



2016 Hero World Challenge

Albany Golf Course
Albany, Bahamas

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

Purse: \$3,500,000

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, December 3, 2016

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 80. Wind NE 10-15 mph, gusting to 20 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Hideki Matsuyama	65-67-65—197 (-19)
Henrik Stenson	67-71-66—204 (-12)
Dustin Johnson	66-66-72—204 (-12)

Hideki Matsuyama

Second-round leader Hideki Matsuyama maintained a firm hold on the lead following a third-round 7-under 65 at the Hero World Challenge. Making his third start at the Hero World Challenge (13th-2014, T17-2015), Matsuyama will carry a tournament record-tying seven-stroke lead (Jordan Spieth/2014) into the final round over Henrik Stenson and Dustin Johnson.

In his last two PGA TOUR starts, Matsuyama won the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions and finished runner-up in the CIMB Classic. In addition to his win at the HSBC Champions, Matsuyama has also added victories in 2016 at the Waste Management Phoenix Open, Japan Open Golf Championship and the Taiheiyo Masters.

Matsuyama has held the third-round lead three times on the PGA TOUR: 2014 DEAN & DELUCA Invitational (T10), 2015 Tournament of Champions (T3), 2016 WGC-HSBC Champions (won).

Matsuyama's stats through three rounds: 33/39 fairways, 39/54 greens, 1/2 sand saves, 76 putts.

Third-Round Leader Results at the Hero World Challenge

Hideki Matsuyama (2016) and Jordan Spieth (2014) hold the largest 54-hole leads at the Hero World Challenge, with Spieth going on to a record 10-stroke win over Henrik Stenson in 2014.

In 2015, eventual champion Bubba Watson held a two-stroke lead over Paul Casey after 54 holes.

The 54-hole leader/co-leader has won the World Challenge four times in the last 12 seasons (Tiger Woods/2007, Graeme McDowell/2012, Jordan Spieth/2014, Bubba Watson/2015).

The third-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win seven times in 17 attempts (Tom Lehman/1999, Padraig Harrington/2002, Davis Love III/2003, Woods/2007, McDowell/2012, Spieth/2014, Watson/2015).

Tiger Woods

One day following a bogey-free 7-under 65, tournament host Tiger Woods birdied five of his first seven holes en route to a third-round 2-under 70, falling from T9 to 10th place. Woods ended his round with a double bogey on the par-4 18th hole for the second time this week (first and third rounds).

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.

R3 statistics: 11/18 greens, 6/13 fairways, 3/3 sand saves, 26 putts.

Bubba Watson

Bubba Watson will enter the final round T11 following a 3-over 75 Saturday. Making his seventh start at the Hero World Challenge (T14/2010, T6/2011, T9/2012, T3/2013, T11/2014, 1/2015), Watson is attempting to join Tiger Woods (2006-07) as the only players to win this event back-to-back seasons.

Miscellaneous Notes

Past Hero World Challenge winners: Jordan Spieth (T7), Tiger Woods (10), Bubba Watson (T11), Zach Johnson (13).

Olympic Gold medalist Justin Rose (WD), Silver medalist Henrik Stenson (T2), Bronze medalist Matt Kuchar (T4).

First-time participants Louis Oosthuizen (T7), Russell Knox (T14), Emiliano Grillo (17).

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – Russell Knox (69)

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

R3 – None

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
Round 3	34.706	35.528	70.234	69.387

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)

Round 3: Toughest hole – par-4 18th (4.294); Easiest hole – par-4 1st (3.471)