



2016 Hero World Challenge

Albany Golf Course
Albany, Bahamas

December 1-4, 2016
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,302

Purse: \$3,500,000

First-Round Notes – Thursday, December 1, 2016

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 83. Wind SSE 10-15 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

J.B. Holmes	64 (-8)
Hideki Matsuyama	65 (-7)
Dustin Johnson	66 (-6)
Louis Oosthuizen	67 (-5)
Matt Kuchar	67 (-5)
Henrik Stenson	67 (-5)

J.B. Holmes

J.B. Holmes carded an 8-under 64 to take a one-stroke lead over Hideki Matsuyama after day one of the Hero World Challenge. It marks his second-consecutive 64 at Albany, having closed last year with a 64 to finish T8.

In official PGA TOUR events, Holmes has held the lead/co-lead after the first round five times, but has yet to carry that lead on to victory.

First-Round Leader Results at the Hero World Challenge

In 2015, Paul Casey, Zach Johnson and Jimmy Walker shared the opening-round lead at 6-under 66, with eventual champion Bubba Watson one of five players one back at 5-under 67.

In the 17 previous playings of the Hero World Challenge, the first-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win just four times (Davis Love III/2003, Tiger Woods/2004, Zach Johnson/2013, Jordan Spieth/2014).

Tiger Woods

Host Tiger Woods, the winner of 79 career PGA TOUR titles including 14 major championships, returned to the Hero World Challenge as a participant after being unable to play last year after undergoing a follow-up procedure in late October 2015 to an earlier back surgery. He opened with a first-round 1-over 73.

Woods moved to 4-under through eight holes and was tied for the lead at the time, but played the remaining 10 holes at 5-over, including double bogeys on Nos. 16 and 18. His playing partner, Patrick Reed, opened with a 72.

Woods owns five victories (2001, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2011) and five runner-up finishes (most recent to Zach Johnson in 2013) in 14 prior Hero World Challenge starts.

A T10 finish at the 2015 Wyndham Championship marks Woods' last start on TOUR.

Woods R1 statistics: 11/18 greens, 6/13 fairways, 1/1 sand saves, 26 putts.

Bubba Watson

Bubba Watson opened with an even-par 72 in his attempt to become the first player to win multiple times at the Hero World Challenge since Graeme McDowell (2010, 2012). Prior to McDowell, Tiger Woods capped off the last of his five titles at this event in 2011.

Following a third-round 9-under 63 a year ago, Watson carded a final-round 6-under 66 to win the Hero World Challenge by three strokes over Patrick Reed. The two-time Masters champion won with a 72-hole total of 25-under 263, one shy of the Hero World Challenge record of 26-under 262 set by Jordan Spieth in 2014.

Making his seventh start at the Hero World Challenge (T14/2010, T6/2011, T9/2012, T3/2013, T11/2014, 1/2015), Watson attempts to join Tiger Woods (2006-07) as the only players to win this event back-to-back seasons.

Jordan Spieth

On the heels of his second victory at the Australian Open (2014, 2016), 2014 Hero World Challenge champion Jordan Spieth (T7) posted a 4-under 68.

Spieth at the Hero World Challenge: T16-2013, 1st-2014, 4th-2015.

Spieth won the 2014 Hero World Challenge by a record 10 strokes over Henrik Stenson, becoming the first player to win the event in wire-to-wire fashion. His tournament-record 26-under 262 winning score shattered the previous record of 22-under 266 set by Tiger Woods in 2007.

Miscellaneous Notes

Hideki Matsuyama posted a 7-under 65 to trail J.B. Holmes by just one stroke. In his last two PGA TOUR starts, Matsuyama won the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions and finished runner-up in the CIMB Classic.

Past Hero World Challenge winners: Jordan Spieth (68/T7), Zach Johnson (72/T12), Bubba Watson (72/T12), Tiger Woods (73/17).

Olympic Gold medalist Justin Rose (74/18th), Silver medalist Henrik Stenson (67/T4), Bronze medalist Matt Kuchar (67/T4).

First-time participants Emiliano Grillo (70/T10), Russell Knox (69/9th), Louis Oosthuizen (67/T4).

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – Russell Knox (69)

First-round Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Round 1	34.110	35.222	69.332	---

Toughest hole – par-3 12th (3.444); Easiest hole – par-5 6th (4.333)