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THE PLAYERS Championship 2017 pre-tournament notes

Dates: May 9-14, 2017

Where: Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

Course: THE PLAYERS Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass
36-36—par 72/7,189 yards

Field size: 147

2016 champion: Jason Day

Purse: \$10,500,000 (\$1,890,000/winner)

FedExCup: 600 points to the winner

Format: 72-hole stroke play

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A look back at THE PLAYERS 2016

Final Leaderboard

Jason Day	63-66-73-71—273 (-15)
Kevin Chappell	71-67-70-69—277 (-11)
Justin Thomas	70-68-75-65—278 (-10)
Matt Kuchar	71-67-72-68—278 (-10)
Colt Knost	72-63-74-69—278 (-10)
Ken Duke	74-67-65-72—278 (-10)

How Jason Day won THE PLAYERS Championship in 2016

After holding sole possession of the lead after each round, Jason Day won THE PLAYERS Championship by four strokes. It marked his 10th career PGA TOUR title in his 181st professional start at the age of 28 years, 6 months, 3 days. Day became the fifth player since 1980 to win 10 or more times on the PGA TOUR before his 29th birthday, joining Tiger Woods, Rory McIlroy, Phil Mickelson and David Duval.

More on Jason Day

- Jason Day became the third different player to win THE PLAYERS while ranked No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking: Greg Norman (1994), Tiger Woods (2001 and 2013) and Jason Day (2016).
- With wire-to-wire wins (no ties) at the 2016 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard and THE PLAYERS Championship 2016, Day joined Tiger Woods (2000, 2002), Tom Watson (1980) and Johnny Miller (1974) as players to win wire-to-wire twice in the same season dating to 1970. Mackenzie Hughes (The RSM Classic) and Justin Thomas (Sony Open in Hawaii) are the only wire-to-wire winners this season.
- Day became the fifth wire-to-wire winner of THE PLAYERS, and first since Hal Sutton in 2000.
- Day tied the Stadium Course 18-hole course record with 9-under 63 in the opening round last year. Colt Knost matched that record in the second round. Martin Kaymer, Fred Couples, Greg Norman and Roberto Castro are others who share the record.

- In six appearances at THE PLAYERS, Day owns an additional top 10 (T6/2011), a T19 in 2013, and he missed the cut three times (2010, 2012, 2015).
- Last year, Day played nine events in the season before coming to THE PLAYERS ranked No. 2 in the FedExCup standings. He won to move to No. 1. This season, Day ranks No. 99 in the FedExCup standings after nine events.
- In eight starts this season, Day's lone top-10 result is T5 at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

Day will attempt to improve on a record that currently belongs to fellow countryman Adam Scott. Scott, the champion in 2004, was the last PLAYERS champion to post a top-10 finish (T8) while attempting to successfully defend his title. Here's a look at how recent past champions have performed while defending their title at TPC Sawgrass;

<i>Year</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Result while defending</i>
2016	Jason Day	-
2015	Rickie Fowler	MC
2014	Martin Kaymer	T56
2013	Tiger Woods	DNP
2012	Matt Kuchar	T48
2011	K.J. Choi	MC
2010	Tim Clark	WD
2009	Henrik Stenson	MC
2008	Sergio Garcia	T22
2007	Phil Mickelson	T21
2006	Stephen Ames	MC
2005	Fred Funk	T16
2004	Adam Scott	T8

No player has ever successfully defended their title at THE PLAYERS Championship, with Nick Price's fifth-place effort in 1994 the best finish for a defending champion.

A look at the field

- Top 10 in current FedExCup standings and 47 of top-50.
- Top 10 in Official World Golf Ranking and 48 of top-50.
- 111 PGA TOUR winners for a total of 455 PGA TOUR victories.
- All winners on the PGA TOUR since THE PLAYERS last year will be at TPC Sawgrass (Wells Fargo winner TBD)
- Nine former PLAYERS winners: Jason Day (2016), Rickie Fowler (2015), Martin Kaymer (2014), Matt Kuchar (2012), K.J. Choi (2011), Henrik Stenson (2009), Sergio Garcia (2008), Phil Mickelson (2007), Adam Scott (2004).
- A total of 18 first-time PLAYERS Championship participants.
- For the third consecutive year, Bernhard Langer (59) is the oldest player in the field after earning an exemption for winning the 2016 Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship. This will be Langer's 26th start in THE PLAYERS. Last year he missed the cut with 72-72--144. Mark O'Meara holds the best finish by a player who earned a spot via the PGA TOUR Champions victory, finishing 74th in 2011.
- Qualified for THE PLAYERS, but not competing are: Brandt Snedeker (wrist), Jon Curran (rib), Colt Knost (wrist), John Senden (family medical issue), Tiger Woods (back) and Thomas Pieters.

The best field in golf descends on THE PLAYERS Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass, with 46 of the top 50 in the FedExCup standings present

THE PLAYERS Championship marks the 27th event of the PGA TOUR Season, with 16 tournaments remaining to qualify for the four-tournament FedExCup Playoffs, culminating at the TOUR Championship in late September. Leading the FedExCup standings is Dustin Johnson, a three-time winner in 2016-17, who claimed the lead in the FedExCup standings after his victory at the World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play following earlier wins at the Genesis Open and the WGC-Mexico Championship. Justin Thomas (3 wins), Japan's Hideki Matsuyama (2 wins) and Brendan Steele, winner of the season-opening Safeway Open, are the only other players to have held the lead in the FedExCup standings this season. Johnson holds a 51-point lead over Thomas heading into THE PLAYERS, where the winner will earn 600 FedExCup points.

Additional player notes

Dustin Johnson

- FedExCup leader and World. No. 1 Dustin Johnson returned to competition at last week's Wells Fargo Championship following an injury which forced him to withdraw from the Masters.
- The 15-time PGA TOUR winner won his last three starts on TOUR prior to his return at the Wells Fargo Championship (Genesis Open, WGC-Mexico Championship, WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play).

- Johnson's tournament history at THE PLAYERS includes one top-30 finish in eight starts – a T28 last year.
- Johnson's only sub-70 opening round at the Stadium Course is a 4-under 68 in 2014 (T59). Last year's final-round 68 matched his low round in 26 total rounds at this event.
- By winning the Dell Technologies Match Play, Johnson became the only player to win all four current World Golf Championships events (HSBC Champions, Bridgestone Invitational, Mexico Championship and Dell Technologies Match Play).

Sergio Garcia

- Former PLAYERS champion Sergio Garcia became the eighth player with a victory at both THE PLAYERS (2008) and the Masters Tournament (2017). The others are Raymond Floyd, Jack Nicklaus, Sandy Lyle, Fred Couples, Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and Adam Scott.
- Garcia heads to TPC Sawgrass as Masters champion after claiming his first major title in 74 attempts. The last two Masters winners have missed the cut at THE PLAYERS the month after their major title win (Danny Willett/2016, Jordan Spieth/2015). Before Spieth in 2015, the last Masters champion to miss THE PLAYERS cut was Mike Weir in 2004.
- Garcia owns the longest active-cuts-made streak at THE PLAYERS with 13 in a row, dating to a T53 finish in 2004. Brad Faxon (14) and Tiger Woods (13) have the longest consecutive cuts-made streaks. Tom Kite holds the record for most cuts made at 23.
- In 17 previous starts at THE PLAYERS, Garcia has a victory (2008) and five additional top-10 finishes in 2002 (T4), 2007 (2), 2013 (T8), 2014 (3) and 2015 (T2). Garcia is seeking to become the seventh player to win THE PLAYERS more than once—Jack Nicklaus (3), Fred Couples (2), Davis Love III (2), Hal Sutton (2), Steve Elkington (2) and Tiger Woods (2).
- With \$5,253,948, Garcia has earned the most money of any player at THE PLAYERS Championship.

Adam Scott

- Adam Scott is making his ninth start of the season; a T9 at the Masters was his second top-10 of the season (CIMB Classic – T10).
- Scott is the youngest winner of THE PLAYERS at 23 years, 8 months, 12 days in 2004.
- Scott was the last champion to post a top-10 finish (T8) while attempting to defend THE PLAYERS.
- The 2004 win was one of three top-10 results in 15 appearances for Scott (1/2004, T8/2005, T6/2007).
- Scott holds the record at 41 for fewest PGA TOUR starts by an eventual PLAYERS champion.
- Scott has missed one cut in his last 27 official PGA TOUR starts (2017 Shell Houston Open).

Justin Thomas

- Thomas is a four-time TOUR winner, including three wins this season (CIMB Classic, SBS Tournament of Champions, Sony Open in Hawaii). Thomas shot 59 (-11) in the opening round of the Sony Open in Hawaii to become the seventh player with a sub-60 round on TOUR.
- Thomas sits No. 2 in the FedExCup standings, trailing leader Dustin Johnson by 51 points.
- Thomas was T3 at THE PLAYERS last year with rounds of 70-68-75-65. He also shot 65 (R3) in his only other appearance at TPC Sawgrass when he finished T24 in 2015.

Hideki Matsuyama

- After the close of the 2015-16 PGA TOUR season, Matsuyama won five of 10 worldwide starts, including the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions and the Waste Management Phoenix Open in a four-hole playoff over Webb Simpson. Matsuyama also claimed the Japan Golf Open and the VISA Taiheyo Masters in his home country and beat a small-but-stellar field in the Bahamas to capture the Hero World Challenge. During this period he also finished runner-up at the CIMB Classic and the SBS Tournament of Champions.
- Matsuyama has been at the top, or near the top, of the FedExCup standings this season and currently lies third behind leader Dustin Johnson and No.2 Justin Thomas.
- Matsuyama makes his fourth appearance at THE PLAYERS, where he has improved with each start (T23/2014, T17/2015, T7/2016).

Rory McIlroy

- THE PLAYERS will be McIlroy's sixth start this season with a T30 at the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play his only finish outside the top-10 (T4/WGC-HSBC Champions, T7/WGC-Mexico Championship, T4/Arnold Palmer Invitational, T30/WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, T7/Masters).
- McIlroy will make his eighth appearance at THE PLAYERS. After missing the cut in his first three starts at TPC Sawgrass, McIlroy turned his fortunes around on the Stadium Course, posting three consecutive top 10s in his next three starts (T8-2013, T6-2014, T8-2015). A T12 last year included a second-round 8-under 64, his lowest 18-hole score at TPC Sawgrass.

Jordan Spieth

- With his win at the 2017 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, Spieth tied Jason Day for most victories since the start of the 2013 PGA TOUR season. Spieth and Day, who have nine each, were joined by Dustin Johnson when he won the Genesis Open, WGC-Mexico Championship and WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play in consecutive starts to reach nine titles since the start of the 2013 season.
- Spieth is the second-youngest player since World War II to win nine times on the PGA TOUR:
 - Tiger Woods (23 years, 5 months, 7 days) – 1999 Memorial
 - Jordan Spieth (23 years, 6 months, 16 days) – 2017 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
 - Jack Nicklaus (24 years, 19 days) – 1964 Waste Management Phoenix Open
- In 10 starts this season, Spieth has finished inside the top 10 five times.
- Spieth makes his fourth appearance at THE PLAYERS following two missed cuts after a T4 in his tournament debut in 2014.
- Spieth finished T2 in the Junior PLAYERS at TPC Sawgrass in 2010.

Phil Mickelson

- Phil Mickelson will make his 24th appearance at THE PLAYERS. Jay Haas, with 29, has the most starts.
- Mickelson won THE PLAYERS in 2007 and owns two additional top 10s at TPC Sawgrass (T3/2004, T8/1998). He has missed the cut in his last four appearances at this championship.
- Mickelson has three top-10 results in 11 starts this season (T8/Safeway Open, T7/WGC-Mexico Championship, T5/WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play).
- Mickelson's most recent win on TOUR was The Open Championship in 2013.

Justin Rose

- Rose has made 13 starts at THE PLAYERS with just one top 10 (T4/2014).
- Rose was runner-up to Sergio Garcia after losing a sudden-death playoff at last month's Masters Tournament. Rose was also runner-up early in the year at the Sony Open in Hawaii.
- Rose won the gold medal in the Olympic Golf Competition in Brazil last year.

Henrik Stenson

- This year marks the 2009 champion's 12th appearance at THE PLAYERS.
- He posted a final-round 63 to win The Open Championship last year, his fifth PGA TOUR title and first major championship victory.
- Swede was second of three international players to become FedExCup champion, in 2013 (2007/Vijay Singh/Fiji, 2016 Rory McIlroy/Northern Ireland).
- He is one of only two players to own a PLAYERS Championship title (2009) and FedExCup title (2013), joining Tiger Woods (THE PLAYERS champion in 2001, 2013; FedExCup champion in 2007, 2009).
- Stenson became the ninth player with a victory at both THE PLAYERS (2009) and The Open Championship (2016). The others are Lee Trevino, Jack Nicklaus, Sandy Lyle, Greg Norman, Justin Leonard, Tiger Woods, Nick Price and David Duval.
- In seven starts on TOUR this season he has recorded two top-10 finishes (T2/WGC-HSBC Champions, T7/Valspar Championship) but he has missed the cut in his last four starts.

Rickie Fowler

- In seven starts at THE PLAYERS, Rickie Fowler has finished 1st (2015), T2 (2012), T77 (2014), and missed four cuts.
- During his victory in 2015 Fowler played the 17th hole six times including the two playoff holes and recorded five birdies on those six attempts. He birdied No. 17 in rounds 1, 2 and 4 of regulation. Only one player, Paul Azinger in 1987, has birdied No. 17 at TPC Sawgrass all four rounds of a single tournament. He also played the final four holes in birdie-eagle-birdie-birdie to force the playoff, the best finishing stretch over those holes in tournament history.
- In 2015, Fowler was the 29th player from the United States to win the event, and the most recent American winner at TPC Sawgrass.
- Won The Honda Classic earlier this season for his fourth career PGA TOUR title.
- Currently ranked No. 8 in the FedExCup standings.

Kevin Chappell

- Runner-up finish at THE PLAYERS last year was one of six he had compiled before claiming his first PGA TOUR win at the Valero Texas Open last month.
- His T7 at the Masters last month was his third career top-10 in a major championship (T3/2011 U.S. Open, T10/2012 U.S. Open).
- Recorded three eagles at THE PLAYERS last year for the first time in a PGA TOUR event. Eagled Nos. 2 and 16 in the second round, and No. 11 in the final round to become one of seven players with three eagles in a single PLAYERS Championship.

First-time participants at THE PLAYERS

It's an impressive list of first-time participants at this year's PLAYERS with five of this season's PGA TOUR winners, Wesley Bryan, Cody Gribble, Mackenzie Hughes, Jon Rahm and Cameron Smith, headlining the group. Several additional international players, including, Alex Noren (Sweden), Tyrrell Hatton (England), Tyrone Van Aswegen (South Africa), Yuta Ikeda (Japan) and Tommy Fleetwood (England) will also make their first appearance at THE PLAYERS. Others at TPC Sawgrass to compete for the first time include Grayson Murray, Andrew Loupe, Patrick Cantlay, Blayne Barber, Mark Hubbard, Michael Kim, Brett Stegmaier and Luke List.

Here's a look at the top contenders for Rookie of the Year in the 2016-17 Season (through the Zurich Classic of New Orleans);

<i>Rank</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>FEC Rank</i>	<i>Best Finish</i>	<i>Starts</i>	<i>Cuts Made</i>	<i>Top 10s</i>
1	Wesley Bryan	15	Won	15	11	4
2	Mackenzie Hughes	19	Won	18	11	2
3	Ollie Schniederjans	34	T3	16	11	4
4	Patrick Cantlay	42	2 nd	5	5	2
5	Cody Gribble	43	Won	16	7	2

Wesley Bryan

- Last season's Web.com Tour leading money winner Wesley Bryan made his PGA TOUR debut the 2016 FedEx St. Jude Classic. Bryan and his older brother George co-founded the social media sensation "Bryan Bros Golf," where the duo put forth trick shot videos featured on worldwide social media outlets. The brothers from Chapin, South Carolina, rose to internet fame virtually overnight after competing on the mini-tours for several years. This season, Bryan has climbed to No. 15 in the FedExCup standings thanks to four top-10 finishes, including his first PGA TOUR victory at the RBC Heritage in Hilton Head last month.

Patrick Cantlay

- Patrick Cantlay, 24, was the number one golfer in the World Amateur Golf Ranking for 55 weeks. He finished in the top-25 of his first four PGA TOUR events as an amateur in 2011, including being the low amateur at the 2011 U.S. Open. The following week, he shot the lowest round in PGA TOUR history by an amateur, a course record 60 at the Travelers Championship. In 2012, he decided to forgo his final two years of college (UCLA) to turn professional. Since then, he's made 25 more PGA TOUR starts while posting a best finish of runner-up at the 2017 Valspar Championship. He also has a victory on the Web.com Tour where he's played 13 events. At the 2013 DEAN & DELUCA Invitational he was forced to withdraw due to a back injury, later diagnosed as a stress fracture. He tried to play through the injury but it flared up again at the 2014 OHL Classic at Mayakoba. He had 10 events in the 2016-17 season to earn 389 FedExCup points or \$624,746 to clear the top finishers from Web.com Tour Medical category and successfully met those requirements with the runner-up finish at the Valspar Championship in his second start this season.

Jon Rahm

- First-year member Jon Rahm, 22, will make his tournament debut. Currently No. 4 in the FedExCup, Rahm won his maiden PGA TOUR victory at the 2017 Farmers Insurance Open. He then went on to finish in the top-five in three of his next four events, including a runner-up at the World Golf Championship-Dell Technologies Match Play, where he lost to Dustin Johnson in the final.

Junior PLAYERS

The Junior PLAYERS Championship, operated by the AJGA, was established in 2007 and is played in late August each year at TPC Sawgrass. Here's a look at past performances of those who are in the field at THE PLAYERS this week:

<i>Player</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Result</i>
Brooks Koepka	2007	T9
Patrick Cantlay	2008	T6
Patrick Cantlay	2009	T14
Justin Thomas	2008	T38
Justin Thomas	2009	T26
Smylie Kaufman	2008	68
Grayson Murray	2010	6
Grayson Murray	2011	T68
Blayne Barber	2007	T55
Jordan Spieth	2010	T2
Patrick Rodgers	2009	T3
Patrick Rodgers	2010	7
Michael Kim	2010	T22
Emiliano Grillo	2010	T2
Emiliano Grillo	2008	T25

Jacksonville area well represented

Australian Cameron Smith and Swede Jonas Blixt are both Jacksonville residents. Earlier this month, the pair teamed to win the two-man team format Zurich Classic of New Orleans. Both players will be among several area residents seeking to join three who have already claimed THE PLAYERS Championship title – Mark McCumber (1988), David Duval (1999) and Fred Funk (2005).

Others with local ties include FedExCup champions Billy Horschel (2014), Jim Furyk (2010) and Vijay Singh (2008), as well as two-time PGA TOUR winners Russell Knox and Matt Every. David Lingmerth, winner of the Memorial Tournament in 2015, will also compete at THE PLAYERS.

Miscellaneous tournament stats

The best scoring average (8 rounds minimum) at TPC Sawgrass belongs to Justin Thomas with 70.13. Japan's Hideki Matsuyama with 70.33 is next best. Apart from Brendon Steele leading the FedExCup standings for one week after winning the season-opening event, Thomas and Matsuyama battled each other for the top spot in the FedExCup standings for the early part of the season until Dustin Johnson took over the No. 1 position after winning the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play.

Only two albatrosses have been recorded in the history of THE PLAYERS, and they came in back-to-back rounds. In 2007, Hunter Mahan made a 2 at the par-5 11th hole in round two before Peter Lonard duplicated the feat at the second hole in round three.

There have been five wire-to-wire winners in PLAYERS history: Al Geiberger (1975), Greg Norman (1994), Steve Elkington (1997), Hal Sutton (2000) and Jason Day (2016).

Tiger Woods (2001, 2013), Davis Love III (2003, 1992), Steve Elkington (1991, 1997), Hal Sutton (1983, 2000), Fred Couples (1984, 1996) and Jack Nicklaus (1974, 1976 and 1978) are players with multiple wins at THE PLAYERS Championship.

With a win this week at TPC Sawgrass, **XXXXXXXX**, who won last week's Wells Fargo Championship, would become the fourth player to win the week before and the week of THE PLAYERS (Raymond Floyd – 1981 Doral-Eastern-Open, Tom Kite – 1989 Arnold Palmer Invitational and Tiger Woods – 2001 Arnold Palmer Invitational).

No player has gone all four rounds without a bogey at THE PLAYERS Championship. Greg Norman came the closest in 1994 with a single bogey in the final round on No. 13. He posted the tournament 72-hole record that year, 24-under 264.

Prior to the 2016 tournament, no player had recorded a sub-30 score on the back nine at THE PLAYERS Stadium Course. Three players achieved the feat in 2016: Shane Lowry (first round), Rory McIlroy (second round) and Kevin Chappell (second round). Martin Kaymer, with a 7-under 29, remains the only player with a sub-30 score on the front nine (first round).

The 36-hole cut has been below par just twice in the last 20 PLAYERS Championships – 2-under 142 in 2010 and again last year.

Americans have won THE PLAYERS Championship four times in the last 12 years: Rickie Fowler (2015), Tiger Woods (2013), Matt Kuchar (2012) and Fred Funk (2005). International players have won nine of the last 14 PLAYERS Championships. A total of 14 international players have won THE PLAYERS Championship in the 40-year history of the event.

Adam Scott won THE PLAYERS in 2004 at 23 years, 8 months, 12 days, to become the youngest champion. The very next year, Fred Funk, at 48 years, 9 months and 14 days, became the oldest to win the tournament.

The only players who have captured their first win at THE PLAYERS Championship were Craig Perks (2002) and Tim Clark (2010).

Other than Jack Nicklaus, who won THE PLAYERS in its inaugural year in 1974, only Hal Sutton (1983) and Craig Perks (2002) have won the event in their first appearance.

Last year's Web.com Tour Finals money leader Grayson Murray and England's Tommy Fleetwood enter THE PLAYERS with 16 career PGA TOUR starts each. They are the two contestants with the fewest number of PGA TOUR starts in the field. England's Tyrell Hatton (18) and No. 15 on the FedExCup standings Wesley Bryan (20) are the only other players in the field with 20 or less career TOUR starts. Adam Scott holds the record at 41 for fewest PGA TOUR starts by an eventual PLAYERS champion.

Young stars winning

Twelve different players under the age of 30 have accounted for 15 of the 25 PGA TOUR wins through the Zurich Classic of New Orleans, including a PGA TOUR-record tying (since 1970) seven straight between The RSM Classic in November and the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am in February. The under-30 winners in 2016-17 are listed below:

Date	Tournament	Winner	Age won
10/23	CIMB Classic	Justin Thomas	23 years, 5 months, 24 days
10/30	WGC-HSBC Champions	Hideki Matsuyama	24 years, 8 months, 5 days
10/30	Sanderson Farms Championship	Cody Gribble	26 years, 1 month, 10 days
11/20	The RSM Classic	Mackenzie Hughes	25 years, 11 months, 29 days
1/8	SBS Tournament of Champions	Justin Thomas	23 years, 8 months, 10 days
1/15	Sony Open in Hawaii	Justin Thomas	23 years, 8 months, 17 days
1/22	CareerBuilder Challenge	Hudson Swafford	29 years, 4 months, 13 days
1/29	Farmers Insurance Open	Jon Rahm	22 years, 2 months, 19 days
2/5	Waste Management Phoenix Open	Hideki Matsuyama	24 years, 11 months, 11 days
2/12	AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am	Jordan Spieth	23 years, 6 months, 16 days
2/26	The Honda Classic	Rickie Fowler	28 years, 2 months, 13 days
3/12	Valspar Championship	Adam Hadwin	29 years, 4 months, 10 days
4/2	Shell Houston Open	Russell Henley	27 years, 11 months, 21 days
4/16	RBC Heritage	Wesley Bryan	27 years, 21 days
5/1	Zurich Classic of New Orleans	Cameron Smith	23 years, 8 months, 13 days

The par-3 17th hole at the Stadium Course

During last year's second round, Willy Wilcox aced the 17th hole at TPC Sawgrass using a pitching wedge from 147 yards. It was the seventh ace at No. 17 in tournament history and the first in 6,300 attempts by any player. There have been 219 regulation play tee shots on the 17th hole since the last ace recorded by Willy Wilcox. Before Wilcox, the last player to make a hole-in-one on No. 17 was Miguel Angel Jimenez in round one in 2002.

Five players in THE PLAYERS field this year have 100 percent success rate at hitting the green in regulation at No. 17 (minimum 8 attempts). Canadian Graham DeLaet leads the way with 16 of 16 attempts hitting the green. Others include Daniel Summerhays (14 of 14), Scott Brown (12 of 12), David Lingmerth (8 of 8) and Chez Reavie (8 of 8).

The longest putt made at No. 17 is 59 feet, 9 inches, by Bernhard Langer in the second round in 2008. Langer, in the field at this year's PLAYERS, will have the opportunity to improve his record birdie count at No. 17. Since 1983, Langer has the most birdies at the 17th with 25.

Paul Azinger, in 1987, is the only player to have birdied No. 17 all four rounds in a single tournament.

There have been 25 total par-3s measuring less than 150 yards (scorecard yardage) in the last 14 years on the PGA TOUR. With a scoring average of 3.11, No. 17 at THE PLAYERS is one of two par-3s measuring less than 150 yards with an over-par scoring average from 2003-2016 (No. 12, the 143-yard par-3 at Whistling Straits averaged 3.04).

The highest recorded score on No. 17 belongs to Bob Tway, who posted a 12 in the third round in 2005.

Since 2003, the player with the most total balls in the water at the 17th is Aaron Baddeley, with 13. Here's a list of balls in the water on the famed hole since 2003:

Year	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Cumulative
2016	6	9	17	4	36
2015	21	16	3	5	45
2014	12	12	1	3	28
2013	15	9	7	13	44
2012	18	11	4	6	39
2011	12	14	8	6 (in regulation)	40
2010	7	8	5	9	29
2009	16	6	4	6	32
2008	20	18	10	16 (in regulation)	64
2007	50	21	10	12	93
2006	19	17	12	9	57
2005	7	8	25	28	68
2004	9	10	4	7	30
2003	6	10	3	10	29
Total	191	144	93	125	553

Morgan's Stanley Eagles for Impact Experience

Morgan Stanley will make a donation to Ronald McDonald House Family Room at Wolfson's Children's Hospital for every eagle made at THE PLAYERS Championship (Thursday-Sunday). And you can get in on the action as well! Come by and take a swing on the Morgan Stanley golf simulator located on 11/15 Green. Follow along on Twitter #EagleUp