



**2016 CareerBuilder Challenge in partnership with the Clinton Foundation**  
(The 10<sup>th</sup> of 45 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

La Quinta, Calif.

Jan. 18-24, 2016

Purse: \$5,800,000 (\$1,026,000 to the winner)  
500 FedExCup points to winner

(SC) TPC Stadium/PGA West  
(TC) Nicklaus Tournament/PGA West  
(LQ) La Quinta Country Club

Par/Yards: 72/7,113  
Par/Yards: 72/7,159  
Par/Yards: 72/7,060

**First-Round Notes – Thursday, January 21, 2016**

*Weather: Mostly sunny with SE winds 4-8 mph. Afternoon high reached 74 degrees.*

**First-Round Leaderboard**

Jason Dufner	64 (-8) TC
Jerry Kelly	64 (-8) LQ
Anirban Lahiri	64 (-8) LQ
Jeff Overton	64 (-8) TC

Four players tied for the 18-hole lead at the CareerBuilder Challenge is the most since five were tied at 7-under 65 in 2008.

**Jeff Overton**

Making his seventh consecutive start in the CareerBuilder Challenge, Indiana native Jeff Overton strung together five consecutive birdies on his outgoing nine at the Nicklaus Tournament Course (Nos. 3-7) en route to an 8-under 64. Overton offset a single bogey at the par-3 eighth hole with nine birdies.

In six previous starts in the event, Overton has not been able to finish better than T27 (2013).

Overton is making his seventh start of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season this week, with a T6 at The RSM Classic in Sea Island in November his lone top-10 finish.

Making his 274<sup>th</sup> career start on the PGA TOUR this week, Overton remains in search of his first victory. Four times a runner-up, of which his most recent three all came in 2010, Overton's best finish since 2011 was a T3 at the 2011 Quicken Loans National.

Overton earned his return to the PGA TOUR for the 2015-16 season by virtue of his ½-point edge over Will MacKenzie for the 125<sup>th</sup> spot in the FedExCup standings last season.

Overton has previously held an 18-hole lead/co-lead five times on the PGA TOUR, most recently at the 2010 Turning Stone Resort Championship (T10).

**Anirban Lahiri**

India's Anirban Lahiri made eight birdies and no bogeys at La Quinta CC in round one, good for a 64.

Lahiri competed in his first Web.com Tour event last September. With enough non-member FedExCup points, Lahiri qualified for the Web.com Tour Finals, after which he finished 32<sup>nd</sup> on the Web.com Tour priority list.

Lahiri was named to the International Team of the 2015 Presidents Cup, becoming the first player from India to make the team. Lahiri went 0-3-0 in The Presidents Cup matches.

An 18-time international winner, Lahiri's best finish on the PGA TOUR last season came in his last of 12 starts, a T5 at the PGA Championship at Whistling Straits.



The last player to win the CareerBuilder Challenge after playing his first round at La Quinta CC was Brian Gay in 2013.

Lahiri, who is making his 19<sup>th</sup> start on the PGA TOUR, has previously been no better than T14 after 18 holes (2012 Open Championship).

### **Jerry Kelly**

Wisconsin's Jerry Kelly, 49, opened with an 8-under 64 at La Quinta CC in his 19<sup>th</sup> start in the CareerBuilder Challenge, dating to 1996. With top-10 finishes in 2002 (5<sup>th</sup>) and 2005 (T8), Kelly has missed just three cuts (2007, 2012 and 2015).

In relation to par, Kelly's 64 is his lowest score on the PGA TOUR since posting the same number in round two of last year's Zurich Classic of New Orleans. Today's 64 was his best opening-round score since the 2007 RBC Heritage (8-under 63).

Kelly, a three-time winner on the PGA TOUR, remains in search of his first victory since the 2009 Zurich Classic of New Orleans. Prior to his win in New Orleans, Kelly won the 2002 Sony Open in Hawaii and 2002 BMW Championship.

A win for Kelly this week would come in his 172<sup>nd</sup> start since his 2009 victory in New Orleans.

Kelly will turn 50 and qualify for PGA TOUR Champions Tour later this year on November 23.

Kelly has previously held an 18-hole lead/co-lead just two times on the PGA TOUR and not since 2007. His best finish of the two was third at the 2004 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

### **Jason Dufner**

On the Nicklaus Tournament Course, Jason Dufner opened with eight birdies and no bogeys to take a share of the opening-round lead of the CareerBuilder Challenge. Dufner has previous been a leader/co-leader after 18 holes on the PGA TOUR four times, with the best outcome being a T8 (2012 Waste Management Phoenix Open and 2012 World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship).

This marks Dufner's seventh start at the CareerBuilder Challenge, with his best finish in the Coachella Valley being a T12 in 2012.

Making his sixth start of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season, Dufner has recorded matching T9s in his last two starts (The RSM Classic and Sony Open in Hawaii) – recording back-to-back top-10s for the first time since the World Golf Championships-Dell Match Play and World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship in 2014.

Dufner teamed up with Brandt Snedeker to win the Franklin Templeton Shootout in Naples, Fla., in December 2015.

Dufner is in search of his fourth career PGA TOUR victory and first since the 2013 PGA Championship. He previously won twice in 2012: Zurich Classic of New Orleans, HP Byron Nelson Championship.

### **First-Round Leader Notes**

After the first nine events of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season, The RSM Classic champion Kevin Kisner is the only first-round leader/co-leader to carry that lead on to victory.

Since 2000, the only 18-hole leaders of the CareerBuilder Challenge to parlay that position into victory were Pat Perez (2009) and Patrick Reed (2014).

### **Bill Haas**

2010 and 2015 CareerBuilder Challenge winner Bill Haas got off to the best start of the day, holing his approach shot at the first hole at La Quinta for an eagle-2. Haas would post a 6-under 66 for the day.



En route to last year's win at the CareerBuilder Challenge, Haas birdied nine of his last 11 holes (Nos. 17, 18, 2-8) at La Quinta CC en route to a second-round, 9-under 63.

In 12 starts now at the CareerBuilder Challenge, dating to 2005, Haas has posted 51 scores. Of them, 48 have been below par and two have been even par. His only over-par score came in round two of 2007 (73). Haas' only missed cut in the event came in 2013.

#### **Phil Mickelson**

2002 and 2004 CareerBuilder Challenge winner Phil Mickelson opened with three birdies and an eagle-2 (No. 8) on the outgoing nine at La Quinta CC en route to a 4-under 68. This marks his 13<sup>th</sup> start in the event, dating to a missed cut in 1993.

Mickelson's 68 is four strokes off his lowest at La Quinta CC in the CareerBuilder Challenge. Playing that track in round two of 2000 and 2005, Mickelson posted scores of 8-under 64.

This marks the sixth-consecutive season in which Mickelson has played his first round of the CareerBuilder Challenge at La Quinta CC.

The 2016 CareerBuilder Challenge is Mickelson's first start on the PGA TOUR since finishing T32 at the BMW Championship last September.

Mickelson, a 42-time winner on the PGA TOUR and member of the World Golf Hall of Fame, is in search of his first TOUR win since the 2013 Open Championship. Since joining the TOUR in 1992, he had never previously endured consecutive, winless seasons.

#### **Miscellaneous Notes**

Canada's Adam Hadwin, who opened with a 6-under 66, claimed his first of two Mackenzie Tour wins at the 2010 Desert Dunes Classic in a playoff over Richard Lee in nearby Desert Hot Springs. The 66 marked the low score on the TPC Stadium Course in round one.

Twelve past champions of the CareerBuilder Challenge, and each since 2004, are in this week's field: Mark Brooks/1996 (74), Phil Mickelson/2002, 2004 (68), Justin Leonard/2005 (70), Chad Campbell/2006 (70), Charley Hoffman/2007 (67), D.J. Trahan/2008 (74), Pat Perez/2009 (69), Bill Haas/2010, 2015 (66), Jhonattan Vegas/2011 (74), Mark Wilson/2012 (72), Brian Gay/2013 (75) and Patrick Reed/2014 (69).

#### **First-Round Scoring Averages**

TPC Stadium Course	71.825
Nicklaus Tournament Course	69.424
La Quinta Country Club	69.596

#### **Bogey-free rounds:**

R1 – Blayne Barber (66/LQ), Alex Cejka (67/TC), Graham DeLaet (67/TC), Jason Dufner (64/TC), Adam Hadwin (66/SC), Si Woo Kim (67/SC), Colt Knost (65/TC), Anirban Lahiri (64/LQ), Jamie Lovemark (65/LQ), Bryce Molder (66/LQ), Francesco Molinari (67/LQ) and D.A. Points (67/TC).

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