



## 2015 Quicken Loans National

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

Prince William County, Va. July 27 – August 2, 2015
Robert Trent Jones GC Par/Yardage: 36-35—71/7,385

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

Second-Round Notes - Friday, June 31, 2015

Weather: Sunny with a high of 88 degrees. Winds NW 5-10 mph.

CUT: 75 professionals at 2-under 140 from a field of 119 professionals and one amateur.

# Second-Round Leaderboard

Ryo Ishikawa 63-68—131 (-11)
Rickie Fowler 67-65—132 (-10)
Kevin Chappell 64-68—132 (-10)
David Lingmerth 68-65—133 (-9)
Nine players are T5 at 8-under 134

The top four players on the leaderboard are in their 20s.

#### Ryo Ishikawa

Ishikawa, who had his second ace on TOUR yesterday in round one, came 2 inches from an ace in round two on No. 16. An ace at No. 16 would have earned a lucky fan \$1 million in the Quicken Loans Hole-In-One Sweepstakes.

This is the first time Ishikawa has held a lead after the second round on TOUR. Ishikawa closed with three straight birdies (Nos. 16-18) to grab a one-shot lead over Fowler and Chappell.

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 at the age of 23 years, 10 months, and 14 days.

Quicken Loans National has yet to yield a first-time TOUR winner.

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

#### Rickie Fowler

Fowler is the only Quicken Loans player ambassador on TOUR, a partnership which began the week of The Masters.

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

Fowler closed round two at the Quicken Loans National with three consecutive birdies (Nos. 16-18). On No. 16 he made a 12 foot, 7 inch putt for birdie-2, followed by a putt from 6 feet, 9 inches for birdie-3 on No. 17 and a 27 foot putt on the last for birdie-3.

Earlier this season, Rickie Fowler finished birdie, eagle, birdie, birdie to shoot a final-round 66 and finish at 12-underpar to enter a three-hole aggregate playoff with Kevin Kisner and Sergio Garcia at THE PLAYERS Championship. Fowler finished the three-hole playoff tied with Kisner at 1-under through those three holes with scores of par, birdie, par. With Garcia elimated (par-par-par), Fowler and Kisner advanced to sudden-death at the 17th hole where Fowler's tee shot landed 4' 8". Kisner's par and Fowler's birdie gave the 26-year-old his second career PGA TOUR win.

Fowler earned his second career PGA TOUR title in his 142nd start at 26 years, 4 months, 27 days.

2012 Wells Fargo Championship 2015 THE PLAYERS Championship Fowler won the European Tour's Scottish Open the week before the Open Championship.

#### **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.

Chappell is in search of his maiden PGA TOUR victory in 136 career starts at the age of 29 years and 23 days (7/8/86). He has two runner-ups: 2013 Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide and 2011 Valero Texas Open.

Chappell is No. 94 in the FedExCup standings. He has advanced to the Playoffs the previous four seasons.

# **David Lingmerth**

Sweden's David Lingmerth recorded seven birdies and a lone bogey in the second round to move to 9-under.

Earlier this year, Lingmerth won his first TOUR event at the Memorial in a playoff win over Justin Rose. Lingmerth made a 10' 6" par save at the 72<sup>nd</sup> hole to force extra holes, then sank a putt for par from 6' on the third extra hole (No. 10) to claim his first career PGA TOUR title in his 68<sup>th</sup> start at the age of 27 years, 10 months and 16 days.

K.J. Choi (2007) and Justin Rose (2010 and 2014) are the only International winners at the Quicken Loans National.

Lingmerth is the ninth player from Sweden to win on the PGA TOUR: Jesper Parnevik (5), Carl Pettersson (5), Henrik Stenson (4), Gabriel Hjertstedt (2), Daniel Chopra (2), Jonas Blixt (2), Freddie Jacobson (1), Richard S. Johnson (1) and David Lingmerth (1).

Lingmerth is making his third start in the Quicken Loans National (2013/T54, 2014/MC). Lingmerth won earlier this year in his third start in the Memorial Tournament (2013/T57, 2014/T49, 2015/Won).

Lingmerth, a 2012 and 2014 graduate of the Web.com Tour, won the 2012 Neediest Kids Championship in Maryland.

Lingmerth earned a return trip to the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of his 17<sup>th</sup>-place finish on the 2014 Web.com Tour priority list. He finished No. 134 on last year's FedExCup points list.

## **Tiger Woods**

Woods is one of nine players at T5 (8-under).

For just the third time this season in nine starts, Tiger Woods recorded back-to-back rounds in the 60s (Masters and The Greenbrier Classic). It is his seventh round in the 60s out of 24 total rounds. The last time Woods had three rounds in the 60s was at The Barclays in 2013.

A two-time Quicken Loans National winner, Woods missed the cut in 2014 after rounds of 74-75. Woods has now recorded 14 par-or-better scores in 20 rounds in the tournament. Today's 66 was his 10<sup>th</sup> in the 60s.

Woods has 79 PGA TOUR titles overall, trailing only Sam Snead's TOUR record of 82 victories. His last victory came at the 2013 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational.

The two-time FedExCup champion (2007 and 2009) has four weeks remaining to climb from No. 195 into the top 125 and qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs.

#### Ollie Schniederjans

Schniederians shot rounds of 66-69-135 (-7) to stand in 14<sup>th</sup> place heading into the weekend.

Coming off of a T12 at The Open Championship as an amateur and T22 at the RBC Canadian Open last week in his first start as a professional, Ollie Schniederjans is playing this week courtesy of a sponsor exemption. He is not a member of the PGA TOUR and needs a victory in order to become a member and is making his fifth career start on TOUR.

Schniederjans' only other starts on TOUR came this year as an amateur at the Valspar Championship (MC) and U.S. Open (T42).

Should Schniederjans win he can accept membership on the PGA TOUR and become eligible to compete in the FedExCup Playoffs. His FedExCup points earned as a non-member and as a professional (excluding those won at

World Golf Championship events as a non-member) are retroactive and will be counted on the official FedExCup points list.

Below are sponsor exemptions to win on TOUR since 1991:

Phil Mickelson 1991 Northern Telecom Open

Vijay Singh 1993 Buick Classic

Tiger Woods 1996 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open

David Gossett 2001 John Deere Classic

Adam Scott 2003 Deutsche Bank Championship

Jason Gore2005 84 LUMBER ClassicLee Westwood2010 FedEx St. Jude ClassicPadraig Harrington2015 The Honda Classic

As a Junior and Senior at Georgia Tech, Schniederjans was a first-team All-American and was also named ACC Player of the Year both years.

In June of 2014, Schniederjans ascended to No. 1 in the World Amateur Golf Rankings. That same month he competed at the Air Capital Classic on the Web.com Tour and recorded a T5 performance.

#### **Second-Round Lead Notes**

Last year, four players (Ricky Barnes, Oliver Goss, Marc Leishman and Patrick Reed) were tied for the second-round lead.

K.J. Choi (2007), Tiger Woods (2009) and Justin Rose (2010) are the only players to convert at least a share of the 36-hole lead into victory at the Quicken Loans National.

The largest 36-hole lead at the Quicken Loans National is two shots by K.J. Choi (2011) and Hunter Mahan (2012).

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

# Miscellaneous Notes

Quicken Loans National defending champion Justin Rose is T19 (-5) after round two. Rose at the Quicken Loans National: 2014/1<sup>st</sup>, 2011/T15, 2010/1<sup>st</sup>, 2009/T16 and 2007/T30.

Past Quicken Loans National champions in the field: Justin Rose/2014, 2010 (T19), Bill Haas/2013 (T34), Tiger Woods/2012, 2009 (T5), Nick Watney/2011 (MC) and K.J. Choi/2007 (T19).

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 <a href="https://www.pgatour.com/QuickenLoans">www.pgatour.com/QuickenLoans</a>. 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 provided 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 Quicken Loans National will return to Congressional Country Club in 2016, 2018 and 2020, and will be held at TPC Potomac in 2017. 2019 is a TBD.

#### **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).

Robert Trent Jones Golf Club's most difficult hole after the first two rounds is the par-4 12<sup>th</sup>, yielding an average of 4.388. The easiest hole so far is the par-5 fifth hole, averaging 4.583.

# 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).

R2: Ricky Barner (68), Chad Campbell (70), Troy Merritt (68), Greg Owen (68), Michael Putnam (66), Mark Wilson (69)

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

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	38.874	34.625	69.499	
R2	35.224	34.909	70.133	69.817