



## 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)**

### Second-Round Notes – Friday, November 20, 2015

*Weather. Sunny and cool. High of 68 degrees. Winds NE 12-18 mph, gusting to 28 mph.*

*Due to wet conditions, preferred lies were utilized in round two. 17 out of the last 18 rounds on the PGA TOUR in four different countries have utilized the lift, clean and place rule.*

3-hole cut: 87 players at 2-under 140 from a field of 155 professionals and one amateur. The top 70 and ties following the completion of round three will make the 54-hole cut.

#### **Second-Round Leaderboard**

Kevin Chappell (SS)	66-65--131 (-11)
Freddie Jacobson (PL)	65-67--132 (-10)
Kevin Kisner (SS)	65-67--132 (-10)
Kyle Stanley (SS)	66-67--133 (-9)

#### **Kevin Chappell**

Kevin Chappell carded four birdies, an eagle and a bogey on Friday at the Seaside Course en route to a 5-under 65 to take the solo lead at 11-under par.

Chappell has never held the 36-hole lead on the PGA TOUR. On three occasions, he has been in a tie for second, including The RSM Classic in 2013 (went on to finish T32), The Greenbrier Classic in 2014 (T16) and the 2015 Quicken Loans National (T18).

Chappell's total of 131 strokes though two rounds is his best 36-hole total on the PGA TOUR. Chappell has shot 132 on three occasions, including The Greenbrier Classic in 2014 and 2015 and the 2015 Quicken Loans National.

Chappell is making his fourth start at The RSM Classic, including a T8 finish last season. Going back to last year's rounds of 67-67-70-65, Chappell is now 22-under for his last six rounds at Sea Island Resort.

Chappell has improved his performance at The RSM Classic each year he has played (T43, 2012; T32, 2013; T8, 2014).

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

Chappell is making his 144<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR start. Last season, he posted a career-best 11 top-25 finishes. He has finished runner-up twice (Solo 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2013 Memorial Tournament; T2 at 2011 Valero Texas Open).

Chappell led all measured players in Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green on Friday at 6.059. Chappell ranks 85<sup>th</sup> in the statistic for the 2015-16 season at 0.138.

#### **Second-Round Leader Notes**

Through six events in the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season, the second-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win twice (Justin Thomas, CIMB Classic; Graeme McDowell, OHL Classic at Mayakoba).

Chris Kirk, who won The RSM Classic in 2013, is the only player to go on to win this event after leading/co-leading through two rounds.

A year ago, Russell Henley owned the second-round lead at 9-under through 36 holes. Eventual champion Robert Streb was T10 after opening with rounds of 69-66.

## **Freddie Jacobson**

Freddie Jacobson carded six birdies and one bogey for a 5-under 67 on the Plantation Course to sit tied for second at 10-under.

Playing under a Major Medical/Family Crisis Extension, Jacobson has nine events remaining to earn \$198,240.34 or 103.71 FedExCup points to surpass the equivalent of 125<sup>th</sup> from the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season. A solo 6<sup>th</sup> place or 4-way 5<sup>th</sup> place finish this week would give him enough money to surpass 125<sup>th</sup> on last year's money list (A 2-way 5<sup>th</sup> place finish would give him enough to pass 125<sup>th</sup> on last year's FedExCup Points).

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.

Jacobson has played at The RSM Classic twice (2010, 2013) and missed the cut in both starts.

## **Kevin Kisner**

First-round leader Kevin Kisner shot a 3-under 67 on the Seaside Course to sit tied for second through two rounds.

Kisner is making his 109<sup>th</sup> TOUR start, with four runner-up finishes in his last 19 starts (2015 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions, 2015 Greenbrier Classic, 2015 PLAYERS Championship, 2015 RBC Heritage).

Last year, Kisner progressed every round (69-68-66-65) at The RSM Classic en route to T4 honors. Here's a look at his previous four starts at the RSM Classic (T4-2014, T20-2013, MC-2012, T26-2011).

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.

## **Additional Player Notes**

**Kyle Stanley** (-9, 4<sup>th</sup>) is coming off a 15<sup>th</sup> place finish in the Web.com Tour Finals money list, earning him 22<sup>nd</sup> spot in the Priority Ranking for Web.com Tour graduates. The 5-year TOUR member split time between the PGA TOUR (12 starts) and Web.com Tour (10 starts) last season and finished 181<sup>st</sup> in the 2014-15 FedExCup. Stanley notched two top-10 finishes in the Web.com Tour Finals on the way to securing his PGA TOUR card for 2015-16.

Stanley has not been inside the top five through two rounds at a PGA TOUR event since the 2014 RBC Canadian Open (T3), when he went on to finish T12. His last top-10 on the PGA TOUR came at the 2014 Barracuda Championship, and his last top five finish was at the 2013 Memorial Tournament.

**Jason Gore** (-8, T5) overcame three front nine bogeys with a 5-under 31 on the back nine for a 3-under 69 on the Plantation Course. Gore is making his second start at The RSM Classic after missing the cut last season.

**Hiroshi Iwata** (-8, T5) shot a 3-under 67 on the Seaside Course. The PGA TOUR rookie earned his card thanks to a 24<sup>th</sup> place finish in the Web.com Tour Priority Ranking last season and has made the cut twice in four starts. His best position through 36 holes in a PGA TOUR start is T3 at last season's WGC-HSBC Champions, when he went on to finish T3.

**Michael Kim** (-8, T5) shot a bogey-free 5-under 67 on the Plantation Course. The PGA TOUR rookie earned his card thanks to a 35<sup>th</sup> place finish in the Web.com Tour Priority Ranking last season and has made the cut in all four of his starts this season.

**Alex Cejka** (-8, T5) is making his fourth start at The RSM Classic and is looking to complete 72 holes for the first time. Cejka has missed the cut twice and finished T86 after missing the 54-hole cut in 2012.

Last week's OHL Classic at Mayakoba Champion **Graeme McDowell** shot 68 on Friday to sit T9. The last player to win in back-to-back events is Billy Horschel at the 2014 BMW Championship and 2014 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola. The last player to win in back-to-back starts is Jason Day at the PGA Championship and The Barclays in 2015.

Tournament host **Davis Love III**, making his 720<sup>th</sup> start on the PGA TOUR, shot a 2-under 70 on the Plantation Course to make the cut on the number (T68). His son, **Davis IV**, shot a 4-over 76 to miss the cut in his first PGA TOUR start. "Dru" is currently a member of the University of Alabama men's golf team and playing this week via a sponsor exemption.

Sponsor's Exemption Trey Mullinax shot a 2-under 70 on the Plantation Course to sit tied for 9<sup>th</sup>. The Web.com Tour member is making his second PGA TOUR start and made the cut for the first time.

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

In Friday's windy conditions, the Seaside Course played 2.042 shots harder on average, while the Plantation Course played 2.116 shots harder.

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

Robert Streb (2014) 70-66 (T13)  
Chris Kirk (2013) 68-71 (T53)  
Heath Slocum (2010) 70-71 (MC)  
Ben Crane (2011) 71-72 (MC)  
Tommy Gainey (2012) 72-74 (MC)

Round one scores for "Team RSM" Members:

Davis Love III 70-70 (T68)  
Zach Johnson 70-70 (T68)  
Chris DiMarco 76-71 (MC)

### **Sea Island Connections in the field**

Tournament host, Sea Island resident and "Team RSM" member Davis Love III headlines a growing list of players with Sea Island connections, with the majority training out of the new and improved Sea Island Golf Performance Center. Here's a look at additional players in the field with Sea Island connections:

- Jonathan Byrd – Sea Island resident, trains at Sea Island Golf Performance Center
- Stewart Cink – trains at Sea Island Golf Performance Center
- Harris English – Sea Island resident, trains at Sea Island Golf Performance Center
- Lucas Glover – trains at Sea Island Golf Performance Center
- Brian Harman – trains at Sea Island Golf Performance Center
- Charles Howell III – owns Sea Island property, trains at Sea Island Golf Performance Center
- Zach Johnson – "Team RSM", Sea Island resident, trains at Sea Island Golf Performance Center
- Chris Kirk – 2013 champion, owns Sea Island property, trains at Sea Island Golf Performance Center
- Matt Kuchar – Sea Island resident, trains at Sea Island Golf Performance Center
- Scott Langley – Sea Island resident
- Dru Love – Sea Island resident, member of University of Alabama golf team
- Kyle Reifers – trains at Sea Island Golf Performance Center
- John Rollins – trains at Sea Island Golf Performance Center
- Hudson Swafford – Sea Island resident
- Patton Kizzire – Sea Island resident
- Bobby Wyatt – Sea Island resident

### **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)

### **Second-round Scoring Averages**

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
Seaside	35.038	35.601	70.639	69.648
Plantation	36.039	35.833	71.872	70.807