



2016 Hero World Challenge

Albany Golf Course
Albany, Bahamas

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

Purse: \$3,500,000

Second-Round Notes – Friday, December 2, 2016

Weather: Partly cloudy and warm. High of 83. Wind ENE 5-10 mph.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Hideki Matsuyama	65-67—132 (-12)
Dustin Johnson	66-66—132 (-12)
Matt Kuchar	67-67—134 (-10)
Louis Oosthuizen	67-67—134 (-10)
Bubba Watson	72-63—135 (-9)

Hideki Matsuyama

Hideki Matsuyama moved into a share of the 36-hole lead with Dustin Johnson following a second-round 5-under 67 at the Hero World Challenge. He is making his third start at the Hero World Challenge (13th-2014, T17-2015).

In his last two PGA TOUR starts, Matsuyama won the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions and finished runner-up in the CIMB Classic.

Matsuyama has held the second-round lead once previously in official PGA TOUR events, carrying that lead on to victory at the 2016 WGC-HSBC Champions.

Matsuyama's stats through two rounds: 21/26 fairways, 27/36 greens, 0/1 sand saves, 52 putts.

Dustin Johnson

Johnson, the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Player of the Year, is making his fifth start at the Hero World Challenge (T16-2010, T13-2012, 18th-2013, 15th-2015).

On the PGA TOUR in 2016, Johnson held the lead/co-lead four times: U.S. Open (won), RBC Canadian Open (T2), BMW Championship (won), TOUR Championship (T6).

Johnson's stats through two rounds: 12/26 fairways, 26/36 greens, 1/1 sand saves, 52 putts.

Second-Round Leader Results at the Hero World Challenge

In 2015, Bill Haas, Jordan Spieth and Jimmy Walker shared the second-round lead at 11-under 133, with eventual champion Bubba Watson among three players one stroke back at 10-under.

In the 17 previous playings of the Hero World Challenge, the second-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win seven times. Tiger Woods carried the second-round lead/co-lead to victory in 2004, 2006, 2007 and 2011, with Tom Lehman doing so in 1999, Graeme McDowell in 2012 and Jordan Spieth in 2014.

The largest second-round lead at the Hero World Challenge is four strokes, posted by Tiger Woods in 2007 and 2010.

Tiger Woods

Host Tiger Woods carded a bogey-free 7-under 65 to move to T9, six strokes behind the co-leaders. It represented his first bogey-free round since a final-round 67 at the 2015 Greenbrier Classic.

Woods, the winner of 79 career PGA TOUR titles including 14 major championships, returned to the Hero World Challenge this week 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.

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.

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

R2 statistics: 15/18 greens, 9/13 fairways, 1/1 sand saves, 29 putts.

J.B. Holmes

First-round leader J.B. Holmes struggled to back up his first-round 8-under 64, posting a 1-over 73 Friday to fall to T7 and five strokes behind Hideki Matsuyama and Dustin Johnson.

Bubba Watson

Bubba Watson followed an opening-round even-par 72 with a 9-under 63 (the round of the week so far) to move to solo-fifth place. He is attempting to become the first player to win multiple times at the Hero World Challenge since Graeme McDowell (2010, 2012).

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) sits T7 after rounds of 68-69.

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

Past Hero World Challenge winners: Bubba Watson (5), Jordan Spieth (T7), Tiger Woods (T9), Zach Johnson (T13).

Olympic Gold medalist Justin Rose (WD), Silver medalist Henrik Stenson (T9), Bronze medalist Matt Kuchar (T3).

First-time participants Louis Oosthuizen (T3), Russell Knox (T13), Emiliano Grillo (16).

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – Russell Knox (69)

R2 – Tiger Woods (65), Louis Oosthuizen (67)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Round 1	34.110	35.222	69.332	---
Round 2	33.352	35.234	68.586	68.972

Toughest/Easiest hole

Round 1: Toughest hole – par-3 12th (3.444); Easiest hole – par-5 6th (4.333)

Round 2: Toughest hole – par-4 10th (4.235); Easiest hole – par-5 6th (4.294)

Albany resident Justin Rose withdrew prior to the start of the second round with a back injury.