



## 2015 Quicken Loans National

(The 39<sup>th</sup> of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Prince William County, Va.  
Robert Trent Jones GC

July 27 – August 2, 2015  
Par/Yardage: 36-35—71/7,385

FedExCup Points: 500 to the winner  
Purse: \$6,700,000 (\$1,206,000)

### First-Round Notes – Thursday, June 30, 2015

*Weather: Partly cloudy with thunderstorms in the afternoon. High of 90 degrees. Winds SW 7-12 mph. Due to a dangerous weather situation, play was suspended at 12:50 p.m. ET. Play resumed at 2:27 p.m. ET.*

*Due to the threat of afternoon rain, preferred lies were utilized in the first round. This marks the ninth event of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season that used preferred lies.*

### First-Round Leaderboard

Retief Goosen	63 (-8)
Ryo Ishikawa	63 (-8)
Justin Leonard	64 (-7)
Kevin Chappell	64 (-7)
Ernie Els	64 (-7)

### **Retief Goosen**

Retief Goosen opened with a bogey-free 63 highlighted by eight birdies, matching his lowest score since the third round of the 2012 RBC Canadian Open.

Playing in his 286<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start, Goosen has seven career PGA TOUR wins. His last victory was the 2009 Valspar Championship, 119 starts ago.

Goosen is making his 24<sup>th</sup> start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season where he has recorded two top 10s (Frys.com Open/T3 and Northern Trust Open/T8).

This marks the eighth time Goosen has led/co-led after 18 holes, with the last being earlier this season at the 2015 Northern Trust Open. The only time he converted a first-round lead/co-lead to victory was the 2001 U.S. Open when he held at least a share of the lead all four rounds.

At the 2015 Northern Trust Open, Goosen co-led after 18 holes, held the solo lead through the second and third rounds and ultimately finished T8.

In his only other start at the Quicken Loans National, Goosen finished T39 in 2014 at Congressional Country Club.

Goosen is one of eight players in the field who competed at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in The Presidents Cup. Goosen represented the International Team when it was held at RTJGC in 2000 and 2005, totaling a 6-3-1 record (he went undefeated in 2005 with a 4-0-1 record.)

Two weeks ago, Goosen finished T20 at The Open Championship, his first top 20 in a major since the 2012 U.S. Open (T10).

### **Ryo Ishikawa**

Ryo Ishikawa recorded an 8-under 63 in the first round, highlighted by an ace on No. 4 and six consecutive birdies on Nos. 14-1 (started on No. 10).

This marks the second time Ishikawa has led/co-led after any round on the PGA TOUR. He previously co-led after 18 holes at the 2015 Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial where he went on to finish T43.

In his last five starts, Ishikawa has opened with sub-par scores, including four rounds in the 60s.

Ishikawa is making his 25<sup>th</sup> start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season. His only top 10 of the season came at THE PLAYERS Championship (T8).

In his 116<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR start, Ishikawa is in search of his first PGA TOUR victory. Quicken Loans National has yet to yield a first-time TOUR winner.

During today's first round of the Quicken Loans National, Ishikawa aced the fourth hole with an 8-iron from 176 yards. As the Official Mortgage Sponsor of the PGA TOUR, Quicken Loans will award one year's worth of mortgage payments to Dave Larson from Menomonie, Wisconsin, to commemorate the ace. The Quicken Loans' Hole-In-One Sweepstakes awards one year's worth of mortgage payments to a randomly selected entrant for every ace during official PGA TOUR events from the Waste Management Phoenix Open through the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola. Fans can enter the sweepstakes by visiting [www.pgatour.com/quickenloans](http://www.pgatour.com/quickenloans). Participants in the 2014 Sweepstakes must re-register to be eligible in 2015.

Today's ace marked the second for Ishikawa on the PGA TOUR (2013 Puerto Rico Open).

Just four weeks from the FedExCup Playoffs, Ishikawa is currently 140<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup Standings.

### **First-Round Lead Information**

Last year, Greg Chalmers led by one stroke over two others with a 5-under 66.

The lowest 18-hole score at the Quicken Loans National is a 9-under 62, posted by Anthony Kim and Hunter Mahan in rounds one and four, respectively, in 2009. Most recently, Nick Watney posted the score in round three en route to his victory at Congressional CC in 2011.

K.J. Choi in 2007 is the only player to convert at least a share of the 18-hole lead into victory at the Quicken Loans National.

So far this year, only five of 37 first-round leaders/co-leaders have converted for victory, most recently being Bubba Watson at the Travelers Championship

### **Justin Leonard**

Twelve-time PGA TOUR winner Justin Leonard is making his 573<sup>rd</sup> career start on TOUR. It's been seven years since his last PGA TOUR win at the 2008 FedEx St. Jude Classic.

This marks Leonard's 21<sup>st</sup> start of the season which has yet to produce a top-25 finish. He has missed 14 cuts, most recently at The Open Championship.

Leonard competed at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in the 1996 and 2005 President Cups as a member of the United States Team, combining for a 4-4-1 record.

### **Kevin Chappell**

Kevin Chappell is making his 22<sup>nd</sup> start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, which includes two top 10s (The McGladrey Classic/T8 and John Deere Classic/T8).

This marks Chappell's fifth start at the Quicken Loans National where he has yet to finish within the top 25. Today's bogey-free 64 is his best score in 17 rounds at the tournament, and just his third sub-par round.

Chappell is in search of his maiden PGA TOUR victory. He has two runner-ups: 2013 Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide and 2011 Valero Texas Open.

### **Ernie Els**

Ernie Els is making his 16<sup>th</sup> start of the season where he has eight missed cuts. His best finish this season was a T13 at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard.

In his only other start in the Quicken Loans National, Els missed the cut in 2014.

With only four weeks remaining until the FedExCup Playoffs, Els needs a strong finish this week. At No. 181 in the FedExCup Standings, Els is the highest ranked player outside the top 125 who has qualified for the Playoffs every year.

Els represented the International Team in the 1996 and 2000 Presidents Cups at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club. After going 3-1-1 in 1996, Els did not win any of his five matches in the 2000 tournament.

Today's 64 is Els' best opening-round score since a 66 at the 2015 Travelers Championship. He followed-up with a 76 in round two to miss the cut.

### **Rickie Fowler**

Rickie Fowler recorded his second career ace on TOUR on his final hole (No. 9) with a 7-iron from 184 yards. Fowler has played 1,880 par 3s since his last hole in one at the 2009 Frys.com Open (No. 6 in the final round).

Fowler is the only Quicken Loans player ambassador on TOUR, a partnership which began the week of The Masters. To commemorate Fowler's ace today, Quicken Loans will award one year's worth of mortgage payments to Tom Roberts of Chicago.

Fowler is making his fourth start at Quicken Loans National: T21/2013, T13/2011 and 2010/MC.

### **Tiger Woods**

For just the second time this season in nine starts, Tiger Woods (68) recorded a sub-par opening round in the 60s (he opened The Greenbrier Classic with a 66).

Woods recorded six birdies, highlighted by consecutive birdies on Nos. 10-13. The last time Woods recorded at least four birdies in a round was the second round of the 2013 World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational.

A two-time Quicken Loans National winner, Woods missed the cut in 2014 after rounds of 74-75. Woods has now recorded 13 sub-par scores in 19 rounds in the tournament. Today's 68 was his ninth in the 60s.

Woods' front-nine/back-nine comparison in round one:

	Front Nine	Back Nine	Total
Fairways Hit	3/7	5/7	8/14
Greens Hit	5/9	9/9	14/18
Bogeys	3	0	3
Birdies	2	4	6

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

For the fourth time in six starts at the Quicken Loans National, defending champion Justin Rose (66) opened with a round in the 60s. Not since 2010 has he recorded a first-round score in the 60s. Rose's opening rounds and finish at the Quicken Loans National: 2014/74/1<sup>st</sup>, 2011/70/T15, 2010/69/1<sup>st</sup>, 2009/67/T16 and 2007/69/T30.

First-round scores from past Quicken Loans National champions in the field: Justin Rose/2014, 2010 (66), Bill Haas/2013 (67), Tiger Woods/2012, 2009 (68), Nick Watney/2011 (70) and K.J. Choi/2007 (69).

Quicken Loans Hole-In-One Sweepstakes -- Quicken Loans will reward one person \$1 million if a player (first player to do so) aces the 16th hole at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club during tournament play from July 30-August 2. An additional \$25,000 will be donated to the charity of the professional golfer's choice. To enter the Quicken Loans Hole-In-One Sweepstakes, golf fans simply need to visit [www.pgatour.com/QuickenLoans](http://www.pgatour.com/QuickenLoans). Each person can enter the contest once. All qualified sweepstakes entrants are eligible to win the \$1 million grand prize.

Quicken Loans National marks the launch of PGA TOUR LIVE, a digital Over-The-Top subscription service featuring exclusive, live Thursday and Friday morning coverage. PGA TOUR LIVE debuted on Thursday at 7:30 a.m. ET and will provide exclusive shot-by-shot coverage of the following groups on Friday: 8:10 a.m. feature group includes three former Quicken Loans National champions: tournament host Tiger Woods, Bill Haas and Nick Watney. At 8:21 a.m., defending Quicken Loans National champion Justin Rose tees off with Jimmy Walker, No. 3 in the FedExCup points standings with two wins this season, and David Lingmerth of Sweden, who won his first PGA TOUR title last month at the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide Insurance.

Eight players in the Quicken Loans National field competed in Presidents Cups at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club.

- International:
  - Vijay Singh (1994, 1996, 2000, 2005)
  - Robert Allenby (1994, 1996, 2000)
  - Ernie Els (1996, 2000)
  - Retief Goosen (2000, 2005)
  - Angel Cabrera (2005)
- United States:
  - Tiger Woods (2000, 2005)
  - Justin Leonard (1996, 2005)

- Stewart Cink (2000, 2005)

The 2015-16 PGA TOUR Schedule was announced today, including the dates for the 2016 Quicken Loans National, June 20-26. The tournament will return to Congressional Country Club in 2016 and 2018 and will be held at TPC Potomac in 2017.

**Tournament records**

- The best 18-hole score in tournament history is 62 by Anthony Kim/2009, Hunter Mahan/2009 and Nick Watney/2011.
- The best 36-hole score in tournament history is 130 by Tiger Woods in 2009.
- The best 54-hole score in tournament history is 200 by Tom Pernice Jr./2008, Anthony Kim/2009, Tiger Woods/2009 and Justin Rose/2010.
- Tiger Woods (2009) and Nick Watney (2011) have the best 72-hole score with a 267.
- Last year saw the first playoff at the Quicken Loans National with Justin Rose defeating Shawn Strefani on the first extra hole.
- The best come-from-behind win at the Quicken Loans is three shots by Anthony Kim (2008) and Justin Rose (2014).

Morning scoring average: 69.83  
 Afternoon scoring average: 69.17

Robert Trent Jones Golf Club’s most difficult hole in the first round was the par-4 12<sup>th</sup>, yielding an average of 4.358. The easiest hole was the par-5 fifth hole, averaging 4.558.

**Bogey-free rounds:**

R1: Ricky Barnes (69), Jonas Blixt (66), Jason Bohn (67), Kevin Chappell (64), Retief Goosen (63), Mark Hubbard (65), Ryo Ishikawa (63), Greg Owen (66), Pat Perez (67), John Peterson (67), Nick Taylor (68), Cameron Tringale (68) and Steve Wheatcroft (65).

**Scoring Averages at the par-71 Robert Trent Jones Golf Club:**

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
R1:	38.874	34.625	69.499	--