



2018 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier

(The 36th of 44 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

White Sulphur Springs, WV
The Old White TPC

July 5-8, 2018
Par/Yards: 34-36—70/7,286

FedExCup Pts: 500 to the winner
Purse: \$7,300,000 (\$1,314,000)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, July 5, 2018

Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 86. Wind S 4-8 mph. 0.07" of rain fell overnight Wednesday. Due to inclement weather, round one was suspended from 3:51 p.m. until 5:46 p.m.

First-Round Leaderboard

Webb Simpson	61 (-9)
Whee Kim	62 (-8)
Joaquin Niemann	63 (-7)
Kelly Kraft	64 (-6)

Seven Things To Know

- Making his eighth start in A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier, Webb Simpson played Nos. 9-12 in 5-under par (birdie-birdie-birdie-eagle) en route to a career-low 61 (862 rounds). Previous lowest score was 8-under 62 (R1/Sony Open in Hawaii)
- Special Temporary Member Joaquin Niemann ties career-low score in relation to par on the PGA TOUR with a 7-under 63
- Defending champion Xander Schauffele opened with a 4-under 66
- Whee Kim's only par on his first nine holes came at No. 1. Beginning on the second hole, he scored birdie-birdie-birdie-birdie-bogey-bogey-birdie-birdie.
- Greenbrier Resort Ambassador Phil Mickelson opened with a 66 in his fifth start in the event (MC/2011-2013, T20/2017)
- In first start since winning the Travelers Championship two weeks ago, Bubba Watson opened with a 2-under 68
- A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier is the eighth event this season to be impacted by inclement weather

First-Round Lead Notes

- 0 First-round leaders/co-leaders at A Military Tribute at the Greenbrier to win
- 7 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2017-18 (most recent: Webb Simpson/THE PLAYERS Championship)

Webb Simpson (-9/1st)

Age: 32 (August 8, 1985)

Joined TOUR: 2009

Entering this week

- #10 FedExCup
- #21 OWGR
- 5 PGA TOUR wins (most recent: 2018 THE PLAYERS Championship)
- 253 PGA TOUR starts
- 17 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
- 6 Top-10s in 2017-18
- 7 Starts at A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier
- 1/8 Wins when holding 18-hole lead/co-lead (2018 THE PLAYERS Championship)

- Made birdies at Nos, 1, 4, 9, 10, 11, 14 and 16. He eagled the par-5 12th
- 61 is two strokes shy of the tournament record of 59 (Stuart Appleby/R4/2010/Won)
- 61 ties his career-low round in relation to par (63/R2/2018 THE PLAYERS Championship/Won)
- In seven previous starts at A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier, finished inside the top 10 in 2011 (T9), 2012 (T7) and 2014 (3rd). Finished T14 last season

- In three starts since winning THE PLAYERS Championship in May, has missed two cuts (Fort Worth Invitational, Travelers Championship). Finished T10 at the U.S. Open
- In addition to TPC Sawgrass victory, claimed top-5 finishes this season at the Sony Open in Hawaii (T4), The Honda Classic (T5) and RBC Heritage (T5)
- As a junior player in 2002, won the Scott Robertson Memorial at Roanoke Country Club 80 miles away

Whee Kim (-8/2nd)

- After a par at the first hole, reeled off six birdies against two bogeys to complete his outgoing nine in 4-under 30. On his inward nine, added birdies at Nos. 12, 13, 14, and 17, for a total of 10 birdies
- Is making his third start in A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier (T67/2015, MC/2017)
- Is making his 23rd start of the season, highlighted by top-10 finishes at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES (4TH) and the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (P2)
- Remains in search of his first career PGA TOUR win in his 100th start

Joaquin Niemann (-7/3rd)

- Made seven birdies and no bogeys en route to a 7-under 63, tying his career-low in relation to par on the PGA TOUR (65/R1/the Memorial Tournament/T6)
- Hit 12/14 fairways and 16/18 greens in regulation
- In second-ever start on the PGA TOUR, posted a final-round, 6-under 64 as an amateur at the 2017 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier (T29). Is now 13-under par in last two rounds at The Old White TPC
- Closed with a 5-under 65 at last week's Quicken Loans National (T17). Is now 12-under par in last two rounds on TOUR
- Of four made cuts in seven starts on the PGA TOUR this season before this week, finished inside the top 10 three times
- Best showing of the season is solo-sixth at the Valero Texas Open
- With T6 finish at the Memorial Tournament, earned Special Temporary Membership to the PGA TOUR

Kelly Kraft (-6/4th)

- In second start at A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier, made seven birdies and one bogey to open with 64
- Posted scores of 67-66-67-69—269 (-11) to finish T5 in the event last season
- Comes to this week's event after missed cuts in seven of his last 10 starts
- Has collected two top-10 finishes this season; T8/The Honda Classic, 3rd/Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship
- Remains in search of first career PGA TOUR win in his 85th start

Smylie Kaufman withdrew after his first round with an elbow injury.

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole

R1: Par-3 15th (3.231)

Easiest Hole

R1: Par-5 12th (4.359)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.006	35.333	69.340	---

	Early	Late
R1:	69.28	69.40

Bogey-free rounds

R1: Webb Simpson (61), Joaquin Niemann (63), Jason Kokrak (65), Brandt Snedeker (66), Anirban Lahiri (67), Bronson Burgoon (67), James Hahn (68)