



**2016 Safeway Open**  
(1<sup>st</sup> of 43 events in the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season)

Napa, Calif.                      October 13-16, 2016  
Silverado Resort and Spa (North)

Purse: \$6,000,000  
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,166

**FINAL Third-Round Notes – Sunday, October 16, 2016**

*Weather: Cloudy, with*

*Due to heavy rain, play was suspended for the day at 5:42 p.m. PT Saturday and resumed at 7:40 a.m. Sunday. The third round ended at 8:23 a.m. Due to expected inclement weather in the afternoon, final-round tee times are between 9:00 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. in threesomes off tee Nos. 1 and 10.*

**Third-Round Leaderboard**

Patton Kizzire	64-71-66—201 (-15)
Scott Piercy	62-67-73—202 (-14)
Johnson Wagner	65-67-70—202 (-14)

**Patton Kizzire**

When the third round resumed Sunday morning, Alabama native Patton Kizzire had just the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes to play to complete his third round. With a birdie at the par-5 18<sup>th</sup> hole, Kizzire takes a one-stroke lead into the final round at 15-under 201.

The only other time in which Kizzire has been atop the leaderboard after 54 holes was at the 2015 Sanderson Farms Championship. He finished T4.

With a win today, Kizzire would become the fifth player in the last six seasons to make the Safeway Open his first career PGA TOUR title (Bryce Molder/2011, Jonas Blixt/2012, Jimmy Walker/2013-14, Emiliano Grillo/2015-16). Sangmoon Bae (2014-15) had already won the 2013 AT&T Byron Nelson.

Kizzire has been less than stellar off the tee this week. In rounds one and two, he hit just six and five of 14 fairways in regulation, respectively. In round three, he connected with eight of 14 (19/42).

Kizzire earned his way onto the PGA TOUR last season as a rookie by virtue of being the leader of combined money in the 2015 Web.com Tour Regular Season and Finals.

For the second straight season, Kizzire is off to a hot start. Of his five top-10 finishes in 2015-16, two came in his first two starts (Shriners Hospitals for Children Open/T2 and Sanderson Farms Championship/T4).

**Scott Piercy**

When Scott Piercy returned Sunday morning, the 18- and 36-hole leader had Nos. 16-18 to play to complete his third round. He made par at all three, good for a 1-over 73.

Piercy is making his fourth start in the Safeway Open and second at Silverado. He missed last year's cut, following rounds of 74-73.

Piercy is in search of his fourth career PGA TOUR win this week, having previously won the 2011 Barracuda Championship, 2012 RBC Canadian Open and 2015 Barbasol Championship.

**Johnson Wagner**

In search of his fourth career PGA TOUR victory and first since the 2012 Sony Open in Hawaii, Johnson Wagner returned Sunday morning to play Nos. 15-18 in round three. He struggled in, taking a double-bogey six at No. 17 to post a 2-under 70.

Last season, Wagner collected three top-10 finishes in 26 starts, two of which were top-5 showings. Making it through the first two of four FedExCup Playoffs events, The Barclays and Deutsche Bank Championship, he finished 78<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings.

In the 2014-15 season, Wagner finished outside the top 125 in FedExCup points, No. 150, for just the second time in the FedExCup era. He finished 130<sup>th</sup> in the inaugural season of 2007.

### **Paul Casey**

When play resumed Sunday morning, Paul Casey was 1-under for the round through 15 holes in the third round. Making par at each, he finished played the round in 1-under 71. On Saturday, Casey offset a double-bogey seven at the fifth with birdies at Nos. 2, 8 and 10.

Casey is in search of his second career PGA TOUR win, having previously won the 2009 Shell Houston Open. He has seven runner-up finishes to his credit.

In Casey's only other start at the Safeway Open, he finished T7 at CordeValle GC in 2011.

### **Cody Gribble**

With only the 18<sup>th</sup> hole left to play in round three Sunday morning, PGA TOUR rookie Cody Gribble made par to get in with a 2-under 70 and inside the top-10 at 10-under 206 (T8).

Gribble earned his rookie status by virtue of his 40<sup>th</sup>-place finish on the 2016 Web.com Tour priority list.

Gribble, who collected three top-25s in nine starts during the 2014 season on the Latinoamérica Tour, is making his seventh career start on the PGA TOUR. He made the cut in three of his past six starts, including a T21 finish at the 2014 U.S. Open. He also qualified for the 2015 U.S. Open, missing the cut at Chambers Bay.

Fourteen of the 21 2016-17 PGA TOUR Rookies in this week's Safeway Open field made the cut.

### **Phil Mickelson**

For the third straight day, Phil Mickelson posted a 3-under 69 to get to 9-under 207. He will begin the final round six strokes back.

Mickelson, who began round three nine strokes back, was six strokes back when play was called for the day. He is trying for his 12<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR win in the state of California.

Mickelson has struggled off the tee this week, hitting five, six and five of 14 fairways in regulation in rounds one through three, respectively (16 of 42).

In Mickelson's only previous start at the Safeway Open in 2007, he missed the cut at his (then) home course of Grayhawk Golf Club.

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

Defending Safeway Open champion and 2015-16 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year Emiliano Grillo posted a 1-under 71 in round three. At 6-under 210, he will begin the final round nine strokes back. After three rounds last year, Grillo was at 12-under and two back of 54-hole leader Brendan Steele.

Jupiter, Fla., resident Justin Thomas is pledging \$250 per birdie in his first three events of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season to Convoy of Hope, a disaster-response, non-profit organization providing aid to those impacted by last week's Hurricane Matthew which brought devastation to Haiti, the Bahamas and the southeastern United States. Through three rounds at the Safeway Open, Thomas has made 16 birdies and one eagle, totaling \$4,250 in donations. Additional donations for the #MakingBirdiesForMatthew cause can be made at <https://www.convoyofhope.org/donate/makingbirdiesformatthew/>.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Paul Casey (64), Patton Kizzire (64), Kyle Stanley (65), Troy Merritt (66), Cody Gribble (67), Peter Malnati (67), Hudson Swafford (67), Ken Duke (69), Richy Werenski (69), Aaron Baddeley (70)

R2: Ricky Barnes (70), Zac Blair (69), Tony Finau (69), John Huh (68), Kelly Kraft (71), Kevin Na (66), Scott Piercy (67), Xander Schauffele (68), Justin Thomas (66), Johnson Wagner (67).

R3: Whee Kim (66), Chez Reavie (68), Cameron Smith (70), Justin Thomas (65).

Scoring Averages at the par-72 Silverado Resort and Spa (North):

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
R1:	36.069	34.993	71.063	---

R2:	35.354	35.771	71.125	71.094
R3:	35.400	35.643	71.043	71.077