey-free streak of the top 2 players

Brandt Snedeker	40 holes (last bogey on his 14 th hole in round one)
Zac Blair	49 holes (last bogey on his fifth hole in round one)

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

Brandt Snedeker	2 starts (2007-MC, 2008-T69)
Zac Blair	1 start (2015-T6)
Kevin Kisner	4 starts (2011-MC, 2012-MC, 2014-MC, 2015-84)
Si Woo Kim	Making his first start

Leaders' history holding the third-round lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR (not counting 2016 Sony Open)

Brandt Snedeker is three of six when carrying the lead/co-lead into the final round on the PGA TOUR. Most recently, he carried the lead on to victory at the 2013 RBC Canadian Open. His other victories came at the 2012 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola and the 2013 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

Zac Blair has never held the lead going into the final round on the PGA TOUR.

Brandt Snedeker

Brandt Snedeker was bogey-free for the second-consecutive day, following a 5-under 65 with a 4-under 66 to share the 54-hole lead with Zac Blair at 16-under 194. He is a week removed from his first top 10 of the season – T3 at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions.

A victory Sunday would come in Snedeker's 246th start at the age of 35 years, 1 month and nine days. Here's a list of his seven PGA TOUR victories: 2007 Wyndham Championship, 2011 RBC Heritage, 2012 Farmers Insurance Open, 2012 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola, 2013 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, 2013 RBC Canadian Open, 2015 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

Snedeker opened the week with a 7-under 63, topping his previous best score at Waialae by five strokes (first-round 68 in 2008). Since he shared the opening-round lead with Ricky Barnes, Vijay Singh, Morgan Hoffmann and Kevin Kisner, a win on Sunday would not be considered an official wire-to-wire victory.

Snedeker, who has just one bogey through 54 holes (par-4 14th hole in round one), is making his first trip to the Sony Open in Hawaii since 2008, and just his third appearance overall.



Zac Blair

Zac Blair is hoping to become the 10th player to make the Sony Open in Hawaii their 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).

A win Sunday would come in Blair's 41st PGA TOUR start at the age of 25 years, 4 months and 28 days. He currently owns three top-10 finishes in his career: T4-2015 The Barclays, T6-Sony Open in Hawaii, T10-2015 OHL Classic at Mayakoba.

Blair's best position going into the final round on TOUR was second at the 2014 Frys.com Open, where he trailed Sangmoon Bae by four strokes.

Third-Round Leader Statistics

Last season, eventual champion Jimmy Walker, at 16-under 194, entered the final round with a two-stroke lead over Matt Kuchar.

In the last 10 years (since 2006), seven of the 54-hole leaders/co-leaders have gone on to capture the Sony Open in Hawaii. The following details the last nine years at this event:

Year	54-hole leader/Score	Eventual Champion/Score
2015	Jimmy Walker (194/-16)	Walker (257/-23)
2014	Chris Kirk (198/-12)	Jimmy Walker (263/-17)
2013	Russell Henley /Scott Langley (193/-17)	Henley (256/-24)
2012	Jeff Maggert, Matt Every (198/-12)	Johnson Wagner (267/-13)
2011	Mark Wilson (197/-13)	Wilson (264/-16)
2010	Ryan Palmer /Robert Allenby (199/-11)	Palmer (265/-15)
2009	Zach Johnson (200/-10)	Johnson (265/-15)
2008	K.J. Choi (195/-15)	Choi (266/-14)
2007	Charles Howell III (197/-13)	Paul Goydos (266/-14)
2006	David Toms /Chad Campbell (196/-14)	Toms (261/-19)

In the first eight events of the 2015-16 season, the third-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win four times (Justin Thomas/CIMB Classic, Russell Knox/WGC-HSBC Champions, Kevin Kisner/The RSM Classic, Jordan Spieth/Hyundai Tournament of Champions).

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.

A win Sunday would come in Kisner's 111th PGA TOUR start at the age of 31 years, 11 months and 2 days.

Kisner, including his 4-under 66 Saturday, is a collective 89-under par in six starts this season. Overall, 21 of his 23 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.

Jimmy Walker

Two-time defending champion Jimmy Walker (T31) celebrated his 37th birthday Saturday with a 5-under 65.

Walker is seeking to become the first player to win three consecutive Sony Open in Hawaii titles. He is one of four players with back-to-back wins at the event – Hubert Green (1978-79), Corey Pavin (1986-87), Ernie Els (2003-04), Walker (2014-15). The last player to win the same event three consecutive years is Steve Stricker at the John Deere Classic (2009-11).

With his third-round 65, Walker extends his streak of rounds in the 60s at Waialae Country Club to 16.

Since 2014, Walker is 91-under par in Hawaii's two PGA TOUR events (-43/Hyundai Tournament of Champions, -48/Sony Open in Hawaii).



Additional Player notes

Si Woo Kim, currently solo fourth at 14-under 196, is seeking to become the first international winner of the Sony Open in Hawaii since K.J. Choi in 2008. The last player to win the event in his first try was Russell Henley (2013); prior to that was Bruce Lietzke ('77).

Matt Kuchar's third-round 8-under 62 included six consecutive birdies (Nos. 4-9) to close his round, equaling the best birdie streak of the season. Others with six birdies in a row include William McGirt (Shriners Hospitals for Children Open), Cameron Smith (CIMB Classic), Brooks Koepka (Hyundai Tournament of Champions).

At 59 years, 7 months, 1 day, Fred Funk is 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). He'll enter the final round T68 after a third-round 71.

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). With rounds of 64-69-67, he'll enter the final round at T13 and six shots behind the leaders.

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 sits T31 through three rounds.

Miscellaneous Notes

Past champions: Zach Johnson (T13), Jerry Kelly (T13), Ryan Palmer (T13), Jimmy Walker (T31), K.J. Choi (T52), Vijay Singh (T59), Johnson Wagner (MC), Russell Henley (MC), Mark Wilson (MC)

Rookies in the field: Emiliano Grillo (T39), Harold Varner III (T39), Bronson Burgoon (MDF), Hiroshi Iwata (MC), Michael Kim (MC), Patton Kizzire (MC), Rob Oppenheim (MC), Brett Stegmaier (MC), Dawie van der Walt (MC).

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

R3 –Zac Blair (64), Brandt Snedeker (66), Gary Woodland (66), Daniel Berger (67)

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
R3	34.207	34.161	68.368	68.584

The par-4 sixth hole played the toughest during the third round, yielding a 4.287 average. The par-5 ninth hole was the easiest at 4.437.