



## 2016 The Honda Classic

(The 15th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Feb. 25 – 28, 2016

Purse: \$6,100,000 (\$1,098,000/winner)

PGA National (Champion Course)

Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,140

### Final-Round Notes – Sunday, February 28, 2016

*Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 74 degrees. Winds E 10-18 mph.*

#### Final-Round Leaderboard

Adam Scott	70-65-66-70—271 (-9)
Sergio Garcia	65-69-67-71—272 (-8)
Blayne Barber	70-66-69-70—275 (-5)
Justin Thomas	69-69-68-69—275 (-5)

#### **Adam Scott wins on the PGA TOUR (12):**

2003 Deutsche Bank Championship

2004 THE PLAYERS Championship, Booz Allen Classic

2006 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola

2007 Shell Houston Open

2008 AT&T Byron Nelson

2010 Valero Texas Open

2011 World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational

2013 Masters Tournament, The Barclays

2014 DEAN & DELUCA Invitational

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Adam Scott, who took a quadruple-bogey seven on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole in round three, made par on the hole in the final round en route to his 12<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR win at the age of 35 years, 7 months and 12 days in his 250<sup>th</sup> career start on the PGA TOUR.

With the win, Scott becomes the first player to win on the PGA TOUR, despite a quadruple bogey during the week, since Phil Mickelson at the 2009 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

With his 12<sup>th</sup> win, Scott owns more PGA TOUR titles than any active player under the age of 40.

With the win, Scott moves from 16<sup>th</sup> to No. 3 in the FedExCup standings with 1,058 points. It took 458 points to qualify for the PGA TOUR Playoffs for the FedExCup in 2014-15, 554 to qualify for Deutsche Bank Championship, 692 for BMW Championship and 1,062 for the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

With the win, Scott is projected to move from No. 13 to 9<sup>th</sup> in the Official World Golf Ranking.

Scott has now converted seven of 11 54-hole leads/co-leads into victory. Before this week, his most recent 54-hole lead ended unpleasantly. With a three-stroke lead after the third round of the 2014 Arnold Palmer Invitational, he blew up to a 4-over 76 in the final round to finish third.

Scott becomes the seventh player in the last 10 years (since moving to PGA National) to convert a 54-hole lead/co-lead into victory.

Scott becomes the seventh player (of 15 events) to convert a 54-hole lead/co-lead into victory on the PGA TOUR this season.

Scott wins in his fifth start in The Honda Classic and marks his first top-10 finish in the event. His previous-best was a T11 in his first start of 2001 at TPC Heron Bay.

Scott collects his third top-10 finish in just five starts this season. Following a 2014 season in which he won once, claimed 10 top-10 finishes, finished 12<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup and overtook the World's No. 1 ranking, Scott managed just three top-10 finishes last season en route to a 106<sup>th</sup>-place finish in FedExCup points.

With his final-round, even-par 70, Scott has now posted 14 consecutive rounds of par-or-better, dating to the second round of the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions.

Scott wins for a second time in the state of Florida (2004 PLAYERS Championship). By comparison, he has won three times in Texas.

Scott wins in his fifth start of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season, and it comes a week after finishing T2 at the Northern Trust Open. Scott finished solo-second in his first start of the season at the CIMB Classic.

Scott's win marks his 75<sup>th</sup> top-10 finish since joining the TOUR in 2003.

Scott becomes seventh international winner of The Honda Classic since 2007, when the event moved to PGA National. He joins Padraig Harrington (2015), Rory McIlroy (2012), Rory Sabbatini (2011), Camilo Villegas (2010), Y.E. Yang (2009) and Ernie Els (2008). The three American winners were Russell Henley (2014), Michael Thompson (2013) and Mark Wilson (2007).

With his win, Scott becomes just the second Australian player to win The Honda Classic since its 1972 inception. Stuart Appleby won the event in 1997.

Scott becomes the sixth international player to win on the PGA TOUR this season, joining Emiliano Grillo (Safeway Open), Russell Knox (World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions), Graeme McDowell (OHL Classic at Mayakoba), Fabian Gomez (Sony Open in Hawaii) and Hideki Matsuyama (Waste Management Phoenix Open).

Four of the first five winners of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season were in their 20s, while six of the last seven winners have now been in their 30s.

2015-16 PGA TOUR Season starts-made cuts-top 10s-wins: 5-5-3-1

R1 at a glance: 9 of 14 fairways, 12 of 18 greens, 30 putts  
R2 at a glance: 10 of 14 fairways, 14 of 18 greens, 29 putts  
R3 at a glance: 11 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens, 27 putts  
R4 at a glance: 9 of 14 fairways, 14 of 18 greens, 32 putts

**Full Name:** Adam Scott

**Height:** 6-0    **Weight:** 180

**Birthday:** July 16, 1980

**Birthplace:** Adelaide, Australia

**Residence:** Crans sur Sierre, Switzerland

**Family:** Wife, Marie; Bo Vera

**Turned professional:** 2000

**Joined PGA TOUR:** 2003

### **Sergio Garcia**

Despite a birdie on the 72<sup>nd</sup> hole, back-to-back bogeys at Nos. 16 and 17 left Sergio Garcia one-stroke shy of Adam Scott's winning total of 9-under 271.

This marked the 13<sup>th</sup> time Garcia had held a 54-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR. He has converted for the win just three times. Of the last five 54-hole leads/co-leads he has had, none have resulted in victory.

The 2016 Honda Classic marked Garcia's 15<sup>th</sup> runner-up finish and 90<sup>th</sup> top-10.

Garcia was making his sixth start in The Honda Classic, with a T8 in 2014 his only top-10 finish before this week.

Garcia, an eight-time winner on the PGA TOUR, was in search of his first win since the 2012 Wyndham Championship. Garcia came close to the winner's circle last year in Florida at THE PLAYERS Championship. In a three-hole aggregate playoff with Kevin Kisner and Rickie Fowler, he ended up sharing second with Kisner.

In his only start on the European Tour this season, Garcia finished T7 at the Commercial Bank Qatar Masters.

### **Blayne Barber**

In search of his first career PGA TOUR win, Blayne Barber posted a final-round, even-par 70 to claim a share of third place with Justin Thomas.

This marked Barber's second start at The Honda Classic, having made his tournament debut last year (58th). In 10 events this season, Barber has five missed cuts, with this week marking his first top-10 finish.

Barber is a 2014 Web.com Tour graduate. He has one victory on the Web.com Tour: 2014 South Georgia Classic presented by First State Bank and Trust Company.

### **Justin Thomas**

Following a missed cut in his first start in The Honda Classic last year, Justin Thomas was the only player in the field this year to post all four rounds in the 60s en route to a share of third place.

Thomas, a rookie on the PGA TOUR last season, collected seven top-10 finishes en route to a 32<sup>nd</sup>-place in the FedExCup standings.

Thomas was making his ninth start of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season, which produced his first career TOUR win at the CIMB Classic in November in his second start of the season. In his last three starts, he succumbed to missed cuts at the Sony Open in Hawaii and Waste Management Phoenix Open and finished T54 at last week's Northern Trust Open.

### **Rickie Fowler**

Rickie Fowler's T6 finish marked his third top-10 finish in his last four starts; 5<sup>th</sup>/Hyundai Tournament of Champions, MC/Farmers Insurance Open, P2/Waste Management Phoenix Open and T6/The Honda Classic.

Fowler, a Jupiter, Fla. resident, was making his seventh-consecutive start at The Honda Classic, with his previous-best finish being T7 in 2012.

In 22 rounds in the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season, Fowler has just four over-par rounds, two of which came this weekend: R1/Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (T25), R1/Farmers Insurance Open (MC) and R3-4/The Honda Classic.

### **Additional player notes**

Defending champion Padraig Harrington was unable to break par in either weekend round, posted a 72-71 in rounds three and four, respectively. At 4-over 284, Harrington finished T43. The only player to successfully defend a Honda title was Jack Nicklaus in 1978.

Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. resident Vijay Singh posted four rounds of par-or-better to claim T6, his first top-10 finish since finishing T10 at last season's Valspar Championship in the Tampa Bay area.

For the second-straight day, Phil Mickelson posted an even-par 70. At 3-over 283, Mickelson finished T37.

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

The week of The Honda Classic offered the final opportunity to qualify for this week's World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship. Players not previously eligible could have qualified by being inside the top 50 in the Official World Golf Ranking (players inside the top 50 in the OWGR as of 2/22/16 cannot drop out) or the top 10 or the FedExCup standings following The Honda Classic.

Scoring Averages at the par-70 PGA National:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.650	36.657	72.307	---
R2:	35.350	36.311	71.661	72.001

R3: 35.274          36.053          71.327          71.856  
R4: 35.195          36.183          71.378          71.771

“Bear Trap” averages –

R1: No. 15 (3.171/T7 toughest), No. 16 (4.157/T7 toughest), No. 17 (2.950/15<sup>th</sup> toughest)

R2: No. 15 (3.151/8<sup>th</sup> toughest), No. 16 (4.204/7<sup>th</sup> toughest), No. 17 (2.996/13<sup>th</sup> toughest)

R3: No. 15 (3.351/2<sup>nd</sup> toughest), No. 16 (4.104/9<sup>th</sup> toughest), No. 17 (3.273/T3 toughest)

R4: No. 15 (3.234/3<sup>rd</sup> toughest), No. 16 (4.182/T5 toughest), No. 17 (3.299/1<sup>st</sup> toughest)

Total balls in the water in the Bear Trap				
Hole	R1	R2	R3	R4
15	15	17	10	12
16	11	7	4	2
17	3	5	5	8
Cumulative:	29	29	19	22

The par-3 17<sup>th</sup> hole played the toughest during the final round, yielding a 3.299 average, with the par-5 third hole (4.636) being the easiest.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Rickie Fowler (66)

R2: Rickie Fowler (66) and Adam Scott (65)

R3: Tom Hoge (68)

R4: Sung Kang (68), Robert Streb (67)