



2016-17 The RSM Classic Broadcast Window & Pre-Tournament Notes



ShotLink Keys to Victory for Kevin Kisner

Kevin Kisner picked up his first career PGA TOUR victory at the RSM Classic. Kisner ranked 2nd in the field for Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green and 4th for putting on the Seaside Course en route to victory.

Strokes Gained Statistics Kisner vs. The RSM Classic

Category	Rank	Stat
Tee-to-Green	2 nd	+2.601
Putting	4 th	+1.963
Total	1 st	+4.564

Bogey-Free in Final Round: Kisner was 1 of 6 players to go bogey-free in the final round at the RSM Classic became the 2nd winner last season to go bogey-free in the final round (7 total in 2016).

Iron Play and Par 4 Performance: On the Seaside course Kisner was dialed in with his iron game averaging 26' 0" to the pin on all approach shots ranking 2nd in the field for Proximity to the Hole. He also dominated the field on the par 4's for the week converting birdie or better on 34.8% of the par 4's for a combined score to par of -15 for the week.

Proximity to Hole Leaders RSM Classic (Seaside)

Rank	Player	Average
1	Jason Gore	24' 9"
2	Kevin Kisner	26' 0"
3	Graeme McDowell	26' 2"
4	Vijay Singh	27' 9"
5	Tom Hoge	28' 0"

Field Average: 33' 6"

Par 4 Performance Kevin Kisner at The RSM Classic

Stat	Rank	Value	Field Avg.
Scoring Average	1 st	3.67	4.00
Birdie or Better %	1 st	34.8%	14.9%
Score to Par	1 st	-15*	Even

*Best on TOUR by a winner since Jason Day's 15-under par performance at The Barclays last season.

Putting in Final 2 Rounds: Kisner went a perfect 31 for 31 (100%) in the final rounds when putting inside 10 feet and also led the field for Strokes Gained: Putting in the final round outperforming the field by +3.143 strokes with the putter en route to his first victory.

Quick Starts 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season

314 players have made at least 1 start in the 2016-17 PGA TOUR season. Of those 314 players, 60 players have at least 1 top 10, 11 players have at least 2 top 10's and Chris Kirk, Russell Knox & Scott Piercy are the only players with 3 top 10's on TOUR this season.

Most top 10's 2016-17 PGA TOUR

Player	Top 10's
Chris Kirk	3
Russell Knox	3
Scott Piercy	3

Most Rounds in the 60's 2016-17 PGA TOUR

Rank	Player	# of Rounds
1	Keegan Bradley	11
1	Scott Piercy	11
3	Luke List	10
3	Cody Gribble	10
3	Ryan Blaum	10
3	Pat Perez	10
3	Emiliano Grillo	10

Keegan Bradley & Scott Piercy lead the TOUR this season in most rounds in the 60's. In a combined 36 rounds played this season between Bradley & Piercy, they have posted 22 rounds in the 60's (11 each).

In 4 events on TOUR this season, Luke List is the most under par at -54. List has played 15 of his 16 rounds this season under par.

Most Under Par This Season

Player	Score to Par
Luke List	-54
Keegan Bradley	-53
Chris Kirk	-50
Scott Piercy	-50
Cody Gribble	-49

Most Bogey Free Rounds This Season

Player	# of Rounds
Reavie, Chez	5
Gribble, Cody	4
Matsuyama, Hideki	4
Na, Kevin	4
Fathauer, Derek	4

Cody Gribble has played 4 of his 16 rounds on TOUR bogey-free including 2 of his 4 rounds at the Sanderson Farms Championship where he went onto victory.

Course & Hole Statistics Sea Island Resort (Seaside)

The Seaside course has had one of the Shortest Driving Distances (all) averages of any course on TOUR.

**Seaside Course Driving Distance Ranks (all drives)
PGA TOUR Since 2010**

Year	Rank on TOUR	Distance
2015-16	3 rd Shortest	273.3
2014-15	7 th Shortest	276.4
2013-14	3 rd Shortest	271.3
2012	5 th Shortest	273.6
2011	5 th Shortest	272.6
2010	5 th Shortest	273.7

**Courses with Highest Green In Regulation %
PGA TOUR Since 2010 (min 15000 holes)**

Course	%
Plantation Course at Kapalua	81.0
St. Andrews GC (Old Course)	74.7
Monterey Peninsula CC	73.9
Sea Island Resort (Seaside)	73.7
TPC Summerlin	73.6

**Scrambling from > than 30 Yards
2015-16 PGA TOUR Season**

Last season, players struggled in scrambling at the Seaside Course from outside of 30 yards only salvaging par 22.71% of the time.

Rank	Course	%
1	Sea Island Resort (Seaside)	22.71
2	TPC Sawgrass	23.00
3	Glen Abbey GC	23.46
4	Torrey Pines GC (South)	24.08
5	TPC River Highlands	24.85

**Lowest One-Putt %
2015-16 PGA TOUR (non-majors)**

Rank	Course	%
1	Sea Island Resort (Seaside)	31.50
2	Baltusrol GC	31.73
3	Oakmont GC	32.52
4	Sedgefield CC	33.85
5	Torrey Pines GC (South)	33.93

The Seaside course at Sea Island Resort proved to be one of the toughest greens to putt on last season. Seaside had the lowest one-putt percentage on TOUR at 31.50%.

**Courses with the Lowest % of Putts Made Over 10 Feet
2015-16 PGA TOUR**

The Seaside course ranked 2nd on TOUR for lowest percentage of putts made over 10 feet last season. Jon Curran made the highest percentage of putts outside of 10 feet making 11 of 37 (29.73%).

Rank	Course	% Putts Made
1	Torrey Pines GC (South)	12.13
2	Sea Island Resort (Seaside)	12.33
3	Plantation Course at Kapalua	12.70
4	Baltusrol GC	13.16
5	Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead)	13.21

Broadcast Window Notes

2016-17 The RSM Classic *(featured groups)*

Davis Love III

The RSM Classic Tournament host, Davis Love III became the 3rd oldest winner in PGA TOUR history (51 years, 4 months, and 10 days) when he won the 2015 Wyndham Championship. Love posted rounds of 64-66-69-64 marking just the 2nd time in his career where he's had 2 rounds of 64 in the same week (2008 Children's Miracle Network).

PGA TOUR victories spanning 4 Decades

Davis Love III won the 2015 Wyndham Championship for his 21st career victory on the PGA TOUR. Love also became just the 3rd player on record with PGA TOUR victories spanning 4 decades. He joined Raymond Floyd (60s', 70's, 80's 90's) & Sam Snead (30's, 40's, 50's 60's) as the only 3 players to accomplish this feat.

PGA TOUR Victories Spanning 4 Decades

Player	Decades	# of Wins
Davis Love III	80's, 90's, 00's, 10's	21
Raymond Floyd	60s', 70's, 80's, 90's	22
Sam Snead	30's, 40's, 50's, 60's	82

The RSM Classic host is set to make his 7th start at this event. Love III best finish at the RSM Classic was a T-4th in 2012. In his only start this season, Davis Love III made the cut at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open finishing T-41st and recorded all 4 rounds under par.

Matt Kuchar

Sea Island resident Matt Kuchar is set to make his 6th start at the RSM Classic. In his first 5 starts he is yet to finish outside of the top 25 and is yet to shoot a round over par (20 of 20). Of his 20 rounds at the RSM Classic 17 of them have been in the 60's, marking the t-most rounds in the 60's of any player at Sea Island.

Matt Kuchar Career at The RSM Classic

Year	Tournament Finish	Score to Par
2016	T25	-8
2015	T22	-7
2014	T7	-10
2011	T20	-7
2010	T25	-7
Scoring Average		68.15

Most Rounds in the 60's at The RSM Classic

Player	# of Rounds
Kuchar, Matt	17
Kirk, Chris	17
de Jonge, Brendon	17
Wilson, Mark	16
4 Players	14

Matt Kuchar Around the Greens PGA TOUR Since 2007

Year	Scrambling	Sand Save %
Last Season	34th	41st
2014-15	13 th	8 th
2013-14	12 th	T27
2013	12 th	3 rd
2012	7 th	8 th
2011	13 th	6 th
2010	5 th	26 th
2009	3 rd	T4

In his career, Matt Kuchar has been just short of spectacular from around the greens ranking inside the top 30 in scrambling & sand save percentage in every season from 2009 to the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season.

Last season was the first season since 2009 where he has ranked outside of the top 30 in both short game statistics.

Brandt Snedeker

Brandt Snedeker is set to make his 3rd start at the RSM Classic and 1st of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR season. Snedeker has a missed cut last season & T-32nd in 2011 at The RSM Classic.

Brandt Snedeker Ranks Comparison Over Last 2 Seasons

Player	2014-15	Last Season	Improvement
SG: Approach the Green	T139	76 th	+63
Rough Proximity	T115	7 th	+108
Scrambling > 30 Yards	93 rd	1 st	+92
Putting 15-20 Feet	T90	11th	+79

Brandt Snedeker moved up 50+ positions in several statistical categories on TOUR from the 2014-15 TOUR season to last season, including putting from 15-20 feet going from T-90th to 11th.

Robert Streb

Robert Streb picked up his 1st career victory on the PGA TOUR in his 49th career start at the 2014 RSM Classic (a part of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season).

Robert Streb Rounds 1-3 vs Final Round

Stat	Rds 1-3	Final Rnd
SG: Tee-to-Green	+1.96	+2.58
SG: Putting	+3.49	+3.22
Putts Made Over 10+ Feet	6	5
Putts Per Round	29 Avg.	26
Birdies or Better	14	9
Score to Par	-7	-7

In the first 3 rounds, Robert Streb outperformed the field by a combined +1.96 in strokes gained: tee-to-green. However, in the final round he outperformed the field by +2.58 strokes tee-to-green over a half a stroke better than his first 3 rounds.

Streb made a total of 6 putts from 10 feet and over in the first 3 rounds compared to 5 in the final round alone.

Robert Streb Statistics vs RSM Classic Field

Contributing to Streb's success at the RSM Classic was from his solid approach shots in the fairway. Streb ranked 3rd in fairway proximity averaging 5 feet closer than the field.

Stat	Streb Rank	Streb Value	Field
Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green	13 th	+ 1.14	- - -
Fairway Proximity	3 rd	25' 4"	30' 10"
Approaches from >200 yards	3 rd	32' 3"	51' 1"
Strokes Gained: Putting	2 nd	+1.67	- - -
Putting Average	2 nd	1.642	1.803

Webb Simpson

Webb Simpson is set to make his 5th start at the RSM Classic. Simpson is a combined 39 under par at this event thanks to a 2nd place finish in 2011 & a T-7th in 2014 (2013-14 season).

Best Scoring Average The RSM Classic (min 9 Rounds)

Player	Average
Simpson, Webb	67.56
Duke, Ken	67.67
Kisner, Kevin	67.72
Toms, David	67.78
Chappell, Kevin	67.88

Webb Simpson has played a total of 16 rounds at Sea Island and has only shot over par once (71 round 3 2013-14).

Most Improved From the Rough (Rough Proximity) 2014-15 vs. Last Season

Player	2015	2016	Improvement
Webb Simpson	152nd	2nd	+150
David Hearn	174 th	27 th	+147
Jimmy Walker	170 th	31 st	+139
Kevin Na	172 nd	35 th	+137
Luke Donald	141 st	21 st	+120

In the last 2 PGA TOUR seasons, Webb Simpson has improved in his proximity from the rough going from 152nd to 2nd last season. Webb's 150 position improvement in this statistic was the best improvement on TOUR in this category.

Chris Kirk

Chris Kirk picked up his 2nd of 4 PGA TOUR victories in his 91st start on TOUR at The RSM Classic. Chris would go onto finish a career best 2nd in the final 2014 FedExCup standings.

Chris Kirk's performance on the greens in the final round was outstanding making 5 putts from over 10 feet. Most importantly was his par save on the 15th hole where he converted a 19'2" putt on the par 5. Kirk then drained a 15'5" birdie putt on the 17th hole.

Chris Kirk Career Best Strokes Gained: Putting Rounds

Year	Tournament	Round	SG: Putting
2014	The Memorial Tournament	4	+5.293
2014	The RSM Classic	4	+4.352
2017	Sanderson Farms	3	+4.169

In the final round, Kirk lead the field in strokes gained: putting outperforming the field by **+4.352** strokes. His performance on the greens in the final round was his 2nd best SG: Putting round of his career (best at the time).

Most top 10's 2016-17 PGA TOUR

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Most Rounds of 66 or Better PGA TOUR This Season

Player	# of Rounds
Kirk, Chris	6
List, Luke	6
Matsuyama, Hideki	5
Bradley, Keegan	5
Thomas, Justin	5
Piercy, Scott	5

This season, Chris Kirk has played a total of 16 rounds on TOUR. Of those 16 rounds, 6 of them have been 66 or better. Kirk is a combined 50 under par this season in 4 events.

Bill Haas

Bill Haas is set to make his 4th start at the RSM Classic and 3rd of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR season. Haas has played 11 of his last 12 rounds under par at this event finishing T-33rd last season, T-22nd in 2014-15 & 2nd in 2010. The 2011 FedExCup Champion is 1 of 16 players to make FedExCup Playoffs every season & is 1 of 27 Players to make TOUR Championship 4 or more times in his career.

Bill Haas FedExCup Ranks Since 2011

Year	Rank
2016	46 th
2015	27th
2014	16th
2013	24th
2012	32 nd
2011	1 st

Since winning the FedExCup in 2011, Bill Haas has made the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola in 3 of his last 5 PGA TOUR seasons.

Since 2011, only one player has more top 25's than Bill Haas and that is Matt Kuchar with 95. In 153 events played on TOUR, Bill Haas has accumulated 77 top 25 finishes ranking 2nd most of any player.

Most Top 25's PGA TOUR Since 2011

Player	# of Top 25's
Kuchar, Matt	95
Haas, Bill	77
Snedeker, Brandt	74
Bradley, Keegan	73
Simpson, Webb	73

Best Scrambling % The RSM Classic (min 30 attempts)

Player	%
Blair, Zac	82.05%
Haas, Bill	76.74%
Langley, Scott	72.41%
Toms, David	72.00%
Gay, Brian	71.01%

When missing a green at Sea Island, Bill Haas successfully salvages par 76.74% (33 of 43) of the time. His 76% success rate is 2nd best to Zac Blair at this event.

Billy Horschel

Billy Horschel is set to make his 3rd start of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR season. In his first 2 starts he has a T-41 at Shriners Hospitals & a missed cut at last week's OHL Classic. The 2014 FedExCup Champion finished 50th in the final FedExCup standings last season.

Horschel has made big improvements in his approach the green play since the 2013 PGA TOUR season. Horschel has gone from 118th in Strokes Gained: Approach the Green losing -0.121 strokes per round to 21st last season gaining +0.493 strokes per round.

Billy Horschel SG: Approach the Green PGA TOUR Since 2013

Year	Rank	Value
Last Season	21st	+0.493
2014-15	T81	+0.137
2013-14	T83	+0.132
2013	118 th	-0.121

Luke Donald

Luke Donald is set to make his 1st start at The RSM Classic and 2nd of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season. Since 2010, no other player has ranked inside the top 20 in every season for Strokes Gained: Around the Green. In this timeframe, Luke Donald has gained over 156 strokes on the TOUR from around the green.

**Luke Donald SG: Around the Green Ranks
PGA TOUR Since 2010**

Year	Rank
2016	4 th
2015	4 th
2014	16 th
2013	1 st
2012	T3
2011	T18
2010	2 nd

**Most PGA TOUR Seasons Ranked Inside Top 20
SG: Around the Greens Since 2010**

Player	# of Seasons
Donald, Luke	7
Harrington, Padraig	5
Snedeker, Brandt	5
Day, Jason	5
Furyk, Jim	5

Zach Johnson

Zach Johnson is set to make his 338th career PGA TOUR start and 7th at the RSM Classic.

Zach Johnson Career on PGA TOUR

Stat	Value	%
# of Starts	337	---
Wins	12	3.6%
Top 5's	39	11.6%
Top 10's	72	21.4%
Top 25's	152	45.1%
Cuts Made	277	82.2%

In 337 career starts on the PGA TOUR, Zach Johnson has recorded 12 wins, 39 top 5's, 72 top 10's, 152 top 25's and has made **277 cuts (82.2%)**.

**Zach Johnson Career Scoring
PGA TOUR Stroke Play Events**

Par 3's	Par 4's	Par 5's	Total
+161	+303	-1,229	-765

Kevin Kisner

Defending RSM Classic Champion, Kevin Kisner is set to make his 6th start at this event. Kisner has been dominant at this event with a 67.72 scoring average. Even more impressive is his 66.50 scoring average on the weekend (rounds 3 & 4) which is the best of any player.

**Best Scoring Average on the Weekend (rd. 3 & 4)
The RSM Classic**

Player	Scoring Average
Kisner, Kevin	66.50
O'Hair, Sean	66.88
Duke, Ken	67.00
Brown, Scott	67.17
Toms, David	67.25

Kevin Kisner has played 10 of his 18 total rounds at the RSM Classic at 67 or better. His 10 rounds of 67 or better is the best of any player at the RSM Classic.

**Most Rounds of 67 or Better
The RSM Classic**

Player	# of Rounds
Kisner, Kevin	10
Toms, David	9
de Jonge, Brendon	9
Howell III, Charles	9
Wilson, Mark	8
Simpson, Webb	8
Chappell, Kevin	8
Kirk, Chris	8

Jim Furyk

Jim Furyk is set to make his 3rd start at The RSM Classic and first since finishing 3rd in 2012. In his 8 rounds at Sea Island, no other player has a better Greens in Regulation percentage than Jim Furyk. Furyk hits his mark 86.1% (124 of 144) of the time on 144 holes played.

Highest Greens In Regulation % The RSM Classic

Player	%
Furyk, Jim	86.11%
Oosthuizen, Louis	84.72%
Trahan, D.J.	84.03%
Lovemark, Jamie	83.33%

Jim Furyk is the only player since 2006 to rank inside the top 30 in driving accuracy in every season.

Jim Furyk Driving Accuracy PGA TOUR Since 2006

Year	%	Rank
Last Season	69.09%	7th
2014-15	69.08%	17 th
2013-14	73.18%	4 th
2013	70.47%	4 th
2012	70.71%	4 th
2011	68.00%	18 th
2010	71.01%	10 th
2009	69.66%	25 th
2008	69.37%	28 th
2007	74.37%	3 rd
2006	73.85%	8 th

Since 2006, Jim Furyk has only ranked outside of the top 10 in driving accuracy 4 times. During this timeframe he has hit a total of **8,599 of 12,132** (70.9%) fairways on TOUR.