

## 2017 CareerBuilder Challenge Broadcast Window & Pre-Tournament Notes



### ShotLink Keys to Victory for Jason Dufner

Jason Dufner picked up his 4<sup>th</sup> career victory at the 2016 CareerBuilder Challenge by defeating David Lingmerth in a 2-hole sudden death playoff.

**Made Birdie on 50% of Par 4's & 5's:** Jason Dufner converted 28 total birdies on 56 par 4's and par 5's played en route to victory. He was the only player to crack the 50% in the field. This is impressive considering that the average player made birdie on 32% of the par 4's and 5's for the week.

**Jason Dufner** is just the 3<sup>rd</sup> winner on the PGA TOUR since 1980 to make birdie or better on at least half of the par 4's and par 5's en route to victory.

#### Converting Birdie or Better on at Least Half of the Par 4's & 5's PGA TOUR Winners Since 1980

Year	Event Winner	Birdies or Better	# of Holes	Percentage
2016	CareerBuilder Challenge Jason Dufner	28	56	50.0%
2014	CareerBuilder Challenge Patrick Reed	27	54	50.0%
2003	SBS TOC Ernie Els	30	60	50.0%

**30 Birdies:** Jason Dufner had a field leading 30 total birdies (most by 3) en route to victory at the 2016 CareerBuilder Challenge marking a new career best (by 3 birdies) for Jason on the PGA TOUR. He's carded 27 birdies (his previous best) on 3 separate occasions in his career (all at this event). 16 of Dufner's 30 birdies came on the par 4's at CareerBuilder marking the highest par 4 birdie percentage of Dufner's PGA TOUR career (40.0%).

#### Most Birdies in an Event Jason Dufner Career on TOUR

Year	Tournament	Finish	Birdies
2015	CareerBuilder	WON	30
2011	CareerBuilder	T33	27
2010	CareerBuilder	T18	27
2009	CareerBuilder	T34	27
2012	CareerBuilder	T12	25
2009	Dell Technologies Championship	T2	25

Dufner is just the 6<sup>th</sup> player to make at least 30 birdies in an event in the last 5 years (since start of 2012) on the PGA TOUR. He's the first player to accomplish this since Justin Thomas had 30 birdies en route to victory at the CIMB Classic earlier this season.

#### Highest Par 4 Birdie Percentage in an Event Jason Dufner Career on TOUR

Year	Tournament	Finish	%
2016	CareerBuilder Challenge	WON	40.0
2004	U.S. Bank Championship	T11	35.0
2009	CareerBuilder Challenge	T34	34.8
2010	Deutsche Bank Championship	T18	34.1
2007	John Deere Classic	T6	34.1

#### Dufner vs the Field 2016 CareerBuilder Challenge

Stat	Rank	Stat	Field
Driving Accuracy	T5	75.0%	62.9%
One-putt %	T6	52.8%	44.3%
Birdie Average	1 <sup>st</sup>	7.50	4.49
Par 4 Birdie %	T1	40.0%	20.8%
Par 5 Birdie %	T2	75.0%	49.1%

## Course & Hole Statistics Stadium Course, Nicklaus Course & La Quinta CC

### Easiest Courses 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season

Rank	Course	Par	Yards	Avg Score	Avg O/U Par
1	Plantation Course at Kapalua	73	7452	69.805	-3.195
2	<b>PGA West (Tournament)</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>7159</b>	<b>68.936</b>	<b>-3.064</b>
3	<b>La Quinta CC</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>7060</b>	<b>69.148</b>	<b>-2.852</b>
4	Kuala Lumpur G&CC	72	6985	69.619	-2.381
5	CC of Jackson	72	7364	70.471	-1.529
6	Waialae CC	70	7044	68.499	-1.501
7	RTJ Trail (Grand National)	71	7302	69.506	-1.494
8	Sheshan International GC	72	7261	70.581	-1.419
9	Sea Island Resort (Plantation)	72	7058	70.806	-1.194
10	<b>PGA WEST TPC Stadium Course</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>7113</b>	<b>70.818</b>	<b>-1.182</b>

Since the start of the 2012 Season, no other tournament on the PGA TOUR has easier par 5's than the courses at the CareerBuilder Challenge. In this timeframe the par 5's at the CareerBuilder Challenge have accumulated **428** eagles, **5,865** birdies, **4,678** pars, **519** bogeys, **97** double bogeys and **17** others for a combined total of **5,954**-under par.

### Most Total Under Par on Par 5's PGA TOUR Events Since 2012

Tournament	Score to Par
<b>CareerBuilder Challenge</b>	<b>-5,954</b>
Zurich Classic of New Orleans	-3,038
Farmers Insurance Open	-2,977
RBC Canadian Open	-2,942
Wells Fargo Championship	-2,873

The combined score to par on the par 5's at the CareerBuilder Challenge are 2,916 strokes easier than any other tournaments par 5's on TOUR.

### Courses with the Highest Birdie or Better % 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season

Rank	Course	%
1	Plantation Course at Kapalua	28.47
2	<b>PGA West (Tournament)</b>	<b>28.1</b>
3	<b>La Quinta CC</b>	<b>27.42</b>
4	Kuala Lumpur G&CC	26.08
5	Muirfield Village GC	24.18

### Courses with the Highest One-Putt % 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season

Rank	Course	%
1	<b>PGA WEST TPC Stadium Course</b>	<b>45.01</b>
2	<b>PGA West (Tournament)</b>	<b>44.98</b>
3	Glen Abbey GC	44.34
4	TPC Southwind	43.42
5	Pebble Beach GL	43.26

### Courses with the Fewest 3-Putts 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season

Rank	Course	#
1	East Lake GC	39
2	<b>PGA West (Tournament)</b>	<b>46</b>
3	<b>La Quinta CC</b>	<b>50</b>
4	<b>PGA WEST TPC Stadium Course</b>	<b>63</b>
5	Plantation Course at Kapalua	79

### Courses with the Lowest Putting Average 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season

Rank	Course	Avg
1	<b>PGA West (Tournament)</b>	<b>1.663</b>
2	<b>PGA WEST TPC Stadium Course</b>	<b>1.694</b>
3	<b>La Quinta CC</b>	<b>1.697</b>
4	Muirfield Village GC	1.716
5	Kuala Lumpur G&CC	1.73

## Broadcast Window Notes 2017 CareerBuilder Challenge

### Webb Simpson

Webb Simpson is set to make his 8<sup>th</sup> start at the CareerBuilder Challenge. Webb is coming off a T-13<sup>th</sup> finish at last week's Sony Open in Hawaii recording all 4 rounds in the 60's for the first time since tying for 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 2016 Dean & DeLuca Invitational. This was Webb's 2<sup>nd</sup> top 25 this season and currently ranks 55<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings.

#### Webb Simpson Tee-to-Green Stats 2017 Sony Open in Hawaii

Stat	Rank	Value
SG: Tee-to-Green	15 <sup>th</sup>	+1.142
SG: Off-the-Tee	27 <sup>th</sup>	+0.393
Driving Accuracy	T21	60.71%
Greens In Regulation	T17	76.39%
Approaches 50-125 yds	T8	9' 8"

Webb Simpson ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in Strokes Gained: Tee-to Green last week outperforming the field by +1.142 per round.

#### Webb Simpson

##### Last 3 Starts at CareerBuilder Challenge

Year	Finish	Score to Par
2016	T17	-16
2015	T7	-20
2014	T23	-18

Webb Simpson has finished inside the top 25 in his last 3 starts and 4 out of his last 5 starts at the CareerBuilder Challenge. In his last 3 starts he is a combined 54-under par and is 1 of 3 players to record top 25 finishes in his last 3 years at this event (Bill Haas & Ryan Palmer).

#### Strokes Gained Rankings Since 2011 Webb Simpson

Season	Tee-to-Green	Putting
Last Season	11 <sup>th</sup>	177 <sup>th</sup>
2014-15	8 <sup>th</sup>	174 <sup>th</sup>
2013-14	39 <sup>th</sup>	34 <sup>th</sup>
2013	16 <sup>th</sup>	41 <sup>st</sup>
2012	18 <sup>th</sup>	53 <sup>rd</sup>
2011	1 <sup>st</sup>	T43

In 2011, Webb Simpson had one of his best seasons on the PGA TOUR carding 12 top 10's including 2 victories. No one was better than Webb from tee-to-green in 2011 as he ranked 1<sup>st</sup> on TOUR for Strokes Gained: Tee-to-green. He complimented his tee-to-green game by ranking inside the top 50 for putting. While his tee-to-green game has remained among the top 40 on TOUR, his putting ranks have fallen to 177<sup>th</sup> as of last season.

### Smylie Kaufman

Smylie is off to a slow start this season, seeking his first top 25 finish and currently ranks 175<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings.

#### Driving Distance Leaders This Season

Rank	Player	Avg.
1	Smylie Kaufman	322.8
2	Justin Rose	322.3
3	Grayson Murray	319.6
3	Dustin Johnson	319.6
5	Luke List	318.5

Smylie leads the TOUR this season for Driving Distance averaging 322.8 yards off the tee. Smylie is nearly 30 yards longer on measured drives (2 drives per round) than the TOUR average.

\*TOUR Average 293.9

### Bill Haas

2010 & 2015 CareerBuilder Challenge champion, Bill Haas is set to make his 13<sup>th</sup> appearance at this event recording 2 wins, 5 top 10's and 8 top 25 finishes. In 4 starts this season, Haas is yet to finish outside of the top 20 and has shot under par in every round. Haas has a total of 18 consecutive rounds under par dating back to last season's TOUR Championship.

#### Most Under Par at CareerBuilder Challenge Since 2008

Player	RTP	Rds
<b>Haas, Bill</b>	<b>-176</b>	<b>39</b>
Palmer, Ryan	-151	34
Kuchar, Matt	-146	35
Hoffman, Charley	-131	36
Laird, Martin	-131	39

#### Most Under Par Rounds at CareerBuilder Since 2008

Player	# of Rds
<b>Haas, Bill</b>	<b>39</b>
Laird, Martin	36
Na, Kevin	35
Perez, Pat	32

Bill Haas has now played his last 39 consecutive rounds under par at the CareerBuilder Challenge. This marks the most by any player at this event since 2008. Haas is also an impressive 176-under par (also the most by any player) over this time frame.

#### Most Rounds in the 60's CareerBuilder Challenge Since 2005

Player	# of Rounds
<b>Haas, Bill</b>	<b>42</b>
Senden, John	34
Davis, Brian	33
Na, Kevin	31
Leonard, Justin	31
Palmer, Ryan	30

Since 2005, Bill Haas has played 54 rounds at the CareerBuilder Challenge of those 54 rounds 42 of them have been in the 60's.

His 42 rounds in the 60's are the most of any player at this event.

### Patrick Reed

Patrick Reed is coming off his first top 10 of the season at the SBS Tournament of Champions a couple weeks ago. The 2014 CareerBuilder Challenge Champion is set to make his 5<sup>th</sup> start at this event. Since the start of the 2013-14 PGA TOUR season, only 3 players have more top 25 finishes than Patrick Reed. Reed has recorded 45 top 25 finishes in 86 starts on TOUR.

#### Most Top 25's Since Start of 2013-14 PGA TOUR Season

Player	# of Starts	Top 25's
Spieth, Jordan	75	55
Kuchar, Matt	78	48
Matsuyama, Hideki	76	48
<b>Reed, Patrick</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>45</b>
Johnson, Dustin	62	43

#### Patrick Reed 2017 SBS TOC Stats On and Around the Greens

Stat	Rank	Value
SG: Around-the-Green	9 <sup>th</sup>	+0.372
Sand Save %	8 <sup>th</sup>	66.6%
SG: Putting	5 <sup>th</sup>	+0.781
Putting 15-20 Feet	1 <sup>st</sup>	40.0%

Reed was solid from on and around the greens at the SBS TOC outperforming the field by +0.372 strokes per round in SG: Around-the-Green and made 40% of his putts from 15-20 feet.

**Keys to Victory at 2014 CareerBuilder:** Reed held the lead after every round at the Humana Challenge becoming just the 2<sup>nd</sup> wire-to-wire winner of the event (Rik Massengale/1977). In the first 3 rounds, posted 3 straight rounds of 63 coming within 1 shot of the PGA TOUR low 54-hole score of 188 recorded by Steve Stricker at the 2010 John Deere Classic and broke the 54-hole scoring record (score to par) at 27-under (by 2 shots).

### Jason Dufner

Defending Champion Jason Dufner is coming off a 21<sup>st</sup> place finish at the SBS TOC & a missed cut at last week's Sony Open in Hawaii (missed cut by 1 shot). Dufner is set to make his 8<sup>th</sup> start at the CareerBuilder Challenge.

#### Driving Accuracy Leaders This Season

Rank	Player	%
1	Henrik Stenson	83.93
1	Young-han Song	83.93
3	Abraham Ancer	80.36
<b>4</b>	<b>Jason Dufner</b>	<b>79.55</b>
5	Jim Furyk	78.57

Jason Dufner currently ranks 4<sup>th</sup> in Driving Accuracy hitting 79.5% (70 of 88) of his fairways this season.

### Paul Casey

Despite missing the cut at last week's Sony Open in Hawaii, Paul Casey has been one of the hottest players on TOUR. Since last season's Dell Technologies Championship he has recorded 4 top 5 finishes in his last 7 starts on TOUR. Last season, Paul Casey was the highest ranked player without a victory in the final FedExCup standings.

#### Most Top 5 Finishes Last 12 PGA TOUR Events

Player	Top 5's
<b>Paul Casey</b>	<b>4</b>
Hideki Matsuyama	4
Justin Thomas	3
Rory McIlroy	3

#### Highest Ranked Players Without a Win 2016 FedExCup Standings

Rank	Player	# of Wins
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Paul Casey</b>	<b>0</b>
8 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin Chappell	0
16 <sup>th</sup>	Phil Mickelson	0
18 <sup>th</sup>	Matt Kuchar	0
20 <sup>th</sup>	Gary Woodland	0

### Zach Johnson

Zach Johnson is coming off a T-6<sup>th</sup> finish at the Sony Open in Hawaii last week. Zach is set to make his 7<sup>th</sup> start at the CareerBuilder Challenge. In his first 4 starts at the CareerBuilder challenge he had 4 straight top 25's, however in his last 2 starts he has missed the cut.

#### Zach Johnson Rounds in the 60's CareerBuilder Challenge

First 17 Rounds	Last 6 Rounds
14 of 17	<b>2 of 6</b>

#### Zach Johnson Key Stats vs. The Field 2017 Sony Open in Hawaii

Stat	Johnson	Field
SG: Approach-the-Green	+1.378 (7 <sup>th</sup> )	---
Greens In Regulation	76.3% (T17)	70.6%
Going for the Green - Hit Green	37.5% (T26)	33.6%
Proximity to Hole	30' 1" (8 <sup>th</sup> )	34' 3"
Fairway Proximity	22' 0" (9 <sup>th</sup> )	27' 0"

Zach Johnson outperformed the Sony Open in Hawaii field by +1.378 strokes per round on approach shots. When hitting the fairways his proximity to the hole was 7 feet closer than the field average of 27 feet.

### Phil Mickelson

2-time CareerBuilder Challenge champion Phil Mickelson has made 13 career starts at this event and is looking for his 6<sup>th</sup> top 10 at this event. Mickelson's 42 career PGA TOUR victories span 22 different events on TOUR. The CareerBuilder Challenge is 1 of 13 events he's won more than once in his career on the PGA TOUR.

**18 Consecutive Seasons inside Top 30 for Scoring Average.** From 1996 to 2013, Phil Mickelson did not rank worse than 28<sup>th</sup> on the PGA TOUR for scoring average (a span of 18 consecutive PGA TOUR seasons inside the top 30 for scoring average). Over this time frame Phil was inside the top 10 for scoring average 10 times including 2 seasons where he was runner-up (2000 & 2008). Last season, Mickelson was back inside the top 10 in Scoring Average ranking 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### Stroke Average Leaders 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season

Rank	Player	Avg
1	Dustin Johnson	69.17
2	Jason Day	69.31
3	Adam Scott	69.47
4	Jordan Spieth	69.52
<b>5</b>	<b>Phil Mickelson</b>	<b>69.58</b>

#### Phil Mickelson Last 2 Starts at CareerBuilder

Year	2015	2016
Total Birdies	26	<b>22</b>
Total Bogeys	11	<b>3</b>
Finish	T24	<b>T3</b>

At the 2015 CareerBuilder Challenge Mickelson converted 26 birdies (T-1) and 11 bogeys (69<sup>th</sup> out of 72 to make the cut). However, at last year's CareerBuilder Challenge Phil Mickelson minimized his mistakes only carding 3 bogeys for the week and finished T-3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### Phil Mickelson Strokes Gained Ranks 2014-15 vs. Last Season

Stat	2014-15	Last Season
Off-the-Tee	91 <sup>st</sup>	132 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Approach-the-Green</b>	<b>104<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>
Around-the-Green	34 <sup>th</sup>	34 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Putting</b>	<b>41<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>

The biggest improvement we saw from Phil last season was his play on approach shots & putting. Phil went from 104<sup>th</sup> in SG: Approach-the-Green in the 2014-15 season to 5<sup>th</sup> last season and from 41<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> in SG: Putting.

### Kevin Kisner

After making the cut on the number (-3) at last week's Sony Open in Hawaii, Kevin Kisner narrowly missed a putt on his 18<sup>th</sup> hole in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round for a 59. Kisner settled for a 60 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round and had a solid Sunday to finish T-4<sup>th</sup>. Kisner posted 15-under par on the weekend moving from T-70<sup>th</sup> to T-4<sup>th</sup> for his 17<sup>th</sup> career top 10 finish. Kisner's 15-under par on the weekend was 4 strokes better than the next best player, Jordan Spieth who was 11-under par.

**Kevin Kisner Position By Round  
2017 Sony Open in Hawaii**

Score	Position	Score to Par
70	T94	Even
67	T70	-3
<b>60</b>	<b>T6</b>	<b>-10</b>
<b>65</b>	<b>T4</b>	<b>-5</b>

**Kevin Kisner Score to Par Final 2 Rounds  
2017 Sony Open in Hawaii**

Player	Score to Par
<b>Kisner, Kevin</b>	<b>-15</b>
Spieth, Jordan	-11
Lovemark, Jamie	-10
Thomas, Justin	-10
Reavie, Chez	-10
Rose, Justin	-10

### Charley Hoffman

2007 CareerBuilder Challenge champion Charley Hoffman is set to make his 11<sup>th</sup> career start at this event. In his 10 previous starts he has 1 win (2007), and 5 top-10 finishes. Hoffman has played 19 consecutive sub-par rounds dating back to his 4<sup>th</sup> round of the 2011 CareerBuilder Challenge.

**Charley Hoffman Results  
CareerBuilder Challenge**

Year	Position
2016	CUT
<b>2015</b>	<b>T2</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>T9</b>
<b>2013</b>	<b>T10</b>
2012	CUT
2011	CUT
2010	CUT
2009	T19
<b>2008</b>	<b>T8</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>1st</b>

**Most Top 10's  
CareerBuilder Challenge Since 2007**

Player	Top 10's
<b>Hoffman, Charley</b>	<b>5</b>
Haas, Bill	5
Palmer, Ryan	4
Na, Kevin	3
Kuchar, Matt	3