



2015 THE PLAYERS Championship
(The 26th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.
THE PLAYERS Stadium
TPC Sawgrass

May 7-10, 2015
Par/Yardage: 36-36—72/7,215

FedExCup Points: 600
Purse: \$10,000,000 (\$1,800,000)

Final-Round Notes – Saturday, May 9, 2015

Weather: Partly cloudy with a high of 83 degrees. Winds variable 7-14 mph.

Final Leaderboard

Rickie Fowler	69-69-71-67—276 (-12)*
Kevin Kisner	73-67-67-69—276 (-12)
Sergio Garcia	69-72-67-68—276 (-12)
Ben Martin	68-71-68-70—277 (-11)
Bill Haas	72-67-68-70—277 (-11)

To start the final round, there were 15 players within three shots of Chris Kirk's 206 total, the most in tournament history, and 29 within five shots.

Rickie Fowler (1st)

Rickie Fowler finished birdie, eagle, birdie, birdie to shoot a final-round 66 and finish at 12-under-par to enter a three-hole aggregate playoff with Kevin Kisner and Sergio Garcia. Fowler finished the three-hole playoff tied with Kisner at 1-under through those three holes with scores of par, birdie, par. With Garcia eliminated (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 records his second career PGA TOUR in his 142nd start at 26 years, 4 months, 27 days
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The victory moves Fowlers to:

- 10th in the FedExCup Standings
- 8th in the Official World Golf Rankings (highest rank of his career)
- 7th Presidents Cup Standings

Rickie Fowler's first PGA TOUR win came in a three-man playoff at the Wells Fargo Championship on May 6, 2012 (3 years, 4 days ago). He defeated Rory McIlroy and D.A. Points with a birdie on the first hole of sudden death. He now has a 2-0 playoff record.

In regulation, Fowler played holes 15, 16, 17 and 18 in a 5-under-par total of 11 strokes. The four-hole score of 11 sets a new low for the score on the final four holes at TPC Sawgrass in a single round in tournament history. Previously, seven players had finished with a score of 12 of the final four holes as shown below.

Best score, last four holes, one round (TPC Sawgrass):

11, Rickie Fowler (birdie, eagle, birdie, birdie, Final round), 2015

Previous best score

12, Gary Koch (4 birdies, Final round), 1983
12, Fred Wadsworth (4 birdies, 1st round), 1987
12, Rocco Mediate (4 birdies, Final round), 1996
12, Tommy Tolles (par, eagle, 2 birdies, 2nd round), 1997
12, Padraig Harrington (birdie, eagle, par, birdie, Final round), 2004
12, Vaughn Taylor (birdie, birdie, birdie, par, Final round), 2006
12, Sergio Garcia (birdie, eagle, birdie, par, Final round), 2011

Fowler becomes the first winner on the PGA TOUR to play holes 15-18 in 5-under in the final round of any event since the PGA TOUR began tracking hole-by-hole scores in 1983.

In regulation, Folwer made putts of the following distances in the final four holes

Hole	Putt
15	13' 6"
16	2' 5"
17	6' 10"
18	16' 11"

Fowler played the 17th hole six times including the two playoff holes and recorded five birdies on those six attempts.

Fowler's proximity to the hole on No. 17 the three times he played it on Sunday's final round:

Regulation: 6 ft. 10 in.

Aggregate: 6 ft. 5 in.

Sudden death: 4 ft. 8 in.

Making his sixth start at THE PLAYERS, Fowler has finished T2 (2012), T77 (2014), and missed three cuts.

The largest comeback in tournament history after 54 holes was six by Raymond Floyd in 1981 at Sawgrass CC. At TPC Sawgrass, the largest comeback is five shared by Justin Leonard in 1998 and Henrik Stenson (2009). Fowler began the round three strokes behind 54-leader Chris Kirk.

Fowler is the 29th player from the United States to win the event.

Fowler's 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 11-10-3-1

Fowler's career PGA TOUR (amateur and pro) starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 142-111-36-2

Fowler's Statistics for the Week:

Fairways Hit	35 of 56	T43
Driving Distance	281.1 yards	6
Greens in Regulation	45 of 72	T51
Total Putts	106	T2
Strokes Gained: Putting	+.759/round	20
Sand Saves	1 of 3	T52

About Rickie Fowler

HEIGHT: 5-9

WEIGHT: 150

BIRTHDATE: December 13, 1988

BIRTHPLACE: Murrieta, California

RESIDENCE: Jupiter, Florida

TURNED PROFESSIONAL: 2009

Sergio Garcia (T2)

Sergio Garcia shot a final round 68 to finish regulation tied for the lead but failed to advance from the three-man aggregate playoff after finishing the playoff even par, one stroke behind Kisner and Fowler.

Garcia was in search of his ninth career victory and was attempting to join Tiger Woods (2001, 2013), Davis Love III (2003, 1992), Steve Elkington (1991, 1997), Hal Sutton (1983, 2000), Fred Couples (1984, 1996) and Jack Nicklaus (1974, 1976 and 1978) as player with multiple wins at THE PLAYERS Championship.

The runner-up finish puts Garcia's playoff record at 4-6. Garcia's victory at the PLAYERS in 2008 came in a playoff against Paul Goydos.

The runner-up is the 14th of Garcia's career and the second of the season. He also finished second at the CIMB Classic in Malaysia to start the 2014-15 season.

The Spaniard now has 6 top-10 finishes in 16 attempts at THE PLAYERS including a victory in 2008, runner-ups in 2007 and 2015, 3rd in 2014 and T4 in 2002.

Kevin Kisner

Kevin Kisner, making his first start in THE PLAYERS Championship, birdied the final three holes in search of his first PGA TOR victory in his 92nd career event at 31 years, 2 months and 25 days. Kisner 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.

This marks Kisner's second career playoff having lost to Jim Furyk as well this season at the RBC Heritage.

Kisner was attempting to join Tim Clark (2010) and Craig Perks (2002) as players who have made THE PLAYERS their first career win. Aside from the inaugural event, Hal Sutton (1983) and Craig Perks (2002) are the only players to win THE PLAYERS in their first start at the event.

Rory McIlroy (T8)

Rory McIlroy shot a final-round 70 to finish T8, his third consecutive top-10 finish at THE PLAYERS.

McIlroy now has 4 top-10 finishes in six starts on the PGA TOUR this season.

- Honda Classic – MC
- Cadillac Championship – T9
- Arnold Palmer Invitational – T11
- The Masters – 4
- Cadillac Match Play – 1
- THE PLAYERS – T8

McIlroy finished the week at 9-under par on the back nine compared to 1-over on the front nine. Through six career appearances at THE PLAYERS, McIlroy is 28-under par on the back nine as opposed to 15-over on the front.

Tiger Woods (T69)

Tiger Woods suffered his first triple bogey in 63 career rounds at TPC Sawgrass on the 14th hole. In the third round, double-bogeys on two par 5s (Nos. 2 and 9) marked the first time Tiger Woods had posted two doubles on par-5 holes in a single round in his career.

Tiger Woods has two rounds with two double-bogeys (Rounds 1 and 3) this week, the 31st and 32nd rounds in his career with multiple double-bogeys. Woods recorded 18 birdies for the week.

Tiger Woods' T70 finish at THE PLAYERS and T17 at The Masters mark the first time since the 2013 BMW Championship/TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola that Woods has completed four rounds in back-to-back events on the PGA TOUR.

Additional Player Notes

Correction from Saturday's third-round notes: After 46 consecutive rounds at TPC Sawgrass without hitting a tee shot in the water hazard on No. 17, Robert Allenby hit two in the water during Saturday's third round, including one from the drop zone. The last time Allenby hit his tee shot in the water on No. 17 was Round 2 in 2001. The notes from Saturday had Allenby with 44 consecutive rounds without a ball in the water. Ryan Palmer now leads with 24 rounds without hitting the water.

Bogey-free rounds

- R1** – Brendon Todd (68) and Charles Howell III (68).
- R2** – Bill Haas (67), Brian Harman (69), Zach Johnson (68) Chris Kirk (68), George McNeill (70) and Ian Poulter (69).
- R3** – None
- R4** – Padraig Harrington (67), Rory Sabbitini (69)

There were five balls in the water at the par-3 17th hole Sunday. Here's a list of balls in the water on the famed hole since 2003:

Year	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Cumulative
2015	21	16	3	5	45
2014	12	12	1	3	28
2013	15	9	7	13	44
2012	18	11	4	6	39
2011	12	14	8	6 (in regulation)	40
2010	7	8	5	9	29
2009	16	6	4	6	32
2008	20	18	10	16 (in regulation)	64
2007	50	21	10	12	93
2006	19	17	12	9	57
2005	7	8	25	28	68
2004	9	10	4	7	30
2003	6	10	3	10	29

Scoring averages at the par-72 TPC Sawgrass:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Thursday	36.070	36.315	72.385	---
Friday	36.26	35.592	71.217	71.54
Saturday	35.52	35.67	71.467	71.19
Sunday	36.107	36.107	72.213	72.083

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