



## 2015 THE GREENBRIER CLASSIC

(The 34<sup>th</sup> of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

White Sulphur Springs, WV July 2-5, 2015

FedExCup Pts: 500 to the winner The Old White TPC Par/Yards: 34-36-70/7,287 Purse: \$6,700,000 (\$1,206,000)

# Final-Round Notes – Sunday, July 5, 2015

Weather. Mostly cloudy with moderate rain showers late in the afternoon. High of 77. Winds WNW 7-14 mph.

### Final Leaderboard

Danny Lee 63-69-68-67—267 (-13) - won playoff

David Hearn 68-64-68-67—267 (-13) Kevin Kisner 67-69-67-64—267 (-13) Robert Streb 68-67-67-65—267 (-13)

Danny Lee defeated David Hearn with a par-5 on the second extra hole (No. 17). Robert Streb and Kevin Kisner dropped out of the playoff on the first extra hole (No. 18) when Hearn and Lee both made birdie-2.

### Career playoff records:

Kisner: 0-3 (all three playoffs have come this season)

Streb: 1-1 (won 2014 McGladrey Classic and lost 2015 The Greenbrier Classic)

Lee: 1-0 (won 2015 The Greenbrier Classic)

Hearn: 0-2 (lost 2013 John Deere Classic and 2015 The Greenbrier Classic)

This was the third playoff in tournament history (2011/Scott Stallings, 2012/Ted Potter, Jr. and 2015/Danny Lee)

It is the 14<sup>th</sup> playoff on TOUR this season and second consecutive (Travelers Championship).

### The last four-man playoffs on TOUR:

2015 Greenbrier Classic (Danny Lee def. David Hearn, Robert Streb and Kevin Kisner)

2015 Farmers Insurance Open (Jason Day def. J.B. Holmes, Scott Stallings and Harris English)

2014 The Honda Classic (Russell Henley def. Russell Knox, Rory McIlroy and Ryan Palmer)

2012 Transitions Championship (Sang-Moon Bae, Luke Donald, Jim Furyk and Robert Garrigus)

2007 Honda Classic (Mark Wilson def. Jose Coceres, Boo Weekley and Camilo Villegas)

The 54-hole leader/co-leader has never won The Greenbrier Classic. None of the four players in the playoff held the 54-hole lead.

The five previous winners of The Greenbrier have come-from-behind an average of three shots in the final round.

The Greenbrier Classic has had four International winners in the six years of the event: Danny Lee (2015), Angel Cabrera (2014), Jonas Blixt (2013) and Stuart Appleby (2010).

#### **Danny Lee**

Lee notches his first win on TOUR in 98 starts at the age of 24 years, 11 months and 11 days.

Lee is a New Zealand resident, but was born in South Korea. The last player from New Zealand to win on TOUR was Michael Campbell at the 2005 U.S. Open.

Lee was T5 and one stroke off the lead entering the final round.

Lee moves to No. 15 in the FedExCup standings.

Lee's previous best finish on TOUR is second at the 2014 Puerto Rico Open.

Lee becomes the ninth first-time winner of the season, with FedEx St. Jude Classic champion Fabian Gomez the last to do so.

A player of Korean-descent in their 20s has won on the PGA TOUR each of the last five seasons:

Anthony Kim (2010 Shell Houston Open/24 years, 9 months, 16 days)

Kevin Na (2011 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open/28 years, 17 days)

John Huh (2012 OHL Classic at Mayakoba/21 years, 9 months, 5 days)

Sangmoon Bae – 1 (2013 AT&T Byron Nelson/26 years, 10 months, 29 days)

Seung-Yul Noh (2014 Zurich Classic of New Orleans/22 years, 10 months, 29 days)

Sangmoon Bae – 2 (2014 Frys.com Open/28 years, 3 months, 21 days)

Danny Lee – (2015 The Greenbrier Classic/24 years, 11 months, 11 days)

There have been seven wins by players age 25 and under (Patrick Reed, Brooks Koepka, Jordan Spieth-3, Rory McIlroy and Lee) on TOUR this season.

A player of Korean-descent has won on TOUR every year since 2005.

Lee is the seventh Korean-born player to win on the PGA TOUR, joining K.J. Choi (8), Y.E. Yang (2), Kevin Na (1), Sang-Moon Bae (2), Seung-Yul Noh (1), James Hahn (1).

Lee is the ninth player of Korean descent to win, joining Choi, Yang, Na, Bae, Noh, Hahn, Anthony Kim (3), John Huh (1). Kim and Huh were both born in the United States.

Lee's only win on the Web.com Tour came at the 2011 WNB Golf Classic. He won the 2009 Johnnie Walker Classic on the European Tour at the age of 18.

Lee became the youngest ever winner of the U.S. Amateur Championship in 2008 at 18 years and 1 month. His age record was broken the following year by 17-year-old An Byeong-hun. The win catapulted him to No. 1 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking in August 2008, where he remained until turning professional in April 2009.

2014-15 PGA TOUR Season starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 27-16-4-1

Career PGA TOUR starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 98-50-6-1

#### **David Hearn**

Hearn entered the final round at T5 and one stroke behind the leaders before shooting 67 in the final round to force a playoff. Hearn lost to Danny Lee when he bogeyed the second extra hole (No. 17).

Hearn was looking to become the second Canadian to win on TOUR this season (Nick Taylor/Sanderson Farms Championship). Prior to Taylor's win the last Canadian-born player to win on TOUR was Mike Weir at the 2007 Frys.com Open. Stephen Ames (2009 Children's Miracle Network Classic) was the last resident of Canada to win on TOUR.

Canadian players to win on TOUR include: Nick Taylor, Mike Weir, Stephen Ames (Trinidad-born), George Knudson, Al Balding (first Canadian to win on the PGA TOUR), Stan Leonard, Dave Barr, Dan Halldorson and Richard Zokol.

2014-15 PGA TOUR Season starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 23-14-3-0

Career PGA TOUR starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 164-103-13-0

Hearn led the field in Strokes Gained: Putting at +8.810.

## **Kevin Kisner**

Kisner was T17 and four shots back entering the final round before forcing a playoff with a final round 64. Kisner dropped out of the playoff on the first extra hole to lose his third playoff of the season (RBC Heritage and THE PLAYERS).

Kisner finished the final round at 4:16 p.m., almost two hours before the final group.

Kisner was T1 (Morgan Hoffmann) this week in Total Putts with 106.

Kisner was trying to follow Bubba Watson (Travelers Championship) as Georgia Bulldogs to win in back-to-back weeks. The feat happened two times last season: Chris Kirk (McGladrey Classic) and Harris English (OHL Classic at Mayakoba) and Russell Henley (Honda Classic) and Patrick Reed (WGC-Cadillac Championship).

So far this season, Kisner has lost in three playoffs at The Greenbrier, RBC Heritage and THE PLAYERS. He came from three shots behind third-round leader Troy Merritt at the RBC Heritage to force and lose a playoff to Jim Furyk.

Making his first start in THE PLAYERS Championship, Kisner birdied the final three holes to force a playoff. He advanced through the three-hole aggregate playoff along with Rickie Fowler by playing holes 16-18 at 1-under-par. Kisner hit his approach at the 17th hole (sudden death) to 12' 6" but failed to match Rickie Fowler's birdie and finished T2.

Kisner won the 2010 Mylan Classic and the 2013 Chile Classic on the Web.com Tour.

Kisner finished No. 104 in the FedExCup standings last season to earn his TOUR card for this season.

2014-15 PGA TOUR Season starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 22-16-6-0.

Career PGA TOUR starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 97-54-10-0.

#### **Robert Streb**

Streb was T12 and three shots back entering the final round at The Greenbrier Classic before shooting a final round 65 to force a playoff. He dropped out on the first playoff hole. His playoff record on TOUR drops to 1-1. He won earlier this season in a playoff at the McGladrey Classic.

Streb's putter broke on No. 9 in the final round and he was forced to putt on the back nine with a wedge. He was able to replace the broken putter for the playoff. He had 14 putts on the back nine.

Streb grew up playing hockey with NFL quarterback Sam Bradford.

Streb putted out on No. 18 today at 4:59 p.m., almost an hour before the completion.

Earlier this season, Robert Streb defeated Brendon de Jonge with a birdie-2 on the second extra hole (No. 17) to win a three-man playoff at the 2014 McGladrey Classic. Will MacKenize dropped out of the playoff on the first extra hole with a bogey-5 on No. 18. Streb fired a final round 7-under 63 to jump from T12 entering the final round to win a playoff in his first start at the McGladrey Classic. Streb came from five shots back entering the final round to claim his first victory on TOUR. Streb finished his round at 3:35 p.m. and waited over an hour and a half for the leaders to finish.

Streb held the No. 1 spot in the FedExCup for five weeks earlier this season.

Streb's finishes in the FedExCup: 2014 (71), 2013 (126)

Streb is coming off a 71st place finish in the 2013-14 FedExCup standings. He was two FedExCup points shy of qualifying for the third Playoffs event at the BMW Championship. Streb had 966 points, while Jerry Kelly claimed the 70th and final spot with 968 points.

# **Tiger Woods**

In his second start at The Greenbrier Classic (MC in 2012 with rounds of 71-69), Woods closed with a bogey-free 67 in round four. He ended his streak of 55 consecutive rounds with a bogey or worse on TOUR. His last bogey-free round was round one of the 2013 Barclays.

Woods made his first start since missing the cut at the U.S. Open at Chambers Bay, which marked just his 13<sup>th</sup> missed cut in 308 professional starts on the PGA TOUR (one of which came at the 2012 Greenbrier).

Of Woods' 41 competitive rounds on the PGA TOUR since the beginning of the 2013-14 Season, 26 have been over-par scores.

# Open Championship Qualifying Series (OQS)

The Open Qualifying Series (OQS) is an international qualifying series involving events on the world's leading golf tours. Now in its second year, the OQS will play in integral role in determining the field for the Open Championship at St. Andrews on July 13-19.

The Open Qualifying Series offers players the opportunity to qualify for golf's oldest major championship at events on the PGA TOUR, European Tour, PGA TOUR of Australia and Japan Golf Tour.

Players on the PGA TOUR have the chance to qualify at three events: Travelers Championship, The Greenbrier Classic and John Deere Classic. The top four players, not previously eligible, who finish among the top 12 (and ties) at the Travelers Championship and The Greenbrier Classic earned entry into The Open Championship. The top player among the top five (and ties) at the John Deere Classic qualifies. If there are ties for the final spot(s), qualifiers will be determined by Official World Golf Ranking.

The four players that qualified this week at The Greenbrier Classic are Danny Lee, David Hearn, James Hahn and Greg Owen.

Last week at the Travelers Championship, four players qualified for The Open Championship: Brian Harman (3<sup>rd</sup>), Graham DeLaet (4<sup>th</sup>), Carl Pettersson (5<sup>th</sup>), Luke Donald (T7).

### **Hole-in-One Bonanza**

There were no aces for the third-consecutive day at The Greenbrier Classic. Both George McNeill and Justin Thomas aced the par-3 18<sup>th</sup> hole Thursday, with The Greenbrier Resort giving each fan in the stands during McNeill's ace \$100 (\$18,900 total) and those in the stands for Thomas' ace \$500 (\$173,500 total). A third ace would have awarded \$1,000 to every fan in the stands at the closing hole.

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

First and second-round leader/co-leader Scott Langley finished T13. Langley was trying to follow fellow left Bubba Watson who won last week at the Travelers Championship. The last two instances of a lefthander winning in back-to-back weeks on TOUR: Phil Mickelson won back-to-back events at the 2006 BellSouth Classic and Masters and Mickelson and Mike Weir won back-to-back events at the 2000 TOUR Championship (Mickelson) and 2000 WGC-American Express Championship (Weir).

Amateur Maverick McNealy, who plays at Stanford, finished T60. The best finish by an amateur at The Greenbrier was T38 by Michael Kim in 2013.

Sunday, July 5th is 69 years to the day that past Greenbrier professional emeritus Sam Snead won the 1946 Open Championship at St Andrews by four shots, the second of his seven Major victories.

Out of the 24 rounds played by the previous six champions of The Greenbrier, the only winner with a round in the 70s is Scott Stallings in round one (70) in 2011. None of the four golfers in the playoff had a round in the 70s.

Scott Stallings (T67) is the only past champion of The Greenbrier Classic that made the cut, with 2013 Jonas Blixt and 2014 champion Angel Cabrera both missing the cut.

Courses with the Most 62's or better on TOUR since 2010:

Course Rounds
The Old White TPC 15
Waialae CC 12
Sedgefield CC 12

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – 20 rounds

R2 – 9 rounds

R3 - 9 rounds

R4 - 7 rounds

The par-4 second hole played the toughest this week, yielding a 4.139 average. The par-5 12<sup>th</sup> hole was the easiest at 4.722.

Scoring Averages at the par-70 Old White Course TPC:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Thursday	33.667	35.225	68.892	
Friday	34.174	35.622	69.796	69.344
Saturday	33.705	35.423	69.128	69.300
Sunday	33.493	35.077	68.570	69.179

Year-by-year scoring average comparison: 2010 (68.536), 2011 (70.593), 2012 (69.781), 2013 (69.868), 2014 (70.101).

Will MacKenzie with WD prior to the round with a knee injury.

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