



## 2017 Sanderson Farms Championship

(The fifth of 45 events in the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season)

Jackson, Miss.  
CC of Jackson

October 23-29, 2017  
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,421

FedExCup Points: 300/winner  
Purse: \$4,300,000 (\$774,000/winner)

### COMPLETED Second-Round Notes – Saturday, October 28, 2017

**Friday Weather:** Cloudy, with a high of 77. Wind SSW 10-15 mph with gusts to 20 mph.

**Saturday Weather:** Cloudy with light NNW wind and a temperature of 44 at the resumption of the second round.

The second round was suspended at 5:11 p.m. CT Friday due to incoming storms with 30 players left on the course to complete the round. The second round resumed at 7:50 a.m. Saturday and was completed at 9:05 a.m. The third round began at 9:20 a.m.

#### Second-Round Leaderboard

Ryan Armour	66-68—134 (-10)
Tyrone Van Aswegen	70-65—135 (-9)
Vaughn Taylor	70-66—136 (-8)
Seamus Power	68-68—136 (-8)
Nicholas Lindheim	70-67—137 (-7)
Wyndham Clark	66-71—137 (-7)
Aaron Baddeley	69-68—137 (-7)
Brian Stuard	67-70—137 (-7)

**36-hole cut:** The 36-hole cut came at 1-under 143 with 76 players advancing to the weekend. The cut was under-par for the seventh consecutive year at this event.

Bill Haas, in 2010, was the last 36-hole leader/co-leader to go on to victory at the Sanderson Farms Championship.

There are 12 players within four strokes of the lead through 36-holes who are seeking their first PGA TOUR victory. Since the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season, the Sanderson Farms Championship and The RSM Classic are the only two events on TOUR that have been won by first-timers.

#### **Ryan Armour**

Ryan Armour posted four birdies in a row on holes 13-16 at the Country Club of Jackson in the second round to tie his best consecutive birdie streak on the PGA TOUR. Armour reached 11-under for the tournament before a bogey at his penultimate hole (No. 8) saw him post 68, to go with an opening-round 66, and finish 10-under after 36 holes.

This marks the second 36-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR for Armour. He also held a share of the 36-hole lead at the 2017 Wyndham Championship and went on to finish T4.

Armour, who joined the PGA TOUR in 2007, made a return this year by virtue of his 11<sup>th</sup>-place finish on last year's Web.com Tour priority list. On that Tour last year, he finished solo-second at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship in the Web.com Tour Finals.

As a PGA TOUR rookie, Armour earned three top-10 finishes in 2007 when he retained his PGA TOUR status by finishing No. 121 on the money list (T9/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, 4/OHL Classic at Mayakoba, T6/Valero Texas Open). The three top-10s were his only career top-10s on TOUR until a T4 at the 2017 Wyndham Championship.

Armour, who has bounced between the PGA TOUR and Web.com Tour for the last decade, did not make a start on the PGA TOUR from 2011-2014.

Armour is making his fifth start in the Sanderson Farms Championship, having never made a cut before this week's event. His 5-under 67 in last year's opening round marked his only sub-par score in the event before rounds of 66-68 this year.

Armour is making his 105<sup>th</sup> career start on TOUR this week, with a solo-fourth-place showing at the 2007 OHL Classic at Mayakoba his best showing. He finished T4 at the Wyndham Championship earlier this year, thanks to a 9-under 61 in round two. On the Web.com Tour, Armour won the 2016 Panama Claro Championship.

In the 1993 U.S. Junior Amateur final in Portland, Ore., Armour lost to Tiger Woods, 1-up in 19 holes. It was Woods' third consecutive U.S. Junior title.

### **Tyrone Van Aswegen**

In his 110<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start, Tyrone Van Aswegen posted 10 birdies for a 7-under 65. His round also included a pair of 6s - a bogey at No. 5 and a double bogey at No. 16. It marked the most birdies in a round in his career, surpassing his previous best of eight birdies (twice, most recently R2/2017 Valspar Championship).

The 65 matched Van Aswegen's low 18-hole score on the PGA TOUR, a score he'd recorded six times before Friday's 65, most recently in the third round of the 2017 Wyndham Championship.

Among four top-10 career finishes on TOUR, Van Aswegen's best result is a T3 at the 2015 Safeway Open. His most recent top 10 was a T9 at the season-opening Safeway Open earlier this month in his last start.

In two previous appearances at the Sanderson Farms Championship, Van Aswegen owns a T54 in 2016 after a missed cut in 2015.

In April, Van Aswegen teamed with fellow South African Retief Goosen to shoot 12-under 60 (four-ball format) in the second round of the Zurich Classic of New Orleans for the low round of the tournament, later matched by the runner-up team of Kevin Kisner/Scott Brown.

Van Aswegen became a U.S. citizen in a ceremony in San Diego, California on June 19, 2013.

### **Vaughn Taylor**

Vaughn Taylor posted six birdies in a bogey-free 6-under 66 to match his low 18-hole score in nine appearances at the Sanderson Farms Championship. Taylor also shot 66 in round two of this event in 2015.

Taylor is seeking to post his fourth consecutive top-20 result in his ninth appearance at the Sanderson Farms Championship (T20/2016, T20/2015, T17/2013).

Last season, Taylor finished No. 114 in the FedExCup, while posting seven top-25 finishes in 26 starts. The year before, while playing out of the Past Champion category, he earned his third PGA TOUR victory at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am at age 39. Before that, he had won the Barracuda Championship twice (2004, 2005).

### **Seamus Power**

Seamus Power was 4-under for the round and 8-under for the tournament with two holes remaining in his second round when play was suspended. He posted two pars when play resumed and sits T2 (68-68), two strokes off the lead. Last year, Power shot 65-69 to sit T2 and two back of the lead in the first two rounds of the Sanderson Farms Championship, his only previous appearance in the event. A final-round 77 contributed to a T29 finish.

This marks Power's 27<sup>th</sup> start on TOUR. Last season, he played 25 events with four top-25 results, including a T10 at the RBC Canadian Open where he recorded a final-round 66 for his best result on TOUR.

Power, from Ireland, grew up playing junior golf tournaments with Rory McIlroy and Shane Lowry. He was also ranked top 10 in the world in racquetball at age 11-12 and played in the World Racquetball Championship.

### **Miscellaneous**

Nicholas Lindheim mixed six birdies with a lone bogey for a 5-under 67. Lindheim's previous-best position through 36-holes on the PGA TOUR was T9 at the 2017 John Deere Classic. He eventually finished T55. Lindheim owns one top-25 result on the PGA TOUR - a T23 at this event one year ago. He finished No. 197 in the FedExCup standings last season. He is a two-time PGA TOUR Latinoamérica champion who won the Web.com Tour's Utah Championship in 2016. A native of Mission Viejo, California who now lives in Satellite Beach, Florida, Lindheim made the cut in nine of 21 starts on TOUR last season. His only other start on the PGA TOUR was a T56 finish at the 2014 U.S. Open.

Sponsor invite Wyndham Clark followed his first-round 66 with a 1-under 71. Clark is making his sixth start on the PGA TOUR, with his only made-cut coming at the 2017 Quicken Loans National (T51). The last player to win while playing as a sponsor exemption on the PGA TOUR was Billy Hurley III at the 2016 Quicken Loans National. Earlier this year, Clark finished T9 as an amateur at the Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada Q School but never played an event on that Tour. In 2013, Clark lost his mother to breast cancer. Just a few days later he competed in the U.S. Amateur. In 2014, he played on the Palmer Cup team for the United States.

Four-time PGA TOUR winner Aaron Baddeley (69-68) now owns eight of 12 rounds in the 60s in four appearances at the Sanderson Farms Championship. He finished T4 in this event last year.

Brian Stuard, the 2016 Zurich Classic of New Orleans champion, closed out his 2016-17 PGA TOUR season with seven consecutive missed cuts (beginning at the 2017 U.S. Open) to finish No. 145 in the FedExCup. Stuard began this season with a T62 at the Safeway Open and is virtually certain to advance to the weekend in his second consecutive start this season.

Canada's Ben Silverman (68-70) secured his PGA TOUR card for the 2017-18 season with a 10<sup>th</sup>-place finish on the 2017 Web.com Tour Regular Season money list. He's making his second PGA TOUR start as a member following a T43 at the Safeway Open earlier this month. His only other TOUR appearance was a missed cut at the 2014 RBC Canadian Open. Silverman was recently named the Mackenzie Tour captain of the Aruba Cup (match play event vs. PGA TOUR Latinoamérica in December). He gave himself a plan out of college to make it to the PGA TOUR by age 30, and earned his PGA TOUR card at age 29. He got married last year and had first child, Jack Palmer, in 2017 before securing his first Web.com Tour win at the Price Cutter Charity Classic presented by Dr Pepper.

Canada's David Hearn sits at 6-under through 36 holes. After missing the cut in his tournament debut in 2005, Hearn has improved on each of his previous appearances at the Sanderson Farms Championship and seeks to continue that trend this week.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Result</b>
2017	TBD
2015	T14
2012	T21
2011	T64
2005	MC

For the second consecutive round, Dru Love (67) shot a lower score than his dad, Davis Love III (72). Dru posted a 5-under 67 in his 13<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR career round to match his low 18-hole score on TOUR (67/R1 and R2/2017 Wyndham Championship). In Thursday's first round, Dru (71) bettered the score of Davis by a stroke. It marked the first time (six events) that the younger Love has posted a lower score than his father when competing in the same event.

Sam Burns, the reigning NCAA Division I Jack Nicklaus Player of the Year, made the cut in his first event as a professional after rounds of 69-73 to sit T49. Burns has four previous starts on the PGA TOUR with a career-best T6 at the 2017 Barbasol Championship.

Three of the four Monday qualifiers – Grady Brame, Jr. (-5), Scott Strohmeier (-5) and David Skinns (-1) – advanced to the weekend. Nyasha Mauchaza (+1) missed the cut by two strokes.

Tim Herron (6-under 66) posted his first sub-70 round in the Sanderson Farms Championship while making his fifth appearance in the event. The last time Herron shot 66 or better on TOUR was round two of the 2016 AT&T Byron Nelson (4-under 66).

Defending Sanderson Farms champion Cody Gribble struggled in round one, opening with a 3-over 75, but rallied with a 3-under 69 in the second round, failing to advance to the weekend by a single stroke.

Bronson Burgoon withdrew with a back injury after nine holes of the second round. Alex Cejka was disqualified for playing a stroke after play was suspended due to a dangerous weather situation on Friday evening. Trey Mullinax and Jason Bohn withdrew Saturday morning before the resumption of the second round.

**Bogey-free rounds:**

R1: Derek Fathauer (67), Chesson Hadley (68), Beau Hossler (69), Sam Burns (69), Johnson Wagner (69), Greg Chalmers (69).

R2: Vaughn Taylor (66), Grady Brame, Jr. (67), Ben Crane (71).

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

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
R1:	35.538	36.053	71.591	--
R2:	36.000	35.654	71.654	71.598