



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)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, July 29, 2017

Weather: Partly cloudy morning with sunny skies in the afternoon with a high of 76. Wind NE 10-15 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Charley Hoffman	68-66-65—199 (-17)
Kevin Chappell	65-69-66—200 (-16)
Robert Garrigus	70-69-62—201 (-15)
Gary Woodland	70-63-68—201 (-15)

Charley Hoffman

Charley Hoffman recorded eight birdies and a lone bogey at No. 17 for a third-round 65 to take a one-stroke lead over Kevin Chappell into the final round.

This marks the third time this season that Hoffman has held the solo lead after any round. He was 10-under and one stroke ahead after the second round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard (finished T2). Hoffman also led alone by four strokes after a first-round 65 at the Masters Tournament, eventually finishing T22.

Hoffman has held a share of the 54-hole lead on the PGA TOUR three previous times and has failed to convert any into a victory.

<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Finish</u>
2013 RBC Heritage	T6
2013 Travelers Championship	T7
2017 Arnold Palmer Invitational	T2
2017 RBC Canadian Open	--

This marks the 17th lead/co-lead after any round on the PGA TOUR for Hoffman (six first-round, seven second-round and four third-round leads/co-leads). A win on Sunday would mark the first time Hoffman would convert any of those leads into victory.

Hoffman sits No. 16 on the Presidents Cup U.S. Team standings and seeks to finish in the top-10 following the Dell Technologies Championship at TPC Boston to make the team. Captain Steve Stricker will have two captain's picks on September 6, before the team heads to Liberty National Golf Club for the Presidents Cup later that month.

Hoffman is seeking his fifth PGA TOUR win in his 331st career start. His most recent victory came at the 2016 Valero Texas Open.

Hoffman is seeking his third top-10 finish in seven appearances at the RBC Canadian Open. He was T7 in 2015 and T4 in 2010.

Hoffman sits No. 24 in the FedExCup standings and seeks to advance to the TOUR Championship for the third time in his career (4th in 2010, 10th in 2015). Hoffman is one of 16 players to have made it to the FedExCup Playoffs in each of the 10 years the Playoffs have existed.

Hoffman hit 6 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens in regulation and required 27 putts in Saturday's 65.

Third-Round Leader Stats

Since 2000, only four 54-hole leaders or co-leaders of the RBC Canadian Open have gone on to win (Brandt Snedeker/2013, Mark Calcavecchia/2005, Scott Verplank/2001 and Tiger Woods/2000).

The third-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win 12 of 37 stroke-play events on TOUR this year, most recently Jordan Spieth at The Open Championship last week.

Last year, Brandt Snedeker held a one-stroke lead over Canadian amateur Jared du Toit and Dustin Johnson after the third round. Jhonattan Vegas, the eventual champion, was five strokes back in a tie for 15th.

Kevin Chappell

Fresno, California, native Kevin Chappell had nine birdies and three bogeys in round three—including five birdies in his opening seven holes—to post a third-round, 6-under 66.

Chappell shared the lead with four other players after the first round at 7-under 65 and then shot a 69 on Friday to sit T5 heading into the third round. He made 103'2" of putts in round three, needing only 25 putts on the day.

This marks the eighth time Chappell has been T2 or better through 54 holes, converting only one to a victory, which came at the 2017 Valero Texas Open earlier this year in his 180th start, where he got up and down from 89 yards to defeat Brooks Koepka by one shot.

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. Chappell is also 11th in the Presidents Cup standings, with the top 10 players after the Dell Technologies Championship securing a spot on the team, with the Presidents Cup being played at Liberty National Golf Club the week after the TOUR Championship. Chappell has never played on a Presidents Cup team.

Robert Garrigus

Beginning the round in T46 position and finishing before the final pairing teed off, Robert Garrigus posted a 10-under 62 to match the course record at Glen Abbey. Garrigus' round included six birdies and a pair of eagles at the par-5 2nd and 16th holes, one stroke shy of his career-best 61 (R3/2012/CareerBuilder Challenge).

Garrigus now shares the Glen Abbey course record with John Merrick (2013), Greg Norman (1986), Andy Bean (1983) and Leonard Thompson (1981). The RBC Canadian Open 18-hole record is 60, set by Carl Pettersson in the third round at St. George's G&CC in 2010. Pettersson went on to win the event that year.

Garrigus' previous low round in the RBC Canadian Open was 64, shot twice (rounds one and three) when he was runner-up to Scott Piercy at Hamilton G&CC in 2012, his best result in 10 appearances at this event. He's missed the cut in his last four starts in Canada's National Open.

Two weeks ago, Garrigus was disqualified from the John Deere Classic for signing an incorrect scorecard. Last week, he finished 10th at the Barbasol Championship with rounds of 67-67-66-67, his lone top-10 finish in 23 starts this season.

Garrigus has been a PGA TOUR member since the 2007 season, the same year the FedExCup Playoffs began. He currently sits No. 131 in the FedExCup standings and has reached the FedExCup Playoffs in eight of his 10 seasons on TOUR. If he maintains his current position (T3) he'd advance inside No. 95 on the 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 54 holes:

Player	FEC standing	Position through 54 holes
Cameron Tringale	120	MC
Trey Mullinax	121	MC
Aaron Baddeley	122	Not playing this event
J.J. Henry	123	MC
Blayne Barber	124	T41
J.T. Poston	125	T41
Daniel Summerhays	126	T41
Tyrone Van Aswegen	127	T11
Chad Collins	128	T70

Brandon Hagy	129	T5
Ryan Palmer	130	MC
Robert Garrigus	131	T3

Gary Woodland

Despite starting the third round one-over-par through three holes, Gary Woodland finished his last 15 holes 5-under-par to post a 4-under 68 on Saturday, two shots back of solo-leader Charley Hoffman.

The two-time TOUR winner, whose last win came at the 2013 Barracuda Championship, has moved up the leaderboard significantly since round one, thanks to a second-round 63, which featured 10 birdies, tying his personal best total birdies in a single round, (2017 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am/R4/finished T5). Woodland's 63 also matched 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 position after each round:

R1: T70

R2: T2

R3: T3

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. In two previous starts at the RBC Canadian Open, Woodland missed the cut in 2010 and finished T61 in 2013.

Woodland in No. 20 in the Presidents Cup U.S. Team standings and seeking to make his first Presidents Cup team. Woodland was victorious in the 2011 World Cup, when he teamed with Matt Kuchar in China to lift the trophy for the United States.

Additional player notes

Andres Gonzales, who has yet to win on the PGA TOUR but has earned two Web.com Tour and one Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada victories, got off to a hot start in round three, making an eagle at the par-5 No. 2 and then playing the rest of his round in 4-under-par for a 6-under 66, his lowest score in 17 rounds at this event. In his last eight starts on TOUR this season, Gonzales missed six cuts. His lone top-25 finish this season came at the Shell Houston Open (T23) in April.

Tony Finau ended Saturday on a good note, making eagle at both the par-5s No. 16 and No. 18 to post a 6-under 66 and sit three strokes back of leader Charley Hoffman. This marked the first time in Finau's career where he has recorded two eagles in a single round. He has recorded one eagle in 33 different rounds on TOUR. The 2016 Puerto Rico Open winner—his first PGA TOUR victory—has notched five top-10 finishes this season, most recently a T7 at The Greenbrier Classic, and has missed five cuts in 23 starts.

Should Sam Saunders (T5) come from three shots behind and claim his first PGA TOUR victory tomorrow, he would join his grandfather, the late Arnold Palmer, as having earned their first PGA TOUR victories at the RBC Canadian Open. Palmer won this event in 1955, the start of a legendary career that included 62 wins on the PGA TOUR. Sunday at the RBC Open is "Arnold Palmer Day"—as a tribute to Palmer, the first 5,000 fans on-site will receive a complimentary AP55 button, and the Seagram Gold Cup—the trophy Palmer won in 1955—will be on display at the first tee. Winning on Sunday would be even more special for Saunders, considering he will be celebrating his 30th birthday tomorrow. His caddie, Spencer Seifert, also has a birthday on Sunday.

19-year-old Australian Ryan Ruffels, who is playing on a sponsor's exemption this week, followed back-to-back 67s in rounds one and two with a 68 on Saturday to sit T5 heading into Sunday. Through three rounds, Ruffels leads the field in driving distance, averaging 328.7 yards. In the 13 previous starts Ruffels has made on the PGA TOUR since he played in his first PGA TOUR event at the 2015 RBC Canadian Open, his best finish through 54 holes was T23 at the 2016 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, where he went on to finish T60. Ruffels 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. A solo-sixth place finish this week would earn him 100 FedExCup points.

Defending champion Jhonattan Vegas posted scores of 66-69-67 to sit T5 heading into Sunday. 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. He entered this week after missing five consecutive cuts.

Kramer Hickok, in the field as one of the top three players on the Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada Order of Merit, holed out from 126 yards for eagle at the par-4 17th hole and added a final-hole birdie to shoot 67 and sit T19 at 11-under. Hickok, Jordan Spieth's roommate in college at the University of Texas, and winner of this year's Players Cup on the Mackenzie Tour, birdied his final two holes for a three-stroke victory over Robby Shelton. He followed that up the very next week with a solo second at the Staal Foundation Open presented by Tbaytel.

Martin Flores, the 36-hole leader, sits T16 at 12-under after an even-par round of 72.

Miscellaneous

Of the 17 Canadians in the field this week, two advanced to the weekend: Hugo Bernard* (MC), **Graham DeLaet (T41)**, Jared du Toit (MC), Brad Fritsch (MC), Adam Hadwin (MC), David Hearn (MC), Matt Hill (MC), **Mackenzie Hughes (T55)**, 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.

Golf Canada, RBC and ClubLink announced Saturday that the RBC Canadian Open will return to Glen Abbey in 2018. It will mark the 30th time the RBC Canadian Open will be contested at Glen Abbey GC. 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 (T41), Ernie Els (MC), Jim Furyk (T65), Adam Hadwin (MC), David Hearn (MC), Matt Kuchar (T41), 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).

R3: Robert Garrigus (62), C.T. Pan (67).

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
R3:	34.092	35.618	69.711	70.341

Four players – Tony Finau, Robert Garrigus, Harold Varner III and J.B. Holmes – recorded two eagles in their respective rounds Saturday. A total of 19 eagles were recorded by the field in round three. The total number of eagles through three rounds is 54.

The toughest hole in round three was the par-4 14th, with an average of 4.197. The easiest was the par-5 2nd, which played to an average of 4.329.