



**2018 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard**  
(The 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

## **Final-Round Notes – Sunday, March 18, 2018**

### **Weather**

Sunny with a high of 85. Wind W 6-12 mph.

### **Final-Round Leaderboard**

Rory McIlroy	69-70-67-64— 270 (-18)
Bryson DeChambeau	67-66-72-68— 273 (-15)
Justin Rose	69-71-67-67— 274 (-14)
Henrik Stenson	64-69-71-71— 275 (-13)
Tiger Woods	68-72-69-69— 278 (-10)
Ryan Moore	71-67-69-71— 278 (-10)

- Three FedExCup champions finished inside the top five: Rory McIlroy (2016), Henrik Stenson (2013) and Tiger Woods (2007, 2009).
- The top-five on the leaderboard account for 108 PGA TOUR wins, 20 major wins and three PLAYERS Championship titles.

### **Rory McIlroy**

Entering the final round two shots off the lead, Rory McIlroy birdied five of his last six holes en route to a bogey-free 64 and three-shot victory over Bryson DeChambeau. McIlroy wins his 14<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR title in his 136<sup>th</sup> start at the age of 28 years, 10 months, 14 days. This marks his first win on the PGA TOUR since 2016 when he won two FedExCup Playoffs events, the Dell Technologies Championship and TOUR Championship, en route to winning the 2016 FedExCup.

McIlroy's last win on TOUR came on September 25, 2016, the same day Arnold Palmer passed away.

2017 marked the first year since 2008 McIlroy failed to record a win on any tour worldwide.

### **McIlroy's 14 PGA TOUR wins:**

2010 Wells Fargo Championship  
2011 U.S. Open  
2012 The Honda Classic, PGA Championship, Dell Technologies Championship, BMW Championship  
2014 The Open Championship, World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational, PGA Championship  
2015 World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play, Wells Fargo Championship  
2016 Deutsche Bank Championship, TOUR Championship  
**2017 Arnold Palmer Invitational**

McIlroy is the fifth winner on TOUR this season with double-digit PGA TOUR wins: Dustin Johnson (17), Jason Day (11), Bubba Watson (10), Phil Mickelson (43) and Rory McIlroy (14).

Seven of McIlroy's 14 wins have been in come-from-behind fashion and six of those were from margins of two or more.

McIlroy's final-round 64 ties Gary Woodland (Waste Management Phoenix Open) for the lowest final round by a winner this season.

The last four PGA TOUR events have featured come-from-behind winners: Justin Thomas (The Honda Classic), Phil Mickelson (WGC-Mexico Championship), Paul Casey (Valspar Championship, Rory McIlroy (Arnold Palmer Invitational).

In four previous starts this season, McIlroy had two missed cuts (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, Valspar Championship) and just two rounds under par in his two made cuts (Genesis Open, The Honda Classic).

This marks McIlroy's second consecutive top-five in the event. McIlroy at the Arnold Palmer Invitational: 2018 (Won), 2017 (T4), 2016 (T27), 2015 (T11).

In the modern era, McIlroy is one of three players to win 14 or more PGA TOUR victories by the age of 30 (Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson).

Most PGA TOUR wins by players under the age of 45:

Tiger Woods	79
Dustin Johnson	17
Rory McIlroy	14
Adam Scott	13

McIlroy becomes the seventh international winner of the Arnold Palmer Invitational, and third consecutive: Rory McIlroy (2018), Marc Leishman (2017), Jason Day (2016), Martin Laird (2011), Ernie Els (1998, 2010), Vijay Singh (2007) and Rod Pampling (2006).

With the victory, the 2016 FedExCup champion collects 500 FedExCup points and moves to No. 24 in the standings. McIlroy moved 154 spots in the standings, the biggest move by any player this week.

With the victory, McIlroy is projected to move back into the top 10 in the world.

McIlroy is in next week's field at the World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play where he won in 2015.

R1 stats: 8 of 14 fairways, 10 of 18 greens, 7 of 8 scrambling, 24 putts  
R2 stats: 6 of 14 fairways, 12 of 18 greens, 3 of 6 scrambling, 27 putts  
R3 stats: 12 of 14 fairways, 11 of 18 greens, 6 of 7 scrambling, 25 putts  
R4 stats: 10 of 14 fairways, 13 of 18 greens, 5 of 5 scrambling, 24 putts

McIlroy recorded 100 putts through four rounds, the fewest of his career in a PGA TOUR round. His Strokes Gained: Putting total (10.027) was the best of his career.

<b>Stat</b>	<b>Rank</b>
Strokes Gained: Off the Tee	31 <sup>st</sup> (1.411)
Strokes Gained: Approach the Green	13 <sup>th</sup> (4.569)
Strokes Gained: Around the Green	20 <sup>th</sup> (1.966)
Strokes Gained: Putting	1 <sup>st</sup> (10.027)
Strokes Gained: Total	1 <sup>st</sup> (17.973)

### **About Rory McIlroy**

HEIGHT: 5-10

WEIGHT: 160

BIRTHDATE: May 4, 1989

BIRTHPLACE: Holywood, Northern Ireland

RESIDENCE: Holywood, Northern Ireland/Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

FAMILY: Wife, Erica

TURNED PROFESSIONAL: 2007

JOINED TOUR: 2010

### **Bryson DeChambeau**

In search of his second career PGA TOUR victory, Bryson DeChambeau closed with a 4-under 68 to finish three strokes behind Rory McIlroy. This marks DeChambeau's second runner-up in 56 starts on the PGA TOUR (2017 Puerto Rico Open).

### **Justin Rose**

Paired with eventual-winner Rory McIlroy, Justin Rose closed with a bogey-free 67 to finish alone in third, four strokes behind McIlroy. Rose led the field in birdies (24), two ahead of McIlroy and Patrick Reed.

Through four days of competition, Rose was the only player who beat Tiger Woods' score when grouped or paired with him. In the third round and paired with Woods, Rose (67) beat Woods (69) by two shots.

Rose records his fifth top-10 in his 13<sup>th</sup> start in the Arnold Palmer Invitational, three of which are top-three finishes (2011/T3, 2013/2, 2018/3).

### **Henrik Stenson**

For the third time in his last four starts at the Arnold Palmer Invitational, Henrik Stenson headed into the final round either in the lead or in second. His fourth-place finish was his third top-five in his last five starts: 2018 (4<sup>th</sup>), 2017 (MC), 2016 (T3), 2015 (2<sup>nd</sup>) and 2014 (T5).

In six third-round leads/co-leads on TOUR, Stenson has failed to convert for victory three times. The three occasions he won: 2017 Wyndham Championship, 2016 Open Championship and 2013 TOUR Championship.

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.

At the age of 41 years, 11 months, 13 days, Stenson was looking to become the third straight PGA TOUR winner in his 40s, following Phil Mickelson and Paul Casey.

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

R4 stats: 10 of 14 fairways, 13 of 18 greens, 3 of 5 scrambling, 30 putts

### **Tiger Woods**

In his first start in the Arnold Palmer Invitational since his win in 2013, Tiger Woods entered the final round five strokes back of leader Henrik Stenson. Playing his first 15 holes at 5-under and getting to one within the lead, Woods posted back-to-back bogeys at 16-17 to close with a 69 to finish T5.

Woods is now a total 118-under par at the Arnold Palmer Invitational, a distant 44 strokes from the next best player (Vijay Singh, 74).

Following his T2 at last week's Valspar Championship, Woods recorded back-to-back top-10s on the PGA TOUR for the first time since 2013 (The Open/T6, WGC-Bridgestone/Win). This is his first season since 2013 with multiple top-10s. From 1996-03, Woods never had fewer than two top-10s in a season.

This marks Woods' 10<sup>th</sup> top-10 (eight wins) in 18 starts at the Arnold Palmer Invitational. Woods was looking to become the first player in PGA TOUR history to record nine victories in a single event. Woods and Sam Snead are the only players to have eight wins at the same tournament.

Woods was in search of his 80<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR victory. He remains three short of Sam Snead's record of 82 wins.

Woods finished T1 in birdies on the par 5s this week with 12. Woods ranked second in Strokes Gained: Around the Green (4.356)

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

R4 stats: 9 of 14 fairways, 11 of 18 greens, 4 of 7 scrambling, 27 putts

### **Additional Player Notes**

Non-member Sam Burns, who is playing on a sponsor's invite, finished T49. Entering the week, Burns needed 88 non-member FedExCup points to secure Special Temporary Membership on the PGA TOUR (four-way tie for sixth or better). Following this week, he currently has 189 and now needs 80, en route to matching the 269 points required (Rick Lamb).

Defending champion Marc Leishman moved into the top 10 with his best round of the week, a 5-under 67.

<b>Past API Champions</b>	<b>Finish</b>
Tiger Woods (8 times)	T5
Marc Leishman (2017)	T7
Jason Day (2016)	T22
Martin Laird (2011)	T26
Ernie Els (1998, 2010)	T49
Paul Goydos (1996)	T69
Tim Herron (1999)	MC
Vijay Singh (2007)	MC
Matt Every (2014, 2015)	MC

**Miscellaneous Notes**

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

**Scoring Averages:**

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
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
R4	36.636	35.818	72.455	72.023

**Hardest Hole/Easiest Hole**

R1: hardest (par-4 18<sup>th</sup>; 4.283), easiest (par-5 16<sup>th</sup>; 4.292)

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

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

R4: hardest (par-3 2<sup>nd</sup>; 3.254), easiest (par-5 16<sup>th</sup>; 4.354)

**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).

R4 – Brian Gay (69), Rory McIlroy (64), Justin Rose (67).