



2016 Hero World Challenge

Albany Golf Course
Albany, Bahamas

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

Purse: \$3,500,000

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, December 4, 2016

Weather: Mostly cloudy and breezy. High of 82. Wind E 10-15 mph, gusting to 20 mph.

Final-Round Leaderboard

Hideki Matsuyama	65-67-65-73—270 (-18)
Henrik Stenson	67-71-66-68—272 (-16)
Rickie Fowler	68-70-68-69—275 (-13)
Matt Kuchar	67-67-71-70—275 (-13)
Dustin Johnson	66-66-72-71—275 (-13)

Hideki Matsuyama

Second and third-round leader Hideki Matsuyama posted a final-round 1-over 73 to win the 2016 Hero World Challenge by two strokes over Henrik Stenson.

Matsuyama wins at the age of 24 years, nine months and nine days.

Matsuyama entered the final round with a seven-stroke cushion over Henrik Stenson and Dustin Johnson, tying Jordan Spieth (2014) for the largest 54-hole lead in tournament history.

Matsuyama wins in his third start at the Hero World Challenge (13th-2014, T17-2015, Won-2016).

Matsuyama's last five worldwide starts (non-team events):

Won – Japan Open (Japan Golf Tour)

2nd – CIMB Classic (PGA TOUR)

Won – World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions (PGA TOUR)

Won – Taiheyo Masters (Japan Golf Tour)

Won – Hero World Challenge (unofficial PGA TOUR event)

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 for the week: 41/52 fairways, 50/72 greens, 2/5 sand saves, 105 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.

The third-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win eight times in 18 attempts (Tom Lehman/1999, Padraig Harrington/2002, Davis Love III/2003, Tiger Woods/2007, Graeme McDowell/2012, Jordan Spieth/2014, Bubba Watson/2015, Hideki Matsuyama/2016).

Tiger Woods

Tiger 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. With rounds of 73-65-70-76, Woods finished 15th

Woods led the field this week with 24 birdies, with champion Hideki Matsuyama second on the list with 22.

Woods owns five victories (2001, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2011) and five runner-up finishes (most recent to Zach Johnson in 2013) in 15 Hero World Challenge starts.

A T10 finish at the 2015 Wyndham Championship marked 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.

R4 statistics: 12/18 greens, 8/13 fairways, ½ sand saves, 29 putts

Henrik Stenson

Henrik Stenson posted his second-consecutive runner-up finish at the Hero World Challenge and his fourth top-5 finish in as many attempts (2nd/2016, 2nd/2015, T5/2007, 4/2006).

Bubba Watson

Bubba Watson finished T6 in his attempt to join Tiger Woods (2006-07) as the only players to win this event back-to-back seasons.

This week marked Watson's seventh start at the Hero World Challenge (T14/2010, T6/2011, T9/2012, T3/2013, T11/2014, 1/2015, T6/2016).

Miscellaneous Notes

Past Hero World Challenge winners in the field this week: Jordan Spieth (T6), Bubba Watson (T6), Zach Johnson (12), Tiger Woods (15).

Three FedExCup champions (four titles) were in the field this week: two-time winner 2013 champion Henrik Stenson (2nd), 2015 champion Jordan Spieth (T6), Tiger Woods (15).

Olympic Gold medalist Justin Rose (WD), Silver medalist Henrik Stenson (2nd), Bronze medalist Matt Kuchar (T3).

First-time participants Louis Oosthuizen (9th), Russell Knox (16th), Emiliano Grillo (17th).

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – Russell Knox (69)

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

R3 – None

R4 – Patrick Reed (68), Rickie Fowler (69)

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
Round 4	35.001	36.236	71.237	69.842

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)

Round 4: Toughest hole – par-4 10th (4.647); Easiest hole – par-5 15th (4.118)

Cumulative: Toughest hole – par-3 12th (3.319); Easiest hole – par-5 15th (4.377)

Hero World Challenge Champion's list

2016 – Hideki Matsuyama; Albany, New Providence, The Bahamas

2015 – Bubba Watson; Albany, New Providence, The Bahamas

2014 – Jordan Spieth; Isleworth Golf and Country Club, Windermere, Fla.

2013 – Zach Johnson; Sherwood Country Club, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

2012 – Graeme McDowell (2); Sherwood Country Club, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

2011 – Tiger Woods (5); Sherwood Country Club, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

2010 – Graeme McDowell; Sherwood Country Club, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

2009 – Jim Furyk; Sherwood Country Club, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

2008 – Vijay Singh; Sherwood Country Club, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

2007 – Tiger Woods (4); Sherwood Country Club, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

2006 – Tiger Woods (3); Sherwood Country Club, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

2005 – Luke Donald; Sherwood Country Club, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

2004 – Tiger Woods (2); Sherwood Country Club, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

2003 – Davis Love III (2); Sherwood Country Club, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

2002 – Pdraig Harrington; Sherwood Country Club, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

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2000 – Davis Love III; Sherwood Country Club, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

1999 – Tom Lehman; Grayhawk Golf Club, Scottsdale, Ariz.