



**2015 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> of 43 events in the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season)

**Las Vegas, Nevada**  
**TPC Summerlin**

**October 22-25, 2015**  
**Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,255**

**Purse: \$6,400,000**

**Final-Round Notes – Sunday, October 25, 2015**

*Weather: Mostly cloudy, with a high of 78. Winds E 4-8 mph.*

**Final-Round Leaderboard**

Smylie Kaufman	67-72-68-61—268 (-16)
Patton Kizzire	65-69-72-63—269 (-15)
Cameron Tringale	68-65-70-66—269 (-15)
Jason Bohn	68-66-69-66—269 (-15)
Alex Cejka	67-70-66-66—269 (-15)
Kevin Na	68-66-68-67—269 (-15)
Brett Stegmaier	66-66-68-69—269 (-15)

**Smylie Kaufman**

Smylie Kaufman carded a final-round 10-under 61 to finish the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open at 16-under 268, winning on the PGA TOUR for the first time by one stroke over six players, including Kevin Na (who has finished runner-up two consecutive weeks on TOUR). Kaufman finished his round at 2:41 p.m., 2 ½ hours before the final group holed out.

Kaufman becomes the 10<sup>th</sup> player since 2000 to post their first-career victory at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, joining Phil Tataurangi (2002), Andre Stolz (2004), Wes Short Jr. (2005), Troy Matteson (2006), George McNeill (2007), Marc Turnesa (2008), Martin Laird (2009), Kevin Na (2011), Ben Martin (2014-15).

Kaufman joins Frys.com Open champion Emiliano Grillo as rookie winners of the first two TOUR events this season. The last time there were back-to-back victories by rookies on TOUR was 2011, when Charl Schwartzel won the Masters and Brendan Steele won the Valero Texas Open (Note: Schwartzel was a rookie by definition as it was his first year as a member).

Kaufman collects 500 points and moves to No. 1 in the FedExCup standings.

Kaufman's closing 61 is the lowest finish on TOUR by a winner since Tommy Gainey closed the 2012 McGladrey Classic with a 10-under 60.

Kaufman entered the final round trailing 54-hole leader Brett Stegmaier by seven strokes, topping the previous largest come-from-behind victory at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open: five strokes (Bob Estes/2001 and Phil Tataurangi/2002). The seven-stroke comeback victory is the largest on TOUR since Gainey came from seven back to win the 2012 McGladrey Classic.

Kaufman's 61 equals the lowest final round at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (Tag Ridings/2004, Davis Love III/2001/R5).

Kaufman wins in his fifth career PGA TOUR start (second as a member) at the age of 23 years, 10 months and 25 days. He is the fifth-consecutive winner under the age of 30 to win this event (Kaufman/2015, Ben Martin/2014, Webb Simpson/2013, Ryan Moore/2012 and Kevin Na/2011).

Kaufman is the sixth-consecutive winner on TOUR in his 20s, dating to 27-year-old Jason Day winning The Barclays.

Last season, Sangmoon Bae and Ben Martin (both in their 20s) opened the 2014-15 Season with victories, with Emiliano Grillo and Smylie Kaufman following in their footsteps this season at the Frys.com Open and Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. The 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season set a new season record for most wins by players in their 20s (24) since 1970.

In the last 20 years on TOUR, there have now been 10 winners of the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open in their 20s, second most for a tournament during this time frame. The BMW Championship has yielded 11 winners under the

age of 30, while the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (10) moves out of a tie with the U.S. Open, Arnold Palmer Invitational, AT&T Byron Nelson and Booz Allen Classic (all of which have nine).

Kaufman is one of three players with top-10 finishes in the first two events of the season, after posting his first top 10 last week at the Frys.com Open (T10). The others are Kevin Na and Jason Bohn.

Since the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open moved to a 72-hole event in 2004 (12 events), Kaufman becomes the first champion who failed to record all four rounds in the 60s. He posted rounds of 67-72-68-61 this week.

Kaufman earned his PGA TOUR card this season with a 13<sup>th</sup> place finish on the 2015 Web.com Tour priority list. He posted five top-10 finishes in 20 starts, led by a victory at the United Leasing Championship.

#### **About Smylie Kaufman**

Exempt Status: 13<sup>th</sup> on 2015 Web.com Tour priority list

Height/Weight: 6-1, 170

Birthdate: November 30, 1991

Birthplace: Birmingham, Ala.

Residence: Birmingham, Ala.

Family: Single

Education: Louisiana State University (2014, Marketing)

Turned Pro: 2014

Joined TOUR: 2015-16

Web.com Tour Graduate: 2015

#### **Kevin Na**

One week after a playoff loss at the Frys.com Open (his third playoff loss in as many attempts), Kevin Na followed with another runner-up finish this week (the seventh of his career), finishing in a six-way tie for second and one stroke behind Kaufman.

Na made his 301<sup>st</sup> career start on the PGA TOUR this week, with his lone win coming at the 2011 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. Had he won this week, he would have become the 10<sup>th</sup> player since 1960 to get his first two career wins in the same tournament. Matt Every last accomplished this feat, earning his first two PGA TOUR titles at the 2014 and 2015 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard.

Na made his 10<sup>th</sup> start at TPC Summerlin this week, now with five top-25 finishes. Since his 2011 win, Na finished T22 in his title defense, missed the cut in 2013, withdrew due to illness last year and finished T2 this week.

Na, who finished 25th in 2014-15 FedExCup points, collected seven top-10 finishes last season, his second-most in a season (nine in 2009). His best finish last season was a T2 at the CIMB Classic last November.

#### **Additional Player Notes**

Making his fifth career start (second as a member) on the PGA TOUR, 54-hole leader Brett Stegmaier finished T2 this week, snapping a streak of four consecutive 54-hole leaders/co-leaders winning this event.

Patton Kizzire, 2015 Web.com Tour Regular Season and Finals combined money leader, closed with a bogey-free 8-under 63 to finish T2 in his debut as a PGA TOUR member. One of 17 PGA TOUR rookies this season, Kizzire delayed the start of his season for his St. Simons, Ga. wedding on Saturday, October 17.

Kizzire was hoping to join the following players to win in their debut start as a PGA TOUR member (since 2001):

Emiliano Grillo, 2015 Frys.com Open

Russell Henley, 2013 Sony Open in Hawaii

Henrik Stenson, 2007 World Golf Championships-Accenture Match Play Championship

Garrett Willis, 2001 Touchstone Energy Tucson Open

Cameron Tringale finished T2 for his first top 10 in six starts at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. It is his second top-10 finish in his last three starts on TOUR, having closed out the 2014-15 Season with a T7 at the BMW Championship. Tringale is still in search of his first TOUR victory, with runner-up finishes at the 2015 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, 2015 Zurich Classic of New Orleans and 2014 Barclays.

Jason Bohn finished T2 for his third top-10 finish in his last four starts at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (2015-T2, 2014-T18, 2013-T2, 2012-T8). In all, Bohn owns six top-25 finishes in seven starts here, with a T49 in 2011 the exception.

Alex Cejka finished T2 in his attempt to become the first player to record a hole-in-one (No. 17/R3) and go on to win since Dustin Johnson won the 2015 World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship.

William McGirt closed with a 9-under 62 (equaling his career-low round from earlier this year at the Wyndham Championship/R1) to jump from T38 to T8. His round included six consecutive birdies on Nos. 8-13 and a birdie-eagle stretch on Nos. 15-16. Earlier this week in round one, McGirt notched five birdies in a row on Nos. 13-17. McGirt's father, Curtis, was a former Shriners Hospitals patient who as a child, was treated at the Shriners Hospital in Greenville, S.C., for bilateral club foot.

Making his 215th PGA TOUR since notching the last of his five PGA TOUR victories at the 2007 Sanderson Farms Championship, UNLV alum Chad Campbell finished T8 in his 389<sup>th</sup> overall TOUR start. This week marked his 13th start at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open where he owns one runner-up (2009) and one third-place finish (2008).

Defending champion Ben Martin finished T25 this week in his bid to join Jim Furyk (1998-99) as the only players to successfully defend their Shriners Hospitals for Children Open title.

In his first start in the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open since 2010, Rickie Fowler finished T25. At No. 5 in the Official World Golf Ranking, Fowler was the highest ranked player in this week's field.

Ryan Palmer (T16) wore a Shriners pin on his hat in honor of his late father Butch, who was active in the Khiva Shrine of Amarillo (#731) and served as potentate (head officer) in 2001. Butch was tragically killed in an automobile accident in August 2015. This week marked Palmer's ninth start at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, with a T8 in 2010 his lone top-10 finish.

Nine former Shriners Hospitals for Children Open champions are in the field:

<b>Champion (Year)</b>	<b>Finish</b>
Kevin Na (2011)	T2
Ben Martin (2014-15)	T25
Martin Laird (2009)	T43
Ryan Moore (2012)	T43
Webb Simpson (2013-14)	T56
Davis Love III (1993)	MDF
Jonathan Byrd (2010)	MC
George McNeill (2007)	MC
Stuart Appleby (2003)	MC

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Henrik Norlander (65), Alex Cejka (67), Hiroshi Iwata (67), Nick Watney (67), Scott Stallings (68), Tyrone Van Aswegen (68)

R2: Kevin Na (66), Scott Piercy (67), Hunter Stewart (68), Fabian Gomez (68), Charles Howell III (68), Shane Bertsch (70)

R3: Jamie Lovemark (66), Ben Martin (67)

R4: Smylie Kaufman (61), Patton Kizzire (63), Jason Bohn (66), Jason Kokrak (68)

Scoring Averages at the par-71 TPC Summerlin:

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
R1:	34.535	34.833	69.368	---
R2:	35.225	35.479	70.704	70.028
R3:	35.301	35.674	70.974	70.240
R4:	34.930	34.352	69.282	70.080

Toughest Holes at TPC Summerlin:

R1: Toughest – par-4 third hole (4.208); Easiest – par-4 15<sup>th</sup> hole (3.528)

R2: Toughest – par-4 third hole (4.246); Easiest – par-5 16<sup>th</sup> hole (4.697)

R3: Toughest – par-4 eighth hole (3.350); Easiest – par-5 16<sup>th</sup> hole (4.537)

R4: Toughest – par-4 third hole (4.366); Easiest – par-5 16<sup>th</sup> hole (4.366)

Cumulative: Toughest – par-4 third hole (4.273); Easiest – par-5 16<sup>th</sup> hole (4.587)