



2018 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard
(The 19th of 44 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Orlando, FL **March 12-18, 2018**
Bay Hill Club and Lodge

Purse: \$8,900,000
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,419

Second-Round Notes – Friday, March 16, 2018

Weather

Sunny with a high of 77. Wind variable 3-6 mph.

36-Hole Cut

75 professionals and two amateurs at 1-over 145 from a field of 118 professionals and two amateurs.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Henrik Stenson	64-69—133 (-11)
Bryson DeChambeau	67-66—133 (-11)
Talor Gooch	65-70—135 (-9)
Byeong Hun An	68-68—136 (-8)
Charley Hoffman	71-66—137 (-7)

Henrik Stenson

A week after missing the cut at the Valspar Championship, his first start of the calendar year, Henrik Stenson followed up an opening-round 8-under 64 (his low round in 10 starts at Bay Hill) with a second-round, bogey-free 3-under 69 to share the lead at the midway point with Bryson DeChambeau.

Stenson has just one bogey through the first 36 holes (No. 14 in round one).

This marks Stenson's fifth second-round lead/co-lead on TOUR: 2015 TOUR Championship (T2), 2013 TOUR Championship (won), 2011 Children's Miracle Network Classic (T12), 2006 PGA Championship (T14).

Between 2013 and 2016, Stenson finished in the top eight at the Arnold Palmer Invitational, highlighted by a runner-up in 2015 and T3 in 2016 T3. He missed the cut in 2017.

Stenson is one of nine Swedish players to win on the PGA TOUR. When he won last season at the 2017 Wyndham Championship, he became the most winningest Swede with six TOUR titles.

After needing just 20 putts to complete his first round, Stenson had 29 putts Friday.

R1 stats: 13 of 14 fairways, 12 of 18 greens, 5 of 6 scrambling, 20 putts.

R2 stats: 11 of 14 fairways, 14 of 18 greens, 4 of 4 scrambling, 29 putts.

Currently 88th in the FedExCup, Stenson is one of six past FedExCup champions in the field. He won in 2013.

Bryson DeChambeau

One day after eight birdies and three bogeys led to an opening-round 5-under 67, Bryson DeChambeau posted a 6-under 66 to move into a share of the 36-hole lead with Henrik Stenson at 11-under 133.

DeChambeau leads the field with 14 birdies through two rounds, one clear of Talor Gooch, Byeong Hun An, Patrick Reed and Justin Rose.

This marks DeChambeau's third second-round lead/co-lead on TOUR: 2018 Waste Management Phoenix Open (T5), 2017 Puerto Rico Open (T2).

DeChambeau finished T27 in his only other start at the Arnold Palmer Invitational (2016).

Making his 56th PGA TOUR start, DeChambeau is in search of his second victory (2017 John Deere Classic).

R1 stats: 11 of 14 fairways, 12 of 18 greens, 4 of 6 scrambling, 25 putts.

R2 stats: 12 of 14 fairways, 14 of 18 greens, 2 of 4 scrambling, 28 putts.

DeChambeau finished 49th in the FedExCup last season, the same position he currently holds this season.

Second-Round Leader Statistics

The second-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win four of 18 times this season and not since Austin Cook at The RSM Classic.

Dating to 1979 when the event moved to Bay Hill, the second-round leader has held on for victory 16 times. The last to do so was Jason Day in 2016.

At 10-under 134, Charley Hoffman held a one-stroke lead over Emiliano Grillo at Bay Hill a year ago. Eventual champion Marc Leishman was three strokes back at 7-under 137.

Talor Gooch

Making his Arnold Palmer Invitational debut, PGA TOUR rookie Talor Gooch followed a bogey-free 7-under 65 (tying his career-best low round on TOUR) with a 2-under 70 to move to 9-under 135, two shots shy of Stenson and DeChambeau.

The Oklahoma State University grad secured his TOUR card with a sixth-place finish on the Web.com Tour Regular Season money list thanks to his win at the 2017 News Sentinel Open presented by Pilot in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Gooch has posted three top-25 finishes in 12 starts this season, most recently finishing T20 at the Genesis Open. He entered this week on the heels of two straight missed cuts.

Tiger Woods

In his 18th career start in the Arnold Palmer Invitational and first since 2013, Tiger Woods will enter the weekend T17 after rounds of 68-72. His 72 on Friday snaps a streak of nine consecutive under-par rounds at Bay Hill.

Woods has made the cut in all 17 starts as a professional at the Arnold Palmer Invitational. His only missed cut came as an amateur in 1994.

R1 stats: 8 of 14 fairways, 11 of 18 greens, 6 of 7 scrambling, 25 putts.

R2 stats: 8 of 14 fairways, 10 of 18 greens, 7 of 8 scrambling, 27 putts.

In six of his eight career victories at the Arnold Palmer Invitational, Woods has led the field for par-5 scoring. Most recently, he outperformed the field by 11 strokes on the par 5s in 2013. After making birdie on all four par 5s Thursday, he had two pars (Nos. 4 and 6) and two birdies Friday (Nos. 12 and 16).

Bay Hill is one of three courses Woods has eight wins, including Torrey Pines, home of the Farmers Insurance Open, and Firestone CC (South), home of the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational. No player in PGA TOUR history has ever recorded nine wins at one venue.

Additional Player Notes

With a second-round 4-under 68, 26-year-old South Korean Byeong Hun An moved into fourth place, three strokes behind Stenson and DeChambeau. Six international players have won the Arnold Palmer Invitational: Marc Leishman (2017), Jason Day (2016), Martin Laird (2011), Ernie Els (1998, 2010), Vijay Singh (2007) and Rod Pamplung (2006).

A week after finishing T2 at the Valspar Championship, Patrick Reed (T6) finds himself in contention again with rounds of 68-70. Reed is playing the Arnold Palmer Invitational for the first time since 2014. His record includes a MC in 2013 and T52 in 2014.

Rickie Fowler, who is serving on the Arnold Palmer Invitational host committee, followed a bogey-free 67 with a 1-under 71 to fall to T6. Fowler has six previous starts at Bay Hill, including his best finish, a T3 in 2013. That year, he was paired with Tiger Woods in the final round.

Rory McIlroy's round (2-under 70) was highlighted by three consecutive birdies on Nos. 4-6. He also had three straight birdies (Nos. 6-8) en route to an opening-round 3-under 69. He'll enter the weekend T11 and six behind the co-leaders.

Non-member Sam Burns, who is playing on a sponsor's invite, opened with rounds of 69-70 and will enter the weekend T11. Burns is in search of 88 non-member FedExCup points to secure Special Temporary Membership on the PGA TOUR. That translates to a four-way tie for sixth or better.

Defending champion Marc Leishman (T17) turned in his second-consecutive 2-under 70 to move to 4-under 140 through two rounds. He is seeking to join Matt Every (2014-15), Tiger Woods (2000-03, 2008-09, 2012-13) and Loren Roberts (1994-95) as back-to-back winners at Bay Hill.

Danny Willett withdrew during the second round with an injured shoulder.

Miscellaneous Notes

The 2018 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard is the 40th year at the Bay Hill Club and Lodge (53rd year of the event).

Of the six past FedExCup champions in the field, four are currently ranked inside the top 20: Henrik Stenson (T1), Billy Horschel (T6), Rory McIlroy (T11), Tiger Woods (T17), Brandt Snedeker (MC), Vijay Singh (MC).

Past API Champions	R1-2 Scores
Ernie Els (1998, 2010)	69-70—139 (T11)
Tiger Woods (8 times)	68-72—140 (T17)
Marc Leishman (2017)	70-70—140 (T17)
Martin Laird (2011)	72-70—142 (T31)
Jason Day (2016)	73-71—144 (T53)
Paul Goydos (1996)	70-74—144 (T53)
Tim Herron (1999)	75-72—147 (MC)
Vijay Singh (2007)	74-76—150 (MC)
Matt Every (2014, 2015)	70-80—150 (MC)
Robert Gamez (1990)	72-82—154 (MC)

Scoring Averages:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1	36.325	35.875	72.200	--
R2	36.395	35.664	72.059	72.129

Early Scoring Average vs. Late Scoring Average

R1: early – 72.58; late – 71.82

R2: early – 72.10; late – 72.02

Hardest Hole/Easiest Hole

R1: hardest (par-4 18th; 4.283), easiest (par-5 16th; 4.292).

R2: hardest (par-3 2nd; 3.353), easiest (par-5 16th; 4.311)

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – Talor Gooch (65), Rickie Fowler (67), Brian Harman (68), Billy Horschel (68).

R2 – Charley Hoffman (66), Luke List (67), Henrik Stenson (69), J.B. Holmes (71).