



2017 DEAN & DELUCA Invitational
(The 28th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Fort Worth, Texas
Colonial Country Club

May 25-28, 2017
Par/Yardage: 35-35—70/7,209

FedExCup Points: 500
Purse: \$6,900,000 (\$1,242,000)

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, May 28, 2017

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 82. Wind N 10-15 mph.

Final-Round Leaderboard

Kevin Kisner	67-67-70-66—270 (-10)
Jordan Spieth	70-68-68-65—271 (-9)
Sean O’Hair	67-68-70-66—271 (-9)
Jon Rahm	66-69-70-66—271 (-9)
Webb Simpson	68-66-67-71—271 (-8)

Kevin Kisner

Beginning the final round of the DEAN & DELUCA Invitational three back of Webb Simpson, Kevin Kisner carded a final-round 4-under-par 66 for a 10-under-par 270 total, good for a one-stroke victory over Jordan Spieth, Sean O’Hair and Jon Rahm. After turning in 34, Kisner made four birdies, including three in a row on holes 10-12, and one bogey coming in for a back-nine 32. He needed to get up and down from behind the green on the 72nd hole and drained a putt from five feet for par to secure the second PGA TOUR victory of his career.

Only 10 of 28 third-round leaders/co-leaders on TOUR this season have been able to convert for the win in stroke-play events. Most recently, Kevin Chappell at the Valero Texas Open performed the feat.

In 2016, Kisner picked up his maiden TOUR win at The RSM Classic in his 109th start. His second triumph came in his 148th appearance on TOUR.

With the victory, Kisner collects 500 FedExCup points and moves from No. 17 to No. 7 in the standings. It took 454 points to qualify for the PGA TOUR Playoffs for the FedExCup in 2015-16. Kisner has made it to the Playoffs two of his previous five years on TOUR since first becoming a member in 2011 (Kisner in the FedExCup standings: 2011/195, 2012/153, 2013/DNP, 2014/104, 2015/21, 2016/23).

After missing the cut in his first appearance (2014) at the DEAN & DELUCA Invitational, Kisner has recorded a T5 (2015), a T10 (2016) and a first (2017), respectively.

Kisner played the Horrible Horseshoe (Nos. 3-5 and traditionally Colonial’s toughest stretch) at 1-over this week. He had nine pars, two bogeys and one birdie (No. 5 in round two).

A few weeks ago, Kisner paired up with fellow South Carolinian Scott Brown at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans and lost in a playoff to the duo of Cameron Smith and Jonas Blixt. Kisner has recorded two runner-up performances this season.

Kisner was making his 16th start of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season. This week’s victory marked his fifth top-10 and ninth top-25, just one shy of his career-high 10 top-25s each of the last two seasons. He is coming off a missed cut at the Wells Fargo Championship and a T56 at THE PLAYERS Championship in his last two starts.

Kisner’s career starts-made cuts-top 10s-wins: 148-96-20-2

Kisner’s 2016-17 Season starts-made cuts-top 10s-wins: 16-14-5-1

Kisner wins at age 33 years, 3 months and 13 days.

Kisner attended college at the University of Georgia. Former Bulldogs have accounted for four victories on TOUR this season (Hudson Swafford - CareerBuilder Challenge, Russell Henley - Shell Houston Open, Brian Harman - Wells Fargo Championship, Kevin Kisner – DEAN& DELUCA Invitational).

Kisner's Statistics By Round:

R1: 11/14 fairways, 15/18 greens, 29 putts

R2: 11/14 fairways, 15/18 greens, 31 putts

R3: 10/14 fairways, 11/18 greens, 27 putts

R4: 8/14 fairways, 12/18 greens, 26 putts

Kisner's Strokes Gained Summary for the week (rank):

Off-the-Tee +0.883 (30)

Approach-the-Green +3.259 (23)

Around-the-Green +4.116 (2)

Putting +5.702 (3)

Total +13.960 (1)

About Kevin Kisner

HEIGHT: 5-10 WEIGHT: 165

BIRTHDATE: February 15, 1984

BIRTHPLACE: Aiken, South Carolina

RESIDENCE: Aiken, South Carolina

FAMILY: Wife: Brittany; Daughter: Kathleen (6/9/14)

EDUCATION: University of Georgia (2006, Business Management)

TURNED PROFESSIONAL: 2006

Web.com Tour Graduate (2010, 2013)

JOINED TOUR: 2011

Jordan Spieth

Dallas native and defending DEAN & DELUCA Invitational champion Jordan Spieth carded a flawless final-round 5-under 65 to move from T8 to T2, one stroke back of Kisner for his 11th runner-up performance of his career. He moved up to No. 5 in the FedExCup standings.

Spieth was hoping to join Ben Hogan as the only players to win back-to-back DEAN & DELUCA Invitationals, with Hogan performing the feat twice (1946-47 and 1952-53).

In five starts at the DEAN& DELUCA Invitational, Spieth's record at Colonial includes five top-15 finishes (T2-2017, Won-2016, T2-2015, T14-2014, T7-2013).

Spieth's first-round 70 snapped a streak of six consecutive rounds in the 60s at the par-70 Colonial Country Club (2015: 64-73-67-65, 2016: 67-66-65-66), but he has since started a new streak with matching 2-under 68s.

In 2015, Spieth became the youngest winner of the FedExCup and of the TOUR Championship (22 years, 2 months).

Sean O'Hair

Sean O'Hair birdied the 72nd hole at the DEAN & DELUCA Invitational for a final-round 4-under 66 and T2, his best performance in Fort Worth in nine tries. Also, the Sunday 66 at Colonial CC is his lowest final-round score in six made cuts at this tournament.

O'Hair was seeking his fifth PGA TOUR victory in his 323rd start: 2005 John Deere Classic, 2008 Valspar Championship, 2009 Wells Fargo Championship, 2011 RBC Canadian Open. It's been 145th TOUR starts since his last win.

O'Hair returned to the 30-player TOUR Championship a year ago, finishing No. 27 in the final FedExCup standings. It marked the eighth time in 10 years that he has advanced to the Playoff Finale. He moved to No. 38 in the FedExCup standings after his runner-up effort.

Jon Rahm

Two-time Hogan Award winner (given annually onsite Monday of the DEAN & DELUCA Invitational) Jon Rahm trailed by four at the start of the final round. After a bogey on the par-4 third, Rahm made five birdies coming in for a 4-under 66. He missed a 12'2" putt on the last for birdie to force a playoff with Kisner.

Rahm remains No. 4 in the FedExCup standings, with seven top-10 finishes in 14 starts this season. In addition to his win at the Farmers Insurance Open, he collected a runner-up finish at the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play Championship, a T2 at the DEAN & DELUCA Invitational and T3 at the WGC-Mexico Championship.

Rahm trailed by three strokes after 54 holes of the Farmers Insurance Open in February and carded a final-round 65 for a three-stroke victory.

Rahm was looking to join fellow Spaniard Sergio Garcia on the list of players to win the DEAN & DELUCA Invitational in their first appearance.

Webb Simpson

54-hole leader Webb Simpson made two bogeys and one birdie on Sunday at the DEAN & DELUCA Invitational and posted a final-round 1-over 71 to finish solo fifth.

Simpson has won four times on TOUR (2011 – Wyndham Championship, Dell Technologies Championship; 2012 – U.S. Open; 2013 – Shriners Hospitals for Children Open).

Simpson was making his fourth start at the DEAN & DELUCA Invitational, having missed the cut in his first two appearances (2009 and 2010) before a breakthrough in 2016 (T3) and a solo fifth this week.

Simpson moved to No. 31 in the FedExCup standings. He has made an appearance in the FedExCup Playoffs eight-straight years since becoming a member in 2009. His best finish came in 2011, finishing second to Bill Haas by just 15 points.

Simpson has led/co-led after the third round six times in his PGA TOUR career, winning twice: 2011 Zurich Classic of New Orleans (T2), 2011 Wyndham Championship (won), 2012 Wells Fargo Championship (4), 2012 Greenbrier Classic (T7), 2013 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (won), DEAN & DELUCA Invitational (5).

Danny Lee

South Korean Danny Lee, who resides in Irving, Texas, finished solo sixth after a final-round even-par 70 in his fifth appearance at the DEAN & DELUCA Invitational where he has made the cut every year. His previous best showing in Fort Worth came in 2015 (T10).

Lee's week was highlighted by a second-round 64, his lowest round in 20 trips around Colonial CC.

In 20 starts this season, Lee has made 12 cuts and posted two top-10s (T5 – AT&T Byron Nelson, 6 – DEAN & DELUCA Invitational). He entered the week No. 103 in the FedExCup standings and moved to No. 80.

Lee, who is making his 155th PGA TOUR start this week, posted his lone PGA TOUR win at the Greenbrier Classic (2015), where he trailed four co-leaders by one stroke with 18 holes to play.

Steve Stricker

2009 DEAN & DELUCA Invitational champion Steve Stricker, who will serve as the Captain of the U.S. Presidents Cup team later this season, carded a final-round 7-under 63, his lowest score at Colonial CC since matching 63s in the first and second round of his victory in 2009. Stricker started Sunday T32 and ended the week T7.

Stricker's lowest final-round score on TOUR was a 10-under-par 62 at the 2009 CareerBuilder Challenge, where he recorded a T3.

Stricker has played in seven events this season and recorded four top-25s. This is his first top-10 of the 2016-17 Season.

Sergio Garcia

2017 Masters Tournament champion Sergio Garcia posted a final-round 1-over-par 71, good for a T12 in his eighth career start at the DEAN & DELUCA Invitational, but first since finishing T13 in 2012.

Garcia (2001) is the last player to win the DEAN & DELUCA Invitational in his first start. The others: Keith Clearwater (1987), Dave Stockton (1967), Clayton Heafner (1948) and Ben Hogan (1946).

Garcia, a 10-time winner on the PGA TOUR, is one of seven players who recorded their first TOUR victory at the DEAN & DELUCA Invitational: Roberto De Vincenzo (1957), Dave Stockton (1967), Rod Curl (1974), Dan Pohl (1986), Keith Clearwater (1987), Ian Baker-Finch (1989), Garcia (2001).

Phil Mickelson

Two-time DEAN & DELUCA Invitational champion Phil Mickelson (2000, 2008) ended his week with a final-round 1-under 69, good for a T29. Mickelson moves to No. 40 in the FedExCup standings. A year ago, he finished No. 16 in the standings, marking the eighth time in 10 years he has advanced to the TOUR Championship. His highest finish was second in 2009.

In all, Mickelson owns eight top-25 finishes in 15 starts at the event. In addition to his two wins, he owns additional top-10 finishes in 2001 (T2) and 1994 (8th).

Mickelson is one of 12 multiple winners of the DEAN & DELUCA Invitational. Ben Hogan leads with five wins, with two-time winners Billy Casper, Julius Boros, Al Geiberger, Ben Crenshaw, Bruce Lietzke, Lee Trevino, Corey Pavin, Nick Price, Kenny Perry, Zach Johnson and Mickelson.

Additional Player Notes

Ryan Palmer, who plays out of Colonial Country Club, has finished inside the top 15 four out of his last five starts at the DEAN & DELUCA Invitational (T3-2016, MC-2015, T5-2014, T14-2013, T5-2012). He ended the week T70 following a final-round 1-over 71 (his highest Sunday score at the DEAN & DELUCA Invitational since a 73 in 2011).

Miscellaneous Notes

Past DEAN & DELUCA Invitational champions in the field: Jordan Spieth (T2), Sergio Garcia (T12), Phil Mickelson (T29), Steve Stricker (T7), Chris Kirk (T67), Zach Johnson (T63), Keith Clearwater (MC), Boo Weekley (MC), Rory Sabbatini (MC), Tim Herron (MC).

Brian Stuard aced the par-3 16th hole with a 5-iron from 189 yards, his first on TOUR. It was the 24th hole-in-one in tournament history and the seventh at No. 16. Stuard went on to post a final-round 6-under 65 for a T24.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Kelly Kraft (65), Graeme McDowell (66)

R2: Bud Cauley (66)

R3: Emiliano Grillo (65; round of the day)

R4: Jordan Spieth (65), Chez Reavie (66), Morgan Hoffmann (67)

Colonial CC shows its teeth over the stretch of holes from Nos. 3-5, known as the "Horrible Horseshoe." During the final round, the holes played as the third toughest (4.111), the T5 most difficult (3.069) and the second toughest (4.125), respectively.

The par-4 18th hole played the toughest on day four with a 4.153 average. The par-5 first hole played the easiest at 4.708.

Scoring Averages at the par-70 Colonial Country Club:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Thursday	35.661	35.909	71.570	---
Friday	35.661	35.909	71.737	71.654
Saturday	35.333	35.667	71.000	71.502
Sunday	34.583	35.069	69.653	70.990