



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

Final-Round Notes – Saturday, January 16, 2016

Weather

Partly cloudy skies with warm temperatures. High of 82. Winds E 5-10 mph.

Final-Round Leaderboard

Fabian Gomez	260 (-20)*
Brandt Snedeker	260 (-20)
Zac Blair	261 (-19)
Si Woo Kim	264 (-16)
Greg Owen	265 (-15)
Kevin Kisner	265 (-15)

*Won in a playoff with a birdie-4 on the second extra hole (No. 18)

Fabian Gomez defeated Brandt Snedeker with a birdie on the second playoff hole to win his second PGA TOUR Event (2015 FedEx St Jude Classic). It was the first playoff at the Sony Open in Hawaii since 2004, when Ernie Els defeated Harrison Frazar.

With four holes to play, Gomez, Blair and Snedeker were all tied for the lead, two clear of fourth place. Gomez holed a 22 foot, 2 inch putt for birdie at the last to get to 20-under par for a playoff with Snedeker. Snedeker made his own birdie at the last to get to 20-under par, while Blair missed an 11 foot, 10 inch putt for eagle, settling for birdie and a third-place finish, one back of the playoff.

Fabian Gomez

Argentina's Fabian Gomez captured his second PGA TOUR victory by shooting 62 in the final round of the Sony Open in Hawaii at the age of 37 years, 1 month and 21 days. His first victory came last year at the FedEx St. Jude Classic.

The playoff was the first of Gomez' career on the PGA TOUR. The win was the second-straight top-10 finish for Gomez, who finished T6 at last week's Hyundai Tournament of Champions.

Gomez' 62 ties the lowest final round in Sony Open in Hawaii history (Ernie Els-2005, Rory Sabbatini-2006, Retief Goosen-2010), and is the lowest final round by a winner in tournament history.

Gomez caught fire early in the final round, making seven birdies in a row – the longest birdie streak of the season so far and two short of the PGA TOUR record – on holes 6-12 before making a bogey at the par-4 13th. The streak of 7 birdies matches the longest birdie streak from last season, set by five players.

With the win, Gomez becomes the fourth Argentinian to win multiple tournaments on the PGA TOUR, joining Roberto De Vincenzo (5), Angel Cabrera (3) and Jose Coceres (2). Andres Romero and Emiliano Grillo, who was in the field this week and won the Frys.com Open earlier this year, are the other two Argentine players to record victories on the PGA TOUR.

Gomez earns 500 FedExCup points to move up 14 spots from No. 19 to No. 5.

With the win, Gomez extends his fully-exempt status through the 2017-18 PGA TOUR season.

Gomez is the first international winner of the Sony Open in Hawaii since K.J. Choi in 2008. He is the third international to win this year joining fellow Argentinian Emiliano Grillo (Frys.com Open) and Northern Irishman Graeme McDowell (OHL Classic at Mayakoba).



About Fabian Gomez:

Birthdate: November 27, 1978
Birthplace: Resistencia, Chaco, Argentina
Resides: Resistencia, Chaco, Argentina
Family: Wife, Pamela; Melina, Valentina
Height/Weight: 5-8, 165
Turned Pro: 2002
Web.com Tour Graduate: 2010, 2014
Joined PGA TOUR: 2011

Brandt Snedeker

Playoff record (2-1)
Lost to Fabian Gomez, 2016 Sony Open in Hawaii
Defeated Kyle Stanley, 2012 Farmers Insurance Open
Defeated Luke Donald, 2011 RBC Heritage

Brandt Snedeker fired a final-round 66, including a 4-under 31 on the back nine and lost in a playoff to Fabian Gomez, on the second playoff hole when Gomez made birdie to Snedeker's par.

Snedeker began the day tied with Zac Blair, the seventh time he has held at least a share of the lead at a PGA TOUR event heading into the final round. He is three of seven when carrying the lead/co-lead into the final round on the PGA TOUR. His most recent victory came 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.

Here's a list of Snedeker's 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). All four of his rounds (63-65-66-66) bettered his previous best at the course.

Snedeker, who had just two bogeys through (par-4 14th hole in round one and par-4 4th on Sunday), made his first trip to the Sony Open in Hawaii since 2008, and just his third appearance overall.

Snedeker had a streak of 43 consecutive holes without a bogey until he made bogey at the par-3 fourth.

Zac Blair

Zac Blair of Utah came within one shot of a playoff for a chance to win his first career PGA TOUR event in his 41st-career start at the age of 25 years, 4 months and 28 days.

Blair was attempting to be 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).

Blair now owns four top-10 finishes in his career: 3-2016 Sony Open in Hawaii, T4-2015 The Barclays, T6-Sony Open in Hawaii, T10-2015 OHL Classic at Mayakoba.

Blair went 52 holes without a bogey before dropping a shot at the par-3 fourth hole Sunday.

This is the first time Blair led or co-led any tournament through 54 holes. 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. He shot a final-round 74 at that event playing with Bae in the final group and finished T12.



Jimmy Walker

Two-time defending champion Jimmy Walker fell short of his bid to become the first player since Steve Stricker at the John Deere Classic (2009-11) to win the same event three years in a row. He recorded a T13 finish after a 65-66 on the weekend to finish at 12-under, eight shots out of the playoff. His streak of rounds in the 60s at Waialae Country Club was extended to 17.

Since 2014, Walker is 91-under par in Hawaii's two PGA TOUR events (-43/Hyundai Tournament of Champions, -52/Sony Open in Hawaii).

Additional Player notes

FedExCup leader Kevin Kisner and winner of The RSM Classic shot an even-par 70 in the final round and finished five shots out of a playoff. The T5 finish is his fourth top-10 in a row this season. His other top-10 finishes are: 9-Hyundai Tournament of Champions, WON-The RSM Classic, 2-World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions. His finish was good enough to hold on to his lead in the FedExCup.

Si Woo Kim, of Korea, came up short in his bid to be the first Korean winner of the Sony Open in Hawaii since K.J. Choi in 2008. His final-round 68 left him four shots out of a playoff. It is the first top-10 of Kim's TOUR career.

49-year-old Jerry Kelly fired a final-round 67 to tie for ninth, his first top 10 of the season. He had four top 10s in 2014-15 and finished the FedExCup ranked No. 68.

Englishman Greg Owen used an eagle on the last to cap a final-round 64 (including a 30 on the back) and record his best finish since last season's FedEx St. Jude Classic, which was won by Fabian Gomez. The 43-year-old finished T5 for only his sixth top 10 in the last seven years on the PGA TOUR.

At 59 years, 7 months, 1 day, Fred Funk was 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 finished T42 after a final-round 65.

Steve Stricker, who is making his first start of the 2015-16 Season, owns four top-4 or better finishes in 14 starts at the Sony Open in Hawaii (3rd-2010, T4-2008, T4-2007, 3-1996). A final round 72 left him in a tie for 64th.

Miscellaneous Notes

Past champions: Zach Johnson (T9), Jerry Kelly (T9), Ryan Palmer (T13), Jimmy Walker (T13), K.J. Choi (T50), Vijay Singh (T50), Johnson Wagner (MC), Russell Henley (MC), Mark Wilson (MC)

Rookies in the field: Harold Varner III (T13), Emiliano Grillo (T33), 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).

In the last 11 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
2016	Brandt Snedeker/Zac Blair (194/-16)	Fabian Gomez (260/-20)*
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)

*Won in a playoff



In the first nine 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).

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)

R4 – Brendon de Jonge (65), Shawn Stefani (66), Daniel Summerhays (66)

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
R4	34.486	33.581	68.068	68.497

The par-4 13th hole played the toughest during the fourth round, yielding a 4.216 average. The par-5 18th hole was the easiest at 4.324.

For the week, the par-4 13th hole played the toughest, yielding a 4.180 average. The par-5 9th was the easiest hole of the week at 4.209.