



2016 John Deere Classic

(The 41st of 42 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Silvis, IL
TPC Deere Run

August 8-14, 2016
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,268

Purse: \$4,800,000 (\$864,000)
FedExCup: 500 (winner)

FINAL First-Round Notes – Friday, August 12, 2016

Weather: Thunderstorms, with off and on rain throughout the day. High of 82 degrees. Wind N/NW 8-15 mph.

This week marks the 20th event in the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season to be impacted by a weather delay.

Due to inclement weather, the restart to round one, initially scheduled for 7:00 a.m. CT, got underway at 12:00 p.m. Exactly half the field finished their first round Friday. Round two tee times for the early wave were between 1:40 – 3:40 p.m. and the first tee time for the afternoon wave is 6:50 p.m.

First-Round Leaderboard

Andrew Loupe	64 (-7)
Tom Gillis	64 (-7)
Zach Johnson	65 (-6)
Patrick Rodgers	65 (-6)
Ryan Moore	65 (-6)

Tom Gillis

A year after losing in a playoff at the John Deere Classic to Jordan Spieth, marking his career-best finish, 48-year-old Tom Gillis opened with a 7-under 64 over the course of Thursday and Friday. When play resumed at noon Friday, Gillis had just the 17th and 18th holes to play. He birdied the par-5 17th and made par at 18.

This marks Gillis' second-consecutive 64 at TPC Deere Run, as he posted the same score in last year's final round to force the sudden death with Spieth.

Gillis' 64 is one stroke shy of his career-low round.

After round one of the John Deere Classic last year, Gillis was three strokes back, following a 5-under 66.

Gillis is making his sixth start in the John Deere Classic, with last year's runner-up finish being his lone top-10 showing at TPC Deere Run. His previous-best finish is T12 from his first start in the event in 2003.

Gillis is making his 11th start of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season, having made just four cuts. His best among them is T35 at the Barbasol Championship.

Gillis began the season on a Minor Medical Extension due to a left shoulder injury. As such, he had four events to earn 67 FedExCup points or \$107,916 to satisfy the medical extension. Unable to do so, Gillis needs to finish inside the top 200 in FedExCup points to qualify for the Web.com Tour Finals and have a shot at retaining any exempt status. He is currently No. 228 with just 26 points. No. 200 in the FedExCup standings is valued at 96 points. He would need to finish inside the top 10 this week to get inside the top 200.

A win for Gillis this week would come with a two-year exemption and a strong finish would go a long way to helping him get into the category of 126-150.

Gillis is an alternate in next week's Wyndham Championship field, making this week's John Deere Classic finish even more significant to his future playing opportunities.

Gillis remains in search of his first career win on the PGA TOUR in his 187th career start this week.

Andrew Loupe

When play was called for the day, Andrew Loupe was 8-under through 14 holes. He had birdied Nos. 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 13 and 14. When play resumed Friday, he played his remaining four holes in one-over-par.

Loupe's lowest opening-round score on the PGA TOUR is also his career-low round, an 8-under 63 from the 2014 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am (Monterey Peninsula CC). He followed with three over-par scores and finished T27.

After opening with a 6-under 64 to take a share of the 18-hole lead at last week's Travelers Championship, Loupe followed it with a 6-over 76 in round two to miss the cut. It marked his seventh-consecutive missed cut.

Loupe is making his third start in the John Deere Classic this week. Despite not posting an over-par score in any of his previous four rounds, he missed the cut in both 2014 (71-70) and 2015 (69-71).

Loupe made his way back onto the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of his eighth-place finish on last season's Web.com Tour priority list. On that Tour last season, he won the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship.

Loupe is making his 63rd career start on the PGA TOUR this week and 25th of the season. His best showing is a T3 at this season's CareerBuilder Challenge.

Despite his string of missed cuts coming into this week (7), Loupe has collected four top-10 finishes this season and is ranked 111th in the FedExCup standings. He has never made it to the Playoffs.

This marks Loupe's sixth 18-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR. His best conversion is a T4 at the 2014 Valero Texas Open and 2016 Wells Fargo Championship.

First-Round Lead Notes

Since moving to the TPC Deere Run in 2000, the only first-round leader to hold on for the win was Brian Harman in 2014.

The first-round leader has emerged victorious just nine of 38 times on the PGA TOUR this season. The last to do so was Jimmy Walker at the PGA Championship two weeks ago.

After the first round of last year's John Deere Classic, Justin Thomas and Nicholas Thompson shared the lead at 8-under 63. Eventual winner Jordan Spieth was eight strokes back.

Zach Johnson

Making his 15th start in the John Deere Classic, Zach Johnson opened with a bogey-free, 6-under 65 to extend his stretch of consecutive rounds in the 60s at TPC Deere Run to 29 (totaling 130-under-par). Not since the final round of 2008 (even-par 71) has Johnson posted a score in the 70s.

Johnson's 65 today was his 12th bogey-free round at TPC Deere Run, a tournament record. Kevin Sutherland trails him with eight.

Johnson hit 11 of 14 fairways in regulation and missed just two of TPC Deere Run's 18 fairways. He needed 28 putts to complete his round.

Since 2011, Johnson has finished no worse than T3 in the event (T3-2011, 1st-2012, T2-2013, 2nd-2014 and T3-2015).

So far this year, Johnson has collected five top-10 finishes, with his best being solo-fifth at the Arnold Palmer Invitational. Coming into last year's John Deere Classic, Johnson also did so with five top-10 finishes on the season, with his best also being solo-fifth place (AT&T Byron Nelson).

Johnson's first 18-hole lead on the PGA TOUR came at the 2006 John Deere Classic, following a 7-under 64. He finished T33.

Johnson is in search of his 13th PGA TOUR title this week and first since the 2015 Open Championship. Of his 11 victories on U.S. soil, he has won in just four states; Texas (2008, 2009 Valero Texas Open, 2010, 2012 DEAN & DELUCA Invitational), Georgia (2004, 2007 AT&T Classic, 2007 Masters Tournament), Hawaii (2009 Sony Open in Hawaii, 2014 Tournament of Champions) and Illinois (2012 John Deere Classic, 2013 BMW Championship).

Patrick Rodgers

Avon, Indiana native Patrick Rodgers made seven birdies and just one bogey (par-4 ninth) en route to his 6-under 65.

Rodgers is making a fifth-consecutive start in this week's John Deere Classic, where he has experienced mixed success. He missed the cut in 2012, 2014 and 2015, but finished T15 at TPC Deere Run in 2013. Rodgers played as an amateur in his first two starts.

Rodgers has played the John Deere Classic more than any event on the PGA TOUR.

In his four previous starts, Rodgers' second-round scoring average (71.50) is more than three strokes higher than his first-round average (68.25).

Last season, Rodgers capitalized on his Special Temporary Membership into TOUR membership for the 2015-16 season by finishing inside the top 125 in non-member FedExCup points.

So far this season, Rodgers has collected three top-10 finishes in 25 starts, with his best being a T3 in last week's Travelers Championship.

Dating to the second round of the RBC Canadian Open (T32), Rodgers has now strung together eight-consecutive sub-par scores.

Ryan Moore

Making his eighth start in the John Deere Classic, today's 6-under 65 marked Ryan Moore's 20th straight, sub-par score at TPC Deere Run. It also ties his lowest score at TPC Deere Run from round three in 2013 and round two last year.

Moore made five birdies, one eagle (par-5 17th) and just one bogey (par-4 15th) to post the 65. When play resumed, Moore promptly chunked his approach shot at the fifth hole (his 14th of the day), leaving it short of the green from 148 yards. He managed to get and up and to save par, before draining a 28-foot par-saving putt at his last hole of the day, No. 9.

Both of Moore's top-10 finishes in the John Deere Classic have come in the last four years; T8/2012, T7/2014.

Moore is in search of his fifth top-10 finish of the season and looking to improving on a season-best third-place showing from the Valspar Championship.

Moore has collected four PGA TOUR victories and remains in search of his first since the 2014 CIMB Classic.

Steve Stricker

Three-time John Deere Classic champion Steve Stricker opened with a 1-under 70, marking the first time of not opening with a round in the 60s since 2009 (71).

Dating to 2010, Stricker is now 105-under par at TPC Deere Run. Since 2005, his only two over-par scores were 1-over 72s in the final rounds of 2006 and 2014.

This week marks Stricker's 13th start on the PGA TOUR this year, where he has claimed top-10 finishes at the FedEx St. Jude Classic (T2), The Open Championship (4th) and Valspar Championship (T7), .

Making his 15th career start at the John Deere Classic, Stricker will attempt to add a fourth John Deere Classic to his resume. Stricker, who won at TPC Deere Run consecutively from 2009-2011, finished T5 and T10 in 2012 and 2013, respectively.

Miscellaneous Notes

There are five University of Illinois alum in this week's field. Here's how they stand after round one; D.A. Points (68), Steve Stricker (70), Scott Langley (70), Luke Guthrie (71) and sponsor invite Charlie Danielson (67).

A week after earning his third Web.com Tour title of the season at the Digital Ally Open, worthy of a battlefield promotion to the PGA TOUR, Wesley Bryan birdied his last two holes to open with a 5-under 66.

In his eighth start of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season and sixth as a professional, Arizona State University's Jon Rahm opened with a 2-under 69.

With just two weeks remaining, the John Deere Classic will once again prove pivotal in the race for the FedExCup. Only the top-125 after next week's Wyndham Championship advance to The Barclays, the first of four Playoffs events. Every player from No. 120-135 is in this week's John Deere Classic field, with the exception of Will Wilcox and Padraig Harrington.

Player	FedExCup Rank	R1 Score/Pos.
Nick Taylor	120	69/T45
Ben Martin	121	66/T6
Blayne Barber	122	68/T24
Chris Stroud	123	72/T107
Bronson Burgoon	124	68/T24
Johnson Wagner	125	68/T24
Matt Jones	126	68/T24
Chad Collins	127	72/T107
Will Wilcox	128	DNP
Kyle Stanley	129	67/T12
Sung Kang	130	69/T45
Padraig Harrington	131	DNP
Scott Stallings	132	69/T45
Tim Wilkinson	133	70/T71
Tyler Aldridge	134	68/T24
Retief Goosen	135	71/T94

There are 22 players who are a perfect nine-for-nine in FedExCup Playoffs appearances. Of them, five are in this week's John Deere Classic field; Zach Johnson (51st in FedExCup points), Jerry Kelly (75th in FedExCup points), John Senden (89th in FedExCup points), Hunter Mahan (179th in FedExCup points) and Rory Sabbatini (186th in FedExCup points).

The John Deere Classic has produced 20 first-time PGA TOUR winners over the years – seven of those have come at TPC Deere Run; Michael Clark/2000, David Gossett/2001, Mark Hensby/2004, Sean O'Hair/2005, John Senden/2006, Jordan Spieth/2013 and Brian Harman/2014.

Five past John Deere Classic champions are in this week's field; Brian Harman/2014 (71/T94), Zach Johnson/2012 (65/T3), Steve Stricker/2009-2011 (70/T71), John Senden/2006 (71/T94) and Sean O'Hair/2005 (73/XXT119).

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Zach Johnson (65), Matt Jones (67), Rory Sabbatini (67), Zac Blair (67), Rob Oppenheim (67)

Scoring Averages at the par-71 TPC Deere Run:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.949	35.494	70.442	