



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—72/7,354

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

First-Round Notes – Thursday, October 27, 2016

Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 85. Wind NW 6-12 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Kevin Streelman	63 (-9)
Trey Mullinax	65 (-7)
Carl Pettersson	65 (-7)
Seamus Power	65 (-7)

Kevin Streelman

In just his second start in the Sanderson Farms Championship, Kevin Streelman reeled off 10 birdies against a lone bogey (par-3 fourth) to take the 18-hole lead at 9-under 63.

In relation to par, Streelman's 9-under 63 marks his career-low score, supplanting an 8-under 62 from the third round of the 2008 Travelers Championship (T10).

The course record at the Country Club of Jackson belongs to Roberto Castro, who posted a 10-under 62 in round one of 2015 en route to a T4 finish.

Streelman has previously held an 18-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR just once. At the 2008 U.S. Open, he was tied for the lead after the first round, before finishing T53.

Since 2000, only four players have managed to convert a first-round lead into victory at the Sanderson Farms Championship; Bill Haas (2010), D.J. Trahan (2006), John Huston (2003) and Steve Lowery (2000).

In his only other start at the Sanderson Farms Championship, Streelman opened with a 4-under 68 last year, before a second-round, 4-over 76 led to a missed cut.

Statistically, Streelman was just shy of perfect. He hit 13 of 14 fairways in regulation and 17 of 18 greens.

Streelman is in search of his third career PGA TOUR title this week in his 249th start. He won the 2013 Valspar Championship and 2014 Travelers Championship. En route to his win at TPC River Highlands, he birdied his last seven holes in the final round to win by a stroke.

Streelman's caddie A.J. Montecinos is a native of the Mississippi and attended Jackson State University.

Trey Mullinax

PGA TOUR rookie Trey Mullinax birdied his last hole of the day, No. 9, to post a bogey-free, 7-under 65 in round one. He hit just six of 14 fairways in regulation and 12 of 18 greens. He needed 25 putts to complete his round.

In his first start as a TOUR rookie and fourth overall, the 24-year-old Mullinax finished T22 at the Safeway Open two weeks ago.

Mullinax made his way to the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of his 18th-place finish on the 2016 Web.com Tour priority list. On that Tour last season, among his three top-10 showings was a victory at the Rex Hospital Open.

Mullinax, a 2014 University of Alabama grad, played an integral role as a junior and senior on back-to-back national championship teams and earned All-American honors.

Carl Pettersson

The highlight of Carl Pettersson's 7-under 65 was a holed approach for an eagle-two at the 16th hole with an 8-iron from 162 yards.

Pettersson is making his eighth start in the Sanderson Farms Championship, where he finished inside the top 10 in 2004 (T10) and 2005 (T2). Since moving to the Country Club of Jackson, he has finished T51 in 2014 and T39 in 2015.

Pettersson is using his one-time, top 50 on Career Money List exemption this season. Last season, he finished at No. 214 in FedExCup points and failed to advance to the Playoffs for just the second time (2009).

Pettersson, a five-time winner on the PGA TOUR, is looking for his first victory since the 2012 RBC Heritage. His last top-10 finish was a T6 at the 2015 Wyndham Championship.

Seamus Power

En route to his bogey-free, 7-under 65, PGA TOUR rookie Seamus Power missed just three fairways in regulation and two greens.

Ireland's Power made his way onto the PGA TOUR this season by way of a 22nd-place finish on the 2016 Web.com Tour priority list. On that Tour last season, he won the United Leasing & Finance Championship. In all last season, he collected eight top-25 showings in 21 starts.

Power is making just his second-ever start on the PGA TOUR this week. Following rounds of 73-69, he missed the cut at the Safeway Open in Napa Valley two weeks ago.

Power, who now resides in Charlotte, N.C., graduated from East Tennessee State University in 2010.

A former racquetball player, Power made it inside the top-10 in the world in his age category (11), resulting in a spot in the World Racquetball Championship.

Lucas Glover

After eight straight pars to start his round, Clemson grad Lucas Glover made birdies at Nos. 9, 10, 11, 14, 16 and 18 to post a bogey-free, 6-under 66.

Glover's 6-under 66 is his lowest opening-round score on the PGA TOUR since posting the same number at the CareerBuilder Challenge in January (T17).

Glover is making his fourth start in the Sanderson Farms Championship this week. He most recently finished T22 in 2014 and T39 last year, which were the first two years of having relocated to the Country Club of Jackson. In his first start, he finished T26 in 2004 at Annandale Golf Club.

Before today, Glover's lowest round at the Country Club of Jackson was 67, posted in rounds two and three of 2014. His lowest score in tournament history is an 8-under 64 in round three of 2004.

Glover has claimed three wins on the PGA TOUR; 2005 FUNAI Classic at the Walt Disney World Resort, 2009 U.S. Open and 2011 Wells Fargo Championship.

Camilo Villegas

Making his second start in the Sanderson Farms Championship, and first since 2004 (T34), Camilo Villegas overcame a bogey at his 16th hole of the day with birdies at his last two to get to 6-under 66.

Villegas' 66 marks his lowest opening-round score since posting an 8-under 63 at the 2016 Northern Trust Open (T37).

Playing out of the Past Champion category on the PGA TOUR, Villegas finished outside the top 150 in FedExCup points last season (152nd) for the first time ever.

A four-time winner on the PGA TOUR, Villegas is in search of his first since the 2014 Wyndham Championship. His victory in Greensboro also marked his last top-10 finish on TOUR.

This week's Sanderson Farms Championship marks Villegas' 285th TOUR start.

Miscellaneous

Defending Sanderson Farms champion Peter Malnati opened with a 1-under 71 and trails Kevin Streelman's lead by eight strokes. After last year's first round, he was two strokes back with a 5-under 67.

With his win in Jackson last year, Malnati became the ninth player to have made the Sanderson Farms Championship his first win on TOUR, joining Nick Taylor (2014), Chris Kirk (2011), DJ Trahan (2006), Luke Donald (2002), Cameron Beckman (2001), Willie Wood (1996), Ed Dougherty (1995) and Brian Henninger (1994).

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).

Making his first start in the Sanderson Farms Championship, England's Ian Poulter opened with a 2-under 70.

University of Mississippi's Jonathan Randolph opened with a 4-under 68 in his seventh start in the Sanderson Farms Championship.

There are six former Sanderson Farms Championship winners in the field: Peter Malnati/2015 (71), Nick Taylor/2014 (68), Scott Stallings/2012 (70), Chris Kirk/2011 (67), D.J. Trahan/2006 (73) and Heath Slocum/2005 (73).

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).

Scoring averages at the par-72 Country Club of Jackson:

Morning Wave: 70.95

Afternoon Wave: 70.05

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1	35.303	35.197	70.500	