



## 2016 RBC Heritage

(The 23<sup>rd</sup> of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Hilton Head Island, SC    April 11-17, 2016  
Harbour Town Golf Links

Purse: \$5,900,000 (\$1,062,000 to the winner)  
Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,099

### Third-Round Notes – Saturday, April 16, 2016

#### Weather

Mostly sunny. High of 68. Winds ENE 10-15 mph, gusting to 20 mph.

#### Third-Round Leaderboard

Luke Donald	66-71-69—206 (-7)
Jason Kokrak	71-68-68—207 (-6)
Charley Hoffman	68-68-71—207 (-6)
Patton Kizzire	69-68-71—208 (-5)

With more than 78 players (82) making the 36-hole cut, a 54-hole cut took place Saturday with 75 players at 7-over 220 or better advancing to Sunday's final round.

#### Luke Donald

First round co-leader Luke Donald moved back into the lead at the RBC Heritage with a third-round 2-under 69, holding a one-stroke lead over Jason Kokrak and Charley Hoffman.

A win on Sunday would come in Donald's 299<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start at the age of 38 years, 4 months and 10 days.

Donald is in search of his sixth PGA TOUR victory (2012 Valspar Championship, 2011 World Golf Championships-Dell Match Play, 2011 Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Classic, 2006 The Honda Classic, 2002 Sanderson Farms Championship).

With a win Sunday, which would be worth 500 FedExCup points, Donald is projected to move from No. 123 to No. 25 in the FedExCup standings.

This week marks the 10<sup>th</sup> time Donald has held/shared the 54-hole lead in his career, having won twice at the 2002 Sanderson Farms Championship and 2006 The Honda Classic. In all, he has two wins, six runner-up finishes and a third-place effort in those events.

Donald's last three 54-hole leads have come at the RBC Heritage (2016, 2014, 2011).

At the 2014 RBC Heritage, Donald carried a two-stroke lead over John Huh into the final round before a 2-under 69 left him one stroke behind champion Matt Kuchar. At the 2011 RBC Heritage, Donald entered the final round with a one-stroke lead at 11-under, but a final-round 1-under 70 left him in a playoff with eventual champion Brandt Snedeker (who made his way into the playoff with a 7-under 64 to erase a six-stroke deficit).

Donald is making his 11<sup>th</sup> start at the RBC Heritage, with five top-3 finishes (2<sup>nd</sup>-2014, T3-2013, 2<sup>nd</sup>-2011, T3-2010, T2-2009).

Including all three rounds this week, 28 of Donald's last 30 rounds at Harbour Town have been even-par or better.

Donald is in search of his first top-10 finish since the 2015 Travelers Championship (T7). His last start on TOUR led to a T26 finish at the Puerto Rico Open.

There have been 10 international winners of the RBC Heritage: Graeme McDowell (2013), Carl Pettersson (2012), Aaron Baddeley (2006), Peter Lonard (2005), Jose Coceres (2001), Nick Price (1997), Greg Norman (1988), Bernhard Langer (1985), Nick Faldo (1984) and Graham Marsh (1977).

R1 at a glance: 10 of 14 fairways, 14 of 18 greens, 1 of 1 sand save, 27 putts.

R2 at a glance: 8 of 14 fairways, 11 of 18 greens, 2 of 2 sand saves, 28 putts.

R3 at a glance: 8 of 14 fairways, 11 of 18 greens, 0 of 1 sand save, 26 putts.

This year marks the first time since a T3 in his inaugural appearance at the 2005 Masters Tournament that Donald has missed the season's first Major Championship.

Since the RBC Heritage moved into its slot after the Masters in 1983 (2011 the exception when it was played two weeks after the Masters), just six players have won the event without having competed in the Masters the week before: Carl Pettersson (2012), Brian Gay (2009), Boo Weekley (2007), Aaron Baddeley (2006), Bob Tway (1995) and Davis Love III (1987).

### **Third-Round Lead Statistics**

Nine of 21 third-round leader/co-leaders have gone on to win this season, most recently Jim Herman at the Shell Houston Open.

The third-round lead/co-leader has won 31 of 47 times at the RBC Heritage, most recently Carl Pettersson in 2012.

The largest final-round comeback at the RBC Heritage is nine strokes (Stewart Cink, 2004).

The lowest first 54-hole score at the RBC Heritage is 197, set by Justin Leonard in 2002.

A year ago, Troy Merritt (14-under-par 199) held a three-stroke lead over Brendon Todd, Kevin Kisner and Matt Kuchar. Eventual champion Jim Furyk entered the final round four strokes behind at T5.

### **Charley Hoffman**

A win on Sunday would come in Hoffman's 292<sup>nd</sup> PGA TOUR start at the age of 39 years, 3 months and 21 days.

Hoffman is in search of his fourth PGA TOUR victory: 2007 CareerBuilder Challenge, 2010 Deutsche Bank Championship, 2015 OHL Classic at Mayakoba.

Hoffman owns two top-10 finishes in six prior starts at the RBC Heritage (T64-2015, T38-2014, T6-2013, T8-2012, 75-2009, MC-2006).

Hoffman's best result this season is T11 at the Valspar Championship where he was T3 through 54 holes before firing 75 on the final day to fall down the leaderboard. He is seeking his first top-10 finish on TOUR since the 2015 Deutsche Bank Championship (T3). Most recently, Hoffman finished T29 at the Masters Tournament.

During the 2014-15 season, Hoffman posted a career-best seven top-10 finishes and a 10<sup>th</sup> place finish in the FedExCup, second only to his fourth-place finish in the 2010 FedExCup.

### **Jason Kokrak**

A win on Sunday would come in Kokrak's 116<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start at the age of 30 years, 10 months and 26 days.

Kokrak's career-best finishes on the PGA TOUR are runner-up showings at the 2012 Frys.com Open and 2016 Northern Trust Open.

Players who have made the RBC Heritage their first PGA TOUR victory include Hale Irwin (1971), Graham Marsh (1977), Doug Tewell (1980), Nick Faldo (1984), Davis Love III (1987), Glen Day (1999), Jose Coceres (2001), Peter Lonard (2005), Aaron Baddeley (2006) and Boo Weekley (2007).

Kokrak owns top-20 finishes in his last two appearances at the RBC Heritage (T12 in 2014, T18 in 2018). In all, this is his fifth start at Harbour Town.

Most recently, Kokrak finished 68<sup>th</sup> at the Shell Houston Open. In all, he now owns nine made cuts in 15 starts during the 2015-16 Season, with a runner-up finish at the Northern Trust Open his best effort.

### **Jason Day**

After opening with two rounds in the 60s (67-69), World No. 1 and RBC Golf Ambassador Jason Day struggled to an 8-over 79 Saturday to fall to T40.

Day's highest rounds on the PGA TOUR:

82 (+10) – 2008 Memorial Tournament (R2)

81 (+9) – 2015 THE PLAYERS Championship (R2)

80 (+8) – 2012 PGA Championship (R2)

79 (+8) – 2016 RBC Heritage (R3)

Day is making his fifth RBC Heritage start (T30-2013, T9-2011, T22-2010, MC-2008).

Day is seeking his third win of the season and his third in four starts (Arnold Palmer Invitational, WGC-Dell Match Play). He finished T10 at the Masters Tournament last week.

Day is the first player ranked No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking to play the RBC Heritage since Luke Donald in 2012.

Day's caddie/coach, Colin Swatton, is a resident of Berkeley Hall in nearby Bluffton, S.C.

### **Additional Player Notes**

Patton Kizzire, 2015 Web.com Tour Player of the Year, sits in solo-fourth place (two behind Donald) following a third-round even-par 71. Currently No. 41 in the FedExCup standings, he owns four top-10 finishes in 13 prior starts this season (T2-2015 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, T4-2015 Sanderson Farms Championship, T8-2016 Farmers Insurance Open, T9-World Golf Championships-Dell Match Play).

Despite a bogey on the final hole Saturday, Zach Johnson (T5) is well positioned for his 13<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR victory and first since the 2015 Open Championship. A runner-up finish in 2012 marks Johnson's best finish in 11 prior RBC Heritage starts. He is currently three behind 54-hole leader Luke Donald.

While competing for Southern Methodist University in 2015, Bryson DeChambeau became just the fifth golfer in history to win both the U.S. Amateur Championship and NCAA Division I golf championship in the same season. One week after making his final amateur start with a T21 finish at the Masters Tournament, DeChambeau is making his PGA TOUR professional debut this week at the RBC Heritage. He'll enter the final round at 2-under 211, five strokes behind Luke Donald.

Jason Bohn sits T60 through 54 holes in his first start since withdrawing from The Honda Classic in February with chest pains. After being rushed to the hospital, doctors determined Bohn had suffered a major heart attack, with 90 percent blockage in one of his main arteries. This week marks Bohn's 11<sup>th</sup> start at the RBC Heritage, with a sixth-place finish in 2008 his lone top-10 finish.

Current U.S. Ryder Cup captain and five-time RBC Heritage winner Davis Love III (1987, 1991, 1992, 1998, 2003) will enter the final round T65 after rounds of 73-69-77.

### **Team RBC Leaderboard**

Jim Furyk became the third consecutive RBC Golf Ambassador to win the RBC Heritage (2013/Graeme McDowell and 2014/Matt Kuchar). RBC began sponsoring this event in 2012. In the two years preceding their sponsorship, current RBC Ambassadors Furyk (2010) and Brandt Snedeker (2011) won in Hilton Head. To further enhance the connection, Carl Pettersson, who won the RBC Heritage in 2012, also won the RBC Canadian Open in 2010.

#### *Round 3 Standings*

Graham DeLaet	T13
Jason Day	T40
Ernie Els	T48
Adam Hadwin	T55
Ryan Palmer	T69
Nick Taylor	MDF
David Hearn	MC
Brandt Snedeker	MC
Graeme McDowell	MC
Mike Weir	WD

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

This year's field includes three former Masters Tournament champions: Zach Johnson (T5), Vijay Singh (T55), Mike Weir (WD).

Multiple winners of the RBC Heritage: Davis Love III (5), Hale Irwin (3), Johnny Miller (2), Hubert Green (2), Tom Watson (2), Fuzzy Zoeller (2), Payne Stewart (2), Stewart Cink (2) and Boo Weekley (2).

#### *Past RBC Heritage champions in the field*

Matt Kuchar	T8
Aaron Baddeley	T24
Justin Leonard	T48
Boo Weekley	T55
Davis Love III	T65
Carl Pettersson	MDF

Stewart Cink            MC  
Brian Gay                MC  
Brandt Snedeker        MC  
Graeme McDowell       MC

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – Matt Kuchar (67), Scott Pinckney (68)

R2 – Billy Horschel (66), Jason Kokrak (68)

R3 – Shawn Stefani (69)

<b>Scoring Averages:</b>	<b>Front (36)</b>	<b>Back (35)</b>	<b>Total (71)</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
First round	35.697	36.152	71.848	---
Second round	35.602	36.336	71.938	71.892
Third round	36.280	37.280	73.561	72.292

R1 – Morning scoring average (71.77) vs. afternoon scoring average (71.92).

R2 – Morning scoring average (70.50) vs. afternoon scoring average (70.32)