



2015 Quicken Loans National

(The 39th 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)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, August 1, 2015

Weather: Sunny with a high of 88 degrees. Winds WNW 7-12 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Troy Merritt	70-68-61—199 (-14)
Kevin Chappell	64-68-67—199 (-14)
Rickie Fowler	67-65-68—200 (-13)

Both Merritt and Chappell are in search of their first PGA TOUR victory. The Quicken Loans National has yet to yield a first-time TOUR winner.

Merritt and Chappell set a new tournament record for best 54-hole score of 199. The record was previously 200 by Tom Pernice Jr. (2008), Anthony Kim (2009), Tiger Woods (2009) and Justin Rose (2010).

The top three players are in their 20s. Thirteen tournaments in the calendar year have been won by players under the age of 30 (eight different players including Fowler).

Troy Merritt

With a 61, Troy Merritt set a new tournament record for the best 18-hole score which was previously 62 by three players (Anthony Kim/2009, Hunter Mahan/2009 and Nick Watney/2011).

Merritt began the day T35, seven strokes off the lead. He completed his round at 2:03 p.m. ET.

Merritt matched his career-low score, achieved earlier this season in the second round of the RBC Heritage, where he finished third. So far this season, 61 is the low 18-hole score held by six players: Merritt (twice), Ryan Palmer (CareerBuilder Challenge in partnership with the Clinton Foundation/2nd round), Rory McIlroy (Wells Fargo Championship/3rd round), Jordan Spieth (John Deere Classic/3rd round) Justin Thomas (Sony Open in Hawaii/2nd round) and Jason Bohn (The Greenbrier Classic/3rd round).

In search of his first win in his 96th start on TOUR, Merritt has previously held at least a share of the lead on three other occasions. He co-led after the first round at the 2010 Sony Open in Hawaii, then was solo leader after the second and third rounds of the RBC Heritage earlier this season.

Merritt at Quicken Loans National: 2014 (MC), 2011 (T30) and 2010 (T68).

Merritt is making his 24th start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season where he has two top 10s: Valspar Championship (6) and RBC Heritage (3). He is currently 123rd in the FedExCup Standings.

Kevin Chappell

Kevin Chappell is making his 22nd 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 25 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.

Chappell at the top of the leaderboard: 2014 PGA Championship/First Round/T1, 2011 Valero Texas Open/Second Round/T1 and 2011 Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Classic/Third Round/T1.

Chappell leads the field in Strokes Gained: Tee To Green (10.518).

Third-Round Lead Notes

Last year, Patrick Reed led by two with a 6-under 207 over three players at Congressional Country Club

Bill Haas (2013), Nick Watney (2011), Justin Rose (2010) and Tiger Woods (2009) are the only players to convert at least a share of the 54-hole lead into victory at the Quicken Loans National.

The largest 54-hole lead at the Quicken Loans National is four shots by Justin Rose in 2010.

So far this season, 14 of 37 third-round leaders/co-leaders have converted for victory, most recently being Scott Piercy at the Barbasol Championship.

Last year's playoff between Shawn Stefani and eventual champion Justin Rose was the first in the eight years of the tournament. There have been 16 playoffs in the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, most recently at The Open Championship.

The largest come-from-behind win at the Quicken Loans National is three shots by Justin Rose (2014) and Anthony Kim (2008).

Rickie Fowler

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

Fowler looks to become the sixth player to win multiple times this season. He would become the fourth of six multiple winners in his 20s.

Fowler is making his fourth start at Quicken Loans National: T21/2013, T13/2011 and MC/2010. He previously held a share of the 54-hole lead in 2011 with eventual winner Nick Watney.

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.

Tiger Woods

Tiger Woods started the day at -8 (T5), four shots off the lead. With a third-round 3-over 74, he dropped 37 spots (T42) thanks to three bogeys, one double-bogey and just two birdies.

In rounds one and two, Woods hit 14 of 18 greens in regulation. Today he only hit 10 of 18, and needed 29 putts to complete his round.

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. Today's 74 was his seventh over-par score in 21 rounds at the tournament.

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.

Miscellaneous Notes

With a third-round 65, Quicken Loans National defending champion Justin Rose is T8 (-11) after round three and three shots off the lead. En route to his victory in 2014, Rose was T5 and three shots off the lead heading into the final round.

Rose at the Quicken Loans National: 2014/1st, 2011/T15, 2010/1st, 2009/T16 and 2007/T30.

Past Quicken Loans National champions in the field: Justin Rose/2014, 2010 (T8), Bill Haas/2013 (T8), Tiger Woods/2012, 2009 (T42), Nick Watney/2011 (MC) and K.J. Choi/2007 (T42).

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. Each person can enter the contest once. All qualified sweepstakes entrants are eligible to win the \$1 million grand prize.

The 16th hole also offers fans a chance to win a one month mortgage payment courtesy of Quicken Loans every time a player hits their tee shot inside of seven feet of a pre-selected pin. There have been 39 winners of the "Get in the Q" promotion through the round three of the Quicken Loans National. "Get in the Q" was also present at the Waste Management Phoenix Open and Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial where there was a combined 47 winners. To enter, fans can sign up by downloading the PGA TOUR app, at www.pgatour.com/getintheq or on-site at the Quicken Loans National. The Deutsche Bank Championship will be the last event for the promotion.

Quicken Loans National marked the launch of PGA TOUR LIVE, a digital Over-The-Top subscription service featuring exclusive, live Thursday and Friday morning coverage.

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 61 by Troy Merritt in 2015.
- The best 36-hole score in tournament history is 130 by Tiger Woods in 2009.
- The best 54-hole score in tournament history is 199 by Troy Merritt and Kevin Chappell in 2015.
- 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 Stefani 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 12th, yielding an average of 4.373. The easiest hole so far is the par-5 fifth hole, averaging 4.333.

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 Barnes (68), Chad Campbell (70), Troy Merritt (68), Greg Owen (68), Michael Putnam (66), Mark Wilson (69)

R3: Shawn Stefani (68)

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
R3:	35.053	34.825	69.878	69.829

