



2015 Zurich Classic of New Orleans
(The 24th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Avondale, La.
TPC Louisiana

April 20-26, 2015
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,425

FedExCup Points: 500
Purse: \$6,900,000/\$1,242,000

FINAL Third-Round Notes – Sunday, April 26, 2015

Weather

Partly cloudy, with a high of 89 degrees. Winds W/SW 5-10 mph. Due to morning fog, round three was suspended from 7:52 a.m. until 7:59 a.m. CT. Players remained in place on the course.

This marks the eighth event of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season to experience a delay/suspension. Of the previous seven, three were related to inclement weather (as opposed to darkness).

Round three resumed at 7:30 a.m. and ended at 11:24 a.m. CT. Players were not re-paired between the third and final rounds.

The last time the entire field finished the third and final round on the same day was at the 2014 FedEx St. Jude Classic.

Due to wet conditions, preferred lies in closely-mown areas are in effect for all four rounds.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Jason Day	67-65-68—200 (-16)
Justin Rose	69-66-65—200 (-16)

Jason Day

World No. 6 Jason Day made four birdies and one bogey in round three. He got in three holes of the round before played was called for the day Saturday.

Day is making a return to New Orleans and the event for the third time (T32-2009, MC-2008).

Day, a perfect 8 for 8 in made cuts this season, is in search of his second win of the year (Farmers Insurance Open). Most recently, he finished T28 at the Masters Tournament with rounds of 67-74-71-75.

Day is in search of his fourth win on TOUR this week (2010 AT&T Byron Nelson Championship, 2014 World Golf Championships-Cadillac Match Play Championship).

In round three, Day hit 9 of 14 fairways in regulation (64.3 percent) and 15 of 18 greens (83.3 percent). His 29 putts is the most for a round so far this week.

Day has previously held a 54-hole lead/co-lead four times on the PGA TOUR, most recently at the 2014 Barclays (T2). The only one which produced a victory was the 2010 AT&T Byron Nelson Championship.

Justin Rose

World No. 9 Justin Rose improved on rounds of 69-66 in rounds one and two with a bogey-free, 7-under 65 in round three.

This is Rose's seventh-consecutive start in the Zurich Classic of New Orleans and 10th overall. Rose now extends his string of consecutive, sub-par scores at TPC Louisiana to 15. Dating to 2012, Rose is now 54-under-par at TPC Louisiana.

Rose is making his eighth start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season and is coming off a T2 finish at the Masters Tournament in his most recent start before this week.

Rose is in search of his seventh career PGA TOUR win this week and first since the 2014 Quicken Loans National.

Rose has previously held a 54-hole lead/co-lead nine times, but not since the 2012 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola (2nd). The two which resulted in victory were the 2011 BMW Championship and 2010 Quicken Loans National.

Third-Round Lead Notes

The third-round leader/co-leader of the Zurich Classic of New Orleans has won five of the past six times: (Jerry Kelly/2009, Jason Bohn/2010, Bubba Watson/2011, Jason Dufner/2012 and Seung-Yul Noh/2014).

Only seven of 23 third-round leaders on the PGA TOUR this season have been able to convert for the win. Most recently, Jordan Spieth achieved the feat at the Masters Tournament two weeks ago.

Blayne Barber

PGA TOUR rookie Blayne Barber made eight birdies and no bogeys en route to an 8-under 64 in round three. When play resumed Sunday morning, Barber had hole Nos. 12-18 remaining. He made birdie at 12, 17 and 18.

Barber earned his rookie card this season by virtue of his 16th-place finish on last year's Web.com Tour priority list. On that Tour, he won the 2014 South Georgia Classic.

Barber is making his 16th start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, where he has collected top-10 finishes at the Sanderson Farms Championship (T9) and OHL Classic at Mayakoba (T9) in back-to-back weeks. This is 19th career start on the PGA TOUR.

Barber, a 2012 Auburn University grad, hit 11 of 14 fairways in round three (78.6 percent), 13 of 18 greens (72.2 percent) and needed just 23 putts.

Erik Compton

Making his fourth consecutive start in the Zurich Classic of New Orleans, two-time heart transplant Erik Compton birdied four of his first five holes en route to a 4-under 68 and his 13th consecutive round of par-or-better at TPC Louisiana. He opened this week with scores of 66-69. Compton has never posted an over-par score in the event (13 rounds).

Compton birdied Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 5 before play was suspended for the day Saturday. When he resumed Sunday, Compton played his remaining 12 holes in even-par.

At 13-under, he begins the final round three strokes back.

With rounds of 66-68-72-68—274 (-14) last year, Compton finished T5 and five strokes off Seung-Yul Noh's winning score of 19-under 269. Prior to that, Compton missed the cut in 2013 and finished T30 in 2012.

Compton is making his 14th start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, with a T10 at the Humana Challenge his best showing. In Palm Springs, Compton was tied for the 54-hole lead with three others, before a 2-under 70 in the final round resulted in the T10 finish.

Compton, whose career-best finish is a share of second place with Rickie Fowler at last year's U.S. Open, is making his 122nd career start on the PGA TOUR this week.

Compton took up the game up golf as a teenager as a form of recovery exercise after his second heart transplant.

Miscellaneous Notes

Making just his second start on the Zurich Classic of New Orleans and first since missing the cut in 2008, Dustin Johnson is at 11-under through 54 holes (67-70-68) and five strokes back.

Shreveport resident and former LSU All-America David Toms (-4) is making his 22nd career start at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans. He won in 2001 and has three top-10 finishes in New Orleans.

There are eight past Zurich Classic of New Orleans winners in this week's field: Jerry Kelly/2009 (-12), K.J. Choi/2002 (-10), Billy Horschel/2013 (-7), David Toms/2001 (-4), Jason Bohn/2010 (MC), Andres Romero/2008 (MC), Nick Watney/ 2007 (MC) and Seung-Yul Noh/2014 (WD).

The Zurich Classic of New Orleans is the penultimate PGA TOUR event for players, not previously eligible, to earn a start in THE PLAYERS in one of three ways: 1) moving into the top 50 in the Official World Golf Ranking; 2) winning the Zurich Classic of New Orleans; and 3) moving into the top 10 in the FedExCup standings.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Brendon de Jonge (64), Erik Compton (66), Derek Ernst (67), Chad Campbell (67), K.J. Choi (67), Hudson Swafford (67), Chesson Hadley (67), Dustin Johnson (67), Kevin Kisner (69), Bernd Wiesberger (69), Robert Allenby (70), Will Wilcox (70).

R2: Jerry Kelly (64), Jason Day (65), Cameron Tringale (65), Carl Pettersson (66), Tommy Gainey (66), Hudson Swafford (66), Retief Goosen (66), Tommy Gainey (66), Morgan Hoffmann (66), Justin Rose (66), John Senden (67), Bryce Molder (67), John Senden (67), Daniel Berger (67), Steven Bowditch (67), Andrew Putnam (68), Harris English (68), Nicholas Thompson (68), Bernd Wiesberger (68), Harris English (68), Rickie Fowler (68), Scott Brown (68), Nick Taylor (69), Michael Putnam (69), Keegan Bradley (70), Russell Knox (70), Brian Davis (71).

R3: Blayne Barber (64), Justin Rose (65), Scott Pinckney (65), Jason Gore (66), George McNeill (66), Davis Hearn (67), Michael Smith (67), Chad Collins (68), Nick Taylor (68), D.A. Points (68), Sean O'Hair (68), Danny Lee (68), Tommy Gainey (68), Jhonattan Vegas (69), Freddie Jacobson (69) and Bryce Molder (70).

Scoring Averages:	Front	Back	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.417	35.468	70.885	---
R2:	34.547	35.053	69.600	70.255
R3:	34.718	34.761	69.479	70.109

The par-4 15th hole played the most difficult through in round three (4.127). The easiest hole was the par-4 eighth at 3.775.