



2017 Shell Houston Open

(The 21st of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Humble, TX March 30 - April 2, 2017
Golf Club of Houston (Tournament Course)

Purse: \$7,000,000 (\$1,260,000 to the winner)
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,441

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, April 2, 2017

Weather: Morning showers turning to afternoon thunderstorms. High of 79. Wind SSE 15-25 mph.

Final-Round Leaderboard

Russell Henley	67-67-69-65—268 (-20)
Sung Kang	65-63-71-72—271 (-17)
Luke List	68-71-65-68—272 (-16)
Rickie Fowler	64-71-67-70—272 (-16)

Russell Henley

After entering the final round trailing Sung Kang by four strokes, Russell Henley posted a 7-under 65 (including a career-best 10 birdies) for a come-from-behind victory to win the Shell Houston Open by three strokes over Kang (72).

Henley's three-stroke winning margin is the largest at the Shell Houston Open since Phil Mickelson won by the same margin in 2011.

With the victory, Henley collects 500 points and moves from No. 52 to No. 11 in the FedExCup standings. He finished a career-best 19th in the FedExCup in 2014 and has never failed to advance to the Playoffs in his previous four seasons on the PGA TOUR.

Henley collects his third PGA TOUR victory in his 115th start at the age of 27 years, 11 months, 21 days. Earlier victories came at the 2013 Sony Open in Hawaii and 2014 Honda Classic.

Henley wins in his fifth start at the Shell Houston Open, with his win capping off four-consecutive top-10 finishes (T45-2013, T7-2014, 4-2015, T5-2016, Won-2017).

With rounds of 67-67-69-65, Henley's last 13 consecutive rounds at the Golf Club of Houston have been under par. In all, he is a collective 57-under at the Golf Club of Houston.

Henley's winning total falls two strokes shy of the 72-hole scoring record at the Shell Houston Open (266), set by Curtis Strange (1980), Lee Trevino (1980) and Vijay Singh (2002). Since moving to the Golf Club of Houston's Tournament Course in 2006, Henley ties Phil Mickelson for the low 72-hole score of 20-under 268.

With the victory, Henley earns the last "win and you're in" invitation to the Masters Tournament. Here's a look at his previous three starts at Augusta National Golf Club (MC-2013, T31-2014, 21-2015).

Henley's victory marks the 13th win by a player in his 20s on TOUR this season and first since Adam Hadwin at the Valspar Championship.

Henley's victory is the 12th come-from-behind victory in 20 stroke-play events this season.

This marks Henley's 11th start of the season where a T9 at the Valspar Championship marked his previous best finish. In all, he owns seven top-25 finish in 11 starts.

2016-17 PGA TOUR Season starts-made cuts-top 10s-wins: 11-9-3-1

R1 at a glance: 12 of 14 fairways, 13 of 18 greens, 25 putts

R2 at a glance: 11 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens, 28 putts

R3 at a glance: 11 of 14 fairways, 13 of 18 greens, 28 putts

R4 at a glance: 8 of 14 fairways, 16 of 18 greens, 27 putts

About Russell Henley

Birthdate: April 12, 1989

Birthplace: Macon, Ga.

Residence: Kiawah Island, S.C.

Family: Wife, Tei

Height/Weight: 6-0, 180

Turned Pro: 2011

Joined TOUR: 2013

Web.com Tour Graduate: 2012

Sung Kang

After entering the final round with a three-stroke lead over Rickie Fowler, Sung Kang posted a final-round even-par 72 to finish solo-second and three strokes behind Russell Henley.

Since the Shell Houston Open moved to the Tournament Course in 2006, just six third-round leaders/co-leaders have parlayed that position into a win: Jim Herman (2016), Phil Mickelson (2011), Anthony Kim (2010), Paul Casey (2009), Johnson Wagner (2008) and Stuart Appleby (2006).

Since 2012, Jim Herman (2016) is the only third-round leader/co-leader who has gone on to win.

Kang's runner-up effort tops his previous best finish on TOUR (T3 at the 2011 Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Classic).

Kang's week included a course-record tying 63 Friday which led to a six-stroke lead at the midway point.

Kang's 17-under 199 total through 54 holes tied the tournament course low 54 set by Louis Oosthuizen in 2012.

Kang was in search of his first victory on the PGA TOUR in his 95th career start. Had he won, he would have become the third first-time winner in the last four years of the Shell Houston Open (Jim Herman/2016, Matt Jones/2014).

Kang's statistics:

R1: 12 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens, 27 putts, 3 of 3 sand saves

R2: 9 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens, 25 putts, 3 of 3 sand saves

R3: 10 of 14 fairways, 14 of 18 greens, 31 putts, 0 of 2 sand saves

R4: 8 of 14 fairways, 11 of 18 greens, 29 putts, 1 of 1 sand save

This marked Kang's 15th start of the season where a T12 at the Waste Management Phoenix Open was his previous best finish. He moves from No. 104 to No. 28 in the FedExCup standings.

Kang made his third start in the Shell Houston Open: 2012/MC, 2016/69th, 2017/2.

After two top-10s and four top-25s in the 2015-16 season, Kang advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs for the first time in his career. Before Kang ended his season at No. 96 in the standings with a missed cut at the Dell Technologies Championship, he closed with a course-record 64 at Bethpage Black during THE NORTHERN TRUST, the first event of the Playoffs.

Kang is originally from Seoul, South Korea and resides in Dallas, Texas. He works with swing instructor George Gankas in Los Angeles, Calif.

Rickie Fowler

After opening with an 8-under 64 for a one-stroke lead on day one, Rickie Fowler added rounds of 71-67-70 to finish T3 (with Luke List) and four strokes behind Russell Henley.

Fowler was in search of his fifth career PGA TOUR victory and second of the season.

Field leaders in birdies this week: Fowler (27), Russell Henley (27).

Most birdies for Fowler in a PGA TOUR event:

27 – 2017 Shell Houston Open

26 – 2011 the Memorial Tournament

25 – 2012 THE PLAYERS Championship

24 – 2015 Quicken Loans National

Fowler made his sixth start at the Shell Houston Open where he now owns three top-10s: 2014/6th, 2016/T10, 2017/T3. Despite three top-10s, Fowler has never broken 70 in a final round in the Shell Houston Open. His best were matching 70s en route to T10 in 2016 and T3 in 2017.

Fowler moves from No. 10 to No. 8 in the FedExCup.

In seven starts on the PGA TOUR this season, Fowler has four top-10s including his fourth career PGA TOUR win at The Honda Classic.

Additional player notes

One day following Saturday's best round (7-under 65), Luke List followed with a 4-under 68 to finish T3 (his best finish in three starts at the Shell Houston Open). List sits No. 17 in the FedExCup, with his finish this week falling just shy of his career-best effort set earlier this year at the Sanderson Farms Championship (T2).

One year after a T5 at the Shell Houston Open, Daniel Berger carded rounds of 70-67-71-67 to finish solo-fifth, seven strokes behind Russell Henley.

After missing the cut in each of his first seven starts on the PGA TOUR this season, Andrew Loupe finished T10 at the Shell Houston Open for his first top-10 since the 2016 Wells Fargo Championship (T4).

Jon Rahm, currently No. 4 in the FedExCup standings, finished T10 for his fifth top-10 finish in his last six starts on the PGA TOUR:

Won – Farmers Insurance Open

T16 – Waste Management Phoenix Open

T5 – AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am

T3 – World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship

2 – World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play

T10 – Shell Houston Open

Puerto Rico's Rafael Campos carded a final-round 3-under 69 to finish solo-seventh at the Shell Houston Open. The top-10 finish in Humble earned Campos a spot in the RBC Heritage in two weeks to virtually guarantee a spot in the Web.com Tour Finals later this year. Thanks to back-to-back top-10s in Puerto Rico and Houston, Campos, who is currently a member on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica, has earned 124 FedExCup points as a non-member of the PGA TOUR. Players who finish between Nos. 126-200 qualify for the Finals in September. By comparison, Matt Every finished No. 200 during the 2016-17 Season with 112 points.

Michael Thompson played his final 37 holes without a bogey en route to a T12 finish.

After beginning his round on No. 10, Angel Cabrera (T34) aced his final hole of the tournament (No. 9) with a 3-iron from 220 yards. By notching his fourth hole-in-one on the PGA TOUR, he becomes the first player this season with two aces (No. 17/R1/CareerBuilder Challenge). It marks the 23rd ace in Shell Houston Open history, but first at the ninth hole.

Miscellaneous Notes

This week's finishes for the 17 players (out of 29 total) who are qualified for next week's Masters and made the 54-hole cut at the Shell Houston Open:

Rickie Fowler (T3)

Daniel Berger (5)

Hudson Swafford (6)

Jon Rahm (T10)

Jason Dufner (T12)

Justin Rose (T15)

Andy Sullivan (T15)

Jhonattan Vegas (T15)

Bernd Wiesberger (T23)

Charley Hoffman (T23)

Mackenzie Hughes (T23)

Angel Cabrera (T34)

Kevin Chappell (T44)

Chris Wood (T49)

Sean O'Hair (T49)

James Hahn (T49)
Phil Mickelson (T55)

Four players have won the week prior to the Masters Tournament and then gone on to win in Augusta – Ralph Guldahl (Wyndham Championship) in 1939, Art Wall (Azalea Open) in 1959, Sandy Lyle (Wyndham Championship) in 1988 and Phil Mickelson (BellSouth Classic) in 2006. Additionally, Sam Snead won the 1949 Wyndham Championship and the Masters, the TOUR's next official event, with one week of separation between the two events.

Four of the 10 former Shell Houston Open winners who were in the field made it to the final round:

	Finish
Matt Jones (2014)	T49
D.A. Points (2013)	T23
Phil Mickelson (2011)	T55
Johnson Wagner (2008)	T49

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Aaron Baddeley (68), Stewart Cink (66), Rickie Fowler (64), Robert Garrigus (68), Tom Hoge (67), Luke List (68), Bryce Molder (68), Adam Scott (68), Jhonattan Vegas (66).

R2: Sung Kang (63), Robert Streb (65), Zac Blair (67), Aaron Baddeley (68), Fabian Gomez (69).

R3: Michael Thompson (69).

R4: Hudson Swafford (67), Vaughn Taylor (67), Zac Blair (67), Michael Thompson (68), Ryan Blaum (68), Rafael Campos (69), Bryson DeChambeau (69), D.A. Points (70).

Scoring Averages:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1	36.063	35.194	71.257	
R2	35.979	36.746	72.725	71.991
R3	36.975	36.469	73.444	72.476
R4	34.971	35.300	70.271	71.982

The most difficult hole this week was the par-4 18th (4.311), with the easiest being the par-5 8th (4.686).