



## 2017 AT&T Byron Nelson

(The 27<sup>h</sup> of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Las Colinas, Texas May 18-21, 2017 FedExCup Points: 500 to the winner TPC Four Seasons Resort Par/Yardage: 35-35—70/7,166 Purse: \$7,500,000 (\$1,350,000)

Third-Round Notes - Saturday, May 20, 2017

Weather: Mostly cloudy skies with wind at 10-15 mph gusting to 20 mph. High of 78.

## Third-Round Leaderboard

 James Hahn
 64-70-64—198 (-12)

 Billy Horschel
 68-65-66—199 (-11)

 Jason Day
 68-69-63—200 (-10)

 Jason Kokrak
 66-62-72—200 (-10)

### James Hahn

With rounds of 64-70-64 to move to 12-under 198, James Hahn will enter the final round of the AT&T Byron Nelson with a one-stroke lead over Billy Horschel.

Hahn now has two bogey-free 64s this week (rounds one and three).

Hahn's statistics through three rounds: 29 of 42 fairways, 44 of 54 greens, 89 putts, 1 of 3 sand saves.

A win Sunday would come in Hahn's 125th PGA TOUR start at the age of 35 years, 6 months and 19 days.

Hahn is seeking to become the second-consecutive Korean-born player to win on the PGA TOUR, following Si Woo Kim's win at THE PLAYERS last week. He is one of eight Korean-born players who have won on the PGA TOUR: K.J. Choi (8), Y.E. Yang (2), Sangmoon Bae (2), James Hahn (2), Si Woo Kim (2), Kevin Na (1), Seung-Yul Noh (1), Danny Lee (1).

Hahn is a two-time winner on the PGA TOUR. After missing eight consecutive cuts, Hahn recorded a playoff victory over Roberto Castro at the 2016 Wells Fargo Championship. His first victory came at the 2015 Genesis Open.

Hahn's best finish in three starts at the AT&T Byron Nelson was a T5 finish in his first appearance in 2014. He followed with a T55 in 2015 and T46 in 2016.

Hahn owns ten career top-10s (including two wins). His lone top-10 result in 16 starts this season is ninth at the CIMB Classic. Hahn missed the cut at last week's PLAYERS Championship.

Hahn currently sits at No. 105 in the FedExCup standings. After joining the PGA TOUR in 2013, Hahn has advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs each season, with his 39<sup>th</sup> place finish last season his best showing.

Hahn is currently ranked No. 83 in the Official World Golf Ranking. His highest position in the ranking was 52<sup>nd</sup> which occurred following last year's AT&T Byron Nelson.

Hahn opened this week with a 6-under 64 to share the lead with Ricky Barnes. Eight players (nine wins) have carried the opening-day lead on to victory: Sergio Garcia (2016), Steven Bowditch (2015), Jason Day (2010), Scott Simpson (1993), Tom Watson (1979, 1980), Mark Hayes (1976), Chi Chi Rodriguez (1972), Earl Stewart (1961).

This week marks Hahn's second 54-hole lead on the PGA TOUR, eventually finishing T3 at the 2013 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

### **Third-Round Leader Stats**

The 54-hole leader/co-leader has won just four times in the last nine years at the AT&T Byron Nelson (Adam Scott/2008, Jason Dufner/2012, Brendon Todd/2014, Steven Bowditch/2015).

The third-round leader/co-leader has won 10 times in 26 stroke-play events this season, most recently Kevin Chappell at the Valero Texas Open.

A year ago, Brooks Koepka equaled the 54-hole record (Loren Roberts/1999) at the AT&T Byron Nelson at 16-under 194, two strokes ahead of Jordan Spieth. Eventual champion Sergio Garcia was three strokes back.

The largest come-from-behind victory after 54 holes at the AT&T Byron Nelson is four strokes: Keegan Bradley (2011), John Cook (1998), Bob Eastwood (1985) and Lanny Wadkins (1973).

# **Billy Horschel**

Billy Horschel birdied his final three holes en route to a 4-under 66 to move into the final pairing Sunday and within one stroke of 54-hole leader James Hahn.

The 2014 FedExCup champion is a three-time PGA TOUR winner: 2013 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, 2014 BMW Championship, 2014 TOUR Championship.

Horschel is making his third start at the AT&T Byron Nelson, with missed cuts in his previous two starts (2011, 2012).

A win Sunday would come in Horschel's 166th PGA TOUR start at the age of 30 years, 5 months and 14 days.

Horschel entered this week on the heels of four consecutive missed cuts. The last time he missed at least four consecutive cuts came in 2011, his rookie year, when he missed five cuts from the AT&T Byron Nelson through the John Deere Classic.

In 15 starts this season, Horschel has four top-25 and two top-10 finishes, with his best result a T4 at The Honda Classic. He is currently No. 71 in the FedExCup standings.

## Jason Day

Jason Day birdied five holes in a row (one shy of the best streak on the PGA TOUR this season) on Nos. 7-11 Saturday en route to a 7-under 63, moving from T17 to T3. His previous-best score in 19 rounds at the AT&T Byron Nelson was a second-round 65 en route to winning in 2010.

Day's third-round scoring average in five attempts at the AT&T Byron Nelson is now 66.40.

A win on Sunday would come in Day's 201<sup>st</sup> PGA TOUR start at the age of 29 years, 6 months and 9 days. He is seeking his 11<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR victory and first since THE PLAYERS Championship in 2016.

Day is making his fifth appearance at the AT&T Byron Nelson and first since finishing T27 in 2013. He won the event in his inaugural appearance in 2010, followed by a fifth-place effort in 2011 and T9 in 2012.

Dating to 2000, Jason Day is one of 10 international winners of the AT&T Byron Nelson, with Sergio Garcia performing the feat twice (2000-Jesper Parnevik, 2002-Shigeki Maruyama, 2003-Vijay Singh, 2004-Garcia, 2008-Adam Scott, 2009-Rory Sabbatini, 2010-Day, 2013-Sangmoon Bae, 2015-Steven Bowditch, 2016-Garcia).

Day (2010) is seeking to join Sergio Garcia (2004, 2016) as the only multiple winners of the event since it moved to TPC Four Seasons in 1983.

Day is currently No. 106 in the FedExCup standings. He is seeking his fourth-consecutive top-10 finish in the FedExCup, having finished 10<sup>th</sup> in 2014, third in 2015 and sixth in 2016.

In nine starts this season, a T5 at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am represents Day's only top-10 finish.

# Jason Kokrak

Entering the third round with a tournament-record five-stroke lead after rounds of 66-62, Jason Kokrak followed with a 2-over 72 (including a triple-bogey on the par-3 fifth hole) Saturday to fall to T3, two strokes behind James Hahn.

A win on Sunday would come in Kokrak's 146<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start (145 as a professional) at the age of 31 years, 11 months and 29 days. His previous-best finish is T2 at the 2012 Safeway Open and 2016 Genesis Open.

There have been 11 players that have claimed their first PGA TOUR win at the AT&T Byron Nelson, including four of the last seven champions: Johnny Pott (1960), Charles Coody (1964), Mark Hayes (1976), Neal Lancaster (1994), Robert Damron (2001), Ted Purdy (2005), Brett Wetterich (2006), Jason Day (2010), Keegan Bradley (2011), Sangmoon Bae (2013), Brendon Todd (2014).

Kokrak's only other appearance at the AT&T Byron Nelson was in 2012 (72-74/MC).

In 16 starts this season, a T15 at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba marks Kokrak's best of four top-25 finishes.

Kokrak currently sits at No. 121 in the FedExCup standings. After joining the PGA TOUR in 2012, Kokrak failed to advance to the FedExCup Playoffs in his rookie season but has done so in the past four seasons, with No. 33 last season a career-best.

Additional Kokrak highlights this week: Second-round 62 Friday marked his career-low round on the PGA TOUR, topping the 63 he posted during the first round of the 2013 CareerBuilder Challenge (finished T8)...Five-stroke lead through 36 holes topped the previous AT&T Byron Nelson record of four strokes set by Davis Love III in 2000...36-hole total of 128 tied the tournament record, which four players have matched five times: Ben Crane/2016, Steve Pate/1999, Tiger Woods/1999 & 1997, Lee Rinker/1997.

Kokrak was inducted into the Xavier University Athletic Hall of Fame in December 2015, where he was a two-time Atlantic 10 Conference Golfer of the Year and was a member of three NCAA tournament teams. He is Xavier's first PGA TOUR member.

### Sergio Garcia

Following a third-round 6-under 64, defending champion and 2017 Masters Tournament champion Sergio Garcia jumped from T25 to T6 and will enter the final round trailing James Hahn by four strokes.

Garcia birdied six of his last eight holes Saturday (Nos. 11-13 and 16-18) en route to a closing 6-under 29. En route to winning the 2016 AT&T Byron Nelson, Garcia opened with a 7-under 63, which included a 29 on the front nine at TPC Four Seasons Resort.

Garcia is attempting to become the first repeat winner of the AT&T Byron Nelson since Tom Watson won three in a row from 1978-80.

A year ago, Garcia shot a final-round 68 for a 15-under 265 total and waited to see if Brooks Koepka, in the final group, would birdie the final hole for victory. Koepka's two-putt par from 16-feet sent the pair to the 20<sup>th</sup> playoff in tournament history where Garcia claimed the AT&T Byron Nelson for the second time (2004) with a par to Koepka's double-bogey at the first extra hole.

Here's a look at Garcia's 10 PGA TOUR wins: **2001** DEAN & DELUCA Invitational, Buick Classic; **2002** SBS Tournament of Champions; **2004** AT&T Byron Nelson, Buick Classic; **2005** Booz Allen Classic; **2008** THE PLAYERS Championship; **2012** Wyndham Championship; **2016** AT&T Byron Nelson; **2017** Masters Tournament.

Garcia's first start as a pro in the United States came at the 1999 AT&T Byron Nelson (finished T3).

Garcia owns four top 10s in 12 previous AT&T Byron Nelson starts (T3-1999, T8-2001, Won-2004, Won-2016). Both of his wins at the AT&T Byron Nelson came in playoffs, edging Brooks Koepka in 2016 and Robert Damron and Dudley Hart in 2004.

## **Dustin Johnson**

FedExCup leader and World No. 1 Dustin Johnson (T19) posted a 1-over 71 Saturday, snapping a streak of 14 consecutive par-or-better rounds at the AT&T Byron Nelson. He'll enter the final round seven shots behind James Hahn.

Johnson owns four top 10s in seven prior AT&T Byron Nelson starts (T63/2008, T4/2009, T7/2010, T20/2011, T7-2014, T8-2015, T12-2016).

Johnson is in search of his fourth victory in six starts. His three wins this season were consecutive--Genesis Open, WGC-Mexico Championship, WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play—and he holds the current-best streak on TOUR for having recorded victories in 10 consecutive seasons.

Since 1986, when the Official World Golf Rankings were introduced, there have been 12 players (including Dustin Johnson) who have competed in this event as World No. 1. Prior to Johnson, the last World No. 1 to play at the AT&T Byron Nelson was Tiger Woods (2005/MC). Should Johnson go on to win, he would become the first World No. 1 player at the AT&T Byron Nelson to win. The best finish by a World No. 1 at the AT&T Byron Nelson belongs to Tiger Woods, who finished solo-third in 2002.

# **Additional Player Notes**

In search of his first career PGA TOUR win in his 208<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start, Mission Viego, Calif. native Cameron Tringale has turned in rounds of 66-68-67 to move to solo-fifth place through three rounds. Tringale is looking to post his best finish at the AT&T Byron Nelson after missing cuts in his two previous appearances (2011/71-78, 2010/71-77). In 18 starts this season, Tringale's lone top-10 finish is a T8 at the Genesis Open.

2012 AT&T Byron Nelson champion Jason Dufner eagled the par-5 16<sup>th</sup> hole en route to a 5-under 65, moving from T17 to T6. It marks the sixth consecutive year Dufner has posted a round in the 60s on Saturday at the event, led by a 64 in 2015 (the best of his 31 rounds at the event).

Seeking his fourth consecutive top-10 finish, Bud Cauley will enter the final round T6 and trailing James Hahn by four strokes. After missing the cut in 2014 and posting a T4 last year, Cauley, who has yet to win on TOUR, is making his third start at the AT&T Byron Nelson.

### Miscellaneous Notes

Eight past AT&T Byron Nelson winners are in the field this week. Here's a look at how they stand through 54 holes: Jason Day (T3), Sergio Garcia (T6), Jason Dufner (T6), Keegan Bradley (T42), Ernie Els (T52), Brendon Todd (T65), Steven Bowditch (MC), Rory Sabbatini (MC).

At the suggestion of 2015 AT&T Byron Nelson winner Steven Bowditch, players, officials and caddies wore Rubik's Cube stickers to show support for fellow PGA TOUR professional John Senden and his family. Last month, Senden announced he was taking indefinite leave from the TOUR after his son Jacob was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor. The Rubik's cube is one of his son's favorite toys.

## Bogey-free rounds:

R1: James Hahn (64)

R2: Jason Kokrak (62), Grayson Murray (63), Byeong Hun An (66)

R3: James Hahn (64), Louis Oosthuizen (66), Kyle Reifers (66)

Scoring Averages at the par-70 TPC Four Seasons Resort:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Thursday	35.936	35.987	71.923	
Friday	35.218	35.212	70.429	71.176
Saturday	35.054	34.108	69.162	70.790

The par-3 fourth hole played the toughest on day three with a 4.419 average. The par-5 16<sup>th</sup> hole played the easiest at 4.338.

Charl Schwartzel withdrew following 14 holes Saturday with a wrist injury.

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