



**2017 U.S. Open Championship** (*The 31<sup>st</sup> of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season*)

Erin, WI	June 15-18, 2017
Erin Hills	Par/Yards: 36-36-72/7,741

FedExCup Points: 600 Purse: \$12,000,000 (\$2,160,000)

# Final-Round Notes – Sunday, June 18, 2017

Weather: Cloudy with a high temperature of 74. WNW wind at 15-25 mph easing in the afternoon.

# Final-Round Leaderboard

Brooks Koepka	67-70-68-67—272 (-16)
Hideki Matsuyama	74-65-71-66-276 (-12)
Brian Harman	67-70-67-72-276 (-12)
Tommy Fleetwood	67-70-68-72-277 (-11)
Xander Schauffele	66-73-70-69-278 (-10)
Bill Haas	72-68-69-69-278 (-10)
Rickie Fowler	65-73-68-72-278 (-10)

# Note: Most Strokes Under Par at U.S. Open, 72 Holes

16-under (268), Rory Mcllroy, Congressional, 2011 16-under (272), Brooks Koepka, Erin Hills, 2017 12-under (272), Tiger Woods, Pebble Beach, 2000 12-under (276), Hideki Matsuyama, Erin Hills, 2017 12-under (276), Brian Harman, Erin Hills, 2017

Before this week, the longest stretch without a playoff at the U.S. Open was eight years (1976-1983). That stretch is now a record nine years (2009-2017).

133 sub-par rounds were recorded this week (44/R1, 39/R2, 32/R3, 18/R4), surpassing the previous record for most sub-par rounds in a single U.S. Open (124/Medinah/1990).

The last seven major champions are first time winners of major championships (Brooks Koepka/2017 U.S. Open, Sergio Garcia/2017 Masters, Jimmy Walker/2016 PGA, Henrik Stenson/2016 The Open, Dustin Johnson/2016/U.S. Open, Danny Willet/2016 Masters, Jason Day/2015 PGA).

# What Brooks Koepka receives for winning the U.S. Open (if not otherwise exempt)

A 10-year exemption into the U.S. Open.

A five-year exemption into the Masters, Open Championship, PGA Championship and PLAYERS Championship. Exempt status on the PGA TOUR for five years

600 FedExCup points

A spot in the field at the 2018 SBS Tournament of Champions (and other select Invitational events) 1200 points towards making the 2017 U.S. Presidents Cup team. 2160 points towards making the 2018 U.S. Ryder Cup team.

# **Qualifying for the other Majors**

The top 10 finishers (and ties) are exempt for next year's U.S. Open. The top four finishers (and ties) are invited to the 2017 Masters Tournament.

## Brooks Koepka

After a 3-under opening nine, Brooks Koepka three-putted the 10<sup>th</sup> hole for his fifth bogey of the week, and first on the back nine. With three consecutive birdies at holes 14, 15 and 16, and two closing pars, Koepka came from one back at the start of the day to seal a comfortable four-stroke victory and claim the U.S. Open.

Koepka wins his first major championship and second PGA TOUR title in his 80<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start at age 27 years, 1 month, 15 days.

Koepka began the week at No. 19 in the FedExCup standings. He earned 600 FedExCup points for the win and is projected to move to No. 5.

Koepka will likely move into the top 12 in the Official World Golf Ranking after entering the week at No. 22.

En route to his lone PGA TOUR victory, Koepka came from three strokes back to win the 2015 Waste Management Phoenix Open by one shot. This year's runner-up finish at the Valero Texas Open marked Koepka's fourth runner-up finish on TOUR (2016 AT&T Byron Nelson, 2016 FedEx St. Jude Classic, 2016 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, 2017 Valero Texas Open). Koepka lost a playoff to Sergio Garcia at the 2016 AT&T Byron Nelson.

Koepka records the sixth win by an American in the last 14 U.S. Opens: Tiger Woods (2008), Lucas Glover (2009), Webb Simpson (2012), Jordan Spieth (2015), Dustin Johnson (2016), Brooks Koepka (2017).

Koepka is making his fifth appearance at the U.S. Open. After missing the cut in his first start in 2012, he was T4 in 2014, T18 in 2015, T13 last year and the winner this year.

This week is Koepka's 15<sup>th</sup> major championship appearance. He missed the cut in his first two major championship starts, the U.S. Open in 2012 and The Open in 2013. Since then, Koepka has made the cut in 13 consecutive major championships.

Koepka is the third player over the last 30 years to win the U.S. Open and shoot 67 or better in the final round. Hale Irwin and Tiger Woods shot 67 in the final round of the 1990 and 2000 U.S. Opens, respectively.

It's the sixth time in the last 50 years that the U.S. Open champion has won by a margin of four strokes or better. 1968, Lee Trevino, 4 strokes 1970, Tony Jacklin, 7 strokes 2000, Tiger Woods, 15 strokes 2011, Rory McIlroy, 8 strokes 2014, Martin Kaymer, 8 strokes 2017, Brooks Koepka, 4 strokes

Koepka's worst finish in his last eight majors is T21 at the 2016 Masters.

Koepka owns five top-10 finishes in major championships (Won-2017 U.S. Open, T4-2016 PGA, T4-2014 U.S. Open, T5-2015 PGA, T10-2015 The Open).

Koepka led Greens in Regulation this week with 62 of 72 (86.11%).

With 1200 Presidents Cup points earned with the win, Koepka will move from 9<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> in the US Team standings.

In September last year, Koepka made his first-ever start at the Ryder Cup, going 3-1 in his four matches in the United States' 17-11 victory at Hazeltine, including a dominating 5&4 singles victory over former Masters champion Danny Willet. His three-point total (tied with Brandt Snedeker) was second only to Patrick Reed's 3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> points.

Brooks Koepka Bio: FULL NAME: Brooks Koepka HEIGHT: 6-0 WEIGHT: 186 BIRTHDATE: May 3, 1990 BIRTHPLACE: West Palm Beach, Florida RESIDENCE: Jupiter, Florida FAMILY: Single EDUCATION: Florida State University SPECIAL INTERESTS: Baseball, basketball, table tennis, fishing,"proper" football (soccer), football

# TURNED PROFESSIONAL: 2012

CLUB AFFILIATION: The Medalist GC (Hobe Sound, Florida) JOINED TOUR: 2014

## Third-Round Statistics at the U.S. Open

Number of times the third-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win: 51.

Dating to the 2009 Masters (34 majors), the 54-hole leader/co-leader has won 15 times: Sergio Garcia (2017 Masters), Jimmy Walker (2016 PGA Championship), Henrik Stenson (2016 Open Championship), Jason Day (2015 PGA Championship), Jordan Spieth (2015 Masters, 2015 U.S. Open), Rory McIlroy (2014 PGA Championship, 2014 Open Championship, 2012 PGA Championship, 2011 U.S. Open), Martin Kaymer (2014 U.S. Open), Bubba Watson (2014 Masters), Darren Clarke (2011 Open Championship), Louis Oosthuizen (2010 Open Championship) and Angel Cabrera (2009 Masters).

Dating to 2005, the 54-hole lead/co-leader has won four of the last 13 U.S. Opens: Woods (2008), McIlroy (2011), Martin Kaymer (2014), Jordan Spieth (2015).

On the PGA TOUR this season, the third-round leader/co-leader has won 10 times in 30 stroke-play events.

#### Hideki Matsuyama

Matsuyama closed with a 6-under 66, the low round of the day that included eight birdies and two bogeys, to finish T2 and four behind Brooks Koepka.

Matsuyama has been at the top, or near the top, of the FedExCup standings this season and moved ahead of Justin Thomas into the No. 3 position behind leader Dustin Johnson.

Matsuyama's T2 marks his best finish in his fifth appearance at the U.S. Open, with a T10 in his first start in 2013 his previous-best result.

Matsuyama owns at least one top-10 result in each of the four major championships (T2-2017 U.S. Open, T4-2016 PGA, 5-2015 Masters, T6-2013 The Open, T7-2016 Masters, T10-2013 U.S. Open).

#### **Brian Harman**

After recording just two bogeys in the first 54 holes, Savannah, Georgia native Brian Harman bogeyed holes 12 and 13 to see his chances of winning slip away. He rebounded with birdies at 14 and 16 but bogeyed the final hole to fall into a tie for second with Hideki Matsuyama.

Harman shared the lead with three other players through 36 holes, and held the solo 54-hole lead in his third U.S. Open appearance. Harman missed the cut at the U.S. Open in both previous starts in 2012 (77-72) and 2015 (69-79).

Harman was seeking to become the first left-hander to win the U.S. Open, the only major championship without a left-handed winner. Harman was the first left-handed winner of the Wells Fargo Championship this year and first left-hander to win on the PGA TOUR since Greg Chalmers at the 2016 Barracuda Championship. Other left-handed major champions are; Phil Mickelson (4 – 2004 Masters, 2005 PGA Championship, 2006 Masters, 2013 The Open) Bubba Watson (2 – 2012 Masters, 2014 Masters) Mike Weir (2003 Masters) Bob Charles (1963 The Open)

Harman, who won the 2003 U.S. Junior Amateur, was seeking to join Johnny Miller, Tiger Woods and Jordan Spieth as winners of the U.S. Open and U.S. Junior Amateur. *Winners of U.S. Open and U.S. Junior Amateur (3)* Johnny Miller (1973 Open; 1964 Junior) Tiger Woods (2000, 2002, 2008 Open; 1991, 1992, 1993 Junior) Jordan Spieth (2015 Open; 2009, 2011 Junior)

Harman, 30, recently claimed his second career PGA TOUR win with victory at the Wells Fargo Championship in May with birdies at the final two holes to win by a stroke at 10-under 278 over Dustin Johnson and Pat Perez. Harman is also the winner of the 2014 John Deere Classic.

Harman has advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs in each of his five years on TOUR. Entering the week at No. 11 in the current FedExCup standings, Harman moved to seventh with his runner-up finish and is seeking to reach the TOUR Championship for the first time in his career.

Harman is making his eighth start in a major championship. His best showing before this week was T26 at The Open Championship in 2014.

This is Harman's 20<sup>th</sup> start of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season. He now owns six top-10 results and 11 top-25 finishes, besting his career-high 10 top-25s last season.

## **Tommy Fleetwood**

England's Tommy Fleetwood struggled with two birdies and three bogeys on the front nine but a solid 1-under on the back nine saw him finish at even-par for the day and 10-under for the week. Fleetwood finished T27 with rounds of 74-69-73-69 in his only other U.S. Open start in 2015. His T4 this week earns a spot in the Masters next year and a return trip to the 2018 U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills.

Fleetwood was seeking his first PGA TOUR victory in his 19th career start on the PGA TOUR.

This is the eighth appearance in a major championship for Fleetwood. Before today, his T27 finish in the 2015 U.S. Open was the only time he had advanced to the weekend at any major championship.

The two-time European Tour winner claimed his most recent title earlier this year at the Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship.

Fleetwood's best showing in 18 previous starts on the PGA TOUR was T2 at the World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship earlier this year. Before that, he was T5 at the 2015 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play when he lost to countryman Danny Willett in the quarterfinals.

After opening with a 6-over 78 in the first round of this year's Arnold Palmer Invitational, Fleetwood posted rounds of 66-70-68 to finish T10. In need of just four non-member FedExCup points to qualify for Special Temporary Membership on the PGA TOUR, Fleetwood easily achieved the points and earned Special Temporary Membership.

# Xander Schauffele

Xander Schauffele closed with three birdies in the last five holes to shoot 69 and finish T5 at 10-under, earning a return to the U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills next year.

Schauffele was making his first start in a major championship after shooting 64-71 and surviving a five-man playoff for the final two spots in the Memphis sectional qualifier.

Schauffele was seeking to become the first player since Francis Ouimet in 2013 to win the U.S. Open in his first attempt. He was also looking to join Ouimet, Ben Curtis (2003/The Open Championship) and Keegan Bradley (2011/PGA Championship) as a title winner in his first major championship appearance.

Schauffele advanced to the PGA TOUR this season after finishing 31<sup>st</sup> in the priority ranking of the Web.com Tour. The U.S. Open T5 finish from the former San Diego State golfer matched his T5 at the Sanderson Farms Championship in his second start as a TOUR member. His only other top-20 finish this season was at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans, when he paired with Tag Ridings in the two-man team event to finish T11.

Schauffele's best results on the Web.com Tour came in back-to-back weeks in July last year when he finished third at the Utah Championship and followed with a T3 at the Ellie Mae Classic the next week.

Schauffele's mother is from Chinese Taipei (but grew up in Japan) and his father is half French and German.

#### **Bill Haas**

2011 FedExCup champion Bill Haas shot a final-round 69 to finish T5. It was his third consecutive round in the 60s this week.

Friday's 68 was Haas' first bogey-free effort in the championship. Haas now owns five sub-70 rounds in 28 career rounds at the U.S. Open.

Haas has made 23 cuts in 31 major championship appearances, and now owns two top-10s (T5/2017 U.S. Open, T9/2016 Open Championship). Haas' previous best result in eight starts in the U.S. Open was T23 in 2011.

Haas made just four bogeys all week, the fewest of any player.

## **Rickie Fowler**

Making his ninth U.S. Open appearance, Rickie Fowler began the final round with a birdie but couldn't mount a significant challenge. A final-hole birdie allowed him to fire 72 and lifted him to 10-under and T5.

In nine U.S. Open appearances, Fowler has advanced to the weekend five times and never broken par in the final round.

Fowler now owns three top-10 results in nine starts in the U.S. Open. He was T10 in 2013 and runner-up to Martin Kaymer at Pinehurst in 2014, the same year he recorded top-5 finishes in each of the four major championships, becoming the first player to perform that feat since Tiger Woods did so in 2005.

This marks Fowler's 30<sup>th</sup> major championship appearance. He's posted seven top-10 results in 30 major starts.

In February, Fowler won The Honda Classic for his fourth PGA TOUR title (212 Wells Fargo Championship, 2015 THE PLAYERS, 2015 Dell Technologies Championship, 2017 The Honda Classic). He also owns two European Tour wins (2015 Aberdeen Asset Scottish Open, 2016 Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Classic).

In 13 starts this season, Fowler recorded his sixth top-10 of the season earlier with his T5 at the U.S. Open.

#### **Justin Thomas**

Justin Thomas fired a 3-over 75 in the final round to follow his record 9-under 63 in the third round. Of the 30 previous rounds of 63 in major championships, 15 were followed with over-par rounds, eight were followed with sub-par rounds, two were even-par and five of the 30 63s were shot in the final round.

Four of five players who have recorded 63 in a U.S. Open produced an over-par round to follow. Johnny Miller, who shot a final-round 63 in 1973, was the exception.

<u>Player</u>	Year	Next round	
Justin Thomas	2017	75 (+3)	
Vijay Singh	2003	72 (+2)	
Jack Nicklaus	1980	71 (+1)	
Tom Weiskopf	1980	75 (+5)	
Johnny Miller	1973	Final round	

#### Additional player notes

Jordan Spieth, the 2015 U.S. Open winner, fired 69 in the final round, finishing more than an hour before the final pairing teed off. Spieth's round was one of eight in the 60s on Sunday.

In his 50<sup>th</sup> U.S. Open round, Matt Kuchar, No. 15 in the Official World Golf Ranking, recorded 4-under 68 to finish T16. The 68 was one stroke shy of his U.S. Open low round of 67 (R1/2015).

Trey Mullinax shot a final-round 68 in his first major championship start to post his best finish (T9) in his short PGA TOUR career. This was his 23<sup>rd</sup> start on TOUR, having recorded four top-25 finishes previously. Mullinax will be exempt for next year's U.S. Open thanks to his top-10 finish.

Wisconsin native and U.S. Presidents Cup Captain Steve Stricker, 50, qualified for his 20<sup>th</sup> U.S. Open, a week ahead of competing and hosting the American Family Insurance Championship, a PGA TOUR Champions event outside Madison. Stricker, who finished fifth in both 1998 and 1999, shot 73-72-69-69 to finish T16. Stricker was seeking to join Tom Kite (T5-2001) as the only player since 2000 age 50 or older to earn a top-10 finish at the U.S. Open.

Cameron Champ led driving distance for the week (337.3), Chez Reavie and Berndt Wiesberger hit the most fairways (51 of 56), Brooks Koepka led GIR (62 of 72/86.11%) and Brandon Stone had the fewest number of putts (107).

#### Amateurs at the U.S. Open

Fourteen amateur participants teed it up in the 2017 U.S. Open and two – Scottie Scheffler (T27/1-under) and Cameron Champ (T32/E) – advanced to the weekend. In 2015, 16 amateurs were in the field and six advanced to the weekend.

University of Texas standout Scheffler posted 69-74-71-73 in his second U.S. Open and fourth start on the PGA TOUR to win the low amateur title. At last year's U.S. Open he missed the cut with rounds of 69-78. In 2014, he finished T22 at the AT&T Byron Nelson in his only other made cut on TOUR.

Champ, playing in his first U.S. Open, posted 70-69-73-76 to finish one stroke back of Scheffler. In 2012, Champ teamed with PGA TOUR Champions professional Steve Pate to compete in the PURE Insurance Championship at Pebble Beach.

The last amateur to finish inside the top 15 at the U.S. Open was Spencer Levin (T13) in 2004 at Shinnecock Hills.

## **Miscellaneous Stats**

Five of the 11 past U.S. Open champions (12 wins) in the field advanced to the weekend. Here's a look at where they finished: Dustin Johnson (MC/2016), Jordan Spieth (T35/2015), Martin Kaymer (T35/2014), Justin Rose (MC/2013), Webb Simpson (T35/2012), Rory McIlroy (MC/2011), Graeme McDowell (MC/2010), Lucas Glover (MC/2009), Angel Cabrera (MC/2007), Jim Furyk (T23/2003), Ernie Els (T55/1994, 1997).

## Erin Hills Notes

The par-72 Erin Hills measured 7,845 yards during Thursday's opening round, the longest course in tournament history. Each day, the course yardage decreased slightly, ranking 1 - 4 as the longest courses utilized in tournament history. The previous-longest layout for the U.S. Open was 7,695 yards in the second round of 2015 championship at Chambers Bay.

R1 – 7,845 R2 – 7,839

R3 – 7,818

R4 – 7,721

Erin Hills is the first par-72 setup in a U.S. Open since 1992 when Pebble Beach Golf Links hosted and ninth since World War II.

Erin Hills is the third course in the last decade to host a U.S. Open for the first time (Torrey Pines/2008/won by Tiger Woods, Chambers Bay/2015/won by Jordan Spieth)

Bogey-free rounds:

Round 1 - Rickie Fowler (65), Xander Schauffele (66), Brian Harman (67), Tommy Fleetwood (67).

Round 2 – Hideki Matsuyama (65), Bill Haas (68), Kevin Chappell (70).

Round 3 – Russell Henley (67).

Round 4 - None.

Scoring Averages at the par-72 Erin Hills:

Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
36.897	36.487	73.385	
36.535	36.690	73.226	73.305
36.059	35.956	72.015	73.074
37.441	36.485	73.926	73.204
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The par-4 15<sup>th</sup> hole played the hardest in the final round (4.515) the day after playing the easiest in round three (3.515). The easiest hole in round four was the par-5 18<sup>th</sup> hole (4.809). No. 18 also played the easiest for the week (4.843), while the par-4 third hole was the hardest for the week (4.286).

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