



## 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-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 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 was the 2015 Open Championship.

### Final-Round Leaderboard

Peter Malnati	69-66-68-67—270 (-18)
William McGirt	71-66-66-68—271 (-17)
David Toms	67-69-66-69—271 (-17)

### **Peter Malnati**

University of Missouri's Peter Malnati made 495'7" of putts this week (110'1"/R1, 127'2"/R2, 132'11"/R3, 125'5"/R4) en route to winning the Sanderson Farms Championship by one stroke over David Toms and William McGirt. The PGA TOUR record for most feet of putts made in an event belongs to Ben Martin, who sank 551'2" at the 2015 Colonial National Invitation Tournament.

Malnati claims his first career PGA TOUR victory in his 22<sup>nd</sup> start at the age of 28 years, 4 months and 27 days.

With his win, Malnati moves to No. 8 in the FedExCup standings with 313 points. 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.

If not otherwise exempt, Malnati earns a spot into the following PGA TOUR events in 2016: Hyundai Tournament of Champions, CareerBuilder Challenge, Arnold Palmer Invitational, RBC Heritage, PLAYERS Championship, Colonial National Invitation Tournament, the Memorial Tournament, Quicken Loans National and PGA Championship.

Malnati becomes the eighth player to make the Sanderson Farms Championship his first career PGA TOUR win; Nick Taylor (2014-15), Chris Kirk (2011), D.J. Trahan (2006), Luke Donald (2002), Cameron Beckman (2001), Willie Wood (1996), Ed Dougherty (1995) and Brian Henninger (1994).

Malnati becomes the fifth consecutive, first-time winner of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR 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).

Of the five PGA TOUR winners to start the 2015-16 season, all five are Web.com Tour alums, three of whom just graduated this past season (Emiliano Grillo, Smylie Kaufman and Malnati).

Malnati made his way back to the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of his ninth-place finish on the 2015 Web.com Tour priority list.

On the Web.com Tour last season, Malnati claimed five top-10 finishes, highlighted by his second Web.com Tour win at the Brasil Champions. Malnati fired a 9-under 62 in round two to propel him on to a four-stroke win over seven others.

Prior to this week, Malnati missed the cut at the Frys.com Open and finished T56 at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open two weeks ago.

Malnati's previous-best finish is a T14 at the 2014 Puerto Rico Open.

**Peter Malnati Statistics:**

Fairways Hit	33 of 56
Driving Distance	265.7 yards
Greens in Regulation	60 of 72
Total Putts	113
Strokes Gained: Putting	+11.798 (2.95 p/r)
Strokes Gained: Tee to Green	+.352
Scrambling	7 of 12

**About Peter Malnati**

Birthdate: June 13, 1987  
Birthplace: New Castle, Indiana  
Resides: Knoxville, Tennessee  
Family: Wife, Alicia  
Height/Weight: 5-10, 159  
Turned Pro: 2009  
Web.com Tour Graduate: 2013, 2015  
Joined PGA TOUR: 2013-14

**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 five events this season on the PGA TOUR, Justin Thomas (CIMB Classic) and Russell Knox (World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions) have been the only two to convert a share of the 54-hole lead for the win.

**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. It took just Monday afternoon for him to post a final-round, 4-under 68 and claim a share of second place with David Toms.

McGirt's third runner-up finish on the PGA TOUR couldn't have been better timed, as his wife Sarah is scheduled for a c-section Friday morning to deliver the couple's second child.

McGirt also claimed a share of second place at the 2012 and 2013 RBC Canadian Open. This week's Sanderson Farms Championship marks his 11<sup>th</sup> career top-10 finish on TOUR.

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

**David Toms**

Making his 10<sup>th</sup> start in the Sanderson Farms Championship and 594<sup>th</sup> on the PGA TOUR, 54-hole co-leader David Toms played 26 holes Sunday and 26 holes Monday to come away at 17-under 271 and T2 honors. Rounds of 67-69-66-69 resulted in Toms' best finish since finishing solo-second at 2012 RSM Classic.

Toms has held a 54-hole lead/co-lead 12 times now, seven of which he has converted into wins.

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 remains in search of his first title since the 2011 Colonial National Invitation Tournament.

**Roberto Castro**

Roberto Castro, who opened with a 10-under 62 to lead through 36 holes, posted a bogey-free, 4-under 68 in the final round, but came up two strokes short at 16-under 272.

Castro's T4 finish marked his first top-10 finish since a T8 at the 2014 Wells Fargo Championship.

**Miscellaneous**

Defending Sanderson Farms Champion Nick Taylor finished T20.

Fellow Canadian Graham DeLaet finished T33. DeLaet's wife Ruby will be induced Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. ET to give birth to the couple's twins.

There were six former Sanderson Farms Championship winners in the field: Nick Taylor/2014 (T20), Scott Stallings/2012 (T28), Will MacKenzie/2008 (T54), D.J. Trahan/2006 (T10), 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).

**R4:** Ricky Barnes (70), Roberto Castro (68), Lucas Glover (69), Luke Guthrie (67), Adam Hadwin (69), Jason Kokrak (64), Andres Romero (67), Jhonattan Vegas (69).

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

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
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
R4:	35.419	35.136	70.555	70.512