



## 2016 Sanderson Farms Championship

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

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

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

### Second-Round Notes – Friday, October 28, 2016

**Weather:** Sunny, with a high of 86. Wind S 5-10 mph.

**36-hole cut:** 76 players at 2-under 142 from a field of 132 professionals

#### Second-Round Leaderboard

Grayson Murray 67-65—132 (-12)  
Greg Owen 67-67—134 (-10)  
Seamus Power 65-69—134 (-10)

#### **Grayson Murray**

Following a stiff approach at his last hole of the day, No. 9, 23-year-old PGA TOUR rookie Grayson Murray sank his eighth birdie of the day to post a 7-under 65 and take a two-stroke lead headed into the weekend over fellow rookie Seamus Power and 44-year-old PGA TOUR journeyman Greg Owen.

Murray made his way to the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of his No. 1 position on the Web.com Tour Finals money list. Among his eight top-10 finishes on that Tour last season was a win at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship and a playoff loss to fellow TOUR rookie Wesley Bryan at the Digital Ally Open.

As perk to claiming the top spot on the Web.com Tour Finals money list, Murray earns a spot into the field at the 2017 PLAYERS Championship.

Murray was at the top of the leaderboard on the Web.com Tour after 36 holes once. At the News Sentinel Open earlier this year, he held a share of the second-round lead, before finishing seventh.

#### **Seamus Power**

PGA TOUR rookie Seamus Power made three birdies and just one bogey in round two to get to 10-under 134 and two strokes behind fellow TOUR rookie Grayson Murray.

Ireland's Power made his way onto the PGA TOUR this season by way of a 22<sup>nd</sup>-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.

#### **Greg Owen**

Making his fourth start in the Sanderson Farms Championship, England's Greg Owen posted back-to-back 67s to get to 10-under and is a stroke off the lead by Grayson Murray.

Owen remains in search of his first career PGA TOUR win in his 250<sup>th</sup> start this week. His best finish is a solo-second at the 2006 Arnold Palmer Invitational. His most recent of 13 top-10 finishes was a T5 at last season's Sony Open in Hawaii.

Owen has played a mixture of events on the PGA TOUR and Web.com Tour for the past several years. On the Web.com Tour in 2014, he collected a victory at the United Leasing Championship.

In the 2015-16 PGA TOUR Season, Owen amassed three top-25 finishes en route to finishing 150<sup>th</sup> in FedExCup points.

Owen, who missed just three of 14 fairways in round one, found just 50 percent of the fairways in regulation in round two Friday.

### **Graham DeLaet**

Making his third start in the Sanderson Farms Championship, Canada's Graham DeLaet made five birdies and two bogeys in round two to post a 3-under 69 and get to 9-under 135 through 36 holes.

Citing "anxiety" with his chipping and pitching, DeLaet withdrew from this past season's Memorial Tournament. He did not make another start for five weeks. In his second start back at the Barbasol Championship in Alabama, he closed with an 8-under 63 to finish T8.

Despite the layoff, DeLaet made it to the FedExCup Playoffs last season, for the fifth consecutive season. He ended the season ranked 120<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings.

### **Lucas Glover**

Following his opening-round, 6-under 66, Clemson grad Lucas Glover posted a 3-under 69 to get to 9-under 135. He is in search of his 38<sup>th</sup> career top-10 finish and first since finishing eighth at the Wells Fargo Championship last season.

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.

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.

### **Cody Gribble**

After pars on his first four holes of the day, PGA TOUR rookie Cody Gribble reeled off nine birdies and no bogeys en route to a 9-under 63. His 63 is one stroke shy of the course record, set by Roberto Castro in round one of 2014.

At 8-under 136, Gribble will head into the weekend four strokes back.

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

### **Dicky Pride**

At 8-under 136 and four strokes back headed into the weekend of his 455<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR start, Dicky Pride remains in search of his second career PGA TOUR victory. Pride has made 434 TOUR starts since winning the 1994 FedEx St. Jude Classic. With a win Sunday, 22 years, 2 months and 29 days will have elapsed between victories. The current record for longest time between wins on the TOUR belongs to Robert Gamez (15 years, 6 months).

Pride is in search of his first top-10 finish since a T7 at the 2014 RBC Canadian Open.

Pride, who has bounced back and forth between the Web.com Tour and PGA TOUR for the past several years, is playing this week out of the Past Champion category this season.

### **Miscellaneous**

Unable to keep the momentum going, 18-hole leader Kevin Streelman followed his career-low (in relation to par) 63 in round one with a 1-over 73 in round two. At 8-under 136, he will head into the weekend trailing Grayson Murray by four strokes.

Following rounds of 71-70—141 (-3), defending Sanderson Farms champion Peter Malnati will head into the weekend nine strokes back.

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).

In his first start at the Sanderson Farms Championship, England's Ian Poulter missed the cut after rounds of 70-75—145 (+1).

University of Mississippi's Jonathan Randolph followed a 4-under 68 in round one of his seventh Sanderson Farms Championship with a 2-under 70 in round two. At 6-under 138, he will head into the weekend six strokes back. Randolph has now made five cuts in the event, with his best finish being a T14 in 2013 at Annandale Golf Club.

There are six former Sanderson Farms Championship winners in the field: Peter Malnati/2015 (-3/T51), Nick Taylor/2014 (-8/T8), Scott Stallings/2012 (MC), Chris Kirk/2011 (-7/T14), D.J. Trahan/2006 (MC) and Heath Slocum/2005 (MC).

### **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).

### **R2 Scoring Averages at the Par-72 Country Club of Jackson:**

Morning Wave: 71.33

Afternoon Wave: 71.52

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
R1:	35.303	35.197	70.500	
R2:	35.152	36.273	71.424	70.962