



# 2017 Wells Fargo Championship

(The 26th of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Wilmington, N.C. May 4-7, 2017 FedExCup Points: 500

Eagle Point Golf Club Par/Yardage: 36-36—72/7,396 Purse: \$7,500,000 (\$1,350,000)

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, May 7, 2017

Weather: Mostly sunny with a high of 73. Wind W 12-18, with gusts to 25 mph.

# **Final-Round Leaderboard**

Brian Harman 71-69-70-68—278 (-10) Dustin Johnson 70-75-67-67—279 (-9) Pat Perez 72-69-70-68—279 (-9)

#### **Brian Harman**

Beginning the final round of the Wells Fargo Championship two strokes back, Savannah, Georgia native Brian Harman birdied the 71<sup>st</sup> and 72<sup>nd</sup> holes to claim his second career PGA TOUR win in his 172<sup>nd</sup> career PGA TOUR start at the age of 30 years, 3 months, 18 days. Harman birdied the final two holes to win by a stroke at 10-under 278 over Dustin Johnson and Pat Perez.

Harman, who hit 13 of 14 fairways in regulation in the final round, rolled in a 28' 4" putt for birdie at the par-5 home hole to break out of a tie at 9-under-par.

With the win, Harman collects 500 FedExCup points and moves from No. 32 to No. 9 in the standings. It took 454 points to qualify for the PGA TOUR Playoffs for the FedExCup in 2015-16. Harman has made it to the Playoffs every years since joining the PGA TOUR in 2012, led by a No. 36 finish during the 2013-14 season.

With the win, Harman earns a two-year exemption to the PGA TOUR, extending his fully-exempt status through the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season. He made his return to the TOUR this season by virtue of his 53<sup>rd</sup>-place finish on last season's FedExCup points list.

If not otherwise exempt, Harman earns a spot into the 2017 DEAN & DELUCA Invitational, the Memorial Tournament, PGA Championship, 2018 Tournament of Champions and 2018 Masters Tournament.

Harman is also the winner of the 2014 John Deere Classic.

Harman was making his sixth start in the Wells Fargo Championship, with his only previous top-10 finish coming in 2013 (T10).

Harman becomes the first left-handed winner of the Wells Fargo Championship and first to win on the PGA TOUR since Greg Chalmers at the 2016 Barracuda Championship.

Harman was making his 17<sup>th</sup> start of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season. This week's victory marked his fourth top-10 finish and ninth top-25 finish, just one shy of his career-high 10 top-25s last season. He is coming off a T9 at the RBC Heritage and T14 at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans in his last two starts.

Harman becomes the 10<sup>th</sup> player in the 15-year history of the Wells Fargo Championship to come from behind in the final round to win. David Toms (2003), Jim Furyk (2006), Anthony Kim (2008), J.B. Holmes (2014) and Rory McIlroy (2015) were 54-hole leaders who managed to convert for the win.

Only 11 of 25 third-round leaders/co-leaders on the PGA TOUR this season have been able to convert for the win in stroke-play events. Most recently, Kevin Chappell at the Valero Texas Open performed the feat.

Harman will make his sixth start in this week's PLAYERS Championship, where his one top-10 finish, a T8, came in 2015.

#### Harman's Statistics By Round:

R1: 9/14 fairways, 11/18 greens, 28 putts R2: 10/14 fairways, 10/18 greens, 25 putts R3: 8/14 fairways, 11/18 greens, 26 putts R4: 13/14 fairways, 14/18 greens, 27 putts

# Harman's Strokes Gained Summary for the week (rank):

 Off-the-Tee
 +2.263 (18)

 Approach-the-Green
 +3.871 (12)

 Around-the-Green
 +2.905 (10)

 Putting
 +3.748 (17)

 Total
 +12.784 (1)

## **About Brian Harman**

Birthdate: January 19, 1987 Birthplace: Savannah, Georgia Residence: St. Simons Island, Ga. Family: Wife, Kelly; Cooper Marie

Height, Weight: 5-7, 150

Education: University of Georgia (2009, Finance)

Turned Pro: 2009 Joined TOUR: 2012

#### **Dustin Johnson**

FedExCup leader and World No. 1 Dustin Johnson made the 36-hole cut on the number at 1-over 145, before posting back-to-back, 5-under 67s in rounds three and four to finish T2 with Pat Perez at 9-under 279.

Johnson sank a 15-foot putt for birdie on the 72<sup>nd</sup> hole to take the clubhouse lead. At the time, co-leader Jon Rahm was on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole.

Johnson was making his first start on the PGA TOUR since winning the World Golf Championships-Dell Match Play, and was in search of his fourth TOUR victory in as many starts (Genesis Open, WGC-Mexico Championship, WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play). The last player to win in at least four consecutive starts was Tiger Woods in 2007-2008 (five starts); 2007 BMW Championship, 2007 TOUR Championship, 2008 Farmers Insurance Open, 2008 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play and Arnold Palmer Invitational.

Had he won, Johnson would have become the first player to win four times in a season since 2015, when Jason Day and Jordan Spieth each won five times.

Johnson's 3-over 75 in round two was his first over-par score in 14 rounds, dating to a 2-over 74 in round two of the Farmers Insurance Open.

Johnson was making his fourth start at the Wells Fargo Championship and first since 2011. His only made cut in three previous starts resulted in a T29 in 2010.

# Pat Perez

Pat Perez, who began the final round three strokes back at 5-under 211 posted a 4-under 68 to finish T2 with Dustin Johnson in his 13<sup>th</sup> start in the event. His only previous top-10 finish was a T6 in 2011.

Perez overcame a double bogey at the par-4 14th hole in the final round with eight birdies.

Perez is the winner of the 2009 CareerBuilder Challenge and 2016 OHL Classic at Mayakoba.

This marked Perez' 14<sup>th</sup> start of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season, where he has not missed a cut. He withdrew from the Waste Management Phoenix Open during round one with an aggravated shoulder.

# Jon Rahm

Jon Rahm, who needed an eagle at the par-5 18<sup>th</sup> hole in the final round to force sudden death, could manage only par for a 1-under 71 and 8-under 280 total (4<sup>th</sup>).

Rahm eagled the par-5 72<sup>nd</sup> hole earlier this year at the Farmers Insurance Open to claim his first career PGA TOUR title.

Rahm now has six top-10s in his last eight PGA TOUR starts, highlighted by the victory at Torrey Pines.

Following his win at Torrey Pines, Rahm collected top-10 finishes in four consecutive starts at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am (T5), WGC-Mexico Championship (T3), WGC-Dell Technologies Match play (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Shell Houston Open (T10).

Rahm was seeking to become the first international player 22 or younger with a multi-win season since Sergio Garcia in 2001.

Rahm was making his first start in the Wells Fargo Championship this week.

#### Patrick Reed

Patrick Reed, who led by a stroke after 54 holes at 8-under 208, struggled in round four, posting a 3-over 75 to finish T12.

Reed was in search of his sixth PGA TOUR victory in his 139<sup>th</sup> start and first since THE NORTHERN TRUST in 2016.

With a win, Reed would have extended his streak of winning at least one PGA TOUR event a year to five.

With a win, Reed would have collected his second PGA TOUR win in the state of North Carolina, having won the 2013 Wyndham Championship at Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro.

#### **Miscellaneous Notes**

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Lucas Glover (71) R2: Tyler Aldridge (70)

R3: Dustin Johnson (67)

R4: Paul Casey (68), Xander Schauffele (68), Tag Ridings (69).

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#### Scoring Averages:

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R1:	36.353	36.410	72.763	
R2:	36.289	37.125	73.414	73.089
R3:	35.759	36.468	72.228	72.910
R4:	35.973	36.405	72.378	72.824

The par-4 16<sup>th</sup> hole played the most difficult in the final round at 4.257. The par-5 4<sup>th</sup> was the easiest at 4.770.