



**2016 Travelers Championship**  
(The 40<sup>th</sup> of 42 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

**Cromwell, Conn.**  
**TPC River Highlands**

**August 1-7, 2016**  
**Par/Yardage: 35-35—70/6,841**

**FedExCup Points: 500 to the winner**  
**Purse: \$6,600,000 (\$1,188,000)**

### **Second-Round Notes – Friday, August 5, 2016**

*Weather: Sunny, with a high of 85 degrees. Wind SSW 10-15 mph. Due to anticipated weather on Saturday, third-round tee times will run 7-9 a.m. in threesomes off both tees.*

**Cut:** 73 professionals made the cut at 1-under 139 from a field of 156 professionals.

#### **Second-Round Leaderboard**

Tyrone Van Aswegen	67-66—133 (-7)
Daniel Berger	66-67—133 (-7)
Russell Henley	68-65—133 (-7)
Marc Leishman	65-68—133 (-7)

#### **Second-Round Leader Stats**

After 36 holes, four players are tied for the lead, the most at the Travelers Championship since 2001 when eight players shared the lead after the second round.

The 36-hole total of 7-under 133 is the highest at the Travelers Championship since 1992 when 134 was the leading total after the second round. The last time the 36-hole lead was in a single digit under par was in 2012 when Freddie Jacobson led at 9-under 131.

The four-way tie after 36 holes ties the PGA TOUR record this season. Four players were also tied after the second round at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open last fall.

Dating to 2000, the second-round leader/co-leader at the Travelers Championship has gone on to win five times: Bubba Watson (2015), Kenny Perry (2009), Stewart Cink (2008), Peter Jacobsen (2003) and Notah Begay III (2000).

The best opening 36-hole score at the Travelers Championship is 14-under 126, set by Justin Rose in 2010 (finished T9).

The largest 36-hole lead is five shots by Tommy Bolt (1954) and Gene Littler (1959). Since 2000, on two occasions a leader has held a four-shot lead heading into the third round, both times by Justin Rose (2010 and 2005).

Only two players have won the tournament in wire-to-wire fashion – Gene Littler in 1959 and Tim Morris in 1982. A total of 10 players have won the tournament after holding at least a share of the lead after each round.

Through 37 stroke-play events on the PGA TOUR this season, 13 second-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win. Most recently, Jimmy Walker achieved this feat at the PGA Championship.

#### **Tyrone Van Aswegen**

Tyrone Van Aswegen recorded a second-round 66, his best score since a 66 in the third round of the Sony Open in Hawaii.

Van Aswegen is the only player in the field bogey free through 36 holes. This is the first time in his career he has posted back-to-back bogey-free rounds. The last player to go bogey free through 36 holes at the Travelers Championship was Freddie Jacobson who played his first 63 holes without a bogey. Jacobson went on to win the 2011 tournament and holds the tournament record for fewest bogeys by a winner.

This marks his first lead/co-lead after any round on the PGA TOUR.

Van Aswegen is making his third start in the Travelers Championship following a T26 in 2014 and T60 in 2015. His second-round 66 is his lowest score in 10 rounds at TPC River Highlands, besting his previous-low, a 67 in round three of 2014.

Van Aswegen's lone top-10 in the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season came in his first start at the Frys.com Open last fall (T3).

Van Aswegen is in search of his first win on the PGA TOUR. Six of the last 10 winners of the Travelers Championship have been first-time TOUR champions: J.J. Henry (2006), Hunter Mahan (2007), Bubba Watson (2010), Fredrik Jacobson (2011), Marc Leishman (2012) and Ken Duke (2013).

With a win on Sunday, the South African would end the American domination at the Travelers Championship. Since 2000, Freddie Jacobson (2011) and Marc Leishman (2012) are the only international winners of the tournament.

A total of 17 players have picked up their first TOUR win at the Travelers Championship: Ken Duke (2013), Marc Leishman (2012), Fredrik Jacobson (2011), Bubba Watson (2010), Hunter Mahan (2007), J.J. Henry (2006), Brent Geiberger (1999), Olin Browne (1998), Stewart Cink (1997), Billy Ray Brown (1991), Mark Brooks (1988), Mac O'Grady (1986), Phil Blackmar (1985), Tim Norris (1982), Don Bies (1975), Charles Sifford (1967) and Bob Toski (1953).

With a win this week, Van Aswegen would join Emiliano Grillo (Frys.com Open), Smylie Kaufman (Shriners Hospitals for Children Open) and Peter Malnati (Sanderson Farms Championship) as 2015 Web.com Tour graduates to win on the PGA TOUR in 2015-16.

### **Daniel Berger**

Daniel Berger followed his first-round 66 with a 67 in round two to share the lead with Tyrone Van Aswegen. Berger notched his first win on the PGA TOUR at this year's FedEx St. Jude Classic.

Berger hit 17 of 18 greens in regulation in round two.

This marks Berger's second 36-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR and just his fourth after any round. He previously held the solo second-round lead at the 2016 FedEx St. Jude Classic, where he held onto the lead through 54 holes and went on to victory.

After hitting his opening tee shot in the first round of the World Golf Championships-Bridestone Invitational, Berger withdrew due to a strained shoulder. He returned to competition at last week's PGA Championship (T73).

Berger is making his first start in the Travelers Championship. This is his 22<sup>nd</sup> start of the season where he has four top-10s, including a T10 in his first Masters appearance.

<b>Strokes Gained</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Stat</b>
Off the Tee	24	1.469
Tee to Green	2	6.243
Approach the Green	2	4.263
Around the Green	31	.510
Putting	45	1.046
Total	T1	7.288

Berger claimed last year's PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year honors on the strength of six top-10 finishes, two of which were runner-up showings (The Honda Classic/P2, BMW Championship/2).

When Daniel Berger was named PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year for the 2014-15 season, he became the fourth recipient who had not won a PGA TOUR tournament in their rookie season. Each recipient went on to eventually win on the PGA TOUR, including 2009 Rookie of the Year Marc Leishman, who notched his first win at the 2012 Travelers Championship.

<b>ROY</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>First PGA TOUR win</b>
2001	Charles Howell III	won the 2002 Michelob Championship at Kingsmill
2009	Marc Leishman	won the 2012 Travelers Championship
2010	Rickie Fowler	won the 2012 Wells Fargo Championship
2014-15	Daniel Berger	won the 2016 FedEx St. Jude Classic

### **Russell Henley**

In his first appearance at the Travelers Championship, Russell Henley followed a first-round 68 with a bogey-free 5-under 65 in the second round to share the lead after the first two rounds.

This marks Henley's fourth 36-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR. Of his three previous leads/co-leads, he has finished no worse than tied for fourth (2013 Sony Open in Hawaii/Won, 2014 RSM Classic/T4 and 2015 Hyundai Tournament of Champions/T3).

Henley is making his 22<sup>nd</sup> start of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season where he has four top-10s, most recently a T7 at the FedEx St. Jude Classic.

Henley has two PGA TOUR victories: 2013 Sony Open in Hawaii and 2014 Honda Classic.

### **Marc Leishman**

2012 Travelers Championship winner Marc Leishman posted rounds of 65-68 to enter the four-way tie at the top of the leaderboard through 36 holes. Leishman is a perfect 30 for 30 when putting from inside seven feet this week.

This marks Leishman's second 36-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR and his fifth after any round.

Leishman is looking to repeat what Bubba Watson did last year to become the eighth multiple winner of the Travelers Championship: Bubba Watson (2010, 2015), Stewart Cink (2008, 1997), Peter Jacobsen (2003, 1984), Phil Mickelson (2001-02), Paul Azinger (1989, 1987), Billy Casper (1973, 1968, 1965, 1963), Arnold Palmer (1960, 1956).

This marks Leishman's 22<sup>nd</sup> start of the season where he has one top-10 (Northern Trust Open/T5).

Leishman is making his sixth start in the Travelers Championship. In addition to his win in 2012, his next best finish was a T11 in 2014.

### **Additional player notes**

First-round co-leader Jerry Kelly posted five birdies and five bogeys for an even-par 70. He is currently one off the lead. The Madison, Wis., native went to college at nearby University of Hartford. A win on Sunday for Kelly, who turns 50 later this year on November 23, would come at the age of 49 years, 8 months and 15 days. The current oldest winner at the Travelers Championship is Peter Jacobson, winning in 2003 at the age of 49 years, 4 months and 23 days.

First-round co-leader Andrew Loupe shot a 6-over 76 in the second round to miss the cut. The last player to lead after the first round then miss the cut was Keegan Bradley at the 2016 Valspar Championship.

Celebrating his 26th birthday today, Patrick Reed followed an opening even-par 70 with a 3-under 67. Fellow USA Golf teammate Matt Kuchar shot a 67 in the second round.

Today's even-par 70 for defending champion Bubba Watson is just his eighth par-or-worse round in 36 rounds at the Travelers Championship.

In his Travelers Championship debut last year, Paul Casey was 5-under through 36 holes before firing 64-65 to get in the playoff with eventual champion Bubba Watson. Casey is currently 5-under after rounds of 68-67.

Blayne Barber tied his career-low score with a 64, the best round of the day. Barber previously posted a 64 in the third round of the 2015 Zurich Classic of New Orleans. Barber posted six birdies against no bogeys.

Tyrrell Hatton, who got into the field via a top-10 finish at the PGA Championship, posted a 5-under 65 in the second round and is three shots of the lead. This week marks Hatton's ninth start on the PGA TOUR and his first non-major or World Golf Championships event.

### **Miscellaneous Stats**

With its commitment to bring top young players to Connecticut each year, former up-and-coming players like Webb Simpson, Rickie Fowler, Ryo Ishikawa, Kyle Stanley, Morgan Hoffmann, Patrick Cantlay, Patrick Rodgers and Jon Rahm have been granted exemptions by the tournament and made their professional debut in Hartford. This year, the exemption went to Jordan Niebrugge (MC) and Lee McCoy (MC).

Six players who will compete in next week's Olympics are in the Travelers Championship field. Here's where they stand: Bubba Watson (T24), Alex Cejka (T24), Soren Kjeldsen (T24), Matt Kuchar (T16), Patrick Reed (T24), Pdraig Harrington (T56).

Seven past champions of the Travelers Championship are in the field: Marc Leishman (T1), Bubba Watson (T24), Hunter Mahan (T56), Freddie Jacobson (MC), J.J. Henry (MC), Kevin Streelman (MC), Ken Duke (MC).

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Vaughn Taylor (64), Tyrone Van Aswegen (67), Rory Sabbatini (67), Bubba Watson (67), Chad Campbell (68), Alex Cejka (68), Abraham Ancer (68).

R2: Blayne Barber (64), Paul Casey (67), Chad Collins (68/MC), Jim Furyk (66), Russell Henley (65), J.J. Henry (69/MC) , Jason Kokrak (66), Scott Pinckney (67), John Senden (68), Brian Stuard (65)and Tyrone Van Aswegen (66).

Scoring Averages at the par-70 TPC River Highlands:

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
R1:	35.244	34.833	70.077	---
R2:	34.910	35.301	70.212	70.144

The par-4 10<sup>th</sup> hole played the toughest during the second round, yielding a 4.237 average. The par-5 sixth was the easiest with a 4.840 average.

Morning scoring average: 69.58

Afternoon scoring average: 70.85

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