

# **2016 World Golf Championships–Cadillac Championship** (The 16<sup>th</sup> of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Doral, Fla. March 3-6, 2016

**Trump National Doral-Blue Monster** 



Purse: ₹\$9,500,000 Par/Yards: 72/7,543

## Second-Round Notes – Friday, March 04, 2016

#### Weather

Friday – Partly cloudy with W winds at 8-15 mph. Temperatures reached low-80s.

## Second-Round Leaderboard

1	Adam Scott	68-66—134 (-10)
T2	Rory McIlroy	71-65—136 (-8)
T2	Dustin Johnson	72-64—136 (-8)
4	Danny Willett	68-69—137 (-7)
T5	Charley Hoffman	68-70—138 (-6)
T5	Bubba Watson	69-69—138 (-6)
T7	Paul Casey	71-68—139 (-5)
T7	Phil Mickelson	67-72—139 (-5)

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

Adam Scott hit 7 of 14 fairways and 14 of 18 greens each for the second consecutive day. He had 26 putts in round 2 after putting 30 times in round 1.

## Adam Scott 68-66—134 (-10)

Adam Scott holds the second-round lead for the 16<sup>th</sup> time in his PGA TOUR career and the first since The Barclays in 2014. Scott, winner of The Honda Classic last week, continued his good form after also finishing T2 at the Northern Trust Open two weeks ago. Scott has shot par or better in 15 consecutive rounds on the PGA TOUR dating back to the final round of the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions in Shanghai.

The last player to win in back-to-back starts was Jason Day in 2015 at the PGA Championship and The Barclays. The last player to win in back-to-back weeks was Billy Horschel at the 2014 BMW Championship and TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

Scott is looking to win his second career World Golf Championships event having won the Bridgestone Invitational in 2011. The 12-time winner is attempting to win multiple events in one season for the third time in his career having won twice in 2004 and twice in 2013. In 2013, Scott won the Australian PGA Championship and the Talisker Masters on the PGA TOUR of Australasia in back-to-back weeks.

Playing for the 15<sup>th</sup> time in the Cadillac Championship, Scott has 5 top-10 finishes including a T4 last year and a runner-up in 2006. The 5 top-10 finishes rank T3 in tournament history. Only Tiger Woods (12) and Sergio Garcia (7) have more.

#### **Dustin Johnson 72-64—136 (-8)**

Defending champion Dustin Johnson shot the low round of the day with a 8-under-par 64 to move from T28 following round 1 to T2 after round 2. Johnson is chasing his third career World Golf Championships victory.

Johnson is seeking his 10th win on TOUR. He has at least one victory in each of his last eight seasons - the longest current streak on TOUR.

**PGA TOUR VICTORIES** 

2008 Turning Stone Resort Championship

2009 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am

2010 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, BMW Championship

2011 The Barclays

2012 FedEx St. Jude Classic

2013 Hyundai Tournament of Champions

2013 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions (part of the 2013-14 PGA TOUR season)

2015 World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship.

The 64 is Dustin's career low at this event, besting his third-round 65 in 2011. It is the 15<sup>th</sup> time in Johnson's career that he has shot 64 or better.

Johnson came from five shots behind after the final round to win last year's Cadillac Championship.

## Rory McIlroy 71-65—136 (-8)

With rounds of 71-65, Rory McIlroy is T2 through 36 holes and two strokes behind Adam Scott's lead. A victory at the Cadillac Championship would be the third World Golf Championships win of his career. McIlroy won the Dell Match Play last year and the Bridgestone Invitational in 2014. Only Geoff Ogilvy (3) and Tiger Woods (18) have more than two World Golf Championships wins. McIlory would join Tiger Woods as the only players to win the Cadillac Championship, Bridgestone Invitational and the Dell Match Play.

McIlroy's putting improved from 33 putts in round 1 to 23 putts in round 2. He improved from 58' 1" of made putts in the opening round to 100' 2"feet of putts made in the second round and ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the field in strokes gained putting in the second round (2.790).

This is the third time that McIlroy has shot 65 (his personal low) at the Cadillac Championship along with the final round in 2013 and the third round in 2012. His best finish at the Cadillac Championship (3<sup>rd</sup>) came in 2012.

His last win came in the Wells Fargo Championship last year by seven shots, where he held the 54-hole lead. McIlroy has 11 career victories, and is looking to join Tiger Woods and Jack Nicklaus as the only players since World War II to record 12 victories before turning 27. If he finishes in the top 8 this week tied with one other person or better, he will regain the No. 2 spot in the Official World Golf Ranking.

With a victory, McIlroy would move from No. 3 to No. 2 in the Official World Golf Ranking.

#### Danny Willett 68-69—137 (-7)

England's Danny Willett shot a 3-under-par 69 to move to 7-under-par, three strokes off the 36-hole lead.

Willett is making his eighth start in a World Golf Championships event, having played at least once in each of the four in the World Golf Championships series. Willet defeated Jim Furyk, 3 and 2 in the consolation match of the 2015 Dell Match Play for his best World Golf Championships result. He also finished T3 at this season's HSBC Champions. Willett finished T12 last year in his only previous appearance at the Cadillac Championship.

Willett owns four European Tour wins (2016 Omega Dubai Desert Classic, 2015 Omega European Masters, 2012 BMW International Open, 2015 Nedbank Golf Challenge). He finished second to Rory McIlroy in last year's Race to Dubai on the European Tour.

Willett and his wife are expecting their first child with the due date on Sunday of The Masters.

## Bubba Watson 69-69—138, (-6)

Bubba Watson's success at Trump National Doral continued with opening rounds of 69-69 to put him four strokes off the lead at T5. Playing in the Cadillac Championship for the sixth time, Watson has finished runner-up twice (2012, 2014) and third last year.

Watson finished birdie-birdie-par over the final three holes at The Riviera Country Club to post a one-stroke victory over Adam Scott and Jason Kokrak at the Northern Trust Open two weeks ago for his ninth career victory. The victory was Watson's second win in the Northern Trust Open. He also won the event in 2014.

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

Five of the top six players on the leaderboard are ranked in the top 15 in the Official World Golf Ranking

Position	Name	OWGF
1	Adam Scott	9
T2	Rory McIlroy	2
T2	Dustin Johnson	8
4	Danny Willett	15
T5	Bubba Watson	4
T5	Charley Hoffman	59

Jordan Spieth (-3), Jason Day (+2) and Rory McIlroy (-8), the top three players in the Official World Golf Ranking respectively, were grouped together for the first time since the opening two rounds of THE PLAYERS Championship in May last year.

There are four past champions in the field this week:

Player (year won)	R1 Standing
Dustin Johnson (2015)	T2
Patrick Reed (2014)	T60
Justin Rose (2012)	T52
Phi Mickelson (2009)	T7

Of the 66 players in the field, 24 are from the United States. The next largest contingent comes from Australia with eight players teeing it up. England has seven players, South Africa has four and Sweden has three. The following countries round out the field – South Korea (2), Northern Ireland (2), Japan (2), Argentina (2), Spain (2), Thailand, Wales, France, Germany, Denmark, Scotland, India, New Zealand, Ireland and Austria.

There are 17 players making their first career Cadillac Championship start: Kristoffer Broberg, Jordan Zunic, Nathan Holman, Yusaku Miyazato, Smylie Kaufman, Byeong-Hun An, Daniel Berger, Steven Bowditch, Matthew Fitzpatrick, Fabian Gomez, Emiliano Grillo, Kevin Kisner, Russell Knox, Danny Lee, David Lingmerth, Andy Sullivan and Justin Thomas.

Five players are playing in their first-ever World Golf Championships event: Kristoffer Broberg (Sweden), Jordan Zunic (Australia), Nathan Holman (Australia), Yusaku Miyazato (Japan) and Smylie Kaufman (USA).

The 18<sup>th</sup> hole played downwind on Friday and played less difficult than in the past at .215 strokes over par, the fourth most difficult hole of the second round. Playing at +0.572 strokes over par, the 18<sup>th</sup> hole at Trump National Doral was the toughest finishing hole on TOUR last year and ranked as the second-most difficult hole for the entire season.

## Scoring Average

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Total
Front 9	36.592	36.091			36.325
Back 9	36.015	35.600			35.799
Total	72.607	71.691			72.124

Current FedExCup leader Brandt Snedeker withdrew prior to the start of round 2 due to a rib injury.

Bogey-Free Rounds

R1 – None

R2 – Dustin Johnson (64), Justin Thomas (66), Danny Lee (71)

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