



**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      FedExCup Points: 500 to the winner**  
**Robert Trent Jones GC      Par/Yardage: 36-35—71/7,385      Purse: \$6,700,000 (\$1,206,000)**

**Final-Round Notes – Sunday, August 2, 2015**

*Weather: Mostly sunny with some afternoon clouds. Winds WSW 4-8 mph. High of 88.*

**Final-Round Leaderboard**

Troy Merritt	70-68-61-67—266 (-18)
Rickie Fowler	67-65-68-69—269 (-15)
David Lingmerth	68-65-68-69—270 (-14)

**Troy Merritt**

After entering the week with five consecutive missed cuts, Troy Merritt carded a final-round 4-under 67 (including a 34' 5" birdie on the 72<sup>nd</sup> hole) for a three-stroke victory over Rickie Fowler at the Quicken Loans National. At 18-under 266, he records a new 72-hole scoring record at the Quicken Loans National, topping the 267 totals by Tiger Woods in 2009 and Nick Watney in 2011.

Merritt becomes the first player to win his first PGA TOUR title at the Quicken Loans National.

Merritt's first PGA TOUR title comes in his 96<sup>th</sup> start at the age of 29 years, 9 months and 8 days. His previous-best finish was a runner-up effort at the 2014 FedEx St. Jude Classic.

Merritt earns fully-exempt status on the PGA TOUR through the 2016-17 Season.

With the win, Merritt collects 500 points and jumps from No. 123 to No. 38 in the FedExCup standings. His only previous start in the FedExCup Playoffs came with a T46 finish at The Barclays in 2014, but he failed to advance to the following week's Deutsche Bank Championship.

With the victory, Merritt earns a spot in next week's World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational and the following week's PGA Championship. He has never played in a WGC or Major Championship up to this point in his career.

Merritt's week included a third-round 61 (matching his career-low score set earlier this season in the second round of the RBC Heritage), establishing a new tournament record at the Quicken Loans National. The previous low score was 62, set by three players (Anthony Kim/2009, Hunter Mahan/2009 and Nick Watney/2011).

Merritt (and Kevin Chappell) set a new Quicken Loans National low opening 54-hole score this week, with their 199 total topping 200s set by Tom Pernice Jr. (2008), Anthony Kim (2009), Tiger Woods (2009), Justin Rose (2010) and Rickie Fowler (2015).

Merritt is now one for two when carrying the lead/co-lead into the final round on the PGA TOUR. Earlier this season, he led by three strokes at the RBC Heritage before a final-round 2-under 69 led to a third-place finish.

Merritt at the Quicken Loans National: 2015 (Won), 2014 (MC), 2011 (T30) and 2010 (T68).

Merritt records his third top-10 finish in his 24<sup>th</sup> start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season: Quicken Loans National (Won), RBC Heritage (3), Valspar Championship (6).

Merritt is the 13<sup>th</sup> player in his 20s to win this season, recording the 18<sup>th</sup> win by that group. By comparison, 16 players in their 30s have 18 wins this season, while three players in their 40s have won.

R4 at a glance: 8/14 fairways, 14/18 greens, 29 putts, 1/1 sand saves.

**Troy Merritt's Statistics for the Week:**

Fairways Hit	36 of 56	T38
Driving Distance	282.1 yards	65
Greens in Regulation	58 of 72	T3

Total Putts	112	T5
Strokes Gained – Putting	+4.659	10
Sand Saves	3/4	T3

### About Troy Merritt

Born: October 25, 1985

Birthplace: Osage, Iowa

Residence: Meridien, Idaho

Family: Wife, Courtney; Scout Brian (5/24/11), Dodge Timothy (11/12/13)

Education: Boise State University

Turned Pro/Joined TOUR: 2008/2010

Web.com Tour Graduate: 2013

### Third-Round Leader Statistics at the Quicken Loans National

Troy Merritt (2015), Bill Haas (2013), Nick Watney (2011), Justin Rose (2010) and Tiger Woods (2009) have converted at least a share of the 54-hole lead into victory at the Quicken Loans National.

So far this season, 15 of 38 third-round leaders/co-leaders have converted for victory, most recently being Merritt at this week's Quicken Loans National.

### Tiger Woods

2009 and 2012 Quicken Loans National winner Tiger Woods carded a final-round 3-under 68 to finish T18. He and Justin Rose (2010, 2014) are the only multiple winners of the Quicken Loans National.

Woods' statistics this week: 36 of 56 fairways hit, 53 of 72 greens hit, 114 putts, 11 of 19 scrambling.

This week marked Woods' 299<sup>th</sup> made cut in 325 PGA TOUR starts (311 professional, 14 amateur).

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 three weeks remaining to climb from No. 185 into the top 125 and qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs.

### Additional Player Notes

Rickie Fowler, the only Quicken Loans player ambassador on TOUR (a partnership which began the week of The Masters), finished in second place in his fourth start at Quicken Loans National: 2<sup>nd</sup>/2015, T21/2013, T13/2011 and MC/2010. Fowler earned his second PGA TOUR title earlier this season at THE PLAYERS Championship (2012 Wells Fargo Championship) and is just three weeks removed from winning the Scottish Open on the European Tour. He is now No. 16 in the FedExCup standings.

2015 Memorial Tournament winner David Lingmerth finished third in his bid to join Jordan Spieth, Rory McIlroy, Jason Day, Bubba Watson and Jimmy Walker as multiple winners this season. Lingmerth, now No. 22 in the FedExCup standings, made his third Quicken Loans National start this week (3<sup>rd</sup>-2015, MC-2014, T54-2013).

Justin Thomas finished T4 (six behind Merritt) this week for his seventh top-10 finish in 25 starts this season. Only Jordan Spieth (12), Zach Johnson (8), Hideki Matsuyama (8) and Brandt Snedeker (8) have more top 10s this season. Thomas is currently No. 37 in the FedExCup standings.

Danny Lee's last four starts on the PGA TOUR: The Greenbrier Classic (Won), John Deere Classic (T3), The Open Championship (MC), Quicken Loans National (T4).

2013 Quicken Loans National champion Bill Haas recorded a final-round 1-under 70 (but played the final seven holes at 5-over) to finish T4 in his bid to join Tiger Woods (2009, 2012) and Justin Rose (2010, 2014) as multiple winners of the Quicken Loans National.

Defending champion Justin Rose (now No. 12 in the FedExCup standings) finished T4 in his bid to become the first three-time winner of the Quicken Loans National. Rose at the Quicken Loans National: 2015/T4, 2014/1<sup>st</sup>, 2011/T15, 2010/1<sup>st</sup>, 2009/T16 and 2007/T30.

Carl Pettersson finished T4 for his second top-10 finish in four starts at the Quicken Loans National (6<sup>th</sup>-2010).

Jason Bohn, currently No. 32 in the FedExCup standings, owns five top-13 finishes in his last eight PGA TOUR starts: T2 - Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial, T4 – Quicken Loans National, T9 – Wells Fargo Championship, T12 – John Deere Classic, T13 – The Greenbrier Classic.

Ryo Ishikawa posted his second top-10 finish of the season with a 10<sup>th</sup>-place finish this week (T8-THE PLAYERS Championship). It marks Ishikawa's 10<sup>th</sup> top-10 finish in 116 PGA TOUR starts. He missed the cut in his only other Quicken Loans National appearance (2013). He moves to No. 125 in the FedExCup standings.

Third-round co-leader Kevin Chappell posted a 6-over 77 Sunday to finish T18. He is still in search of his first PGA TOUR victory (136 starts), with this week marking his first top-25 finish in five starts at the Quicken Loans National.

Two weeks after a T3 finish at the Barbasol Championship, Whee Kim finished T11 in his inaugural Quicken Loans National appearance.

One week after a T22 in his professional debut at the RBC Canadian Open, former World No. 1 amateur Ollie Schniederjans finished T15 this week as a sponsor exemption.

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

Past Quicken Loans National champions in the field: Justin Rose/2014, 2010 (T4), Bill Haas/2013 (T4), Tiger Woods/2012, 2009 (T18), K.J. Choi/2007 (T30) and Nick Watney/2011 (MC).

The 16<sup>th</sup> hole this week offered fans a chance to win a one month mortgage payment courtesy of Quicken Loans every time a player hit their tee shot inside of seven feet of a pre-selected pin. There were 49 winners in the "Get in the Q" promotion this week at 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](http://www.pgatour.com/getintheq) or on-site at the Quicken Loans National. The Deutsche Bank Championship will be the last event for the promotion.

Nearly 2,000 fans and pros took their "Shot for Heroes" at the Quicken Loans National on the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole, helping raise more than \$235,000 to benefit the Military Warriors Support Foundation.

The Quicken Loans National will return to Congressional Country Club in 2016, 2018 and 2020, and will be held at TPC Potomac in 2017. The site of the 2019 Quicken Loans National has yet to be determined.

### **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.
- Troy Merritt (2015) has the best 72-hole score with a 266.
- Last year saw the first playoff at the event 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 this week was the par-4 12<sup>th</sup> at 4.479. The easiest hole was the par-5 fifth at 4.538.

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)

R4: None

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	--
R2:	35.224	34.909	70.133	69.817
R3:	35.053	34.825	69.878	69.829
R4:	35.493	36.173	71.667	70.182