



**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 (\$1,044,000 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

**Third-Round Notes – Saturday, January 23, 2016**

*Weather: Partly cloudy WSW winds 4-8 mph. Afternoon high reached 71 degrees.*

**Third-Round Leaderboard**

Jason Dufner	64-65-64—193
Jamie Lovemark	65-65-65—195
Adam Hadwin	66-66-64—196
David Lingmerth	68-68-62—198
Kevin Na	71-66-62—199
Ryan Palmer	67-66-66—199
Andrew Loupe	66-66-67—199
John Huh	69-64-66—199
Phil Mickelson	68-65-66—199

The cut came at 9-under 207 with 70 players advancing to the final round at PGA West TPC Stadium Course.

The lowest cut in 72-hole tournament history is 206 (-10) in 2013.

Jamie Lovemark (2), Adam Hadwin (3) and Andrew Loupe (T5) are in search of their first career PGA TOUR victory. There are seven first-time winners at the CareerBuilder Challenge: Bill Rogers (1978), Craig Stadler (1980), Donnie Hammond (1986), Charley Hoffman (2007), Pat Perez (2009), Bill Haas (2010) and Jhonattan Vegas (2011).

**Jason Dufner**

Jason Dufner played at La Quinta CC in the third round and recorded an 8-under 64 despite bogeys at his opening hole (No. 10) and the par-3 15<sup>th</sup> hole.

It's the sixth time Dufner has played La Quinta CC in this event. His previous scores at that venue are 76/2015, 63/2012, 72/2011, 67/2010 and 74/2007. His scoring average at La Quinta is 69.33.

Dufner is 23-under through 54 holes. His low 72-hole total in a PGA TOUR event came at the 2011 Waste Management Phoenix Open where he recorded 266 (-18) and finished second to Mark Wilson after being defeated in a playoff. However, he did shoot 19-under 269 to win the 2012 Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

Dufner followed his opening 64 at the Nicklaus Tournament Course with a 65 on the Stadium Course in round two before posting 64 at La Quinta CC in round three. Through 21 rounds this season, Dufner has recorded 16 rounds in the 60s.

Dufner has previously held the third-round lead/co-lead five times, most recently at the 2012 Colonial National Invitation Tournament where he eventually finished second. Dufner also held two other 54-hole leads in 2012, at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans and the AT&T Byron Nelson, going on to win both events.

Dufner's birdie total (26) is the most by any player through 54 holes. The 72-hole tournament record is 32 by Patrick Reed in 2014.



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 won twice in 2012: Zurich Classic of New Orleans, AT&T Byron Nelson.

### **Third-Round Leader Notes**

Through the first nine events of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season, four players carried the third round lead/co-lead onto victory: Justin Thomas (CIMB Classic), Russell Knox (WGC-HSBC Champions), Kevin Kisner (The RSM Classic and Jordan Spieth (Hyundai Tournament of Champions).

Since the event went to 72 holes in 2012, three of the four winners held the lead/co-lead after 54 holes: Mark Wilson (2012), Patrick Reed (2014) and Bill Haas (2015).

The 54-hole record for the 72-hole CareerBuilder Challenge is 189 set by Patrick Reed in 2014. Jason Dufner's 54-hole total of 193 (-23) is the next best, eclipsing the 194 recorded by Scott Stallings in 2013.

### **Jamie Lovemark**

Jamie Lovemark celebrated his 28<sup>th</sup> birthday with a 7-under 65 at PGA West TPC Stadium Course to sit two strokes behind leader Jason Dufner heading into the final round.

Lovemark is making his fifth appearance at the CareerBuilder Challenge, where he has yet to finish in the top 25 (2014/MC, 2012/T66, 2011/MC, 2010/T48).

Lovemark has made just one bogey in 54 holes, on No. 18 at the Nicklaus Tournament Course in round two.

A two-time winner on the Web.com Tour, Lovemark is in search of his first PGA TOUR title. His closest brush with victory came at the 2009 Frys.com Open when he lost to Troy Matteson in a playoff.

In his last two starts, Lovemark recorded back-to-back top-10s, T9 (The RSM Classic) and T7 (Sony Open in Hawaii), for the first time in his career. His only top-10 prior to The RSM Classic was a P2 at the 2009 Frys.com Open. Note: At The RSM Classic, he finished T9 alongside Jason Dufner.

### **Adam Hadwin**

A two-time winner on the Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada and Web.com Tour, Hadwin is in search of his first career PGA TOUR victory.

The last Canadian to win on the PGA TOUR was Nick Taylor at the 2014 Sanderson Farms Championship.

Through 54 holes, Hadwin is 35 of 42 fairways hit.

Hadwin 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.

### **David Lingmerth**

David Lingmerth matched his career-low round on the PGA TOUR with a bogey-free 10-under 62 at the Nicklaus Tournament Course in the third round. Lingmerth's previous 62 came at this event in 2013 during the final round on the Palmer Course.



Lingmerth recorded six consecutive birdies (Hole Nos. 14-1, started on No. 10) in his third-round 10-under 62 at PGA West Nicklaus Tournament Course, matching the second best birdie streak this season (Fabian Gomez made seven consecutive birdies at the Sony Open in Hawaii).

Lingmerth's 6-under 30 on the back nine represents the second time this season that he has posted 6-under for nine holes following his 29 (6-under) in the fourth round at Waialae CC at last week's Sony Open in Hawaii.

### **Kevin Na**

Kevin Na's third-round 10-under 62 at PGA West Nicklaus Tournament Course included an impressive birdie-eagle stretch on Hole Nos. 3-8 (B-B-B-B-E-B-B) to move from T35 to T5 and six shots off Dufner's lead heading into the final round.

Na's birdie-eagle stretch was one shy of the CareerBuilder Challenge record of eight in a row set by Ryan Palmer (6 birdies, 2 eagles) last year at the Nicklaus Private Course in the second round. Na matched John Houston's stretch of six birdies and one eagle set in the fifth round at Indian Wells CC in 1997.

Na's 62 was one stroke shy of his career-low round of 61 at the 2010 Wyndham Championship. Na also recorded 62 at the 2009 OHL Classic at Mayakoba.

Na's incoming nine of 8-under 28 in the third round is the lowest nine-hole score posted on TOUR this season.

Na has played 23 rounds in the 2015-2016 season and has yet to shoot over par. All but four of his rounds this season have been under par.

### **Andrew Loupe**

Andrew Loupe is making his second start at the CareerBuilder Challenge following a missed cut in 2014.

Loupe is in search of his maiden PGA TOUR victory. He won last year on the Web.com Tour at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship.

Loupe's 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season: Frys.com Open (T10), Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (MC), Sanderson Farms Championship (T10), OHL Classic at Mayakoba (MC) and The RSM Classic (MC).

### **Phil Mickelson**

2002 and 2004 CareerBuilder Challenge winner Phil Mickelson has rounds of 68-65-66 at the 2016 event. The last time Mickelson strung together three consecutive rounds in the 60s in a tournament was at Augusta National during the 2015 Masters Tournament.

The 2016 CareerBuilder Challenge marks the ninth time Phil Mickelson has started his season in the Coachella Valley. His previous finishes when starting the season at the CareerBuilder Challenge: 2000 (T16); 2002 (P1); 2004 (P1); 2006 (T5); 2007 (T45); 2012 (T49); 2013 (T37); 2015 (T24)

This marks his 13<sup>th</sup> start in the event, dating to a missed cut in 1993.

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**

The third-round 62s shot by Kevin Na and David Lingmerth at the CareerBuilder Challenge matched the third lowest rounds this season. Justin Thomas (11-under 61/CIMB Classic) and Smylie Kaufman (10-under 61/Shriners Hospitals for Children Open) share the low round of the season.



After opening rounds of 68-69, Smylie Kaufman posted 67 at La Quinta CC in the third round and is currently T29. At No. 6 in the current FedExCup standings, Kaufman is the highest ranked player in the CareerBuilder Challenge field.

Of the nine players at the top of the leaderboard – Jason Dufner, Jamie Lovemark, Adam Hadwin, David Lingmerth, Kevin Na, Ryan Palmer, Andrew Loupe, John Huh and Phil Mickelson – all but Huh and Mickelson, who never competed on the Web.com Tour, have tasted victory on the Tour known as the pathway to the PGA TOUR.

There were 33 bogey-free rounds in round three after just two in the second round. The first round saw 12 bogey-free rounds recorded.

Following his third round, Phil Mickelson joined PGA TOUR Commissioner Tim Finchem and various dignitaries in honoring wounded heroes and military families at a military appreciation ceremony on the 18<sup>th</sup> green of the TPC Stadium Course at PGA West as part of the tournament’s Patriot Day. Mickelson announced the beginning of a year-long fundraising and awareness campaign to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Birdies for the Brave – a military outreach initiative he founded in 2006. Earlier in the day, a Desert Classic Charities tradition continued when CareerBuilder partnered with the Military Support Foundation to honor a hero with a mortgage-free home.

John Hamaliuk, from Cathedral City, California, was named the winner of the PGA TOUR Volunteer Challenge and will this evening present a \$10,000 check to the Boys & Girls Club of Cathedral City. The PGA TOUR Volunteer Challenge is a friendly competition which takes place at 16 tournaments during the 2015-2016 season and builds upon close to \$1 million provided by sponsor Astellas to tournament charities over the course of the PGA TOUR sponsorship.

Twelve past champions of the CareerBuilder Challenge, and each since 2004, are in this week’s field: Mark Brooks/1996 (MC), Phil Mickelson/2002, 2004 (T5), Justin Leonard/2005 (MC), Chad Campbell/2006 (MC), Charley Hoffman/2007 (MC), D.J. Trahan/2008 (MC), Pat Perez/2009 (MC), Bill Haas/2010, 2015 (T10), Jhonattan Vegas/2011 (MC), Mark Wilson/2012 (T35), Brian Gay/2013 (MC) and Patrick Reed/2014 (T48).

<b>Scoring Averages</b>	<b>R1</b>	<b>R2</b>	<b>R3</b>
TPC Stadium Course	71.825	70.218	70.673
Nicklaus Tournament Course	69.424	68.884	68.498
La Quinta Country Club	69.596	69.060	68.782

**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).

R2 – Adam Hadwin (66/LQ), and Francesco Molinari (67/TC).

R3 - Jamie Lovemark (65/SC), David Lingmerth (62/TC), Kevin Na (62/TC), John Huh (66/SC), Phil Mickelson (66/SC), Charles Howell III (66/LQ), Brendon Steele (68/SC), Si Woo Kim (64/TC), Blayne Barber (67/SC), Jim Herman (66/TC), Rod Pampling (68/TC), Kevin Streelman (66/LQ), Matt Jones (67/TC), Smylie Kaufman (67/LQ), Tim Wilkinson (69/LQ), Graham DeLaet (69/LQ), Kevin Chappell (66/SC), Mark Wilson (67/TC), Martin Piller (65/TC), Chez Reavie (65/LQ), Aaron Baddeley (70/LQ), Hudson Swafford (66/LQ), Patrick Reed (68/SC), Derek Ernst (66/TC), Shane Bertsch (65/TC), Hiroshi Iwata (67/TC), John Senden (65/LQ), Chad Campbell (69/LQ), Xander Schauffele (67/SC), Zach Johnson (67/SC), Will Wilcox (67/TC), Chesson Hadley (68/LQ), Rob Oppenheim (67/LQ).

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