



2018 AT&T Byron Nelson

(The 29th of 44 events in the PGA TOUR season)

Dallas, Texas
Trinity Forest Golf Club

May 17-20, 2018
Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,380

FedExCup Points: 500 Purse: \$7,700,000

First-Round Notes – Thursday, May 17, 2018

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 93. Wind E 5-10 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Marc Leishman	61 (-10)
J.J. Spaun	64 (-7)
Jimmy Walker	64 (-7)
8 players at	65 (-6)

Five Things To Know

- Marc Leishman shoots his career-low round of 10-under 61
- Leishman comes one shot shy of tying the tournament record set by three others at 10-under 60 (Keegan Bradley/R1/2013, Arron Oberholser/R2/2006, Sam Snead/R2/1957)
- Leishman was the only player to have two eagles in the first round
- Hosting for the first time, Trinity Forest Golf Club had a first-round scoring average of 69.564. Third-lowest opening round scoring average this season.
- Leishman holds an 18-hole lead/co-lead for the fifth time in his career. He has converted one of those instances into a win (2017 BMW Championship).

First-Round Lead Notes

9 First-round leaders/co-leaders at AT&T Byron Nelson to win.
(most recent: Sergio Garcia/2016)

Only eight players (nine times) have carried the opening-day lead on to victory, including Sergio Garcia (2016), Steven Bowditch (2015), Jason Day (2010), Scott Simpson (1993), Tom Watson (1979-80), Mark Hayes (1976), Chi Chi Rodriguez (1972) and Earl Stewart (1961).

7 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2017-18
(most recent: Webb Simpson/THE PLAYERS Championship)

Only two players have won the tournament in wire-to-wire fashion (Mark Hayes/1976 and Tom Watson/1980)

Marc Leishman

Age: 34 (October 24, 1983)

Joined Tour: 2009

Entering this week

#33	FedExCup
#16	OWGR
237	PGA TOUR starts
3	PGA TOUR wins
9	Starts at AT&T Byron Nelson
13	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18

5 Top-10s in 2017-18
1/4 Wins with 18-hole lead/co-lead

Wins (3): 2012 Travelers Championship, 2017 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, 2017 BMW Championship

Best 2017-18 results: P2/THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES

- Recorded his career-best round on the PGA TOUR (797th career round) and came one shot shy of tying the tournament course record of 10-under 60 set by three other players (Keegan Bradley/R1/2013, Arron Oberholser/R2/2006, Sam Snead/R2/1957)
- Posted two eagles (Nos. 1 and 14). Marks the 26th time this season that more than one eagle was posted in a single round.
- His eagle on the par-5 1st hole marked just the second time in 797 career PGA TOUR rounds to make eagle on the opening hole.
- Hit 14 of 14 fairways, marking just the third time in his career to hit every fairway in a round on TOUR
- Two T3 finishes in nine previous starts at the AT&T Byron Nelson (T3/2014 and T3/2012)
- Fifth time holding an 18-hole lead/co-lead. Has converted one of those instances into a win (2017 BMW Championship).
- Owns five top-10s in the 2017-18 season (most recent: 9th/Masters Tournament)
- Recorded his third bogey-free round of the season (R4/Sentry Tournament of Champions and R2/WGC Mexico Championship)

Jimmy Walker (T2)

Age: 39 (January 16, 1979)

Joined Tour: 2005

Entering this week

#49 FedExCup
#56 OWGR
297 PGA TOUR starts
6 PGA TOUR wins
11 Starts at AT&T Byron Nelson
13 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
3 Top-10s in 2017-18

Wins (6): 2014 Safeway Open, Sony Open in Hawaii, AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, 2015 Sony Open in Hawaii, Valero Texas Open, 2016 PGA Championship

Best 2017-18 results: T2/THE PLAYERS Championship,

- In 11 previous starts at AT&T Byron Nelson, best showing is T2 in 2015
- Three top-10 finishes in the 2017-18 season: (T2, THE PLAYERS Championship, 4th/ Valero Texas Open, T8/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am)
- 64 ties his lowest opening round at this event (R1/2015) and his lowest round on TOUR in 621 days (R2/2016 Dell Technologies Championship)
- Of the players currently in the top-10, Walker is the only player to finish in the top-10 at this season's AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am

J.J. Spaun (T2)

Age: 27 (August 21, 1990)

Joined TOUR: 2017

Entering this week

#55 FedExCup
#160 OWGR
46 PGA TOUR starts
0 PGA TOUR wins
1 Starts at AT&T Byron Nelson
15 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18

2 Top-10 finishes in 2017-18

- Birdied six of his last eight holes en route to a 7-under 64.
- Hit 14 of 14 fairways and only needed 25 putts to complete his first round.
- Finished 74th in his only other appearance at the AT&T Byron Nelson (2017)
- Strokes Gained: Around the Green/2nd, Strokes Gained: Putting/2nd, Strokes Gained: Total/T2
- Best 2017-18 result: (2nd/ THE RSM Classic)

Additional Player Notes

Jordan Spieth (T57)

- Dallas native and AT&T ambassador
- Made his PGA TOUR debut in 2010 as a 16-year-old amateur (T16/his best showing at this event)
- Two top-10 finishes in his last four starts: T3/Houston Open and 3rd/Masters Tournament
- Best 2017-18 results: 3rd/Masters Tournament, T3/Houston Open
- Out of 15 players that drove the green on the par-4 5th hole, Spieth was the only player to make bogey.

Billy Horschel (T44)

- Winner of 2017 AT&T Byron Nelson, missed the cut in two other appearances (2011 and 2012)
- Last player to successfully defend title at AT&T Byron Nelson: Tom Watson (1979, 1980)
- Two top-10s in 2017-18 (best: 1st/Zurich Classic of New Orleans, partnered with Scott Piercy)
- Wins: 5 (2013 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, 2014 BMW Championship, 2014 TOUR Championship, 2017 AT&T Byron Nelson, 2018 Zurich Classic of New Orleans)

Jonathan Byrd (T4)

- 65 is lowest career score in 27 rounds at AT&T Byron Nelson
- Wins (5): 2002 Buick Challenge, 2004 B.C. Open presented by Turning Stone Resort, 2007 John Deere Classic, 2010 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, 2011 Sentry Tournament of Champions

Aaron Wise (T4)

- First season as a PGA TOUR member (No. 56 in FedExCup standings)
- Last rookie to win the AT&T Byron Nelson: Keegan Bradley in 2011.
- Coming off a T2 finish at the Wells Fargo Championship, his best showing in 25 career starts
- Hit 14/14 fairways and 17/18 greens in the first round

Ethan Tracy (T4)

- Hit 18 of 18 greens en route to a bogey-free 6-under 65

Keith Mitchell (T4)

- First season as a PGA TOUR member (No. 79 in FedExCup standings)
- Recorded his fourth bogey-free round this season (R2/Sony Open in Hawaii, R1/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, R2/Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship)
- Best 2017-18 result (17 starts): 2nd/ Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship

T.J Vogel (T12)

- Monday-qualified for the fifth time this season and shot a 5-under 66 in the first round, his lowest round this season.

Adam Scott (T23)

- Players in the top-60 of the OWGR as of May 21st and June 11th will be fully exempt for the U.S. Open. Scott currently sits 65th.

2018 PGA TOUR 1st Round Scoring Average

Previous to the AT&T Byron Nelson, four tournaments have had a 1st round scoring average below 70 this season.

Tournament Name	Course	1 st Round Scoring Average
Sony Open in Hawaii	Waialae CC	69.208

CareerBuilder Challenge	Stadium Course	69.316
AT&T Byron Nelson	Trinity Forest Golf Club	69.564
The RSM Classic	Sea Island Resort (Seaside)	69.761
Houston Open	GC of Houston	69.785

With three par-5s at the new venue, 20 eagles were recorded in the first round.

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole

R1: The par-4 13th hole at 4.212

Easiest Hole

R1: The par-5 7th hole at 4.365

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.442	35.122	69.564	--

Bogey-free rounds

R1: Marc Leishman (61), Jimmy Walker (64), Keith Mitchell (65), Ethan Tracy (65), Rory Sabbatini (66), Ryan Blaum (66), Dominic Bozzelli (67), Joel Dahmen (67), Andrew Putnam (68).