

2017 Sony Open in Hawaii Broadcast Window & Pre-Tournament Notes



ShotLink Keys to Victory for Fabian Gomez

Fabian Gomez fired a final round 62 to force a playoff with Brandt Snedeker en route to his 2nd career PGA TOUR victory. His 62 is both a career low round and the lowest final round recorded by a winner in the history of the Sony Open in Hawaii.

7 Consecutive Birdies in Final Round: Gomez converted a career best 7 consecutive birdies on holes 6 through 12 en route to his final round 62. Gomez is just the 10th PGA TOUR player in the last 25 years (since 1992) to record 7 or more birdies en route to victory and the first to do so in the final round since Kevin Streelman birdied his last 7 holes in the final round of the 2014 Travelers Championship.

Best from the Rough: Despite hitting just 50% of the fairways for the week (T-60th), Fabian Gomez still ranked 6th in the field for Proximity to the Hole and 1st for Rough Proximity averaging about 15 feet closer to the pin on approach shots from the rough than the field average of 46' 2".

Gomez also converted a field leading 25 total birdies for the week marking a new career best for him on the PGA TOUR in 4 round events. For the week, he converted birdie on 6 of 16 (37.5%) par 3's and 16 of 48 (33.3%) par 4's at Waialae Country Club (both tied for best in the field).

Gomez vs the Field
2016 Sony Open in Hawaii

Stat	Rank	Stat	Field
Driving Accuracy	T60	50.0%	55.1%
Proximity to Hole	6 th	29' 3"	34' 7"
Rough Proximity	1 st	31' 5"	46' 2"
Scrambling	T9	75.0%	61.6%
Putting 10 to 15 Feet	3 rd	53.8%	28.6%
Feet of Putts Made / Rd	6 th	91' 4"	71' 9"
Birdie Average	1 st	6.25	3.94

Rough Proximity Leaders
2016 Sony Open

Rank	Player	Average
1	Fabian Gomez	31' 5"
2	Chez Reavie	31' 10"
3	Emiliano Grillo	32' 2"
4	John Senden	34' 0"
5	Shane Bertsch	34' 1"
Field Average		46' 2"

Course & Hole Statistics Waialae CC

Toughest Fairways to Hit on TOUR Since 2003 (min 3100 attempts)

Rank	Course	%
1	Quail Hollow Club	50.3%
2	Waialae CC	51.1%
3	Torrey Pines GC (South)	53.1%
4	Firestone CC (South)	53.3%
5	TPC Four Seasons Resort	54.7%

Since 2003, Waialae CC ranks as the 2nd toughest driving course on TOUR. Only 51.1% of all drives at the Sony Open have found the fairways (43,731 of 85,540).

Toughest Driving Holes PGA TOUR Since 2003 (min 1700 attempts)

Rank	Course	Hole	%
1	Waialae CC	18th	36.1%
2	Firestone CC (South)	9 th	38.7%
3	Torrey Pines (North)	10 th	39.0%
4	TPC Boston	4 th	39.1%
5	Torrey Pines (North)	2 nd	39.3%

Since 2003, the 18th hole at Waialae CC has proved to be the toughest fairway to hit on TOUR.

In 6,110 tee shots on the 18th hole, only 36.1% of players have found the fairway (2,204).

Courses with the Shortest Fairway Proximity to Hole 2015-16 PGA TOUR

Rank	Course	Avg
1	Waialae CC	27' 2"
1	Sedgefield CC	27' 2"
3	East Lake GC	27' 4"
4	TPC Southwind	27' 8"
5	Congressional CC (Blue)	27' 9"

Courses with the Shortest Proximity to Hole From 50-125 Yards Fairway 2015-16 PGA TOUR

Rank	Course	Avg
1	Waialae CC	14' 11"
2	East Lake GC	15' 2"
3	RTJ Trail (Grand National)	15' 3"
4	Muirfield Village GC	15' 5"
5	Sedgefield CC	16' 5"

Going for Green Hit Green % 2015-16 PGA TOUR

Rank	Course	%
1	Sedgefield CC	43.8%
2	Waialae CC	34.8%
3	Baltusrol GC	32.7%
4	RTJ Trail (Grand National)	32.6%
5	Plantation Course at Kapalua	30.2%

Going for Green Birdie or Better % 2015-16 PGA TOUR

Rank	Course	%
1	Waialae CC	69.8%
2	Sedgefield CC	66.9%
3	RTJ Trail (Grand National)	64.1%
4	Plantation Course at Kapalua	62.7%
5	TPC Four Seasons Resort	62.1%

9th Hole Par 5 at Waialae CC 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season

Stat	Rank	Value
Most Eagles	1st	48
Most Birdies	2 nd	274
Par 5 Scoring Average	2 nd	-0.791
Par 5 Highest Birdie or Better %	2 nd	71.7%

The 9th hole at Waialae CC, ranked in the top 2 in a number of categories including most eagles & birdies, par 5 scoring average and highest par 5 birdie or better percentage. The 9th hole had the most eagles of any hole on TOUR with **48**.

Broadcast Window Notes

2017 Sony Open in Hawaii *(featured groups)*

Jimmy Walker

The 2014 & 2015 Sony Open in Hawaii Champion, Jimmy Walker is set to make his 11th start at this event. Walker has played his last 17 consecutive rounds and 21 of his last 22 rounds under par at Waialae CC.

Most Rounds under par at Waialae CC since 2011

Player	# of Rounds Under Par
Walker, Jimmy	21
Overton, Jeff	20
Howell III, Charles	20
Kirk, Chris	18
Kelly, Jerry	18

Since 2011, Jimmy Walker has played 21 of 22 rounds under par at the Sony Open in Hawaii. His 21 rounds under par is the most of any player.

Most Under Par at Waialae CC since 2011

Player	Score to Par
Jimmy Walker	-75
Matt Kuchar	-63
Charles Howell III	-60
Jerry Kelly	-56

Since 2011, Jimmy Walker is a combined 75-under par at Waialae CC. His 75 under par is 12 shots better than the next best players Matt Kuchar who is 63-under par.

Since 2011, no other player is more under par in Hawaii than Jimmy Walker. Mr. Hawaii, Jimmy Walker is a combined 132-under par in this timeframe, 20 strokes better than the next best player Matt Kuchar.

Most Under Par in Hawaii (SBS TOC & Sony Open) Since 2011

Player	Score to Par
Walker, Jimmy	-132
Kuchar, Matt	-112
Kirk, Chris	-98
Johnson, Zach	-85
Simpson, Webb	-81

Fabian Gomez

Defending Sony Open in Hawaii Champion, Fabian Gomez is coming off a 20th place finish at the SBS Tournament of Champions. Gomez converted a career best 7 consecutive birdies on holes 6 through 12 en route to his final round 62. Gomez is just the 10th PGA TOUR player in the last 25 years (since 1992) to record 7 or more birdies en route to victory and the first to do so in the final round since Kevin Streelman birdied his last 7 holes in the final round of the 2014 Travelers Championship.

Fabian Gomez is coming off his best year in the FedExCup in his career. Gomez has 2 PGA TOUR wins in his last 40 TOUR starts.

Fabian Gomez First 53 Starts vs. Last 56 PGA TOUR Starts

Stat	First 53	Last 56
Wins	0	2
Top 10's	2	6
Top 25's	6	11
Cuts Made	28	35
Best FedExCup Rank	133 rd (2013)	40 th (2016)

Justin Rose

Justin Rose is set to make his first PGA TOUR start since the 2016 BMW Championship. Rose is also making his 5th start at the Sony Open and first start at this event since finishing T-13th in 2011. Rose missed the TOUR Championship for the first time since 2009 finishing 51st in the final 2016 FedExCup standings.

Justin Rose SG; Tee-to-Green vs. Putting Ranks PGA TOUR Season Since 2012

Year	Tee-to-Green	Putting
2016	5 th	134 th
2015	6 th	100 th
2014	5 th	108 th
2013	1 st	133 rd
2012	4 th	T126

Justin Rose is known as one of the best from Tee-to-Green not ranking outside of the top 6 in SG: Tee-to-Green since 2011. However, it has been on the greens that has been holding him back ranking his worst in the last 5 seasons at 134th in SG: Putting in 2015-16.

Zach Johnson

2009 Sony Open in Hawaii Champion, Zach Johnson is set to make his 12th start at this event. Zach Johnson is one of the most precise players with a wedge from 50-125 yards on TOUR. Zach has ranked inside of the top 15 players on TOUR since 2013/14 season. On average, Zach Johnson hasn't averaged outside of 16' 7" from 50-125 yards in a PGA TOUR season.

Zach Johnson Approaches inside 50-125 Yards PGA TOUR Since 2013

Year	Rank	Proximity
2016	T14	16' 7"
2015	T11	16' 5"
2014	5 th	16' 1"

Pat Perez

Pat Perez is coming off of a T-3rd place finish at last week's SBS Tournament of Champions after a final round 6-under par 67. Perez found his touch on the greens in the final round of the SBS Tournament of Champions, outperforming the field by +1.925 in SG: Putting and was a perfect 16 of 16 from inside of 10 feet.

Pat Perez On the Greens Final Round 2017 SBS TOC

Stat	Value	Rank
SG: Putting	+1.925	6th
Putting Inside 10 Feet	16 of 16	T1
Feet of Putts Made	88' 10"	9 th

*32 players in field

Going for Green-Hit Green % 2017 SBS TOC

Rank	Player	%
1	Pat Perez	61.54
2	Jordan Spieth	47.06
3	Ryan Moore	45.45
4	Brendan Steele	42.11
5	Billy Hurley III	41.67

Pat Perez led all players in Going for Green-Hit Green percentage last week hitting 8 of 13 greens when going for it (61.54%) at the Plantation Course at Kapalua.

Hideki Matsuyama

Hideki Matsuyama has recorded 6 top-5 finishes on the PGA TOUR since the 2016 PGA Championship, marking the most of any player in this timeframe. During this timeframe, Matsuyama has a 68.23 scoring average and is a total of 102-under par.

Hideki Matsuyama Stat Breakdown Since 2016 PGA Championship

Stat	Value
Scoring Avg.	68.23 (1 st)*
Top 5 Finishes	6 (most)
Rounds in 60's	26 (2 nd)
Rounds Under Par	30 (2 nd)
Score to Par	-102 (1 st)

*min 23 rounds

Lowest Scoring Average Since 2016 PGA Championship (min 23 rounds)

Player	Average
Matsuyama, Hideki	68.23
Casey, Paul	68.50
Bradley, Keegan	68.75
Smith, Cameron	68.81
Garrigus, Robert	68.85
Scott, Adam	68.96

Last week, Hideki Matsuyama was fantastic from around the greens outperforming the field by +1.168 in SG: Around-the-Green. Hideki was 7 of 10 on missed greens in Scrambling successfully salvaging par 70% of the time.

Hideki Matsuyama Around the Greens 2017 SBS TOC

Stat	Rank	Value
SG: Around the Green	1 st	+1.168
Scrambling	10 th	70.0%
Scrambling >30 Yards	T1	100.0%
Scrambling from the Rough	T8	80.0%

Justin Thomas

Currently age 23, Thomas is just the 4th player with 3 or more PGA TOUR victories before turning 24 in the FedExCup era (Spieth - 8, McIlroy - 6 & Reed - 3).

2 Drives 400+ Yards: There were 7 total drives over 400 yards on the Plantation Course at Kapalua this year. Justin Thomas (2) and Dustin Johnson (3) were the only 2 players to hit multiple drives over 400 yards for the week.

2017 SBS Tournament of Champions Justin Thomas vs. The Field - Approach Shots

Stat	Rank	Value	Field
SG: Approach-the-Green	6 th	+0.588	---
Greens in Regulation	2 nd	87.5%	80.7%
Proximity to Hole	3 rd	31' 1"	37' 8"
Approaches Outside 200 Yards	1 st	32' 9"	55' 10"
Birdie % - Outside 200 Yards	T2	50.0%	34.6%

Thomas was dialed-in with his approach game ranking inside the top 5 in several approach categories. No one was better from outside 200 yards than Thomas. His field leading 32' 9" average was 23 feet better than the field average of 55' 10".

Since the start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season no one has more rounds of 67 or better and more birdies than Justin Thomas. In this timeframe Justin has 50 rounds of 67 or better (3 last week) and has recorded 894 total birdies.

Most Rounds of 67 or better Since Start of 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season

Player	# of Rounds
Thomas, Justin	50
Piercy, Scott	45
Spieth, Jordan	44
Howell III, Charles	44
Finau & Kisner	43

Most Birdies Since Start of 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season

Player	# of Birdies
Thomas, Justin	894
Lee, Danny	856
Finau, Tony	855
Reed, Patrick	831
Swafford, Hudson	828

Jordan Spieth

Jordan made a big move on his last 22 holes of the 2017 SBS Tournament of Champions. Jordan Spieth played his final 22 holes of the 2017 SBS Tournament of Champions with 11 birdies and 11 pars (-11). Over this stretch he outperformed the field by +8.3 total strokes. For the week, Jordan Spieth had the most birdies (26) and the T-most double bogeys or worse (3 - tied with Vegas).

Jordan Spieth Final 22 Holes 2017 SBS TOC

Stat	Value
Total Birdies	11
Pars	11
Bogeys	0
SG: Approach-the-Green	+2.29
SG: Putting	+2.58
SG: Total	+8.30

Scoring Breakdown Jordan Spieth Since 2013

Stat	#	% of Rounds
Under Par Rounds	216	62.0%
Even Par Rounds	38	10.9%
Over Par Rounds	94	27.0%
Total Rounds	348	--

72.9% of his rounds at Par or Better: Since 2013, Jordan Spieth has played 72.9% of his rounds at par or better. This works out to 254 of 348 total rounds at par or better.

Best Birdie Average Since Start of 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season (min 100 rounds)

Player	# of Birdies	Rounds Played	Birdie Average
Day, Jason	645	145	4.45
Spieth, Jordan	746	168	4.44
McIlroy, Rory	469	109	4.30
Johnson, Dustin	698	163	4.28
Matsuyama, Hideki	751	176	4.27

Since the start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season, only Jason Day has a better birdie average than Jordan Spieth (4.44).

Last week, Jordan averaged 6.50 birdies per round leading the field in birdie average at the SBS Tournament of Champions.

Jordan Spieth Key Stats 2017 SBS TOC

Stat	Rank	Value
SG: Approach-the-Green	5 th	+0.734
Proximity to Hole	4 th	32' 10"
Putting > 25 Feet	5 th	8.70%
SG: Putting	3 rd	+1.043
Birdie or Better Conversion %	1 st	45.0%
Birdie Average	1 st	6.50

Daniel Berger

Daniel Berger is coming off a T-14th place finish at last week's SBS Tournament of Champions. Berger currently ranks 11th in the FedExCup standings. Daniel Berger is set to make his 3rd start at the Sony open in Hawaii finishing T-13th in 2015 & T-42nd

Daniel Berger outperformed the TOUR by nearly half a stroke (+0.490) on approach shots last season. Berger also averaged over 2 feet closer than the TOUR average from the fairway on approach shots.

Daniel Berger Approach Stats Last Season vs. TOUR Average

Stat	Berger	TOUR Average
SG: Approach-the-Green	+0.490 (23rd)	---
Fairway Proximity	29' 3" (T13)	31' 6"
Approaches 150-175 Yards	24' 4" (T7)	27' 8"
Approaches 175-200 Yards	28' 10" (3 rd)	33' 10"
Approaches 250-275 Yards	53' 6" (8 th)	67' 3"

Daniel Berger is showing great touch from around the greens this season salvaging par 75% on missed greens in regulation. Berger has successfully salvaged par on 42 of 56 opportunities.

Scrambling Leaders 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season

Rank	Player	%
1	Oscar Fraustro	76.0
2	Daniel Berger	75.0
2	Charlie Wi	75.0
2	John Peterson	75.0
2	Henrik Norlander	75.0
2	Lee Westwood	75.0

Jason Dufner

Jason Dufner is coming off a 21st place finish at last week's SBS TOC. Dufner was in 5th place after the 2nd round, however he posted 1-over par over his last 36-holes to finish 21st.

Jason Dufner Rounds 1 & 2 vs. Rounds 3 & 4 2017 SBS TOC

Stat	Rounds 1 & 2	Rounds 3 & 4
Birdies	11	7
Bogeys or Worse	1	6
SG: Putting	+3.41	-2.66
Total Putts	58	67
Score to Par	-10	+1

Brandt Snedeker

Brandt Snedeker is coming off a solid performance at the SBS Tournament of Champions finishing T-14th.

Brandt Snedeker Key Stats vs. 2017 SBS TOC Field

Brandt Snedeker ranked 5th in the field in SG: Tee-to-Green, outperforming the field by +1.098 strokes per round. When missing the greens, Snedeker was able to salvage par 78.57% of the time ranking 5th in Scrambling.

Stat	Snedeker Rank	Snedeker Value	Field
SG: Tee-to-Green	5 th	+1.098	---
SG: Around-the-Green	5 th	+0.609	---
Fairway Proximity	12 th	34' 2"	34' 11"
Approaches 50-125 Yds	6 th	14' 9"	18' 9"
Scrambling	5 th	78.57%	58.33%
Putting 4-8 Feet	5 th	77.78%	66.00%

Brandt Snedeker is known for being one of the best putters on the PGA TOUR. Since his Rookie season in 2007, he has ranked inside the top 20 in Strokes Gained: Putting in 7 of his 10 years on TOUR. Snedeker is just 1 of 5 players who have ranked inside the top 20 in SG: Putting in 7 or more seasons of the last 10 on TOUR (Aaron Baddeley, Bryce Molder, Luke Donald & Greg Chalmers).

Brandt Snedeker Career SG-Putting Ranks

Year	Rank
2015-16	33 rd
2014-15	5th
2013-14	27 th
2013	4th
2012	1st
2011	10th
2010	20th
2009	4th
2008	75 th
2007	12th

Bill Haas

After finishing 46th in the FedExCup standings last season, the 2011 FedExCup Champion currently ranks 24th this season. Haas is yet to finish outside of the top 25 in 3 starts this season.

Players Finishing Inside the Top 25 in Every Event this Season With 3 or More Starts

Player	# of Starts	Top 25's
Thomas, Justin	4	4
Bradley, Keegan	4	4
Knox, Russell	4	4
Moore, Ryan	4	4
Matsuyama, Hideki	3	3
Casey, Paul	3	3
Haas, Bill	3	3

Bill Haas SG: Putting Since 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season

Year	Rank	Avg.
This Season	77 th	+0.284
Last Season	130 th	-0.174
2014-15	148 th	-0.229

Bill Haas has steadily improved his play from on the greens going from 148th in the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season to 77th this season.