



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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, March 17, 2018

Weather

Sunny and warm with a high of 83. Wind SW 5-12 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Henrik Stenson	64-69-71— 204 (-12)
Bryson DeChambeau	67-66-72— 205 (-11)
Rory McIlroy	69-70-67— 206 (-10)
Justin Rose	69-71-67— 207 (-9)
Ryan Moore	71-67-69— 207 (-9)

Henrik Stenson

Henrik Stenson, who began his third round tied for the lead with Bryson DeChambeau, followed up an opening-round 8-under 64 (his low round in 10 starts at Bay Hill) and a second-round, bogey-free 3-under 69 with a 1-under 71 in round three to take the solo 54-hole lead. He will enter the final round with a one-stroke lead over DeChambeau.

Stenson, who lives in Orlando, went 29 holes without a bogey before recording a bogey-5 on the par-4 8th. He has four bogeys on his scorecard this week, with three coming in the third round.

Stenson is making his third official start of the 2017-18 season. He missed the cut at the Valspar Championship last week (74-74) in his first start of the calendar year and finished T2 at the WGC-HSBC Champions in the fall.

This marks Stenson's sixth third-round lead/co-lead on TOUR, three of which he has converted into victory: 2017 Wyndham Championship, 2016 Open Championship and 2013 TOUR Championship.

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. He missed the cut last year.

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 winningest Swede with six TOUR titles.

One of six past FedExCup champions in the field, a win tomorrow is projected to move the Swede from 88th to 17th in the FedExCup standings. Stenson won the season-long competition in 2013.

Stenson is looking to become the seventh international winner of the Arnold Palmer Palmer Invitational: Marc Leishman (2017), Jason Day (2016), Martin Laird (2011), Ernie Els (1998, 2010), Vijay Singh (2007) and Rod Pampling (2006).

Should Stenson win on Sunday, he would become the fifth winner in his 40s this season (Pat Perez, Ryan Armour, Phil Mickelson, Paul Casey) at the age of 41 years, 11 months, 13 days. It would also mark the first time since 2004 that there were three or more consecutive winners in their 40s:

Date	Tournament	Winner	Age
8/29/2004	Buick Championship	Woody Austin	40
9/6/2004	Dell Technologies Championship	Vijay Singh	41
9/12/2004	RBC Canadian Open	Vijay Singh	41
9/19/2004	Valero Texas Open	Bart Bryant	41
9/26/2004	84 LUMBER Classic	Vijay Singh	41

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.

R3 stats: 11 of 14 fairways, 11 of 18 greens, 4 of 7 scrambling, 29 putts.

Third-Round Leader Statistics

The third-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win eight of 18 times this season, most recently Bubba Watson at the Genesis Open.

Dating to 1979 when the event moved to Bay Hill, 25 54-hole leaders have gone on to win, most recently Jason Day in 2016.

The largest come-from-behind victory at the Arnold Palmer Invitational is six shots (Tom Kite/1982 and Gary Koch/1984), and the low finish by a winner is a 63 (Gary Koch/1984).

Bryson DeChambeau

Bryson DeChambeau followed his 66 and 67 in rounds one and two with an even-par 72 on Saturday, offsetting three bogeys with three birdies and hitting 15 of 18 greens.

Making his 56th PGA TOUR start, DeChambeau is in search of his second victory (2017 John Deere Classic). En route to his victory at TPC Deere Run, DeChambeau began the final round four strokes back but birdied his final two holes to win by one stroke over Patrick Rodgers.

Currently ranked 49th in the FedExCup, DeChambeau has four top-25 and two top-10 finishes in nine previous starts, with his best finish a T5 at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. DeChambeau withdrew from last week's Valspar Championship after the first round (76) due to a bad back.

Tiger Woods

Tiger Woods, who entered the weekend T17 after rounds of 68-72, posted a 3-under 69 in round three and is T10, five strokes back of leader Henrik Stenson.

Woods owns eight victories at this event in 17 previous starts. He either led or co-led through 54 holes en route to seven of his eight wins. His only come-from-behind win was in 2009, when he entered the final round five strokes back of Sean O'Hair before posting a final-round 67 to win by one.

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.

Woods has now posted nine consecutive rounds of par or better, a streak he hasn't matched since 2013 (see **bold**):

WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play	66-65-67-71 (won)
Arnold Palmer Invitational	69-70-66-70 (won)
Masters Tournament	70-73-70-70 (T4)

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.

R3 stats: 9 of 14 fairways, 13 of 18 greens, 2 of 5 scrambling, 28 putts.

Woods ranks second behind Jason Day (10) in birdies on par 5s this week, with nine total. In six of his eight career victories at this event, Woods has led the field for par-5 scoring. Most recently, he outperformed the field by 11 strokes on the par 5s in 2013. Woods birdied all four par 5s Thursday, had two pars (Nos. 4 and 6) and two birdies Friday (Nos. 12 and 16) and on Saturday recorded one par (No. 12) and three birdies (Nos. 4, 6, 16).

Rory McIlroy

Rory McIlroy eagled the par-5 12th and then birdied two of his final three holes (Nos. 16 and 18) en route to a third-round, 5-under 67. McIlroy's 67, where he was 6/7 in scrambling, is his lowest score on TOUR since the first round of the 2017 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational.

McIlroy has finished no worse than T27 (2016) in three previous starts at the Arnold Palmer Invitational. He finished T4 last year at 9-under, two strokes back of Marc Leishman.

A week ago, McIlroy missed the cut at the Valspar Championship (74-73), one of two missed cuts in his previous four starts this season.

Justin Rose

Justin Rose, the highest-ranked player in the field, followed his second-round 71 with a 5-under 67 in the third round, three strokes back of fellow 2016 Olympic medalist Henrik Stenson.

Rose began the tournament 3-over through two holes after a triple bogey-7 on the par-4 11th on Thursday but now leads the field in total birdies with 19.

Rose is making his 13th start in the event, where he has four top-10s. In four starts on TOUR this season, Rose has a win (WGC-HSBC Champions) and two top-10s, including a T5 at last week's Valspar Championship.

Additional Player Notes

Rickie Fowler, who is serving on the Arnold Palmer Invitational host committee, finished bogey-double-bogey to post a 2-under 70 in round three. Fowler has six previous starts at Bay Hill and his best finish a T3 in 2013. That year, he was paired with Tiger Woods in the final round.

Ryan Moore is three shots back of Henrik Stenson after rounds of 71-67-69. Playing in his ninth Arnold Palmer Invitational, Moore's best finish is T4 in 2012. A five-time winner on TOUR, Moore is in search of his first win since the 2016 John Deere Classic. He has two top-10 finishes this season, most recently a T9 at the Genesis Open.

Non-member Sam Burns, who is playing on a sponsor's invite, posted scores of 69-70-71 and enters the final round T14. 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.

2016 champion Jason Day posted a 5-under 67 on Saturday and is T18. Day has recorded a win (Farmers Insurance Open) and a runner-up (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am) in his last two TOUR starts and has finished no worse than T11 in his four starts this season.

Defending champion Marc Leishman (T35) followed up back-to-back 70s with a 1-over 73 in the third round. Leishman, who is coming off a career-best, sixth-place finish in the FedExCup standings, has three top-25 finishes in eight starts this season.

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, three are currently ranked inside the top 10: Henrik Stenson (1), Rory Mclroy (3rd), Tiger Woods (T10), Billy Horschel (T18), Brandt Snedeker (MC), Vijay Singh (MC).

Past API Champions

R1-2-3 Scores

Tiger Woods (8 times)	68-72-69—209 (T10)
Jason Day (2016)	73-71-67—211 (T18)
Marc Leishman (2017)	70-70-73—213 (T35)
Ernie Els (1998, 2010)	69-70-75—214 (T44)
Martin Laird (2011)	72-70-73—215 (T51)
Paul Goydos (1996)	70-74-72—216 (T58)
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
R3	35.831	35.429	71.260	71.918

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)

R3: hardest (par-3 2nd; 3.273), easiest (par-5 16th; 4.468)

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).

R3 – Sam Horsfield (68), Brian Stuard (68), Graeme McDowell (69).