



2017 RBC Canadian Open

(The 39th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Oakville, Ontario July 27 – 30, 2017 FedExCup Points: 500/winner Glen Abbey Golf Club Par/Yardage: 35-37—72/7,253 Purse: \$6,000,000 (\$1,080,000)

Second-Round Notes - Friday, July 28, 2017

Weather: Mostly cloudy, with a high of 72 degrees. Wind NNE 10-15 mph with gusts up to 20 mph.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Martin Flores	66-66—132 (-12)
Matt Every	65-68—133 (-11)
Gary Woodland	70-63—133 (-11)
Brandon Hagy	65-68—133 (-11)

<u>Cut:</u> 76 professionals at 4-under 140 from a field of 156 professionals and three amateurs. Since 1971, the lowest cut in tournament history was 3-under-par (2009/Glen Abbey GC; 2010/St. George's G&CC). The last time there was a cut at 4-under or better on TOUR came at The RSM Classic this season (80 players made the cut at 5-under).

Martin Flores

Texas native Martin Flores matched his first-round 66 with another 66 in round two. He has recorded only one bogey in the last 36 holes, and his round on Friday was bogey-free. Flores made eagle on the par-5 No. 2 in rounds one and two and is 8-under on the par-5s this week. He was 6/6 in scrambling on Friday, making 99"8' of putts.

Flores' best finish in five previous starts at the RBC Canadian Open was T19 in 2012. The 35-year-old has missed the cut three times.

Making his 24th start this season, Flores has recorded four top-25 finishes, with his best finish a T10 at the 2017 Puerto Rico Open. He finished T18 at last week's Barbasol Championship after posting four consecutive rounds under par, including a 65 in the first round—his low round this season—to share the lead with three others.

This marks the second time Flores has lead/co-lead through 36 holes. Flores was tied for the lead at the 2014 Wells Fargo Championship but went on to finish solo third.

Flores, playing in his eighth season on the PGA TOUR, has yet to win. 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).

After finishing fifth on the 2016 Web.com tour Regular Season money list thanks to six top-10 finishes (including a win at the Lincoln Land Charity Classic), he earned \$281,403 to return to the PGA TOUR. Currently 152nd in the FedExCup standings, he has advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs three times (2012, 2013, 2014).

Second-Round Leader Stats

Only two of the past 11 36-hole leaders or co-leaders of the RBC Canadian Open have gone on to win (Scott Piercy/2012, Chez Reavie/2008).

A total of 34 leaders or co-leaders after 36 holes have gone on to win the RBC Canadian Open. 17 second-round leaders/co-leaders on the PGA TOUR this season have gone on to victory, most recently Jordan Spieth at The Open last week.

Last year, Dustin Johnson and Luke List shared the second-round lead at 7-under 137. Eventual champion Jhonattan Vegas overcame a 5-shot deficit after 36 holes to win.

Matt Every

First-round co-leader Matt Every followed his bogey-free 65 in round one with a 68 in round two, marked by six birdies and two bogeys.

The two-time TOUR winner captured his victories in back-to-back years at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard (2014 and 2015) and has made the cut six times in 28 starts this season. He made his first cut of the season at the Bay Hill event after failing to advance to the weekend in 11 earlier starts. His best finish this season was T27 at the FedEx St. Jude Classic.

Every is making his fifth appearance at the RBC Canadian Open with a T24 in his tournament debut in 2010 his best finish.

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.

Gary Woodland

Starting the second round on No. 10, Gary Woodland recorded six consecutive birdies on Nos. 15-18 and Nos. 1 and 2, and proceeded to make birdies on Nos. 4 and 7 en route to a -9 under 63, tying his career-low round, which he's shot three times—most recently in round two at the 2015 AT&T Byron Nelson, where he finished second.

Woodland's 10 birdies on Friday matched his personal best total birdies in a single round, which he recorded in round four at the 2017 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am en-route to a 65 and a T5 finish.

Making his 20th start of the season this week, Woodland has made 17 cuts and posted four top-10 finishes, with his last top-10 coming at the Honda Classic in February, where he finished T2. The 33-year-old, two-time TOUR winner is in search of his first victory since the 2013 Barracuda Championship.

Brandon Hagy

Brandon Hagy, who shared the first-round lead with Hudson Swafford, followed his opening round 65 with a 68 in round two, highlighted by four birdies in his final six holes. Hagy leads the TOUR in driving distance this season, averaging 313.8 yards off the tee. The University of California-Berkeley graduate has averaged 302.6 yards off the tee this week, which ranks T12.

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 and is in search of his first win. He was 41st on the 2016 Web.com Tour priority list to earn PGA TOUR status this season, and 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 currently No. 129 in the FedExCup standings. With just five events remaining before the FedExCup Playoffs begin, here's a look at the players currently around No. 125 and where they stand through 36 holes:

<u>Player</u>	FEC standing	Position through 36 holes
Cameron Tringale	120	MC
Trey Mullinax	121	MC
Aaron Baddeley	122	Not playing this event
J.J. Henry	123	MC
Blayne Barber	124	T28
J.T. Poston	125	T58
Daniel Summerhays	126	T28
Tyrone Van Asweger	ո127	T14
Chad Collins	128	T46
Brandon Hagy	129	T2
Ryan Palmer	130	MC

Vijay Singh

2004 RBC Canadian Open champion and World Golf Hall of Fame member Vijay Singh followed an opening-round, bogey-free 66 with a 68 on Friday, his 30th round in the 60s at this event, just 2 rounds shy of Jack Nicklaus' record of 32.

Singh has posted six top-10s in 15 starts in this event and entered this week on the heels of two missed cuts in his previous two starts at the Travelers Championship and The Greenbrier Classic. In 16 starts this season, Singh has only made 4 cuts, with his best finish a T16 at THE PLAYERS Championship.

Singh is in search of his first win on TOUR in 204 starts. His last victory came at the 2008 Dell Technologies Championship, where two victories in the FedExCup Playoffs (THE NORTHERN TRUST, Dell Technologies Championship) led him to capture the second FedExCup. The World Golf Hall of Fame member has 34 PGA TOUR titles and is currently 183rd in the FedExCup standings.

Should Singh go on to win this week, he would not only be the oldest winner on the PGA TOUR (Sam Snead won the 1965 Greater Greensboro Open at the age of 52 years, 10 months, 8 days), but he would also be the oldest champion in tournament history at 54 yrs/5 mos/8 days as of this Sunday. 2005 champion Mark Calcavecchia was 45 yrs/2 mos/29 days at the time of his victory. Singh would also break the tournament record for longest span between victories, at 13 years (previously held by Greg Norman and Steve Jones at 8 years).

Ryan Ruffels

19-year-old Australian Ryan Ruffels, who is playing on a sponsor's exemption this week, shot back-to-back 67s and is two shots back of leader Martin Flores.

Ruffels played in his first PGA TOUR event at the 2015 RBC Canadian Open, where he competed as an amateur. He advanced to the weekend but missed the 54-hole cut after posting scores of 66-75-76.

Ruffels was born in the United States but moved to Australia after his dad, tennis professional Ray Ruffels, received a job offer there. Ryan had a notable amateur career in Australia, which included becoming the youngest person in the PGA Tour of Australasia's history to make the cut in one of their tour events, achieved at the 2013 Queensland Open.

Ruffels made his first professional PGA TOUR start at the 2016 Farmers Insurance Open where he finished T43. He has made seven cuts in 13 starts on the PGA TOUR with a T20 at the 2016 Zurich Classic of New Orleans his best result. This week marks Ruffels' 13th start as a professional. He currently has 10 non-member FedExCup points. In order to advance to the Web.com Tour Finals this year, Ruffels will need to be No. 200 or better in the FedExCup points standings after the Wyndham Championship. As a comparison, No.200 equated to 112 FedExCup points last season.

Additional Player Notes

Kevin Chappell finished the second round with three consecutive birdies at Nos. 16-18 to post a 3-under 69. The Fresno, California, native, who recently earned his first PGA TOUR victory at the 2017 Valero Texas Open, entered this week having missed the cut in his previous two starts at the Quicken Loans National and The Open. His best finish at the RBC Canadian Open in five previous starts was T20 in 2014. In 20 starts on TOUR this season, he has made 14 cuts and has recorded three top-10 finishes.

Four-time TOUR winner Charley Hoffman, making his seventh start in the RBC Canadian Open, had seven birdies on the day to post a 6-under 66. Hoffman is making his seventh start in the RBC Canadian Open, with his best finish T4 in 2010. Making his 25th start this season, Hoffman has now made 18 cuts and has posted five top-10 finishes, the best a T2 at the 2017 Arnold Palmer Invitational. The 2016 Valero Texas Open winner was one of 16 players last season to advance to the FedExCup Playoffs each season since its inception in 2000.

Akron, Ohio's Harold Varner III had eight birdies and one bogey in round two for an 7-under 65, tying his lowest round on tour this year. Despite only hitting 7 of 14 fairways, Varner was 16/18 in GIR. At the end of last season, Varner won the Australian PGA Championship—his lone professional victory—earning him a spot in next week's WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, played at Firestone Country Club in his hometown. He is currently 141st in the FedExCup standings.

Defending champion Jhonattan Vegas posted scores of 66-69 to sit T10 heading into the weekend. 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.

World No. 1 Dustin Johnson followed his 5-under 67 in round one with a 3-under 69 in round two, marked by four birdies and a lone bogey at the par-4 No. 8. Johnson is making his fourth start in the RBC Canadian Open this week and has finished T2 twice (2016, 2013). Should Johnson go on to win, he would become the first player since 1982 to win a year after placing second (Bruce Lietzke).

After producing 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), Bubba Watson shot a 73 in round two and is T45. He 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. He entered this week 117th in the FedExCup standings.

Canada's Mackenzie Hughes posted scores of 67-69 to sit four strokes back and T14 heading into the weekend, joining fellow countryman Graham DeLaet as the only two Canadians to make the cut. DeLaet posted scores of 68-68 and is also T14. The last Canadian to win the National Open was Pat Fletcher in 1954.

Miscellaneous

There are 17 Canadians in the field this week: Hugo Bernard* (MC), Graham DeLaet (T14), Jared du Toit (MC), Brad Fritsch (MC), Adam Hadwin (MC), David Hearn (MC), Matt Hill (MC), Mackenzie Hughes (T14), Austin James* (MC), Daniel Kim (MC), Drew Nesbitt (MC), Bryn Parry (MC), Garrett Rank* (MC), Nick Taylor (MC), Mike Weir (MC), Riley Wheeldon (MC) and Ryan Williams (MC). *Rank, Bernard and James competed as amateurs.

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 (T14), Ernie Els (MC), Jim Furyk (T58), Adam Hadwin (MC), David Hearn (MC), Matt Kuchar (T46), Graeme McDowell (MC), Ryan Palmer (MC), and Nick Taylor (MC). 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.

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:

R1: 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).

R2: Blayne Barber (68), Stewart Cink (69), Martin Flores (66), Matt Jones (68), Seung-Yul Noh (67), C.T. Pan (66).

Scoring Averages at the par-72 Glen Abbey GC:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.032	36.083	70.115	
R2:	34.574	36.303	70.877	70.495

A.M. Scoring Average: 70.83 P.M. Scoring Average: 70.92

The toughest hole in round two was the par-4 8th, with an average of 4.368. The easiest was the par-5 2nd, which played to an average of 4.348.

William McGirt withdrew after playing nine holes in his second round.