



2015 The RSM Classic

(7th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

**St. Simons Island, GA
Seaside Course (Host)
Plantation Course**

**November 16-22, 2015
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,005
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,058**

**Purse: \$5,700,000
FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)**

Final Notes – Sunday, November 22, 2015

Weather. Mostly cloudy with light showers and a high of 60 degrees. Winds NNW 10-15 mph, gusting to 20 mph.

Final Leaderboard

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| Kevin Kisner | 65-67-64-64—260 (-22) |
| Kevin Chappell | 66-65-68-67—266 (-16) |
| Graeme McDowell | 67-68-65-67—267 (-15) |

Kevin Kisner

Third-round leader Kevin Kisner shot a bogey-free 64 in the final round to claim a six shot win over Kevin Chappell. Kisner earns his first career PGA TOUR victory in his 109th career PGA TOUR start at the age of 31 years, 9 months, 7 days.

Kisner earns 500 FedExCup points to take the lead in the FedExCup standings by 12 points over Russell Knox.

Kisner in the FedExCup standings: 2011/195, 2012/153, 2013/DNP, 2014/104, 2015/21.

Kisner's 72-hole score of 260 breaks Tommy Gainey's tournament scoring record of 264 from 2012.

Kisner earns a spot in the Masters for the first time in his career. He grew up a 30 minute drive from Augusta National Golf Club in Aiken, S.C.

Kisner becomes the 11th former Georgia Bulldog to win on the PGA TOUR joining Chip Beck, Harris English, Brian Harman, Russell Henley, Ryuji Imada, Chris Kirk, Billy Kratzert, Tim Simpson, Brendon Todd and Bubba Watson. Watson leads that contingent with eight titles. Patrick Reed attended UGA for one season.

Kisner is the third player to make The RSM Classic their first PGA TOUR win (Robert Streb/2014 and Tommy Gainey/2012).

Kisner held the first and third round leads this week, while Kevin Chappell held the second round lead.

Kisner entered The RSM Classic with four runner-up finishes in his last 19 starts, including three playoff losses (2015 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions/2nd, 2015 Greenbrier Classic/P2, 2015 PLAYERS Championship/P2, 2015 RBC Heritage/P2).

Last season, Kisner became the first golfer since Horton Smith in 1937 to have three playoff losses in a season. Smith did not win in his next three seasons after 1937. In fact, he only won two more times after that 1937 season. He claimed both wins in 1941 to give him 30 for his TOUR career.

About Kevin Kisner:

Birthdate: February 15, 1984
Birthplace: Aiken, South Carolina
Residence: Aiken, South Carolina
Family: Wife, Brittany; Kathleen (6/9/14)
Height/Weight: 5-10/165
Turned Pro: 2006
Joined TOUR: 2011

Kisner's career starts-made cuts-top 10s-wins: 109-64-12-1

Kisner's 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season career starts-made cuts-top 10s-wins: 4-4-2-1

Kisner's six stroke win is the largest in tournament history. Previously, one shot (3 times) was the largest margin of victory at Sea Island to go with two playoffs. Kisner's six shot win is the largest on TOUR since Jason Day won the BMW Championship by six shots.

Kisner's 196 total through three rounds is the lowest 54-hole score at The RSM Classic (Note: The previous mark of 197 was set by Michael Thompson/2011, Davis Love III/2012 and Jim Furyk/2012 when only the par-70 Seaside Course was used).

Before the win today, Kisner was tied with Jason Bohn and Henrik Stenson with the most runner-up finishes(4) without a win since the start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season. Bohn (4) and Stenson (4) will lead this stat heading into the new calendar year.

Six of the first seven winners during the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season have been first-time winners, with OHL Classic at Mayakoba champion Graeme McDowell the exception.

Through seven events in the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season, the third-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win three times (Justin Thomas, CIMB Classic; Russell Knox, WGC-HSBC Champions; Kevin Kisner, The RSM Classic).

Kevin Kisner (2015), Chris Kirk (2013) and Ben Crane (2010) are the only players to carry the 54-hole lead on to victory at The RSM Classic.

Kisner currently has a streak of 223 consecutive holes without a 3-putt, the current longest active streak on TOUR. His last 3-putt came at this year's Shriners Hospitals for Children Open on the 11th hole of the final round.

Kisner at The RSM Classic (Won-2015, T4-2014, T20-2013, MC-2012, T26-2011).

Kisner's only other lead heading into the final round on the PGA TOUR came earlier this year at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions. He entered the final round tied with Russell Knox before a 2-under 70 left him two strokes behind Knox in second position.

Kisner "coached" the PGA TOUR players to a 7-6 victory over their wives Tuesday night in the annual PGA TOUR Wives Association Wiffle Ball Classic.

Kevin Chappell

Second-round leader Kevin Chappell followed rounds of 66-65-68 with a 68 on Sunday to finish second, six shots behind Kisner.

Chappell has improved his performance at The RSM Classic each year (T43-2012, T32-2013, T8-2014, 2-2015).

Chappell has held steady in the FedExCup each of the last three seasons, finishing between 45th and 55th each year (52nd, 2014-15; 55th, 2013-14, 45th, 2013).

Chappell made his 144th career PGA TOUR start this week. Last season, he posted a career-best 11 top-25 finishes.

Chappell now has three runner-up on TOUR (2nd at 2015 The RSM Classic, 2nd at 2013 Memorial Tournament; T2 at 2011 Valero Texas Open).

Graeme McDowell

Last week's OHL Classic at Mayakoba Champion Graeme McDowell finished third. The 2010 U.S. Open champion is now 33-under in eight rounds on TOUR during the 2015-16 Season.

McDowell notches back-to-back top 10s for the first time since the 2014 RBC Canadian Open and WGC-Bridgestone Invitational.

McDowell posted rounds of 70-71 to miss the cut in his only other start at The RSM Classic (2011).

Miscellaneous Notes

Freddie Jacobson was granted 13 starts in his Major Medical Extension after his son, Max, was diagnosed with a heart defect last year and required open-heart surgery. Playing under a Major Medical/Family Crisis Extension, Jacobson entered The RSM Classic with nine events remaining to earn \$198,240.34 or 103.71 FedExCup points to surpass the equivalent of 125th from the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season. Jacobson drained a clutch 25 foot putt on the 72nd hole to finish fifth and earn enough money and FedExCup points to clear his medical extension.

Tournament host Davis Love III, making his 720th TOUR start, finished T33. His best finished at Sea Island is a T4 in 2012.

All five of the past champions of The RSM Classic were in the field this week:

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| Chris Kirk (2013) | T18 |
| Robert Streb (2014) | T25 |
| Heath Slocum (2010) | 70-71 (MC) |
| Ben Crane (2011) | 71-72 (MC) |
| Tommy Gainey (2012) | 72-74 (MC) |

“Team RSM” Members: Davis Love III (T33), Zach Johnson (MDF), Chris DiMarco (MC).

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Tom Hoge (64), Freddie Jacobson (65), Kevin Kisner (65), Jason Gore (65), Rob Oppenheim (65), Chad Campbell (66), Russell Henley (66), Zac Blair (66), Derek Fathauer (67), Justin Thomas (67), Scott Brown (67), Brendon de Jonge (67), Jason Dufner (67), K.J. Choi (68), Brett Stegmaier (68), Ricky Barnes (68), Brian Stuard (68), Chris Kirk (68), Tim Herron (69), Kelly Kraft (70)

R2: Tim Wilkinson (65), Boo Weekley (66), Michael Kim (67), Ricky Barnes (67), Robert Streb (66), Tyler Aldridge (67) Robert Allenby (69)

R3: Graeme McDowell (65), D.A. Points (65), Jason Dufner (66), Jeff Overton (66), Smylie Kaufman (66), Jhonattan Vegas (66), Jamie Lovemark (67), Brett Stegmaier (68), Cameron Percy (69)

R4: Boo Weekley (64), Kevin Kisner (64), Chris Kirk (65), Bill Haas (66), Tom Hoge (66), Fabian Gomez (70)