



2016 Waste Management Phoenix Open
(The 12th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Scottsdale, Ariz. Feb. 4-7, 2016 Purse: \$6,500,000 (\$1,170,000 winner)
TPC Scottsdale Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,266 yards 500 FedExCup points to winner

FINAL First-Round Notes – Friday, February 5, 2016

Weather: Sunny, with a high of 67 degrees. Winds NE 5-10 mph.

Resumption of round one and the start of round two began at 7:30 a.m. MT. Friday. A total of 33 players completed their first round Friday morning, which ended at 8:53 a.m.

This marks the sixth event of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season to be impacted by weather.

First-Round Leaderboard

Position	Name	Score
T1	Rickie Fowler	65 (-6)
T1	Shane Lowry	65 (-6)
T1	Hideki Matsuyama	65 (-6)

Rickie Fowler

A week after missing the cut at the Farmers Insurance Open, Rickie Fowler made an eagle at the par-5 15th, six birdies and two bogeys in round one, good for a 6-under 65.

Fowler is making his eighth start in this week’s Waste Management Phoenix Open, with a solo-second in 2010 his lone top-10 finish. Fowler finished T43 at TPC Scottsdale last year, following missed cuts in 2013 and 2014.

Fowler, a three-time winner on the PGA TOUR, won the Abu Dhabi Championship two weeks ago. On the TOUR, Fowler won the 2012 Wells Fargo Championship, 2015 PLAYERS Championship and 2015 Deutsche Bank Championship.

Fowler is making his fifth start of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season, with a fifth-place showing at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions his one top-10 finish.

This marks just the second time Fowler has had a lead/co-lead after 18 holes. He was tied a the top at the 2010 Memorial Tournament, before finishing alone in second.

Shane Lowry

In his first start at the Waste Management Phoenix Open, Ireland’s Shane Lowry birdied five of his first nine holes en route to a 6-under 65.

Lowry earned his exempt status through the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season after his first career TOUR win at the 2015 World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational.

Lowry, a two-time international winner, is making his third start of the PGA TOUR this season; T68/World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions, T13/Farmers Insurance Open.

This week’s Waste Management Phoenix Open is Lowry’s 35th start on the PGA TOUR.

The only three players to win the Waste Management Phoenix Open in their first start were Brooks Koepka (2015), Kyle Stanley (2012) and J.B. Holmes (2006).

The closest Lowry has been to the top of the leaderboard after 18 holes on the PGA TOUR before this week was T3 at the 2014 Open Championship (finished T9).

Hideki Matsuyama

Japan’s Hideki Matsuyama made eight birdies and two bogeys in round one, finishing just before play was suspended for the day, due to darkness.

Matsuyama is making his third-consecutive start in the Waste Management Phoenix Open, where he has enjoyed past success. He finished T4 in 2014 and improved to T2 last year.

Matsuyama is making his fifth start on the PGA TOUR this season, with solo-fifth-place honors at the CIMB Classic his lone top-10 finish.

Matsuyama is in search of his second career PGA TOUR win this week (2014 the Memorial Tournament).

Matsuyama has previously held an 18-hole-lead/co-lead twice. At the 2015 PLAYERS Championship, he was tied for the lead after round one, before finishing T17. In defense of his 2014 Memorial Tournament title, he finished T5 after holding a share of the opening-round lead at Muirfield Village in 2015.

First-Round Lead Notes

The last time more than two players shared the lead after 18 holes was in 2001, when Brad Elder, Scott Verplank and Tom Lehman were tied at 7-under 64.

Since 2000, the only two first-round leaders of the event to hang on for the win were Tom Lehman, who opened in 2000 with an 8-under 63. He won by one stroke. Mickelson's opening-round 60 in 2013 eventually resulted in a 4-stroke win over Brandt Snedeker.

After last year's first round, Ryan Palmer led Daniel Berger, Bubba Watson and Keegan Bradley by a stroke at 7-under 64.

Through 11 events in the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season, Kevin Kisner (The RSM Classic) and Jason Dufner (CareerBuilder Challenge) are the only first-round leaders to have held on for the win.

Anirban Lahiri

Making his first start in the Waste Management Phoenix Open, India's Anirban Lahiri birdied five of his first nine holes en route to a 5-under 66. He made a total of seven birdies and two bogeys.

Lahiri made his way onto the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of his 32nd-place finish on last year's Web.com Tour priority list.

Lahiri drew the attention of the golfing world last season, with his T5 finish at the PGA Championship at Whistling Straits. It marked his 12th and final start as a non-member of the PGA TOUR. As a result, his top-10 finish at Whistling Straits did not earn him a spot into the following week's field at the Wyndham Championship, as he had not earned Special Temporary Membership.

In August of last year, Lahiri was named a member of the Presidents Cup International team, becoming the first player from India to play in The Presidents Cup.

Brandt Snedeker

Coming off Monday's win at the Farmers Insurance Open, his eighth on the PGA TOUR, Brandt Snedeker opened with a 4-under 67.

Snedeker is making his seventh start of the season this week. After back-to-back missed cuts at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open and The RSM Classic, he finished T3 at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions, lost in a playoff at the Sony Open in Hawaii and won the Farmers Insurance Open.

The only other time Snedeker has managed to collect top-five finishes in three-consecutive starts was in 2013 and began at the Farmers Insurance Open (T2). In his next two starts, he finished second at the Waste Management Phoenix Open and won the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. He has never collected four top-5 finishes in consecutive starts.

Snedeker, the 2012 FedExCup winner, is making his 10th-consecutive start in this week's Waste Management Phoenix Open, where he has collected top-10 finishes in 2008 (T9), 2011 (T8), 2013 (2nd) and 2015 (T10).

Phil Mickelson

A week after missing the cut in his 27th start at the Farmers insurance Open, Phil Mickelson is making his 27th start at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. The 1996, 2005 and 2013 champion in Phoenix got off to a solid start on Nos. 10-18, making an eagle-three at No. 13 and birdies at 11, 15 and 17. He hit a

few road bumps on his inward nine, following a bogey at the par-3 fourth hole with a triple bogey at the par-4 fifth. He birdied his last hole of the day, No. 9, to finish with a 2-under 69.

Through 26 previous starts in the Waste Management Phoenix Open, Mickelson's opening-round scoring average is 69.19. He is now 18 of 27 with first-round, sub-par scores in the event.

Mickelson won the 2013 Waste Management Phoenix Open following an opening-round, 11-under 60.

Mickelson is hoping to become the first four-time winner of this event. Mark Calcavecchia, Gene Littler and Arnold Palmer also captured three tournament titles.

Mickelson's 10 top-10 finishes in the event is the tournament record by one over Mark Calcavecchia.

In his first start of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season two weeks ago, Mickelson finished T3 at the CareerBuilder Challenge in Palm Springs.

Bubba Watson

Former Scottsdale resident Bubba Watson opened with a 2-under 69 and, in doing so, extended his streak of par-or-better scores in the event to a perfect 35/35.

Watson opened last year's event with a 6-under 65, en route to a share of second place. He also finished T2 in 2014.

Watson is making his 10th-consecutive start at this week's Waste Management Phoenix Open, where he has finished inside the top 15 the last four years; T2/2015, T2/2014, 15th/2013 and T5/2012. His other top-15 finish at TPC Scottsdale was a T8 in his first start of 2007.

Watson is making his third start of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season this week. Late last year, he claimed T35 honors at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions, in defense of his 2014 title. More recently, he finished T10 at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions.

Miscellaneous Notes

PGA TOUR sponsor and online mortgage lender Quicken Loans is pleased to announce the extension of the Quicken Loans Hole-In-One Sweepstakes for a third year, beginning with today's first round of the Waste Management Phoenix Open. The Hole-In-One Sweepstakes awards a different, registered fan with mortgage payments for a year each time there is a hole-in-one at all TOUR co-sponsored events, concluding at the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola in September.

Since the sweepstake's inception in 2014, Quicken Loans has awarded more than 600 monthly mortgage payments through the program. To enter, visit www.PGATOUR.com/QuickenLoans. Each person can enter only once, and participants who signed up for the sweepstakes in 2014 and 2015 must re-register to be eligible in 2016. Winners' names will be announced via the respective tournament's broadcast, as well as through Quicken Loans and PGA TOUR social media channels.

Past champions in this week's field: Brooks Koepka/2015 (67), Phil Mickelson/1996, 2005, 2013 (69), J.B. Holmes/ 2006, 2008 (73), Aaron Baddeley/2007 (68), Hunter Mahan/2010 (71), Mark Wilson/2011 (71) and Kyle Stanley/2012 (69).

Bogey-free rounds at TPC Scottsdale:
R1: Charlie Beljan (69)