



2017 RBC Canadian Open
(The 39th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Oakville, Ontario
Glen Abbey Golf Club

July 27 – 30, 2017
Par/Yardage: 35-37—72/7,253

FedExCup Points: 500/winner
Purse: \$6,000,000 (\$1,080,000)

COMPLETED First-Round Notes – Friday, July 28, 2017

Weather: Cloudy, with moderate rain in the morning. High of 78 degrees. Wind WNW 5-10 mph. Thunderstorms developed in the afternoon and play was suspended at 3:45 p.m. ET. After a delay of 1 hour, 55 minutes, play resumed at 5:40 p.m. before being suspended again due to darkness at 8:48 p.m. with 14 players to complete the round, which resumed at 8:20 a.m. Friday and was completed at 9:01 a.m. The second round began at 7:10 a.m. as scheduled.

This marks the 16th tournament of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season to experience a suspension of play.

First-Round Leaderboard

Hudson Swafford	65 (-7)
Brandon Hagy	65 (-7)
Kevin Chappell	65 (-7)
Matt Every	65 (-7)
Ollie Schniederjans	65 (-7)

Five players sharing the first-round lead represents the second-most in tournament history. Seven players held a share of the opening round lead at Glen Abbey in 2008.

106 players broke par in the opening round, shattering the previous tournament record of 89 players shooting under-par in the opening round in 2009.

Hudson Swafford

Hudson Swafford began with a par at No. 1 then reeled off five consecutive birdies, before a bogey at the 8th halted his momentum. Three additional birdies on the back nine resulted in a 7-under 65 and a share of the lead with Brandon Hagy.

This marks the second time in Swafford's career that he has held the lead/co-lead after the first round. In 2014, he was T1 after round one at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba, eventually finishing T51.

Earlier this season, Swafford claimed his first PGA TOUR title with a win at the CareerBuilder Challenge. Swafford also owns a Web.com Tour victory – the 2012 Stadion Classic at UGA. His victory in the desert is one of three top-10s this season (6th/Shell Houston Open, T10/Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard).

Swafford has improved upon each of his previous three appearances at the RBC Canadian Open (MC/2014, T72/2015, T14/2016). Thursday's 65 is his low score in 11 rounds at this event.

In his last start at The Greenbrier Classic, Swafford also opened with 65, eventually finishing T58.

Swafford is seeking to creep into the top-30 of the FedExCup standings and advance all the way to the TOUR Championship at East Lake in Atlanta. He's currently No. 34 in the standings and has advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs each of the last two seasons.

Brandon Hagy

Brandon Hagy mixed eight birdies (four each side) with a lone bogey at the par-3 15th hole to shoot 7-under 65 and share the first-round lead with Hudson Swafford. Hagy's 65 is one stroke shy of his career-best 64 (R3/2017 The Honda Classic).

This represents the first lead/co-lead for Hagy after any round on the PGA TOUR.

Hagy is competing in the RBC Canadian Open for the first time. Seventeen players have won the RBC Canadian Open in their debut. Hagy is hoping to become the first to perform the feat since Chez Reavie in 2008.

Hagy is making his 33rd start on the PGA TOUR. The University of California-Berkley graduate was 41st on the 2016 Web.com Tour priority list to earn PGA TOUR status this season. His T14 at this season's Sanderson Farms Championship is one of five top-25 career finishes and his best result on TOUR.

Hagy is in search of his first TOUR victory. Since 2000, just three of the 13 different winners of the RBC Canadian Open have made the title their first on the PGA TOUR – Nathan Green (2009), Chez Reavie (2008) and John Rollins (2002).

Hagy is currently No. 129 in the FedExCup standings and seeking to make a positive move with just five events remaining before the FedExCup Playoffs begin. Here's a look at the players currently around No. 125;

Player	FEC standing	Season Highlights
Cameron Tringale	120	T6 last week at Barbasol. Last 9 rounds are all under par
Trey Mullinax	121	T9 at U.S. Open is lone top-10 this season
Aaron Baddeley	122	Not entered
J.J. Henry	123	T10 in most recent start, the John Deere Classic
Blayne Barber	124	Lost to M. Hughes in 5-man playoff at 2016 The RSM Classic
J.T. Poston	125	Lone top 10 was T10 at Puerto Rico Open
Daniel Summerhays	126	Fast starter – six opening rounds of 66 this season
Tyrone Van Aswegen	127	Four sub-par rounds for T7 at CIMB Classic
Chad Collins	128	Shot 60 (-11) in R2 at Barbasol last week (finished 2 nd)
Brandon Hagy	129	Four top-25 finishes as first-year member
Ryan Palmer	130	Teamed with Jordan Spieth to finish 4 th at Zurich Classic

Kevin Chappell

Coming off consecutive missed cuts in his previous two starts at the Quicken Loans National and The Open, Kevin Chappell opened with a 7-under 65 in his sixth appearance at the RBC Canadian Open. The Fresno, California, native earned his first PGA TOUR victory at the 2017 Valero Texas Open in his 180th career start. Chappell got up and down from 89 yards to defeat Brooks Koepka by one shot.

Chappell's co-lead is his third first-round lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR. He finished T13 at the 2014 PGA Championship after sharing the lead in round one and posted a T2 at last year's TOUR Championship after being defeated in a three-man playoff at East Lake, having held the first-round lead.

Chappell recorded two eagles in his opening round at Glen Abbey, coming at the par-5 No. 2 and par-5 No. 16, marking the first time this season he's achieved this feat. For the 39th time on TOUR this season two eagles have been recorded in a single round.

Chappell's best finish at the RBC Canadian Open was T20 in 2014. In 20 starts this season, he has made 14 cuts and has recorded three top-10 finishes (T7/2017 Masters Tournament, Won/2017 Valero Texas Open, T4/2017 FedEx St. Jude Classic).

Currently 31st in the FedExCup standings, Chappell has advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs each of the past six years. He finished 8th in the FedExCup last season.

Matt Every

Matt Every made 117 feet, 2 inches of putts in an opening-round 7-under 65 to share the lead. Every had never shot lower than 70 in four previous opening rounds at this event (71/2010, 70/2012, 71/2013, 75/2015).

Every's first-round co-lead marks the sixth time he's held at least a share of the lead after the first round on the PGA TOUR, most recently at this year's FedEx St. Jude Classic after an opening 64 (-6). Every has never converted a first-round lead into a victory.

Every's T61 finish at last week's Barbasol Championship was his fifth made cut in 27 starts this season. The two-time TOUR winner, in back-to-back years at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard (2014 and 2015), made his first cut of the season at the Bay Hill event after failing to advance to the weekend in 11 earlier starts.

Every is making his 179th career start on TOUR and his fifth appearance at the RBC Canadian Open with a T24 in his tournament debut in 2010 his best finish in Canada. In his most recent start here in 2015 he missed the cut.

Every sits No. 204 in the current FedExCup standings. Last season, Every finished No. 200 in the standings, failing to advance to the FedExCup Playoffs for the first time since 2011.

Every is No. 929 in the Official World Golf Ranking. He reached a high of No. 40 after the 2015 RBC Heritage.

Ollie Schniederjans

PGA TOUR rookie Ollie Schniederjans, who made his professional debut at the 2015 RBC Canadian Open en-route to a T22 finish, carded a bogey-free 7-under 65 in his opening round, including two eagles on the par-5 No. 13 and par-5 No. 18. He was 11/14 in fairways hit and 16/18 in GIR.

This marks the second time in his PGA TOUR career that he has co-lead after the opening round, most recently at the John Deere Classic two weeks ago, where a first-round 63—a career low—left him tied for first with Charles Howell III. He went on to shoot rounds of 74, 66, 71 for a T39 finish.

After locking up his PGA TOUR card for the 2016-17 season with a sixth-place finish on the 2016 Web.com Tour Regular Season money list, where he notched one win (2016 Air Capital Classic presented by Aetna), the Georgia Tech Alum has recorded four top-10 finishes in his rookie season (T6/2016 The RSM Classic, T9/2017 Farmers Insurance Open, T8/2017 Genesis Open, T3/2017 RBC Heritage) and has made 16 cuts in 22 starts.

Should Schneiderjans go on to win this week, he would become the 11th player under the age of 25 to win on the PGA TOUR this season.

First-Round Leader Stats

The last first-round leader of the RBC Canadian Open to hold on for the win was Scott Piercy in 2012 at Hamilton G&CC. Prior to that, it was Jim Furyk in 2006 at Hamilton G&CC.

Last year, Dustin Johnson and Luke List shared the first-round lead by a stroke over four players after shooting 6-under 66. Johnson finished T2 and List was T14.

The lowest opening-round score of 9-under 63 at Glen Abbey GC belongs to Camilo Villegas and Kevin Na (2009/R1). The course record at Glen Abbey GC is 62, shared by four players, most recently John Merrick in 2013.

Seven first-round leaders/co-leaders on the PGA TOUR this season have gone on to victory, most recently Jordan Spieth at The Open last week.

Additional Player Notes

After starting on No. 10, Matt Kuchar was 4-under through 11 holes of his opening-round before experiencing dizziness late in the round. With a double bogey at No. 3 and a bogey at the 8th hole, Kuchar, runner-up at The Open last week, finished with a 1-under 71. Following his round Kuchar said, via a PGA TOUR media official, "I had a couple of spells where I got a little bit dizzy and I felt weak. I don't know where it came from. I've had plenty of time to get over the travel. Hopefully it's something that passes real quick."

World No. 1 Dustin Johnson posted 5-under 67 while making his fourth start in the RBC Canadian Open this week (2014/MC, 2013/T2, 2008/WD). Johnson opened his first three RBC Canadian Opens with over-par scores of 74/2008, 75/2013 and 74/2014. On his way to his T2 finish at Glen Abbey in 2013, Johnson posted a 9-under 63 in the third round.

Vijay Singh, the 2004 RBC Canadian Open winner, posted a bogey-free 6-under 66 for his second-lowest round this season and his 29th round in the 60s at the RBC Canadian Open, three shy of Jack Nicklaus' record of 32. Singh fired a 5-under 65 in the first round of the Sony Open in Hawaii earlier this year.

Tyrone Van Aswegen chipped-in for eagle at No. 16 and added six birdies and two bogeys for a 6-under 66. He opened with 66 in this event in 2015 to be two strokes off the lead. Van Aswegen is seeking to make it four consecutive wins by international players at the RBC Canadian Open, following Jhonattan Vegas (Venezuela) last

year, Jason Day (Australia) in 2015, and fellow South African Tim Clark in 2014. In the 28 times Glen Abbey has hosted the RBC Canadian Open, the tournament has been won by a player from outside the United States 10 times.

K.J. Choi is making his seventh appearance in the RBC Canadian Open. He's advanced to the weekend in each of his six previous starts with top-10s in 2003 (T4) and 2001 (T8) his best results. Choi is an eight-time PGA TOUR winner with THE PLAYERS Championship in 2011 his most recent victory. In 22 previous starts this season his best result came at the Genesis Open at Riviera CC in February when he was T17.

Bubba Watson produced a bogey-free 6-under 66 for his first bogey-free round of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR season and his first since round two of the 2016 BMW Championship (67), a stretch of 10 months, 18 days. Watson finished runner-up in 2015 in his most recent appearance at the RBC Canadian Open, marking his lone top-10 result in six starts in the event.

Chad Campbell is 17-under in his last three opening rounds on TOUR – 65 (-6)/John Deere Classic, 66 (-5)/Barbasol Championship, 66(-6)/RBC Canadian Open. In his last 12 rounds on TOUR, Campbell has shot in the 60s all but once, with the exception a third-round 70 (-1) at the John Deere Classic. He's had three top-10s in 25 starts this season (T6 CareerBuilder Challenge, T10/FedEx St. Jude Classic, T9/The Greenbrier Classic). Campbell is a four-time TOUR winner. His last victory came at the 2007 Sanderson Farms Championship almost 10 years ago.

Defending champion Jhonattan Vegas opened with a 6-under 66. He is seeking to become the first repeat winner of the RBC Canadian Open since Jim Furyk (2006-07). Since its 1904 inception, only 17 players have won the RBC Canadian Open more than once, with six doing so in back-to-back seasons.

Mackenzie Hughes posted a 5-under 67 in his quest to become the first Canadian to win the National Open since Pat Fletcher in 1954. Hughes, who on Tuesday was honored at his home club of Dundas Valley with the par-3 course named after him, is one of 17 Canadians in the field this year.

PGA TOUR rookie Grayson Murray, who won last week's Barbasol Championship for his first TOUR victory, recorded a 5-under 67 in the opening round at Glen Abbey. It's his first appearance at the RBC Canadian Open.

2017 Presidents Cup International Team assistant captain Mike Weir is making his 26th start in the RBC Canadian Open this week, having collected three top-10 finishes; T5/2008, 2nd/2004 and 10th/2003. Weir opened today's first round with an even-par 72.

Miscellaneous

There are 17 Canadians in the field this week: Hugo Bernard (71), Graham DeLaet (68), Jared du Toit (71), Brad Fritsch (72), Adam Hadwin (75), David Hearn (69), Matt Hill (71), Mackenzie Hughes (67), Austin James (71), Daniel Kim (73), Drew Nesbitt (72), Bryn Parry (70), Garrett Rank (74), Nick Taylor (69), Mike Weir (72), Riley Wheeldon (74) and Ryan Williams (78).

Rank, Bernard and James are competing as amateurs.

There are six RBC Canadian Open champions in the field: Jhonattan Vegas (2016), Sean O'Hair (2011), Carl Pettersson (2010), Chez Reavie (2008), Jim Furyk (2006, 2007) and Vijay Singh (2004).

This marks the 29th time the RBC Canadian Open has been contested at Glen Abbey GC. Other past champions at Glen Abbey since 2000 include Jhonattan Vegas (2016), Jason Day (2015), Brandt Snedeker (2013), Vijay Singh (2004) and Tiger Woods (2000).

Nine Team RBC Ambassadors are in the field this week: Graham DeLaet (68), Ernie Els (73), Jim Furyk (68), Adam Hadwin (75), David Hearn (69), Matt Kuchar (71), Graeme McDowell (74), Ryan Palmer (71), and Nick Taylor (69). Brandt Snedeker, also an RBC Ambassador, withdrew from the event with the same rib injury that forced him to withdraw from last week's Open Championship.

Six players who finished in the top-10 at the 2017 RBC Heritage at Hilton Head are in the field this week. Here's a look at where they stand.

<u>Player</u>	<u>2017 RBC Heritage</u>	<u>2017 RBC Canadian Open (R1)</u>
Patrick Cantlay	T3	68

William McGirt	T3	75
Ollie Schniederjans	T3	65
Graham DeLaet	T6	68
Brian Gay	T6	71
J.J. Spaun	T6	73

Two golfers will be chosen to go head-to-head in this week's MetLife MatchUp following the RBC Canadian Open. The MetLife MatchUp is a season-long competition recognizing the players who best navigate challenging situations throughout the PGA TOUR season. The shots will be highlighted on PGATOUR.com/MetLife where fans can vote for their favorite shot and help decide which player will be eligible for the final vote (August 7-16), in which 10 golfers will have the chance to win the \$1 million prize. The golfers that have qualified for the final vote include: Luke Donald (RBC Heritage), Cameron Smith (Valero Texas Open), Phil Mickelson (Wells Fargo Championship), Jason Day (AT&T Byron Nelson), Kevin Kisner (DEAN & DELUCA Invitational), Daniel Berger (FedEx St. Jude Classic), Martin Laird (Quicken Loans National), Bubba Watson (The Greenbrier Classic) and Patrick Rodgers (John Deere Classic).

Bogey-free rounds: Matt Every (65), Ollie Schniederjans (65), Bubba Watson (66), Vijay Singh (66), Peter Malnati (66), Bob Estes (67), Cameron Tringale (68), Shane Lowry (69), Ben Martin (71).

Scoring Averages at the par-72 Glen Abbey GC:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.032	36.083	70.115	--

A.M. Scoring Average: 70.36

P.M. Scoring Average: 69.87

Glen Abbey GC had the most total under par on the par-5's of any other course on TOUR the last two seasons. Glen Abbey surrendered 148 eagles, 1,652 birdies and only 246 bogeys or worse for a total of 1,538 under par on the par-5s. In this year's opening round 20 eagles, 289 birdies and 53 bogeys or worse were recorded on the par-5s.

The toughest hole in round one was the par-4 14th, with an average of 4.160. The easiest was the par-5 2nd, which played to an average of 4.442.

Before the first round began, Charlie Beljan withdrew and was replaced by Chris Stroud. 2012 RBC Canadian Open winner Scott Piercy also withdrew and was replaced by Tom Hoge.