



2015 Sanderson Farms Championship

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

Jackson, Miss.
CC of Jackson

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

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

FINAL Second-Round Notes – Sunday, November 8, 2015

Weather: Partly cloudy with a high of 62 degrees. NNE winds 10-15 mph.

The course received 0.55" of rain on Friday, 3.10" overnight Friday into Saturday and another 1.05" on Saturday for a total 4.70".

Thursday: Round one play was suspended due to darkness at 5:14 p.m. with nine players on the course. Those remaining players resumed play at 7:30 a.m. on Friday. The second round began as scheduled at 6:40 a.m. on Friday.

Friday: Due to heavy rain and standing water, the second round was suspended from 8:08 a.m. CT until 1:04 p.m. (4 hours, 56 minutes). Due to lightning, round two was suspended for the day at 4:49 p.m. with only 22 players finishing round two.

Saturday: Round two resumed at 10:30 a.m., but was again suspended at 11:09 a.m. due to heavy rain. Play was called for the day just before 2 p.m. local time with 76 players remaining to complete the second round.

Sunday: Round two resumed at 7 a.m. and was completed at 12:23 p.m. Round three began at 12:55 p.m. on Sunday off two tees.

Preferred lies in closely-mown areas are in effect for all four rounds.

The last time on TOUR:

The last Monday finish: 2015 Open Championship

The last Tuesday finish: 2013 Hyundai Tournament of Champions

36-hole cut: 74 players at 3-under 141 from a field of 131 professionals.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Roberto Castro	62-67—129 (-15)
Bryce Molder	64-69—133 (-11)
Jhonattan Vegas	66-67—133 (-11)

Roberto Castro

Following rounds of 62-67 Thursday and Friday to get to 15-under 129, Roberto Castro was among those who completed their second round Friday and did not play golf Saturday.

Castro has previously held a 36-hole lead/co-lead twice; 2013 CareerBuilder Challenge (T37) and 2013 Quicken Loans national (2nd).

With 13 birdies and an eagle, Castro is one of just three players to remain bogey-free through 36 holes (Ricky Barnes, Boo Weekley).

Castro is making his third start in the Sanderson Farms Championship this week. He finished T18 in 2012 at Annandale Golf Club and T58 last year at the Country Club of Jackson.

Castro is making his third start of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season this week; Frys.com Open (T69) and Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (T43).

With final-round scores of 4-over 76 at the Frys.com Open and 1-over 72 at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, Castro's closing rounds this year have proven the most difficult of the weekly four.

Castro, who first joined the PGA TOUR in 2012, is making his 103rd start on TOUR this week. His best finish is solo-second at the 2013 Quicken Loans National.

Bryce Molder

Scottsdale, Ariz. resident Bryce Molder and fellow Georgia Tech alum followed his 8-under 64 in round one with a 3-under 69 in round two in round two.

Molder is making his fourth start in the Sanderson Farms Championship and first since finishing 71st in 2007.

Molder is in search of his second career PGA TOUR win (2011 Frys.com Open), an event he won on the sixth hole of sudden death over Briny Baird.

Jhonattan Vegas

Making his first start in the Sanderson Farms Championship, Venezuela's Jhonattan Vegas made three birdies and an eagle on his inward nine (Nos. 1-9) to post a 5-under 67.

In Thursday's first round, Vegas hit 17 of 18 greens in regulation. In round two, he was a perfect 18 for 18.

Playing out of the Past Champion category, Vegas is making his third start of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season this week, having finished T10 at the Frys.com Open and T43 at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

In the Web.com Tour Finals, entered the season-ending Web.com Tour Championship on the bubble at No. 25. A pair of 71s on the Dye Valley Course at TPC Sawgrass resulted in a missed cut and 58th-place finish on that Tour's priority list.

Vegas is in search of his second career PGA TOUR win, having previously won the 2011 CareerBuilder Challenge in Palm Springs.

Patrick Rodgers

With nine birdies and just a single bogey at the par-4 16th, Patrick Rodgers followed a 2-under 70 in round one with an 8-under 64 in round two.

Rodgers earned Special Temporary Membership to the PGA TOUR last season, which he parlayed into a top-125 finish in FedExCup points as a non-member. As a result, he earned membership to the TOUR for the 2015-'16 season.

Rodgers hit 15 of 18 greens in regulation in round one and 16 of 18 in round two. In round one, he made only 39'7" feet of putts, but improved to 98'4" in round two.

Michael Thompson

Making his third start in the Sanderson Farms Championship, Michael Thompson opened with back-to-back, 5-under 67s to get to 10-under and within five strokes of Roberto Castro's 15-under lead.

Thompson finished T66 at the Sanderson Farms Championship in 2010 and last year at the Country Club of Jackson.

For the first time in five seasons, Thompson finished outside the top 125 in the FedExCup standings (146th). In the Web.com Tour Finals, he finished T2 at the Hotel Fitness Championship en route to 14th-place finish on the 2015 Web.com Tour priority list.

Thompson is in search of his second career PGA TOUR win this week (2013 The Honda Classic).

Brian Davis

England's Brian Davis opened with rounds of 65-69 to get to 10-under 134 through 36 holes. Davis has made 10 birdies and an eagle against just two bogeys.

Davis remains in search of his first PGA TOUR win this week in his 338th TOUR start. He has collected five runner-up finishes, most recently at the 2010 RBC Heritage (P2). At No. 110, he is the highest-ranked player on the career money list without a win.

Davis is making his fifth start in the Sanderson Farms Championship this week, and first since finishing T36 in 2010.

At No. 143 in last year's FedExCup standings, Davis finished outside the top 125 for the first time. He came out of the Web.com Tour Finals with a 48th-place ranking on the Web.com Tour priority list.

Miscellaneous

Defending Sanderson Farms Champion **Nick Taylor** posted scores of 69-66—135 (-9) in rounds one and two and is six strokes off Roberto Castro's lead. After 36 holes last year, Taylor was two strokes back at 8-under-par.

With his win at last year's Sanderson Farms Championship, Taylor became the first alumni of the Mackenzie Tour to win on the PGA TOUR since 2013, when it came under the PGA TOUR umbrella. Taylor is one of two Mackenzie Tour alumni (Tony Finau) to be nominated for PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year in 2014-15.

Taylor played three full seasons on the Mackenzie Tour, accumulating 10 top-10s. In 2013, he finished seventh on the Order of Merit to earn a direct pass into the final stage of the Web.com Tour Q-School.

With his win in Jackson last year, Taylor became the eighth player to have made the Sanderson Farms Championship his first win on TOUR, joining Chris Kirk (2011), DJ Trahan (2006), Luke Donald (2002), Cameron Beckman (2001), Willie Wood (1996), Ed Dougherty (1995) and Brian Henninger (1994).

The Mackenzie Tour announced last week that SportBox Entertainment Group in partnership with the Graham and Ruby DeLaet Foundation will serve as the host organization of the SIGA Dakota Dunes Open, Saskatchewan's Mackenzie Tour event, transitioning from eight years under VMC Sports & Entertainment Group. DeLaet xx

DeLaet's wife Ruby will be induced on Tuesday to give birth to the couple's twins.

The Sanderson Farms Championship has been a precursor to success for many players. Eight players in last year's field won in 2014-15 including **Nick Taylor** (Sanderson Farms Championship), **Ben Martin** (Shriners Hospitals for Children Open), **Robert Streb** (The McGladrey Classic), **James Hahn** (Northern Trust Open), **Padraig Harrington** (The Honda Classic), **Alex Cejka** (Puerto Rico Open), **Scott Piercy** (Barbasol Championship) and **Danny Lee** (The Greenbrier Classic).

All four players nominated for 2014-15 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year were in the Sanderson Farms Championship field last year: **Daniel Berger** (Rookie of the Year), **Tony Finau**, **Nick Taylor** and **Justin Thomas** (just won CIMB Classic).

There are six former Sanderson Farms Championship winners in the field: Nick Taylor/2014 (T8), Scott Stallings/2012 (T53), Will McKenzie/2008 (T40), D.J. Trahan/2006 (T4), Heath Slocum/2005 (MC) and Cameron Beckman/2001 (MC).

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).

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).

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