



2016 Zurich Classic of New Orleans
(The 25th 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

Third and FINAL-Round Notes – Monday, May 2, 2016

Weather: Cloudy, with a high of 80 degrees. Winds S/SE 15-25 mph.

Weather-Related Notes

The third round (and final) round began as scheduled at 7:00 a.m. CT Monday and was completed (in regulation) at 10:33 a.m.

When play resumed Monday morning, the final group of the day (Brian Stuard, Jamie Lovemark, Jhonattan Vegas) were through five holes in the third (and final) round. The first group out had four holes remaining to complete their round.

The 2016 Zurich Classic is the first PGA TOUR event to be reduced to 54 holes since the 2013 Hyundai Tournament of Champions, won by Dustin Johnson. Interestingly, the last three TOUR events to be reduced to 54 holes were won by Johnson (2011 The Barclays and 2009 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am were the others).

The last time the Zurich Classic was reduced to a 54-hole event was in 1985, when Seve Ballesteros won by two strokes over Peter Jacobsen and John Mahaffey.

The last time the Zurich Classic spilled over to Monday was 2004 when Vijay Singh defeated Phil Mickelson and Joe Ogilvie in a playoff.

This marks the fourth unscheduled Monday finish of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season; Sanderson Farms Championship (Peter Malnati), OHL Classic at Mayakoba (Graeme McDowell) and Farmers Insurance Open (Brandt Snedeker).

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

Final Leaderboard

Brian Stuard	64-68-69—201 (-15) won with a birdie on the second hole of a playoff at the par-5 18 th
Jamie Lovemark	67-66-68—201 (-15)
Byeong-Hun An	68-68-65—201 (-15)
Bobby Wyatt	67-71-64—202 (-14)

Brian Stuard

Michigan native Brian Stuard made a birdie-4 on the second hole of sudden death, No. 18, to claim his first career PGA TOUR title in his 120th professional TOUR start at the age of 33 years, 4 months and 22 days.

The Zurich Classic champion has now been decided by either one stroke or in a playoff 11 times since 2003. In 2014, Seung-Yul Noh won by two strokes, Nick Watney (2007) won by three strokes and Jason Bohn (2010) won by two shots. The 2012 playoff between Jason Dufner and Ernie Els was the 12th in the history of the event.

This marks the 13th playoff in Zurich Classic history and eighth on the PGA TOUR this season.

With the win, Stuard jumps from No. 184 in the FedExCup standings to No. 38 with 573 points. It took 458 points to qualify for the PGA TOUR Playoffs for the FedExCup in 2014-15, 554 to qualify for Deutsche Bank Championship, 692 for BMW Championship and 1,062 for the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola.

If not otherwise exempt, Stuard earns a spot into the following PGA TOUR events in 2016: PLAYERS Championship, DEAN & DELUCA Invitational, the Memorial Tournament, Quicken Loans National and PGA

Championship. He also earns a spot in the field of the 2017 Hyundai Tournament of Champions and Masters Tournament.

With his win, Stuard earns 1,260 points towards making the 2016 Ryder Cup team and 500 points towards making the 2017 Presidents Cup team.

Stuard becomes the 16th player to make the Zurich Classic his first career PGA TOUR victory since 1990 and the eighth of the last 12 to do so.

Stuard becomes the 11th first-time winner on the PGA TOUR this season, and fifth in the last six stroke-play events; Tony Finau (Puerto Rico Open at Coco Beach), Jim Herman (Shell Houston Open), Danny Willett (Masters Tournament) and Branden Grace (RBC Heritage).

Stuard wins in his fourth start in the Zurich Classic, having previously missed the cut in 2010 and 2014. He finished T65 last year.

Conditionally exempt onto the PGA TOUR this season, Stuard finished 128th on the 2014-15 FedExCup points list. He was one of five players inside the top 125 (119th) at the beginning of last season's Wyndham Championship that dropped out of the top 125 by week's end to miss retaining his TOUR card and making the FedExCup Playoffs.

Stuard was the only player in this week's field to play bogey-free. Although the event was cut to 54 holes, it's interesting to note that the last player to win on the PGA TOUR with no bogeys in a 72-hole event was Lee Trevino at the 1974 Zurich Classic.

Including the playoff, Stuard was a perfect 46 of 46 from putting inside 10 feet this week.

Stuard's victory today marked his 11th top-10 finish on the PGA TOUR and first since a T10 at the 2015 Waste Management Phoenix Open.

Stuard becomes the 15th Web.com Tour grad (2012) to win on the PGA TOUR through 25 events this season.

Stuard becomes the 13th player (14 wins) in his 30s to win on TOUR this season.

2015-16 PGA TOUR Season starts-made cuts-top 10s-wins: 7-4-1-1

R1 at a glance: 11 of 14 fairways, 11 of 18 greens, 21 putts

R2 at a glance: 12 of 14 fairways, 12 of 18 greens, 26 putts

R3 at a glance: 9 of 14 fairways, 11 of 18 greens, 26 putts

Full Name: Brian Stuard

Height: 5-10 **Weight:** 175

Birthday: December 10, 1982

Birthplace: Jackson, Michigan

Residence: Fort Worth, Texas

Family: Single

Turned professional: 2005

Web.com Tour Graduate: 2012

Joined PGA TOUR: 2010

Jamie Lovemark

Making his third start in the Zurich Classic, Jupiter, Fla. resident Jamie Lovemark missed a 10-foot putt for birdie at the final hole in regulation to win outright, but left his putt just short. On the second extra hole, back at the par-5 18th, Lovemark's par was no match for Brian Stuard's birdie.

Lovemark was making his 72nd professional start on the PGA TOUR this week, where he remains in search of his first title. This week marks his second T2 finish, with the first coming at the 2009 Safeway Open. Before turning pro, Lovemark made eight starts on TOUR as an amateur, between 2006 and 2008.

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), played the par-5 holes at TPC Louisiana in 9-under under. The second hole in round two and three, and No. 18 in round three, were the only three of 12 par-5s he did not birdie.

With a 294.8 average, Lovemark ranked fifth in driving distance this week.

Every player inside the top 10 of the 2015-16 FedExCup Points list is already qualified for THE PLAYERS, as of the Valero Texas Open. If each qualification category for THE PLAYERS is filled and the field is under 144 players, the highest-ranked player on the 2015-16 FedExCup Points List not already qualified will be added to the field. In this case, Jamie Lovemark, currently No. 20, would be the first player selected to complete a field of 144 players.

Byeong-Hun An

South Korea's Byeong-Hun An followed 4-under 68s in the first two rounds with a bogey-free, 7-under 65 in the third (and final) round to get to 15-under 201 and make it a three-way playoff with Jamie Lovemark and Brian Stuard. When An wasn't able to save par back at No. 18 on the first extra hole, he was eliminated.

Making his first start in the Zurich Classic, this marked An's sixth start of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season as a non-member. His previous-best finish is a T9 at the World Golf Championships-Dell Match Play.

Dating to 2010, the Zurich Classic was An's 20th start on the PGA TOUR and second top-10 finish.

On the European Tour in 2015, claimed his first international title in style, winning the BMW Championship at Wentworth Club by six strokes.

An, the 24-year-old Orlando transplant, hit a perfect 14 of 14 fairways in regulation in the third round, 15 of 18 greens and needed 27 putts.

Bobby Wyatt

When played resumed Monday morning, sponsor invite Bobby Wyatt had nine holes remaining to complete his round. Having played his front nine in 6-under, he added four birdies and two bogeys on his inward nine to post an 8-under 64, tying the this week's low round, to get in at 14-under 202 and take home solo-fourth-place honors.

With Wyatt's top-10 finish, he earns a spot into this week's field at the Wells Fargo Championship.

Wyatt, a 2014 University of Alabama grad, has bounced from the PGA TOUR, Web.com Tour and various other Tours worldwide since leaving Tuscaloosa.

Wyatt is exempt through first four Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada events of the season, as he finished T9 at Mackenzie Tour Q-School at Reunion Resort outside Orlando, Fla. in March.

The 23-year-old drew the attention of the golfing world after posting the first-ever 14-under 57 at the 2010 Alabama Boys State Championship. The Crimson Tide team member was medalist at the 2012 U.S. Amateur at Cherry Hills Country Club in Colorado, advancing to the round of 16 in match play before falling to teammate Justin Thomas, winner of this season's CIMB Classic.

The Zurich Classic is Wyatt's ninth PGA TOUR start, with his most recent the 2015 RSM Classic where he finished T75. Last month, Wyatt finished T9 at the Qualifying School for the Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada.

Wyatt finished T30 at the 2015 Rex Hospital Open, one of just two starts on the Web.com Tour last season.

Jhonattan Vegas

Following birdies on his first two holes in round three, Jhonattan Vegas proceeded to post 16 straight pars and finish the 54-hole tournament at 13-under 203 and T5.

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

Vegas was making his 13th start of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season, with this week's Zurich Classic marking his third top-10 finish of the season; T10/Safeway Open and T4/Sanderson Farms Championship. Vegas is coming off a missed cut at last week's Valero Texas Open.

Vegas was in search of his second PGA TOUR title this week in his 119th TOUR start. He previously won the 2011 CareerBuilder Challenge.

Miscellaneous Notes

Zurich ambassador and the No. 1 player on the Official World Golf Ranking, Jason Day posted a 6-under 66 in round three to claim a share of fifth place with Chris Kirk and Jhonattan Vegas. This marked Day's fourth appearance in the Zurich Classic. He finished T4 last year, T32 in 2009 and missed the cut in 2008.

The Zurich Classic served as the penultimate PGA TOUR event for players, not previously eligible, to earn a start in THE PLAYERS in one of three ways: win the Zurich Classic, move into the top 50 in the Official World Golf Ranking or move into the top 10 in the FedExCup standings.

Zurich Classic Ambassadors: Jason Day (-13/T5), Billy Horschel (-6/T36), Jamie Donaldson (-5/T48), Rickie Fowler (-8/T20), Ben Crane (MC), Keegan Bradley (MC) and Justin Rose (MC).

Past Zurich Classic Champions: Seung-Yul Noh/2014 (-8/T20), Billy Horschel/2013 (-6/T36), Vijay Singh/2004 (-5/T48), David Toms/2001 (-6/T36), Justin Rose/2015 (MC), Jason Bohn/2010 (MC), Jerry Kelly/2009 (MC), Andres Romero/2008 (MC) and K.J. Choi/2002 (MC).

Players with local connections: David Toms (-6/T36), Ben Taylor (-5/T48), Smylie Kaufman (MC), Michael Thompson (MC), Andrew Loupe (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).

R3: Joe Affrunti (66), Byeong-Hun An (65), Brian Gay (68), Lucas Glover (71), David Hearn (68), Chris Kirk (65), Patton Kizzire (68), Jamie Lovemark (68), Bryce Molder (67), Scott Stallings (66), Brian Stuard (69), Marc Turnesa (69), Jhonattan Vegas (70).

Scoring Averages:	Front	Back	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.553	35.803	71.356	
R2:	35.480	35.947	71.427	71.433
R3:	34.756	35.377	70.133	71.159