

Rocket Mortgage Classic

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Golf Course Superintendent

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Years as GCSAA Member: 14

Years at Detroit Golf Club: 2

Years as a Superintendent: 9

Previous Courses: Medinah Country Club (sr. super and assistant), Rich Harvest Farms (assistant)

Hometown: East Moline, Ill.

Education: Rutgers University

Number of Full-Time Staff Members: 45

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 10

Other Key Golf Personnel

Evan Herman, North Course Superintendent

Kenny Egler, South Course Superintendent

Steve Addis, Construction Superintendent

Aaron Herman, Assistant Superintendent

Ada LaFrance, Assistant Superintendent

Tim Travis, Equipment Manager

Keith Studzinski, Green Committee Chair

Josh Upson, Director of Golf

Derek Jacques, COO

Course Architect

Architect (year): Donald Ross (1916)

Renovation Architects: Robert Trent Jones, Arthur Hills,
Bruce Hepner

Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA, LPGA, Champions and Korn Ferry Tours can be found all year at:

<https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

Tournament Set-up

Par: 72

Yardage: 7,340

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,150 sq. ft.

Average Tee Size: 3,900 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 30

Acres of Rough: 60

Number of Sand Bunkers: 87

Number of Water Hazards: 1

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 1

Soil Conditions: Clay loam

Water Sources: City

Turfgrass

Greens: Bentgrass / *poa annua* .085"

Tees: Bentgrass / *poa annua* .350"

Fairways: Bentgrass / *poa annua* .375"

Rough: Bluegrass mix 4"

Additional Notes

- Horton Smith, who won the first Masters Tournament, was a long-time head professional at Detroit Golf Club.
- There has been some re-routing for the tournament, including using a hole from the South Course as the South's first hole will function as the tournament's third hole and will be played from the North Course's first-hole tee box.
- The usual eighth hole and ninth holes, will be No. 1 and No. 2 for the tournament.
- The oak tree located to the right side of the tee box on the original No. 1 was bent by Native Americans to mark the trail when traveling from Detroit to Saginaw.

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