



**2016 Zurich Classic of New Orleans**  
(The 25<sup>th</sup> of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

**Avondale, La.**  
**TPC Louisiana**

**April 28-May 1, 2016**  
**Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,425**

**FedExCup Points: 500**  
**Purse: \$7,000,000/\$1,260,000**

**FINAL Second-Round Notes – Saturday, April 30, 2016**

*Weather: Cloudy, with highs in the mid-80s. S/SE winds 15-25 mph.*

Round two resumed Saturday morning at 7:45 a.m. CT and ended at 11:19 a.m. Third-round tee times will be between 12:00 p.m. and 2:10 p.m.

Due to wet course conditions, preferred lies in closely-mown areas will be utilized in round three.

**36-hole cut:** 82 players at 2-under 142 from a field of 155 professionals and one amateur. Since more than 78 players made the 36-hole cut, a 54-hole cut will reduce the field to low-70 and ties.

**Second-Round Leaderboard**

Brian Stuard	64-68—132 (-12)
Jamie Lovemark	67-66—133 (-11)
Jhonattan Vegas	64-69—133 (-11)

**Brian Stuard**

First-round co-leader Brian Stuard, who began his second round at 4:20 p.m., was at 10-under through 12 holes when play ended Friday night.

Stuard opened with an 8-under 64, after playing his first nine holes in 5-under-par. Beginning round two on No. 10, he started with nine-consecutive pars, before making his first birdie of the day at No. 1. He added birdies at Nos. 2, 7 and 8 before posting a bogey-free, 4-under 68 to take the 36-hole lead at 12-under-par.

This marks Stuard's second time to lead after 36 holes on the PGA TOUR and third time after any round on TOUR. After 36 holes at the 2014 Sony Open in Hawaii, Stuard led by one stroke, before finishing sixth.

Stuard is one of just three players to play his first 36 holes without a bogey (Cameron Tringale, Steve Wheatcroft). He has played TPC Louisiana's front nine in 9-under and is 3-under on the inward nine.

Using a new putter he put in his bag at last week's Valero Texas Open, Stuard has needed 21 and 26 putts in rounds one and two, respectively.

At No. 128 on the 2014-15 FedExCup points list, Stuard has conditionally-exempt status on the PGA TOUR this season. This week marks Stuard's seventh start on TOUR. He has now made four cuts, with his best showing a T25 at The RSM Classic. He has missed the cut in both starts on the Web.com Tour.

Stuard is making his 101<sup>st</sup> start on TOUR this week, with runner-up finishes at the 2010 and 2014 OHL Classic at Mayakoba his best showings.

**Second-Round Lead Notes**

The second-round leader/co-leader has won four of the last seven times in New Orleans (Jerry Kelly/2009, Jason Bohn/2010, Bubba Watson/2011 and Jason Dufner/2012). Last year, Jason Day led by a stroke at 12-under over Daniel Berger, Chris Stroud and Hudson Swafford.

So far this season, just six of 23 second-round leaders/co-leaders have managed to convert for the win on the PGA TOUR. The last to do so was Jason Day at the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

**Jamie Lovemark**

Making his third start in the Zurich Classic of New Orleans, Jupiter, Fla. resident Jamie Lovemark overcame a lone bogey at the par-4 sixth hole with seven birdies, good for a 6-under 66.

In his two previous starts in New Orleans, Lovemark missed the cut after opening with over-par scores in both opening rounds of 2012 and 2014.

Lovemark, who first joined the PGA TOUR in 2009, has bounced between the TOUR and Web.com Tour since. He makes a return to the PGA TOUR this season after finishing seventh on the 2015 Web.com Tour priority list. On that Tour last season, he collected seven top-10 finishes in 22 starts, two of which were runner-up finishes.

Lovemark, who led the Web.com Tour last year in Par-5 Performance (141-under) and Par-5 Scoring Performance (4.50), is 7-under under on TPC Louisiana's four par-5 holes through 36 holes. The second hole in round two is the only one of eight par-5s played so far this week he has not made birdie on.

Lovemark is making his 72<sup>nd</sup> professional start on the PGA TOUR this week, where he remains in search of his first title. His best showing is T2 at the 2009 Safeway Open. Before turning pro, Lovemark made eight starts on TOUR as an amateur, between 2006 and 2008.

### **Jhonattan Vegas**

Following 13 holes in the morning to finish his first round (-8/64), Jhonattan Vegas completed another 18 holes in round two Friday afternoon, posting a 3-under 69. Vegas played a total of 31 holes Friday.

Beginning his round on the back nine, Vegas followed a birdie at No. 10 with a double-bogey seven at the 11<sup>th</sup>, due to a lost ball and resulting penalty stroke. From there, he made four birdies to post the 69.

Vegas is making just his second start in the Zurich Classic, having finished T36 last year.

Vegas is making his 13<sup>th</sup> start of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season, with both top-10 finishes coming in two of his first three starts; T10/Safeway Open and T4/Sanderson Farms Championship. Vegas is coming off a missed cut at last week's Valero Texas Open.

Vegas is in search of his second PGA TOUR title this week in his 119<sup>th</sup> TOUR start. He previously won the 2011 CareerBuilder Challenge.

### **Harold Varner III**

On Friday, PGA TOUR rookie Harold Varner III opened with birdies on his first two holes en route to a bogey-free, 5-under 67. He added birdies at the par-5 seventh, par-3 14<sup>th</sup> and par-5 18<sup>th</sup> holes. In relation to par, his 67 in round two is his lowest score since opening with a 5-under 67 in round one of the Farmers Insurance Open in February (T31).

At 8-under 136, he will begin round three four strokes back at T4.

Varner is making his 17<sup>th</sup> start of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season, where he has experienced mixed success. He claimed his first of two top-10 finishes early in the season, a T5, at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba, but recently missed four-consecutive cuts. He has made his last two cuts before this week and is coming off a T9 at last week's Valero Texas Open.

Varner made his way onto the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of his 33<sup>rd</sup>-place finish on the 2015 Web.com Tour priority list. He made starts in all 25 events on the Web.com Tour last season.

Last December, Varner finished T2 at the Australian PGA Championship.

Varner, a Jacksonville Beach, Fla. resident, was a perfect 13 for 13 in fairways hit in regulation, before pulling his tee shot into the left rough on the par-5 18<sup>th</sup>. He hit 13 of 18 greens and needed 28 putts to complete his round.

### **Justin Rose**

Defending Zurich Classic champion Justin Rose posted a second-straight, even-par 72 Friday, extending his streak of par-or-better rounds at the Zurich Classic to 18. At even-par through 36 holes, Rose missed the cut. The last defending champion of the event to advance to the weekend was Jason Dufner in 2013. 2013 winner Billy Horschel missed the cut in 2014 and 2014 champion Seung-Yul Noh withdrew after last year's first round.

The last player to successfully defend his title at the Zurich Classic was Carlos Franco in 2000.

Rose was making his 11<sup>th</sup> start at the Zurich Classic this week and ninth of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season. His last win was the 2015 Zurich Classic.

### **Miscellaneous Player Notes**

When play was called for the day Friday due to darkness, World No. 1 Jason Day was 2-under through 10 holes and 5-under total. On Saturday morning, Day added birdies at Nos. 11 and 13 to finish with a 4-under 68 and get to 7-under 137, five strokes back.

Through 36 holes, Day is 8-under on TPC Louisiana's back nine and 1-over on the front side.

This marks Day's fourth appearance in the Zurich Classic. He finished T4 last year, T32 in 2009 and missed the cut in 2008.

With his bogey-free, 8-under 64 in round two to get to 8-under through 36 holes, Chad Collins tied the low round of the week. In round one, Brian Stuard and Jhonattan Vegas posted 64s. Collins is coming off a third-place finish at last week's Valero Texas Open.

Zurich Classic Ambassadors through 36 holes: Jason Day (-7), Billy Horschel (-5), Jamie Donaldson (-2), Rickie Fowler (-3), Ben Crane (MC), Keegan Bradley (MC) and Justin Rose (MC).

Past Zurich Classic Champions through 36 holes: Justin Rose/2015 (MC), Seung-Yul Noh/2014 (-7/T10), Billy Horschel/2013 (-5/T26), Jason Bohn/2010 (MC), Jerry Kelly/2010 (MC), Andres Romero/2008 (MC), Vijay Singh/2004 (-2/T61), K.J. Choi/2002 (MC) and David Toms/2001 (-5/T26).

Players with local connections through 36 holes: David Toms (-5/T26), Andrew Loupe (-2/T61), Ben Taylor (-2/T61), Smylie Kaufman (MC), Michael Thompson (MC), Tim Yelverton (MC) and amateur Zach Wright (MC).

### **Bogey-free rounds:**

R1: Brian Stuard (64), Retief Goosen (65), J.J. Henry (67), Patton Kizzire (67), Patrick Rodgers (67), D.J. Trahan (67), Danny Lee (68), Rickie Fowler (68), Thomas Aiken (68), Joe Affrunti (69), Cameron Tringale (69), Steve Wheatcroft (69), Hiroshi Iwata (69).

R2: Bronson Burgoon (69), Chad Collins (64), Jason Day (68), Michael Kim (66), Anirban Lahiri (69), Lucas Lee (68), Bryce Molder (67), Chris Stroud (66), Brian Stuard (68), Cameron Tringale (70), Harold Varner III (67), Steve Wheatcroft (68), Will Wilcox (69).

<b>Scoring Averages:</b>	<b>Front</b>	<b>Back</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
R1:	35.553	35.803	71.356	
R2:	35.480	35.947	71.427	71.433