



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

Doral, Fla.  
Trump National Doral-Blue Monster

March 3-6, 2016

**Third-Round Notes – Saturday, March 05, 2016**

**Weather**

Saturday: Partly cloudy skies with winds from the east at 10-20 mph. Cooler temperatures reached the upper 70s.

**Third-Round Leaderboard**

1	Rory McIlroy	71-65-68—204 (-12)
T2	Dustin Johnson	72-64-71—207 (-9)
T2	Adam Scott	68-66-73—207 (-9)
T4	Phil Mickelson	67-72-70—209 (-7)
T4	Bubba Watson	69-69-71—209 (-7)
T4	Danny Willett	68-69-72—209 (-7)
T7	Three players tied at -5	

**Third-Round Leader Stats**

Rory McIlroy hit 8 of 14 fairways and 13 of 18 greens. He had 26 putts in the third round after putting 23 times in the second round.

**Rory McIlroy 71-65-68—204 (-12)**

Rory McIlroy shot a third-round 68 to move from T2 to holding a three-stroke advantage heading into the final round of the Cadillac Championship. He was the only player in the field with a bogey-free round on Saturday when the course scoring average rose to above par for the first time this week (73.170).

Additionally, this is McIlroy's first bogey-free round on both the PGA TOUR and The European Tour this season and the first since the second round of the European Tour's Turkish Airlines Open in October. At the Cadillac Championship, McIlroy has not dropped a shot since No. 2 in the second round, a 33-hole streak.

McIlroy is the third-round leader for the ninth time in his career, converting the victory on six occasions when holding at least a share of the 54-hole 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. McIlroy would join Tiger Woods as the only players to win the Cadillac Championship, Bridgestone Invitational and the Dell Match Play.

McIlroy has four career top 10s at the Cadillac Championship, with his best finish (3<sup>rd</sup>) coming in 2012. A fifth top-10 would rank him T3 in tournament history behind Tiger Woods (12) and Sergio Garcia (7). Of the seven players with at least four top-10 finishes in tournament history, McIlroy would join Woods as the only players with a win in the tournament.

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. A win would move him to No. 2 in the Official World Golf Ranking.

### **Dustin Johnson 72-64-71—207 (-9)**

Defending champion Dustin Johnson shot a 1-under-par 71 and remains T2 after three rounds, three back of McIlroy. With a win this week, Johnson would become the first winner of the Cadillac Championship to successfully defend his title since Tiger Woods won three consecutive titles from 2005-07. The last time Johnson successfully defended a title on the PGA TOUR was the 2009-10 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

Last year, Johnson made history for the largest final-round comeback at the Cadillac Championship after he entered the final round trailing J.B. Holmes by five shots.

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.

### **Adam Scott 68-66-73—207 (-9)**

Adam Scott stepped back on Saturday with a 1-over 73, his first over-par score in 16 rounds. Scott, currently T2, won The Honda Classic last week after finishing T2 at the Northern Trust Open the week prior.

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. In 2013, Scott won the Australian PGA Championship and the Talisker Masters on the PGA TOUR of Australasia in back-to-back weeks.

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. With a win this week, Scott would claim the No. 1 position in the FedExCup standings for the first time in his career.

Playing for the 15<sup>th</sup> time in the Cadillac Championship, Scott has five top-10 finishes including a T4 last year and a runner-up in 2006. The 5 top-10 finishes rank T3 in tournament history, behind Sergio Garcia (7) and Tiger Woods (13).

### **Danny Willett 68-69-72—209 (-7)**

England's Danny Willett shot an even-par 72 to remain at 7-under-par, five strokes off the 54-hole lead.

Willett's T4 position is his highest in a PGA TOUR event after three rounds. He was T6 after three rounds of The Open Championship and finished in the same position.

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. He has finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in two World Golf

Championships events, his best career finishes on the PGA TOUR in 19 starts. The first came at the 2015 Dell Match Play, where he defeated Jim Furyk, 3 and 2 in the consolation match. 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.

### **Phil Mickelson 67-72-70—209 (-7)**

Phil Mickelson shot a 2-under-par 70 to move from T7 to T4 after three rounds. Mickelson has gone on to win five times in his career after starting the final round T4 or worse. The last time he accomplished that feat was his most recent victory at the 2013 Open Championship, where he was T9 after three rounds.

Mickelson is seeking his third World Golf Championships victory having claimed the HSBC Champions and Cadillac Championship titles in 2009. With a win, Mickelson would become the third multiple winner of the Cadillac Championship, joining Ernie Els (2) and Tiger Woods (7).

His accuracy off the tee was tied for the best of the day, connecting on 10 of 14 fairways.

Mickelson, 45, is the oldest player in the field this week and is one of five players in their 40s at the Cadillac Championship. Jamie Donaldson, Scott Hend, Zach Johnson and Soren Kjeldsen are all 40 or older. Ernie Els, aged 40 years, 4 months, 25 days in 2010, is the oldest winner of the Cadillac Championship.

### **Bubba Watson 69-69-71—209 (-7)**

Bubba Watson's 1-under-par 71 in the third round ties him for fourth entering the final round.

Watson is on the cusp of his fourth top-5 finish at this event in the last five years. Playing in the Cadillac Championship for the sixth time, Watson has finished runner-up twice (2012, 2014) and third last year. Six of Watson's nine PGA TOUR victories came when trailing after three rounds.

Watson is making his first start since winning his second Northern Trust Open, holding off Adam Scott and Jason Kokrak in the final round for his ninth career PGA TOUR victory.

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

Five of the top six players on the leaderboard are ranked in the top 15 in the Official World Golf Ranking, and four have won at least one major championship.

Position	Name	OWGR	Majors
1	Rory McIlroy	2	4
T2	Dustin Johnson	8	0
T2	Adam Scott	9	1
T4	Danny Willett	15	0
T4	Bubba Watson	4	2
T4	Phil Mickelson	21	5

Of the players inside the top 10 on the leaderboard through three rounds, three players are in their 20s (Willett, McIlroy, Lahiri).

There are four past champions in the field this week:

<b>Player (year won)</b>	<b>R3 Standing</b>
Dustin Johnson (2015)	T2
Patrick Reed (2014)	T59
Justin Rose (2012)	T46
Phi Mickelson (2009)	T4

Of the 65 players in the field, 23 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). After three rounds, Kaufman is having the best week of the group at T10.

The 18<sup>th</sup> hole played as the most difficult hole in the third round at .554 strokes over par. 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	36.309		36.317
Back 9	36.015	35.600	36.861		36.154
Total	72.607	71.691	73.170		72.471

#### Bogey-Free Rounds

R1 – None

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

R3 – Rory McIlroy (68)

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