



2016 RBC Heritage

(The 23rd 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

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, April 17, 2016

Weather

Mostly sunny with warmer temperatures. High of 70. Breezy with winds from the NE 10-15 mph, gusting to 20-25 mph at times.

Final-Round Leaderboard

Branden Grace	66-74-69-66—275 (-9)
Russell Knox	72-65-73-67—277 (-7)
Luke Donald	66-71-69-71—277 (-7)
Bryson DeChambeau	70-69-72-68—279 (-5)
Kevin Na	73-71-66-69—279 (-5)

South African Branden Grace captured his first PGA TOUR victory at the RBC Heritage, shooting a final-round 5-under 66 and coming from three strokes back to win by one stroke over Scotland's Russell Knox and England's Luke Donald. Bryson DeChambeau tied for fourth with fellow American Kevin Na in his first tournament as a professional.

Branden Grace

Grace's RBC Heritage win came in his 51st PGA TOUR start at 27 years, 10 months and 28 days. The win was his first on the PGA TOUR. A third-place finish at the 2015 PGA Championship was his previous-best result.

Grace owns 10 international victories;

2010 Coca-Cola Charity Championship [SAf]. **2012** Joburg Open [Eur], Volvo Golf Champions [Eur], Volvo China Open [Eur], Vodacom Origins Final [SAf], Alfred Dunhill Links Championship [Eur]. **2015** Alfred Dunhill Championship [Eur], Commercial Bank Qatar Masters [Eur], Dimension Data Pro-Am [SAf]. **2016** Commercial Bank Qatar Masters [Eur]

Last season, Grace made 11 of 13 PGA TOUR cuts, with four top-10s as a non-member, allowing him to earn Special Temporary Membership during the season which he parlayed into a top-125 finish on the FedExCup points list as a non-member. That earned him PGA TOUR membership for the 2015-16 Season. One of his first sponsor exemptions came from the RBC Heritage where he went on to finish T7 in 2015.

Grace's RBC Heritage victory is worth 500 FedExCup points, jumping him 71 spots from T90 position in the FedExCup standings to No. 19. It took 458 points to qualify for the PGA TOUR Playoffs for the FedExCup in 2014-15, 554 to qualify for Deutsche Bank Championship, 692 for BMW Championship and 1,062 for the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola. Grace earns a spot into the following PGA TOUR events in 2016, if not already exempt: THE PLAYERS Championship, DEAN & DELUCA Invitational, the Memorial Tournament, and PGA Championship. He also earns a spot in the field of the 2017 Hyundai Tournament of Champions and the 2017 Masters Tournament.

Making just his second start at the RBC Heritage (T7-2015), Grace has just one round over par (74/R2/2016) in his eight trips around Harbour Town Golf Links;

2015 – 70-67-66-69

2016 – 66-74-69-66

R1 at a glance: 7 of 14 fairways, 10 of 18 greens, 24 putts.

R2 at a glance: 7 of 14 fairways, 13 of 18 greens, 34 putts.

R3 at a glance: 7 of 14 fairways, 10 of 18 greens, 26 putts.

R4 at a glance: 9 of 14 fairways, 11 of 18 greens, 25 putts.

Grace's 9-under winning score (in relation to par) tied the fourth highest winning score this season; (5-under), Danny Willett, Masters Tournament

(6-under), Brandt Snedeker, Farmers Insurance Open
(7-under), Charl Schwartzel, Valspar Championship
(9-under), Adam Scott, The Honda Classic
(9-under), Branden Grace, RBC Heritage

Grace is the 11th first-time winner of the RBC Heritage and the first since Boo Weekley in 2007: 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), Boo Weekley (2007) and Branden Grace (2016).

Grace is the 10th first-time winner on the PGA TOUR this season, and the fourth consecutive first-time winner: Emiliano Grillo (Frys.com Open), Smylie Kaufman (Shriners Hospitals for Children Open), Justin Thomas (CIMB Classic), Peter Malnati (Sanderson Farms Championship), Russell Knox (WGC-HSBC Champions), Kevin Kisner (The RSM Classic), Tony Finau (Puerto Rico Open at Coco Beach), Jim Herman (Shell Houston Open), Danny Willett (Masters Tournament).

Grace is the 10th international winner this season and 11th international player to win the RBC Heritage, joining 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).

Grace joins countryman Charl Schwartzel (Valspar Championship) as the second South African winner this season and the 10th international winner on TOUR in 2015-16 Season; Emiliano Grillo (Argentina), Russell Knox (Scotland), Graeme McDowell (Northern Ireland), Fabian Gomez (Argentina), Hideki Matsuyama (Japan), Adam Scott (Australia-two wins), Jason Day (Australia-two wins) and Danny Willett (England).

At No. 14 in the Official World Golf Ranking entering the week, Grace was the second-highest ranked player in the RBC Heritage field behind No. 1 Jason Day. Grace is projected to move from No. 14 to No. 11 with his win.

With prize money of \$1,062,000, Grace moves from 75th to No. 21 on the PGA TOUR money list with \$1,650,631.

Grace has represented the International Team at the previous two Presidents Cup events in 2013 and 2015, where he has a 5-4-0 overall record. In 2015, at Incheon in South Korea, Grace teamed with fellow South African Louis Oosthuizen to win all four team matches. He also won his singles match against Matt Kuchar (2 and 1) to go undefeated for the week.

Grace represented South Africa in the World Cup in 2013.

Grace is a graduate of the Ernie Els and Fancourt Foundation, which recognizes and helps nurture the careers of young golfers.

Grace missed the cut at last week's Masters Tournament with rounds of 75-77. 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).

Full Name: Branden John Grace
Height: 5-10
Weight: 171
Birthdate: May 20, 1988
Birthplace: Pretoria, South Africa
Residence: George, South Africa
Family: Single
Special Interests: Water sports, movies
Turned Professional: 2007
Club Affiliation: Fancourt G&CC, George, South Africa
Joined Tour: 2015

Luke Donald

Luke Donald was 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).

Luke Donald entered the week ranked 123rd in the FedExCup standings with just one top 25 in his previous 10 starts on TOUR this season (T22 at Valspar). Donald jumped to No. 53 on the FedExCup standings with his T2 finish at the RBC Heritage.

Donald surpassed \$34 million in career earnings with his T2 finish and now lies 15th on the career money list with \$34,059,333.

Donald has now held three 54-hole leads at the RBC Heritage (2016, 2014, 2011) and failed to convert any of them into victory. 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 owns six top-3 finishes in 12 starts at the RBC Heritage (T2-2016, 2nd-2014, T3-2013, 2nd-2011, T3-2010, T2-2009).

Including all four rounds this week, 29 of Donald's last 31 rounds at Harbour Town have been even-par or better.

Donald's T2 at the RBC Heritage is his first top-10 finish since the 2015 Travelers Championship (T7).

Following Danny Willett's win at the Masters last week, Donald was seeking to become the second consecutive player from England to claim victory. The last time English players won back-to-back on the PGA TOUR was 2012 when Justin Rose claimed the WGC-Cadillac Championship and Luke Donald followed with a win at the Valspar Championship.

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.

Russell Knox

This is Russell Knox's third appearance at the RBC Heritage (T9/2014, T18/2015, T2/2016).

Knox was 6th in the FedExCup standings before this week and his T2 performance at Harbour Town moved him into 3rd on the FedExCup standings.

The Jacksonville, Fla. resident competed in the Masters Tournament for the first time last week, missing the cut with 79-73 at Augusta National.

Knox won for the first time at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions earlier this season. His only other top-10 finish (before this week) was a playoff loss at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba the week after winning his first title in China. With his T2 this week, Knox has now recorded three top-10 finishes in each of his last three seasons. This week's result is his 11th career top-10 in 103 starts on TOUR.

Jason Day

RBC Golf Ambassador Jason Day followed his third-round 8-over 79 with a 3-under 68 in the final round to finish T23. In each of his five highest rounds on TOUR (82-81-80-79-78), Day has bounced back with a score of par or better in his very next round.

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)

78 (+6) – 2010 Memorial Tournament (R4)

Next round on the PGA TOUR

67 (-3) – Travelers Championship (R1)

72 (E) – Memorial Tournament (R1)

70 (-1) – The Barclays (R1)

68 (-3) – RBC Heritage (R4)

66 (-4) – AT&T National (R1)

Day has shot nine rounds of 77 in his PGA TOUR career and has followed six of those nine rounds with a score below par.

Day closed the gap slightly on his fellow Australian Adam Scott in the FedExCup standings, earning 45 points this week. Scott, with 1,731 points, held a 436-point lead over Day before this week. He now leads by 391 points over Day.

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

Additional Player Notes

One week after making his final amateur start with a T21 finish at the Masters Tournament, DeChambeau made his PGA TOUR professional debut this week at the RBC Heritage. He briefly held a share of the lead early in Saturday's third round and fired a 3-under 68 on Sunday to eventually finish T4. As a non-exempt professional on the PGA TOUR, the top-10 finish earns DeChambeau a spot in next week's Valero Texas Open. 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.

Charley Hoffman entered the final round one stroke off the lead at 6-under but slipped to T14 with a final-round 75. 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. His last top-10 finish on TOUR was the 2015 Deutsche Bank Championship (T3).

Australian John Senden began the day in T60 position and fired a bogey-free final-round 6-under 65 to advance 37 spots up the leaderboard to finish T23. His 65 matched his low round this season (65/R2/Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, 65/R3/CareerBuilder Challenge).

RBC Golf Ambassador Ernie Els began the final round in T48 position and closed with a 5-under 66 to finish T14. The 66 is Els' lowest round on TOUR since the 7-under 64 he posted on July 30 last year in the first round of the Quicken Loans National – 40 rounds ago.

Jason Bohn finished T69 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. Bohn posted three top-3 finishes in his first four starts this season, including a playoff loss to Graeme McDowell at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba. Despite missing the opportunity to earn points in seven possible TOUR starts following his medical incident, Bohn sits at No. 27 in the FedExCup standings.

Current U.S. Ryder Cup captain and five-time RBC Heritage winner Davis Love III (1987, 1991, 1992, 1998, 2003) finished T59 with rounds of 73-69-77-72--291. Love has made the cut in each of his 10 starts this season, with a T29 at the winners-only (32-player field) Hyundai Tournament of Champions his best result.

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.

Final Standings

Graham DeLaet	T14
Ernie Els	T14
Jason Day	T23
Adam Hadwin	T30
Ryan Palmer	T71
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 (T33), Vijay Singh (T66), 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	T9
Aaron Baddeley	T9
Boo Weekley	T39
Justin Leonard	T59
Davis Love III	T59
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)

R4 – John Senden (65), Adam Hadwin (67), Bryce Molder (67), Aaron Baddeley (68)

Scoring Averages:	Front (36)	Back (35)	Total (71)	Cumulative
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
Final round	35.987	36.267	72.253	72.285