



2016 Sanderson Farms Championship

(The fourth of 43 events in the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season)

Jackson, Miss.
CC of Jackson

October 27-30, 2016
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,421

FedExCup Points: 300/winner
Purse: \$4,200,000 (\$756,000/winner)

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, October 30, 2016

Weather: Sunny, with a high of 88. Wind S/SW 5-10 mph.

Final-Round Leaderboard

Cody Gribble	73-63-67-65—268 (-20)
Greg Owen	67-67-70-68—272 (-16)
Luke List	71-66-65-70—272 (-16)
Chris Kirk	67-70-65-70—272 (-16)

Cody Gribble

After entering the final round of the Sanderson Farms Championship trailing Luke List and Chris Kirk by one stroke, PGA TOUR rookie Cody Gribble carded a bogey-free 7-under 65 Sunday for a four-stroke victory over List, Kirk and Greg Owen.

Here's a look at the 72-hole winning scores at the Sanderson Farms Championship (Country Club of Jackson only):

2016 – Cody Gribble (20-under par 268)
2015 – Peter Malnati (18-under 270)
2014 – Nick Taylor (16-under 272)

With the victory, Gribble collects 300 points and moves from No. 28 to No. 4 in the FedExCup standings. He earns exempt status through the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season.

Gribble's victory comes in his eighth career PGA TOUR start, with his only other top-10 finish coming at the season-opening Safeway Open (T8). Prior to this season, a T21 finish at the 2014 U.S. Open marked Gribble's best finish on TOUR.

Gribble's victory comes at the age of 26 years, 1 month and 10 days.

Gribble's week included a second-round 9-under 63, just one shy of the course record at the Country Club of Jackson.

Largest winning margins at the Sanderson Farms Championship:

5 strokes – Frank Conner (1988)
4 strokes – Cody Gribble (2016)
3 strokes – Bill Haas (2010), Brian Henninger (1999)

Gribble's win is the 12th by an American in the last 13 playings of the Sanderson Farms Championship (Nick Taylor/2014).

Gribble made his way to the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of his 40th-place finish on the 2016 Web.com Tour priority list.

Gribble marks the fourth-consecutive come-from-behind winner at the Sanderson Farms Championship.

Gribble is the second Texas Longhorn from the 2012 National Championship team to earn his PGA TOUR card, joining eight-time winner Jordan Spieth.

Gribble's stats for the week;

Driving Accuracy: 29 of 56 (T38)
Greens Hit in Regulation: 52 of 72 (T29)
Strokes Gained: Putting: +8.800 (1)
Strokes Gained: Approach The Green: +3.280 (18)
Strokes Gained: Off The Tee: +3.148 (9)
Sand Saves: 4 of 4 (T1)

About Cody Gribble

Birthdate: September 20, 1990
Height/Weight: 5-9, 165
Birthplace/Residence: Dallas, Texas
Family: Single
Education: University of Texas (2013, Corporate Communications)
Turned Professional: 2013
Joined PGA TOUR: 2016-17 Season

Chris Kirk

54-hole co-leader Chris Kirk posted a 2-under 70 Sunday to finish T2, four strokes behind champion Cody Gribble.

Kirk owns four-consecutive top-10 finishes at the Sanderson Farms Championship (Won-2011, T10-2012, T9-2013, T2-2016).

Kirk also finished inside the top 10 at his first start of the season (T8 at the Safeway Open), marking just the second time in his career he has posted back-to-back top-10 showings. Interestingly, he first did it at the 2012 Sanderson Farms Championship (T10) and the following week's RBC Canadian Open (T4).

Since its 1986 inception, only two players have won the Sanderson Farms Championship more than once; Brian Henninger (1994, 1999) and Fred Funk (1998, 2004).

This week marked Kirk's fifth time to take a lead/co-lead after 54 holes on the PGA TOUR. He went on for the win the first two times at the 2011 Sanderson Farms Championship and 2013 RSM Classic.

Kirk was in search of his fifth career PGA TOUR this week. After his maiden victory in Mississippi, he won the 2013 RSM Classic, 2014 Deutsche Bank Championship and 2015 DEAN & DELUCA Invitational.

Kirk's 54th-place finish on the 2015-16 FedExCup points list marked his lowest position in history. His best showing was second in the 2013-14 season.

Additional Player Notes

54-hole co-leader Luke List carded a final-round 2-under 70 to finish a career-best T2 in his 64th PGA TOUR start. He had just one bogey in his last 45 holes this week at the Country Club of Jackson (No. 3 in the final round). List's 70 Sunday marks his eighth consecutive sub-par score on TOUR.

Greg Owen closed with a 4-under 68 to finish T2 in his fourth Sanderson Farms Championship start. His previous-best finish at this event was T22 in 2014. In 250 PGA TOUR starts, Owen owns three runner-up finishes (2016 Sanderson Farms Championship, 2015 FedEx St. Jude Classic, 2006 Arnold Palmer Invitational).

Making his just fourth career start on the PGA TOUR, rookie Zander Schauffele carded a final-round 6-under 66 to finish T5. Here's a look at his first three TOUR starts: 2016 CareerBuilder Challenge (MC), 2016 Farmers Insurance Open (MC), 2016 Safeway Open (T60).

In his attempt to win the same week as fellow countryman Hideki Matsuyama (World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions), Hiroshi Iwata posted rounds of 66-70-69-68 to finish T5. Iwata, who is seeking to improve on his No. 146 finish in the FedExCup this past season, finished T3 at the 2014 WGC-HSBC Champions for his best TOUR finish in 37 starts.

Lucas Glover finished T5 for his first top 10 since the 2015 Wells Fargo Championship (8). He has yet to miss a cut at the Sanderson Farms Championship (T26-2004, T22-2014, T39-2015, T5-2016).

Seung-Yul Noh has finished inside the top 20 in all three Sanderson Farms Championship starts (T14-2013, T20-2015, T8-2016).

Grayson Murray, who held the 36-hole lead this week, posted weekend rounds of 72-71 to finish T8 (marking his first made cut in three career PGA TOUR starts).

Graham DeLaet (T8) owns two top-10 finishes in three starts at the Sanderson Farms Championship (T5-2010).

Teeing off on No. 10, Steven Alker made an ace with his first swing of the day, using a 5-iron from 212 yards. He went on to post a final-round 1-under 71 to finish T35.

In his seventh start in the Sanderson Farms Championship, University of Mississippi's Jonathan Randolph finished T65.

In defense of his title, Peter Malnati posted rounds of 71-70-71-75 (1-under 287) to finish T68.

Miscellaneous Notes

Six former Sanderson Farms Championship winners made starts this week, with three making the cut: Chris Kirk/2011 (T2), Nick Taylor/2014 (T23) and Peter Malnati/2015 (T68). Scott Stallings (2012), D.J. Trahan (2006) and Heath Slocum (2005) missed the cut.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Eric Axley (69), Lucas Glover (66), Mackenzie Hughes (68), Stephen Jaeger (70), Trey Mullinax (65), Seamus Power (65), Dicky Pride (66).

R2: Stuart Appleby (66), Craig Barlow (69), Jason Bohn (68), Martin Flores (69), Andres Gonzales (67), Cody Gribble (63), Troy Merritt (67), Michael Putnam (69).

R3: Ryan Brehm (68), Whee Kim (65), Luke List (65), Troy Merritt (69), Sebastian Munoz (69)

R4: Cody Gribble (65), Russell Henley (67), Ryan Blaum (68), Ben Martin (68), Tim Petrovic (68), Chris Kirk (70).

Scoring averages at the Country Club of Jackson:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.303	35.197	70.500	
R2:	35.152	36.273	71.424	70.962
R3:	35.421	35.461	70.882	70.935
R4:	35.816	35.566	71.566	71.058