



San Diego, Calif. Torrey Pines Golf Course South Course (Host)

**North Course** 

Jan. 23-29, 2017

Purse: \$6,700,000 (\$1,206,000 to the winner)

INSURANCE

OPEN

500 FedExCup points to winner Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,698 Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,258

First-Round Notes - Thursday, January 26, 2017

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 58. Winds NW 8-15 mph.

## **First-Round Leaderboard**

Justin Rose 65 (-7) NC
Adam Hadwin 66 (-6) SC
Gary Woodland 67 (-5) NC
Brad Fritsch 67 (-5) SC
Charles Howell III 67 (-5) NC
Beau Hossler 67 (-5) NC
Trey Mullinax 67 (-5) NC

#### **Justin Rose**

Justin Rose opened with his lowest score in 23 rounds at the Farmers Insurance Open, a 7-under 65 which included six birdies, two eagles and three bogeys. This marks his fifth round on the PGA TOUR with multiple eagles.

Rose played his first round on the North Course. A competitor who played the North Course in the first round has not won the tournament since 2010 (Ben Crane). The last six winners all started the tournament playing the South Course.

In seven previous starts at the Farmers Insurance Open, Rose has never finished inside the top 20. His best finish is a T22 in 2010 and he missed the cut in his last two starts (2015, 2016).

This marks Rose's 15<sup>th</sup> first-round lead/co-lead on TOUR. On 14 previous occasions, he has gone on to win twice: 2010 Memorial Tournament and 2011 BMW Championship. His most recent first-round lead/co-lead was the 2013 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, where he finished runner-up.

In his lone start of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR season, Rose finished runner-up in the Sony Open in Hawaii. Despite rounds of 66-64-66-64, he finished seven strokes behind winner Justin Thomas.

Last season marked Rose's first winless season on the PGA TOUR since 2009. The Olympic Gold medalist posted a third-place finish at the 2016 Wells Fargo Championship, his best showing in an official PGA TOUR start in 2015-16.

Rose is in search of his eighth career PGA TOUR victory and first since the 2015 Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

## **First-round Lead Notes**

Since 2000, no first-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win the Farmers Insurance Open.

Through 10 events in the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season, four players have carried a first-round lead/co-lead on to victory: Justin Thomas (CIMB Classic), Rod Pampling (Shriners Hospitals for Children Open), Mackenzie Hughes (The RSM Classic) and Justin Thomas (Sony Open in Hawaii).

## **Adam Hadwin**

A week after he became the eighth different player to shoot a sub-60 score on the PGA TOUR (59/R3/CareerBuilder Challenge), Canada's Adam Hadwin posted seven birdies and one bogey on the South Course for a 6-under 66.

Of the nine sub-60 rounds on the PGA TOUR, only four times did the player go on to win. No player has shot a sub-60 and won their next event. (Note: Justin Thomas has not played since the Sony Open in Hawaii, site of his 59).



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Hadwin, who has multiple wins on the Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada and the Web.com Tour, has yet to win on the PGA TOUR. Last week's runner-up at the CareerBuilder Challenge was Hadwin's best finish on the PGA TOUR. The Farmers Insurance Open has not produced a first-time winner since 1991 (Jay Don Blake).

# **Gary Woodland**

Gary Woodland posted one of two bogey-free first rounds, a 5-under 67 on the North Course. This marks the fourth consecutive year Woodland has opened the Farmers Insurance Open with a score in the 60s.

Woodland is making his eighth start in the Farmers Insurance Open, where he has never missed a cut. His best finish is a T10 showing in 2014.

In his last 13 rounds in the Farmers Insurance Open, Woodland has ranked inside the top 10 on the leaderboard after eight of those rounds. In 2016, he was T8 through the first round, tied for first after 36 holes and went into the final round at T3. He finished T18.

Woodland has two top-10s in four starts on the PGA TOUR this season: OHL Classic at Mayakoba (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Sony Open in Hawaii (T6).

Today's 67 is Woodland's ninth consecutive round under-par and eighth score in the 60s out of his last nine rounds. OHL Classic at Mayakoba – 64-65-66-70 Sony Open in Hawaii – 64-64-68-67 Farmers Insurance Open – 67

Woodland is searching for his third career victory to go with two previous wins (2011 Valspar Championship, 2013 Barracuda Championship).

# **Tiger Woods**

Making his first start in an official PGA TOUR event for the first time since the 2015 Wyndham Championship (T10), Tiger Woods opened with a 4-over 76 on the South course, just his fourth over-par score in 55 rounds at the Farmers Insurance Open.

His highest score at Torrey Pines is a 79 (South Course) in 2014 (missed 54-hole cut, T80).

Today's 76 is Woods' highest score to start his year as a professional. His previous high score was 73 at the 2015 Waste Management Phoenix Open.

Woods hit just four of 14 fairways and nine of 18 greens in regulation.

# **Additional Player Notes**

Rookie Trey Mullinax shot a 5-under 67 on the North Course to share third with four other players. There has never been a rookie winner at the Farmers Insurance Open. Gene Littler won the event as an amateur in 1954.

Making his professional debut on the PGA TOUR, Beau Hossler recorded a flawless 5-under 67 on the North Course.

Making his first start in the Farmers Insurance Open since 2014, Brad Fritsch opened with a 5-under 67 on the South Course. Fritsch has finished in the top 10 in his two previous tournament starts: 2014/T10 and 2013/T9.

World No. 1 Jason Day, playing with Tiger Woods and Dustin Johnson, made six bogeys and five birdies for a 1-over 73 on the South Course. Since his win in 2015, Day has yet to post a sub-par score at Torrey Pines. He missed the cut in 2016 following rounds of 72-74.

The "super group" of Tiger Woods (+4), Jason Day (+1) and Dustin Johnson (E) all birdied the par-5 18th, South Course.

Defending champion Brandt Snedeker posted a 4-under 68 on the North Course and is three off the lead. Since 2010, Snedeker is the most under par by any player.



Players Most under par since 2010	
Player	Score to Par
Brandt Snedeker	-56
Charles Howell III	-42
Marc Leishman	-37
Bill Haas	-33
Nick Watney	-33

Three-time Farmers Insurance Open winner Phil Mickelson carded a 1-under 71 on the North Course. With five birdies in the first round, Mickelson brought his birdie total to 383 since 1992, the most of any player in that time frame. Mickelson has recorded over 100 more birdies than the next best player, Tiger Woods (266).

Jimmy Walker opened with an even-par 72 on the North Course, his 15<sup>th</sup> round at par or better out of his last 19 rounds at the Farmers Insurance Open. Walker owns a total of four top-10s in this event, tied for his most top-10s in any event on TOUR (he also has four top-10s at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am).

Seven past champions are in the field:

Player R1 Score/Course/Position

Brandt Snedeker 68/NC/T8
Jason Day 73/SC/T96
Scott Stallings 74/SC/T117
Tiger Woods 76/SC/T133
Ben Crane 69/NC/T19
Nick Watney 71/NC/T47
Phil Mickelson 71/NC/T47

Si Woo Kim withdrew after round one due to an injured back.

Smylie Kaufman withdrew before round one with a rib injury. He was replaced in the field by Mark Anderson.

Scoring Averages: R1

North Course 70.756 (The first round scoring average for the North Course in 2016 was 70.897)

South Course 73.615

### **Hardest/Easiest Holes**

Hardest (North) – Par-4, No. 2 (4.308) Easiest (North) – Par-5, No. 17 (4.397) Hardest (South) – Par-4, No. 12 (4.500) Easiest (South) – Par-5, No. 6 (4.577)

### **Bogey-free rounds:**

R1 – Beau Hossler (67), Gary Woodland (67).

# **Notable Tournament Records**

- There are only three international players to win the Farmers Insurance Open: Gary Player (1963), Jose Maria Olazabal (2002) and Jason Day (2015).
- The largest final round come-from-behind win at the Farmers Insurance Open is eight shots by Scott Simpson in 1998.
- Since 2000, only four players have carried the 54-hole lead on to victory at the Farmers Insurance Open. Phil Mickelson in 2000, Tiger Woods in 2003 and 2008 and John Daly in 2004.
- Dating to 1997, only eight players have recorded all four rounds in the 60s at the Farmers Insurance Open. Most recently, Jhonattan Vegas and Phil Mickelson performed this feat in 2011, which was the first time since 2001 (Frank Lickliter II, Mike Weir, Jay Don Blake and Shigeki Maruyama). The other two players were Billy Ray Brown and Bill Glasson in 1999.