



2017 Waste Management Phoenix Open
(The 12th of 45 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Scottsdale, Ariz. Feb. 2-5, 2017 **Purse: \$6,700,000 (\$1,206,000 winner)**
TPC Scottsdale **Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,266 yards** **500 FedExCup points to winner**

Final-Round Notes – Saturday, February 5, 2017

***Weather:** Sunny, with a high of 74 degrees. Light SSW wind 4-8 mph.*

Final-Round Leaderboard

Position	Name	Score
1	Hideki Matsuyama*	65-68-68-66—267 (-17)
2	Webb Simpson	67-71-65-64—267 (-17)
3	Louis Oosthuizen	68-67-68-65—268 (-16)
T4	Rickie Fowler	67-68-69-65—269 (-15)
T4	J.J. Spaun	71-64-67-67—269 (-15)
6	Byeong Hun An	66-66-65-73—270 (-14)

Since moving to TPC Scottsdale in 1987, this marks the eighth playoff and second consecutive at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. Hideki Matsuyama won over Rickie Fowler in four holes of sudden death last year. In the most recent playoff before last year Mark Wilson def. Jason Dufner in 2011.

This marks the second playoff of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season after Mackenzie Hughes defeated Camilo Villegas, Henrik Norlander and Blayne Barber on the third extra hole. Billy Horschel was eliminated after the first hole.

Both 54-hole co-leaders struggled in the final round, each recording 2-over 73s. Scottsdale resident Martin Laird finished T7, while Byeong Hun An was sixth. An is projected to jump from No. 162 to No. 83 in the FedExCup standings. Since 2000, third-round leaders/co-leaders of the Waste Management Phoenix Open have held on for the win seven times: Phil Mickelson (2005, 2013), Kenny Perry (2009), J.B. Holmes (2006, 2008), Jonathan Kaye (2004) and Mark Calcavecchia (2001). Not since Mickelson in 2013 has a 54-hole leader been able to close with a win.

Through 12 events in the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season, only four players have managed to convert a 54-hole lead/co-lead into victory, most recently being Justin Thomas at the Sony Open in Hawaii.

Hideki Matsuyama

Defending Waste Management Phoenix Open champion Hideki Matsuyama posted a final-round 5-under 66 to match the 17-under 267 total posted by Webb Simpson 40 minutes earlier. The pair headed to sudden death and matched pars over the first three playoff holes (18, 18, 10) before Matsuyama holed a birdie putt at No. 17 from 12 feet after Simpson had posted par.

Matsuyama now has two PGA TOUR victories this season following his win at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions in China in October.

Matsuyama wins his fourth PGA TOUR event at the age of 24 years, 11 months, 11 days. He becomes the seventh winner in his 20s to win on TOUR this season.

Matsuyama's PGA TOUR victories;

2014 the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide Insurance

2016 Waste Management Phoenix Open

2017 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions

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Hideki Matsuyama becomes the first player since Ernie Els at the Sony Open in Hawaii (2003-04) to win the same event in a playoff in consecutive years. Last year, Matsuyama defeated Rickie Fowler on the fourth extra hole.

Matsuyama earns 500 FedExCup points and regains the lead, moving from No. 2 No. 1 in the FedExCup standings through 12 events, surpassing Justin Thomas by 83 points with 1,697 total points.

HIDEKI MATSUYAMA PGA TOUR Playoff record (3-0)

Defeated Kevin Na, 2014 the Memorial Tournament
Defeated Rickie Fowler, 2016 Waste Management Phoenix Open
Defeated Webb Simpson, 2017 Waste Management Phoenix Open

Matsuyama made his fourth-consecutive start in the Waste Management Phoenix Open, where he has yet to finish outside the top five. He finished T4 in 2014, T2 in 2015 and won in 2016 and 2017. Before this week's 17-under 267 total, he had finished at 14-under 270 each year.

Matsuyama entered this week at No. 5 on career money won at the Waste Management Phoenix Open, behind Phil Mickelson who topped the list. Mickelson now has \$3,956,315 from 28 starts in this event while Matsuyama has earned \$3,119,200 in four starts at TPC Scottsdale.

Matsuyama becomes the first back-to-back winner of the Waste Management Phoenix Open since Johnny Miller achieved the feat in 1974-75.

Matsuyama, with four victories, becomes the Japanese player with the most PGA TOUR wins, breaking a tie with Shigeki Maruyama. Japanese players to win on the PGA TOUR: Isao Aoki (1983 Sony Open in Hawaii), Shigeki Maruyama (2001 Greater Milwaukee Open, 2002 AT&T Byron Nelson, 2003 Wyndham Championship), Ryuji Imada (2008 AT&T Classic), Hideki Matsuyama (2014 Memorial Tournament, 2016 Waste Management Phoenix Open, 2016 WGCHSBC Champions, 2017 Waste Management Phoenix Open).

Seven international winners have now claimed the Waste Management Phoenix Open since moving to TPC Scottsdale in 1987; Hideki Matsuyama (2016, 2017), Aaron Baddeley (2007), Jesper Parnevik (1998), Vijay Singh (1995, 2003) and Sandy Lyle (1988).

Matsuyama's stats for the week;

R1 – 10 of 14 fairways, 17 of 18 greens in regulation, 31 putts.

R2 – 8 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens in regulation, 30 putts.

R3 – 7 of 14 fairways, 13 of 18 greens in regulation, 28 putts.

R4 – 12 of 14 fairways, 13 of 18 greens in regulation, 29 putts.

About Hideki Matsuyama

HEIGHT: 5-11 WEIGHT: 198

BIRTHDATE: February 25, 1992

BIRTHPLACE: Ehime, Japan

RESIDENCE: Sendai, Japan

EDUCATION: Tohoku Fukushi University

TURNED PROFESSIONAL: 2013

JOINED TOUR: 2013

Webb Simpson

Webb Simpson birdied three of the final four holes to post a final-round 7-under 64 and get in at 17-under and then waited for 40 minutes to see Hideki Matsuyama match his 17-under 267 total.

Simpson was seeking his fifth PGA TOUR victory.

2011 Wyndham Championship

2011 Deutsche bank Championship

2012 U.S. Open

2014 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open

Simpson earns 300 FedExCup points and moves from No. 71 to No. 14 in the FedExCup standings through 12 events.

WEBB SIMPSON PGA TOUR Playoff Record (1-4)

Lost to Bubba Watson, 2011 Zurich Classic of New Orleans

Defeated Chez Reavie, 2011 Dell Technologies Championship

Lost to Ben Crane, 2011 The RSM Classic

Lost to Graeme McDowell, 2013 RBC Heritage

Lost to Hideki Matsuyama, 2017 Waste Management Phoenix Open

This week's runner-up result marked Simpson's fourth top-10 finish in seven starts at the Waste Management Phoenix Open;

2017 2
2016 T14
2014 10
2012 T8
2011 T8
2010 MC
2009 65

In seven appearances, Simpson's final-round 64 marks his lowest round at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. It also represents his lowest round on TOUR since the third round of the 2015 Wyndham Championship, when he also posted 64.

Simpson was T13 at this year's Sony Open in Hawaii with four rounds in the 60s. His last top-10 finish before this week came at last season's Quicken Loans National in June when he was sixth.

Simpson's stats for the week;

R1 – 6 of 14 fairways, 13 of 18 greens in regulation, 28 putts.
R2 – 6 of 14 fairways, 12 of 18 greens in regulation, 31 putts.
R3 – 11 of 14 fairways, 14 of 18 greens in regulation, 27 putts.
R4 – 11 of 14 fairways, 14 of 18 greens in regulation, 27 putts.

About Webb Simpson

HEIGHT: 6-2 WEIGHT: 185
BIRTHDATE: August 8, 1985
BIRTHPLACE: Raleigh, North Carolina
RESIDENCE: Charlotte, North Carolina
EDUCATION: Wake Forest university (2008, Religion)
TURNED PROFESSIONAL: 2008
JOINED TOUR: 2008

Louis Oosthuizen

South African Louis Oosthuizen played his final 36-holes bogey-free (68-65) to finish third at 16-under and one stroke out of the playoff. Although it's his first appearance at the Waste Management Phoenix Open, it also marks his 120th start on the PGA TOUR.

Oosthuizen finished T41 at last week's Farmers Insurance Open. His only other start this season was at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions in China where he posted a T45.

Although he's posted 12 international victories, Oosthuizen's only victory on the PGA TOUR came at The Open Championship in 2010. He also owns five runner-up finishes on the PGA TOUR.

Oosthuizen has been a prominent member of the last two Presidents Cup International Teams. In 2013, he went 1-3-1 and went unbeaten in 2015 in Korea (4-0-1).

Rickie Fowler

In his ninth start at the Waste Management Phoenix Open and a year removed from his playoff loss at TPC Scottsdale, Rickie Fowler fired a final-round 6-under 65 to finish T4. He also finished second in 2010.

Fowler, a three-time winner on the PGA TOUR, was in search of his first win since the 2015 Dell Technologies Championship at TPC Boston. Prior to that, he won the 2012 Wells Fargo Championship and 2015 PLAYERS Championship.

Fowler is making just his third start of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season, having finished T6 at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions and missing last week's cut at the Farmers Insurance Open.

J.J. Spaun

Coming off his first career PGA TOUR top-10 finish last week at the Farmers Insurance Open (T9), former Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada Player of the Year J.J. Spaun recorded a pair of 67s on the weekend to finish at 15-under 269 and post his best finish on TOUR (T4) and back-to-back top-10s for the first time.

Miscellaneous Notes

Past Waste Management Phoenix Open champions: Hideki Matsuyama/2016 (1/-17), Brooks Koepka/2015 (T42/-6), Phil Mickelson/2005, 2013 (T16/-10), Kyle Stanley/2012 (T36/-7), Hunter Mahan/2010 (T63/-1), J.B. Holmes/2006, 2008 (T24/-9), Mark Wilson/2011 (MC), and Aaron Baddeley/2007 (MC).

Scoring Averages at TPC Scottsdale

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1	35.298	35.641	70.939	---
R2	34.710	35.405	70.115	70.527
R3	33.960	35.240	69.200	70.084
R4	34.560	35.453	70.013	70.192

Bogey-free rounds at TPC Scottsdale:

R1: Byeong Hun An (66), Ryo Ishikawa (68), Chris Kirk (66), Matt Kuchar (64), Marc Leishman (68), Hideki Matsuyama (65), William McGirt (69), Phil Mickelson (68), Geoff Ogilvy (70), John Peterson (66).
R2: Scott Piercy (65), Martin Laird (66), Luke List (66), Brendan Steele (67), Morgan Hoffmann (67), Jason Bohn (68).

R3: Byeong Hun An (65), Marc Leishman (65), Troy Merritt (65), Russell Henley (66), Louis Oosthuizen (68), Rickie Fowler (69), Steve Stricker (70).

R4: Webb Simpson (64), Rickie Fowler (65), Louis Oosthuizen (65), Hideki Matsuyama (66), Brian Gay (66), Daniel Summerhays (67), Ben Crane (68), Brian Stuard (68), Seung-Yul Noh (69).

Attendance Figures at TPC Scottsdale:

Thursday: 103,420
Friday: 169,004
Saturday: 204,906
Sunday: 58,654

The Waste Management Phoenix Open entertained 655,434 for the week, breaking the all-time attendance record for Monday-Sunday.