



2015 Sanderson Farms Championship

(The fifth of 43 events in the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season)

Jackson, Miss.
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November 5-8, 2015
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,354

FedExCup Points: 300/winner
Purse: \$4,100,000 (\$738,000/winner)

FINAL Third-Round Notes – Monday, November 9, 2015

Weather: Mostly cloudy with a high of 66 degrees. NNW winds 5-10 mph.

All 74 players were back in position at 7:00 a.m. CT to complete round three, which ended at 9:54 a.m. Without being re-paired, players began the final round at 8:20 a.m., with the last group teeing off at 10:26 a.m.

The last unscheduled Monday finish on the PGA TOUR before this week was the 2015 Open Championship.

FINAL Third-Round Leaderboard

Patton Kizzire	67-69-66—202 (-14)
David Toms	67-69-66—202 (-14)

Patton Kizzire

In his second straight start, PGA TOUR rookie Patton Kizzire finds himself in contention headed into a final round. In round three, Kizzire posted a bogey-free 66. With rounds of 67-69-66 to start this week, Kizzire has posted identical scores to that of David Toms.

Kizzire made eight pars and one birdie on his outgoing nine, but hit his stride on the inward nine with three birdies and an eagle-three at the 14th hole. Kizzire's last bogey, of just two, came on the 15th hole in round one.

At the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open two weeks ago, Kizzire posted rounds of 65-69-72-63—269 (-15) to finish tied for second, one stroke behind winner and fellow rookie Smylie Kaufman.

Kizzire is making his sixth career start on the PGA TOUR this week, dating to 2008. In two starts last year, he made one cut at The McGladrey Classic (T54). This is his second start this season.

With a win today, Kizzire would become the fifth-consecutive, first-time winner of the season, joining Emiliano Grillo (Frys.com Open), Smylie Kaufman (Shriners Hospitals for Children Open), Justin Thomas (CIMB Classic) and Russell Knox (World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions).

The last time the PGA TOUR produced five straight first-time winners was in 2002 and the Sanderson Farms Championship was the site of the fifth winner; Charles Howell III (Michelob Championship at Kingsmill), Phil Taturangi (Shriners Hospitals for Children Open), Bob Burns (Disney Golf Classic), Jonathan Byrd (Buick Challenge) and Luke Donald (Sanderson Farms Championship).

Kizzire, who won the Utah Championship and News Sentinel Open on the Web.com Tour last season, took top honors on that Tour's Regular Season and Finals combined money list.

En route to his playoff win at the Utah Championship, Kizzire held a 2-stroke lead headed into the final round. He trailed by two strokes after 54 holes at the News Sentinel Open.

In addition to his two wins on the Web.com Tour last season, Kizzire also amassed a pair of runner-up finishes and a third-place showing. In all, he collected 12 top-10 finishes in 23 starts.

Kizzire, a 29-year-old Montgomery, Alabama native, graduated from Auburn University in 2008.

David Toms

Making his 10th start in the Sanderson Farms Championship, dating to 1990, Louisiana native David Toms posted a bogey-free-, 6-under 66 in round three to claim a share of the 54-hole lead with Patton Kizzire.

Toms has previously held a 54-hole lead/co-lead 11 times, most recently being the 2014 Colonial National Invitational Tournament (T5). Toms has converted for victory six of those 11 times, most recently at the 2006 Sony Open in Hawaii.

As he did in round one, Toms hit 16 of 18 greens in regulation in round three. Along with 12 of 18 in round two, he leads the field in greens hit this week (44 of 54).

En route to last year's T9 finish at the Country Club of Jackson, Toms began the final round four strokes back at 10-under 206. He could manage no better than even-par 72 in the final round.

A 13-time winner on the PGA TOUR, Toms is in search of his first title since the 2011 Colonial National Invitational Tournament. This is Toms' 594th career start on TOUR.

Third-Round Lead Notes

Since 1990 - when the event was neither cancelled nor condensed in rounds, the 54-hole leader has held on for the win 10 times, including 2012 (Scott Stallings), 2011 (Chris Kirk) and 2010 (Bill Haas).

Through four events this season on the PGA TOUR, Justin Thomas (CIMB Classic) and Russell Knox (WGC-HSBC Champions) converted a share of the 54-hole lead for the win.

Roberto Castro

When the third round continued, Roberto Castro was on the seventh green. He had made it 38 straight holes without a blemish on his card this week, before taking back-to-back bogeys at Nos. 3 and 4 in round three. Additional bogeys on Nos. 15, 17 and dropped him to 12-under 204 and trailing for the first time this week. Two strokes back after 54 holes, Castro began the third round with a four-stroke lead at 15-under 129.

D.J. Trahan

When round three resumed Monday morning, 2006 Sanderson Farms Championship winner D.J. Trahan had his inward nine left to play. He followed a pair of 67s in rounds one and two with a 3-under 69 in round three to get to 13-under 203 and just one stroke back.

In 2006, Trahan led by two strokes at 12-under 204 at Annandale GC after 54 holes en route to his win.

Since its 1986 inception, only two players have won the Sanderson Farms Championship more than once; Brian Henninger (1994, 1999) and Fred Funk (1998, 2004).

Playing out of the Past Champion category, Trahan has made just five starts on the PGA TOUR in each of the past two seasons. He remains in search of his first top-10 finish since a T8 at the 2013 Puerto Rico Open.

In 13 starts on the Web.com Tour last season, he collected just one top-25 finish.

In addition to his 2006 win at the Sanderson Farms Championship, Trahan also won the 2008 CareerBuilder Challenge in Palm Springs.

William McGirt

It took William McGirt the span of three days to post his second-round, 6-under 66 and two days to post a third-round 66. At 13-under 203, he begins the final round just one stroke off the lead.

In last year's final round of the Sanderson Farms Championship, McGirt was two strokes off the lead at 12-under 204. A final-round, even-par 72 resulted in a solo-seventh-place finish.

McGirt's wife Sarah is scheduled for cesarean delivery of the couple's second child Friday.

Twice a runner-up, McGirt remains in search of his first career win on the PGA TOUR in his 150th start this week.

McGirt, who finished 69th on last year's FedExCup points list on the strength of six top-25 finishes, is making his third start of the season and coming off a T8 finish at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open two weeks ago.

Miscellaneous

Defending Sanderson Farms Champion **Nick Taylor** is at 10-under 206 through 54 holes and four strokes back. After 54 holes last year, Taylor was also four strokes back at 10-under-par.

Fellow Canadian Graham DeLaet is five strokes back at 9-under 207 through 54 holes. DeLaet's wife Ruby will be induced Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. ET to give birth to the couple's twins.

There are six former Sanderson Farms Championship winners in the field: Nick Taylor/2014 (T14), Scott Stallings/2012 (T19), Will McKenzie/2008 (T58), D.J. Trahan/2006 (T3), Heath Slocum/2005 (MC) and Cameron Beckman/2001 (MC).

R1: Aaron Baddeley (64), Ricky Barnes (68), Cameron Beckman (70), Roberto Castro (62), Brian Davis (65), Steve Flesch (68), Martin Flores (67), Brice Garnett (68), Robert Garrigus (67), Andrew Landry (70), Scott Langley (68), Bryce Molder (64), Henrik Norlander (69), Brett Stegmaier (68), Vaughn Taylor (68), Tyrone Van Aswegen (67), Boo Weekley (68).

R2: Ricky Barnes (67), Jason Bohn (70), Bronson Burgoon (70), Jonathan Byrd (70), Roberto Castro (67), Mark Hubbard (70), Billy Hurley III (70), Patton Kizzire (69), Jarrod Lyle (68), Seung-Yul Noh (69), Rob Oppenheim (69), Jeff Overton (64), Nick Taylor (66), Boo Weekley (67).

R3: Luke Guthrie (71), Patton Kizzire (66), Jason Kokrak (71), Peter Malnati (68), Cameron Percy (68), David Toms (66), Marc Turnesa (67), Tim Wilkinson (70).

Scoring Averages at the par-72 Country Club of Jackson:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.137	34.732	69.869	---
R2:	35.607	35.464	71.071	70.460
R3:	35.419	35.242	70.661	70.512