



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

Second-Round Notes – Friday, May 18, 2018

Weather: Sunny and hot. High of 96. Wind SSE 10-15 mph.

36-hole cut: 75 professionals at 4-under 138 from a field of 155 professionals and one amateur.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Marc Leishman	61-66—127 (-15)
Aaron Wise	65-63—128 (-14)
Brian Gay	67-62—129 (-13)
Jimmy Walker	64-67—131 (-11)
Eric Axley	66-65—131 (-11)
Kevin Na	66-65—131 (-11)

Seven things To Know

- Marc Leishman followed a career-low 10-under 61 with a second-round 66 to move to 15-under 127, besting the AT&T Byron Nelson opening 36-hole record of 128 (set on six occasions, most recently by Jason Kokrak in 2017).
- Leishman will enter the weekend attempting to become just the third player to win the tournament in wire-to-wire fashion (Mark Hayes/1976 and Tom Watson/1980).
- 4-under cut is the lowest on TOUR since a 4-under cut at the 2017 RBC Canadian Open. The previous lowest cut this season was 3-under at The RSM Classic and Houston Open.
- T.J. Vogel, who has successfully Monday Qualified for all five starts this season, has now made the cut three consecutive times (T16-Valspar Championship, T59-Wells Fargo Championship, TBD-AT&T Byron Nelson).
- Brian Gay needed just 26 putts en route to equaling his career-low round with a 62.
- Matt Kuchar missed the cut this week to see his TOUR-leading consecutive cuts-made streak snapped at 30. Jason Day, Adam Hadwin and Dustin Johnson now hold the longest-current streak at 17 straight made cuts.

Second-Round Lead Notes

- 9 Second-round leaders/co-leaders at AT&T Byron Nelson to win since 2002 (most recent: Sergio Garcia/2016)
- 7 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2017-18 (most recent: Webb Simpson/THE PLAYERS Championship)

Marc Leishman (1)

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 36-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

- Best opening 36-hole scores: 126 (2017 BMW Championship/62-64/won), 127 (2018 AT&T Byron Nelson/61-66/TBD), 131 (2014 Sony Open in Hawaii/67-64/5th).
- Stats through two rounds: 25 of 28 fairways, 33 of 36 greens, 57 putts, 1 of 2 sand saves, 2 of 3 scrambling.
- Played his first 23 holes this week before carding his first (and only) bogey on the par-4 15th hole Friday.
- Fifth time holding a 36-hole lead/co-lead. Has converted one of those leads into wins: 2017 BMW Championship.
- Opened the week by recording his career-best round on the PGA TOUR (797th career round) with a 61, falling 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)
- Two T3 finishes in nine previous starts at the AT&T Byron Nelson (T3/2014 and T3/2012)
- Owns five top-10s in the 2017-18 season (most recent: 9th/Masters Tournament)

Aaron Wise (2)

Age: 21 (June 21, 1996)

Joined Tour: 2017-18 season

Entering this week

#56 FedExCup
 #99 OWGR
 25 PGA TOUR starts
 0 PGA TOUR wins
 0 Starts at AT&T Byron Nelson
 17 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
 1 Top-10s in 2017-18

Career-best results: T2/2018 Wells Fargo Championship

Best 2017-18 results: T2/Wells Fargo Championship

- 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
- Stats through two rounds: 25/28 fairways, 34/36 greens, 60 putts, 1 of 2 scrambling

Brian Gay (3)

Age: 46 (December 14, 1971)

Joined Tour: 1999

Entering this week

#62 FedExCup
 #152 OWGR
 535 PGA TOUR starts
 4 PGA TOUR wins
 17 Starts at AT&T Byron Nelson (best finish T2 in 2010).
 17 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
 3 Top-10s in 2017-18

Wins (4): 2008 OHL Classic at Mayakoba, 2009 RBC Heritage, 2009 FedEx St. Jude Classic, 2013 CareerBuilder Challenge

Best 2017-18 results: 3-2017 The RSM Classic

- Equaled his career-low round with a 62 (set twice previously and most recent the 2011 CareerBuilder Challenge).
- Needed just 26 putts in round two, marking the 400th round (out of 1,697 overall) with 26 or fewer putts.
- Equaled his career-best opening 36-hole score with a 129 (2017 The RSM Classic/65-64).
- One of Gay's three top-10 finishes this season came at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am (T8).

Jimmy Walker (T4)

- Has just one bogey through 36 holes – par-4 third hole during the second round/his 30th hole this week.
- Six-time winner is coming off his best outing of the season, a runner-up finish at THE PLAYERS Championship.

- Three top-10 finishes in the 2017-18 season: (T2, THE PLAYERS Championship, 4th/ Valero Texas Open, T8/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am).
- Making his 12th start at the AT&T Byron Nelson, seeking second top-10 finish (T2 in 2015).

Eric Axley (T4)

- Winner this season at the Web.com Tour's rain-shortened North Mississippi Classic.
- Seeking second PGA TOUR victory in 193rd start (2006 Valero Texas Open)

Kevin Na (T4)

- Has just one bogey through the first 36 holes (par-4 10th in the first round).
- Has played Nos. 1-3 this week at 6-under (R1: eagle-birdie-par; R2: birdie-birdie-birdie).

Jordan Spieth (T20)

- Dallas native and AT&T ambassador
- Second-round 5-under 66 included missed par putts of 2'10" on No. 9 and 1'3" on No. 15.
- 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

Additional notes

Defending champion Billy Horschel will enter the weekend T41 as he seeks to become the first player to successfully defend his title at the AT&T Byron Nelson since Tom Watson (1978-1980).

Ricky Barnes was disqualified for signing an incorrect scorecard (signed for a 3 but made a 4 on the par-4 sixth hole).

Grayson Murray withdrew during the second round with a back injury.

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole

R1: The par-4 13th hole at 4.212

R2: The par-4 13th hole at 4.130

Easiest Hole

R1: The par-5 7th hole at 4.365

R2: The par-5 1st hole at 4.390

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.442	35.122	69.564	--
R2:	34.331	34.857	69.188	69.377

Bogey-free rounds

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

R2: Hideki Matsuyama (63), Aaron Wise (63), Kevin Na (65), Kevin Tway (65), Michael Thompson (65), Adam Scott (65), Eric Axley (65), Scott Piercy (66), Steve Wheatcroft (67), Beau Hossler (68), Billy Horschel (69), Charles Howell III (69), Rory Sabbatini (70).