

Since 2000, third-round leaders/co-leaders of the event have held on for the win eight times: Phil Mickelson (2013), Kenny Perry (2009), J.B. Holmes (2008), J.B. Holmes (2006), Phil Mickelson (2005), Jonathan Kaye (2004) and Mark Calcavecchia (2001).

Through 11 events in the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season, five players have managed to convert a 54-hole lead/co-lead into victory, most recently being Jason Dufner two weeks ago at the CareerBuilder Challenge.

Since moving to TPC Scottsdale in 1987, the record for largest 54-hole lead is six strokes, held by Rocco Mediate in 1999, Mark Calcavecchia in 2001, Spencer Levin in 2012 and Phil Mickelson in 2013.

Hideki Matsuyama

Hideki Matsuyama continued his strong play at TPC Scottsdale, carding a 3-under 68 on Saturday to sit tied for second through 54 holes.

Matsuyama has finished inside the top five in each of his two starts at TPC Scottsdale (T4/2014, T2/2015) and has yet to shoot over par in 11 rounds there.

Last year at TPC Scottsdale, Matsuyama shot an 8-under 63 on Saturday to reach a tie for second, then shot a 4-under 67 on Sunday, narrowly missing a birdie putt on the 72nd hole that would have forced a playoff with Brooks Koepka.

Through three rounds, Matsuyama leads the field in Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green at 9.092. Matsuyama gained +4.905 on the field in round three alone, leading all players.

In Matsuyama's lone PGA TOUR victory at the Memorial Tournament in 2014, he entered the final round two strokes off the lead and shot a 3-under 69 before defeating Kevin Na in a playoff.

Rickie Fowler

Two weeks after his win at the Abu Dhabi Championship, Rickie Fowler rallied from last week's missed cut at the Farmers Insurance Open and finds himself in solid position heading into Sunday in Scottsdale.

Below is Fowler's 54-hole position in each of his three PGA TOUR victories:

Tournament	54-hole position	Final round score
2012 Wells Fargo Championship*	T6	69 (-3)
2015 THE PLAYERS*	T11	67 (-5)
2015 Deutsche Bank Championship	2nd	68 (-3)

* denotes won in playoff

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 remains in search of his fourth career PGA TOUR title this week to go along with his 2012 Wells Fargo Championship, 2015 PLAYERS Championship and 2015 Deutsche Bank Championship crowns.

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.

Fowler has been consistent throughout his bag this week, ranking fifth in Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green (+6.668) and T12 in Strokes Gained: Putting (+3.660).

Phil Mickelson

In his 27th start in the Waste Management Phoenix Open, 1996, 2005 and 2013 winner Phil Mickelson will head into the final round five shots back at 8-under after shooting a 6-under 65 in round three.

Mickelson's 65 was his lowest round at TPC Scottsdale since a 7-under 64 in round three in 2013, and matches his lowest score of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR season (Round 2, CareerBuilder Challenge).

In his three Waste Management Phoenix Open victories, Phil Mickelson has come from behind to win once. In 1996, he was two strokes behind Justin Leonard through 54 holes before shooting a final round 67 and defeating Leonard in a playoff.

Mickelson is looking 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 represents the tournament record by one over Mark Calcavecchia.

Additional Player Notes

Bryce Molder carded the lowest round of the week with a 7-under 64 in round three, moving him up 33 spots from a tie for 37th to a tie for fourth. Molder led the field in Strokes Gained: Putting for the day, gaining +3.578 shots on the field

Boo Weekley moved 17 spots up the leaderboard thanks to a 6-under 65 on Saturday. Weekley was second in the field in Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green on the day at +4.188.

Bubba Watson shot an 2-over par 73 on Saturday, marking the first time he has failed to shoot par or better in 37 career rounds at TPC Scottsdale.

Miscellaneous Notes

On Saturday, 201,003 people attended the Waste Management Phoenix Open, breaking the previous Saturday record of 189,722 from 2014 and setting the new record for single day attendance on the PGA TOUR. With one day to go, the tournament is 11,334 away from breaking the all-time attendance record for a single PGA TOUR event, set at the Waste Management Phoenix Open in 2015.

Seven past champions are in the field this week: Brooks Koepka (2015/T53) Phil Mickelson (2005, 2013/6), Kyle Stanley (2012/T23), Mark Wilson (2011/T64), Hunter Mahan (2010/MC), J.B. Holmes (2006, 2008/T17) and Aaron Baddeley (2007/MC)

Alex Cejka withdrew prior to round three with a sore neck.