



## GENESIS OPEN

### 2017 Genesis Open

(14<sup>th</sup> of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Pacific Palisades, CA  
Riviera Country Club

February 16-19, 2017

Purse: \$7,000,000 (\$1,260,000)

Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,322

### Third-Round Notes – Sunday, February 19, 2017

*Weather: Mostly cloudy, with a high of 60. Wind SW 6-12 mph.*

Round three resumed at 6:50 a.m. PT and ended at 12:03 p.m. Final-round tee times are between 10:25 a.m. – 12: 15 p.m.

The Genesis Open is the fifth event this season to have experienced a suspension of play due to weather or darkness.

The Genesis Open is the sixth event this season to utilize preferred lies in at least one round of the tournament.

#### Third-Round Leaderboard

Dustin Johnson	66-66-64—196 (-17)
Wesley Bryan	69-69-63—201 (-12)
Kevin Na	67-69-67—203 (-10)

#### Dustin Johnson

With a win at this week's Genesis Open, Dustin Johnson would overtake the No. 1 spot in the Official World Golf Ranking, provided Jason Day finishes worse than a three-way tie for third.

With a win this week, Dustin Johnson would join Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer as players to have won at least once on the PGA TOUR each of their first 10 seasons on TOUR:

Arnold Palmer: 17 consecutive seasons with at least one win since first on TOUR (1955-1971)

Jack Nicklaus: 17 consecutive seasons with at least one win since first on TOUR (1962-1978)

Tiger Woods: 14 consecutive seasons with at least one win since first on TOUR (1996-2009)

Dustin Johnson: 9 at present (2008-2016)

This marks the 12<sup>th</sup> occasion on which Johnson has had a 54-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR. Of the previous 11, six have resulted in victory. Of those six, three were a result of the final round being cancelled and him declared the winner by virtue of his 54-hole lead.

Johnson, a 12-time winner on the PGA TOUR, holds the standing record for longest stretch of winning at least one TOUR event per season, with nine.

Following back-to-back 5-under 66s to begin his week, 36-hole leader Dustin Johnson stretched his lead out Sunday afternoon, posting a bogey-free 7-under 64 to get to 17-under 196. Johnson birdied his last three holes to post the 64.

Jordan Spieth began last week's final round of the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am with a 6-stroke lead and won by four strokes.

Johnson's five-stroke lead after 54 holes is the largest at the Genesis Open since Steve Stricker led by six strokes in 2010.

Johnson is making his 10<sup>th</sup> start in the Genesis Open this week, where he has collected an impressive six top-10 finishes. In only the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am has he collected more top-10 finishes (7).

The Genesis Open is the event in which Johnson has had the most top-10 finishes in without a win. He has had four top-10 finishes in seven starts at the AT&T Byron Nelson and PGA Championship each trail

Johnson's top-10 finishes at the Genesis Open: 4<sup>th</sup>/2016, P2/2015, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2014, T4/2012, T3/2010, T10/2009.

### **Third-Round Lead Notes**

Last year, with rounds of 66-68-67—201 (-12), Bubba Watson held a one-stroke lead over Dustin Johnson, Jason Kokrak and Chez Reavie.

Since 2000, only seven 54-hole leaders of the Genesis Open have converted for the win. Since 2010, the only three to have done so are Steve Stricker (2010), Aaron Baddeley (2011) and Bubba Watson (2016).

Only five of the 13 third-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win this season, most recently Jordan Spieth at last week's AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

### **Wesley Bryan**

With seven birdies, an eagle-two at No. 10 and one bogey (par-4 8<sup>th</sup>), Augusta, Georgia native Wesley Bryan put himself in contention for the final round, carding an 8-under 63 to get to 12-under 201. Bryan's 63 is the lowest round of the week and lowest score at the Genesis Open since Camilo Villegas opened with an 8-under 63 in round one last year.

Bryan began the second round T20 at 4-under 138.

Bryan, who led the 2016 Web.com Tour Regular Season and Finals money lists, won three times on that Tour last season.

Bryan made four PGA TOUR starts last season, highlighted by a T8 at the John Deere Classic. Prior to 2016, Bryan had never competed in a TOUR event.

Bryan is making his ninth start of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season this week and comes off four missed cuts in his last five starts before this week. In his most recent start before the Genesis Open, he finished T42 at the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

### **Kevin Na**

Making his 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive start in the Genesis Open, Kevin Na opened his third round with an eagle-three at No. 1. He followed with a pair of birdies at Nos. 11 and 16 en route to a bogey-free 4-under 68. At 10-under 203, he will begin the final round seven strokes back.

Na is in search of his third top-10 finish in the event. In 2010, he finished T10 and improved on that in 2011 to a third-place showing.

Na, who is making his 333<sup>rd</sup> career start on the PGA TOUR this week, is in search of his second career win on TOUR (2011 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open).

With a win at this week's Genesis Open, Na would become just the 12<sup>th</sup> different internationally-born winner of the event and first since Aaron Baddeley in 2011:

Bobby Cruickshank, 1927- Scotland  
MacDonald Smith, 1928-29, 1932, 1932 - Scotland  
Jimmy Thomson, 1938 - Scotland  
TC Chen, 1987 - Taiwan  
Nick Faldo, 1997 - England  
Ernie Els, 1999 - South Africa  
Robert Allenby, 2001 - Australia  
Mike Weir, 2003-04 - Canada  
Adam Scott, 2005 - Australia  
Rory Sabbatini, 2006 - South Africa  
Aaron Baddeley, 2011 – Australia

### **Bogey-free rounds:**

**R1:** Sam Saunders (64), John Huh (66), Daniel Summerhays (66), Branden Grace (67), Adam Hadwin (68), Adam Scott (68), Wesley Bryan (69) and Shawn Stefani (69).

**R2:** Cameron Tringale (64), Dustin Johnson (66), Kyle Stanley (66) and Charley Hoffman (68).

**R3:** Dustin Johnson (64), Kevin Na (67) and Seung-Yul Noh (67)

**Scoring Averages:**

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
<b>R1:</b>	34.993	36.000	70.993	----
<b>R2:</b>	35.261	36.355	71.66	71.304
<b>R3:</b>	34.761	35.704	70.465	71.130