



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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, May 19, 2018

Weather: Partly cloudy with a high of 91. Wind SSE 15-20 mph, gusting to 30 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Marc Leishman	61-66-69—196 (-17)
Aaron Wise	65-63-68—196 (-17)
Matt Jones	67-65-68—200 (-13)
Kevin Na	66-65-69—200 (-13)

Six Things To Know

- Leishman and Wise are both former Web.com Tour winners. If either player wins on Sunday, it will mark the 500th PGA TOUR victory by a former Web.com Tour member.
- This marks Leishman’s third time holding a 54-hole lead/co-lead. He has converted one of previous two leads into a win: 2017 BMW Championship. Wise holds his first 54-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR.
- Wise has made 19 birdies through 54 holes, the most of any player in the field
- Charles Howell III was the only player with a bogey-free round (65) in round three. Howell also has the fewest number of bogeys of any player this week (1/No. 16/R1).
- Dallas, Texas native Cody Gribble made back-to-back eagles at Nos. 14 and 15 in round three, the fourth player to achieve this feat this season.
- PGA TOUR rookie Tyler Duncan holed a pitching wedge from 111 yards at No. 8 for his first hole-in-one on the PGA TOUR. The last ace at the AT&T Byron Nelson came in 2015 (Gary Woodland/R2/No. 14).

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 4 Third-round leaders/co-leaders at AT&T Byron Nelson to win since 2008 (most recent: Steven Bowditch/2015)
- 14 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2017-18 (most recent: Webb Simpson/THE PLAYERS Championship)
- 194 54-hole scoring record at AT&T Byron Nelson (Loren Roberts/1999, Brooks Koepka/2016)
- 4 Largest come-from-behind victory after 54 holes at AT&T Byron Nelson (Keegan Bradley/2011, John Cook/1998, Bob Eastwood/1985, Lanny Wadkins/1973)
- 8 Largest 54-hole lead at AT&T Byron Nelson (Sam Snead/1957 – won by 10)

Marc Leishman (T1)

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 54-hole scores: 194 (2017 BMW Championship/62-64-68/won), 196 (2018 AT&T Byron Nelson/61-66-69/TBD).
- Stats through three rounds: 36 of 42 fairways, 47 of 54 greens, 87 putts, 1 of 2 sand saves, 5 of 7 scrambling.
- 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 (T1)

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
- Has made 19 birdies through 54 holes, the most of any player in the field
- Born in Cape Town, South Africa but moved to the United States at age 3
- With win at NCAA Men's Individual title in 2016, and helping the Oregon Ducks to their first ever team championship, became first player since Kevin Chappell (UCLA) in 2008 to win both the Individual and Team NCAA Championship
- Owns a victory on both the Web.com Tour and the Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada
- Stats through three rounds: 36/42 fairways, 49/54 greens, 90 putts, 3 of 5 scrambling

Matt Jones (T3)

Age: 38 (April 19, 1980)

Joined Tour: 2008

Entering this week

#185 FedExCup
#317 OWGR
253 PGA TOUR starts
1 PGA TOUR wins
6 Starts at AT&T Byron Nelson (best finish T64 in 2015)
12 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
0 Top-10s in 2017-18

Wins (1): 2014 Houston Open

Best 2017-18 results: T19-2018 Zurich Classic of New Orleans

- Advanced to the weekend for the second time in seven appearances at AT&T Byron Nelson (T64/2015).
- Best finish in 12 previous starts this season is T19 at the team format Zurich Classic of New Orleans with Chad Campbell as partner. Best individual result this season is T28 at Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship.
- Owns one PGA TOUR win in 253 starts (2014 Houston Open). Also won the 2015 Emirates Australian Open in his homeland.

Kevin Na (T3)

Age: 34 (September 15, 1983)

Joined Tour: 2004

Entering this week

#78 FedExCup
 #78 OWGR
 365 PGA TOUR starts
 1 PGA TOUR wins
 4 Starts at AT&T Byron Nelson (best finish T34 in 2004)
 14 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
 1 Top-10s in 2017-18

Wins (1): 2011 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open

Best 2017-18 results: T2-2018 Genesis Open

- Played Nos. 1-3 at 6-under (R1: eagle-birdie-par; R2: birdie-birdie-birdie) in first two rounds. Made three pars on the opening three holes in round three.

Jimmy Walker (T5)

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 (best finish T2 in 2015).
 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: T2-2018 THE PLAYERS Championship

- 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).
- Nearest major champion on the leaderboard to the 2016 PGA Champion is 2013 Masters winner Adam Scott (T19/9-under).
- Making his 12th start at the AT&T Byron Nelson, seeking second top-10 finish (T2 in 2015).

Brian Gay (T5)

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

- One of Gay's three top-10 finishes this season came at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am (T8).

Branden Grace (T11)

- Has made 11 cuts in 11 starts this season
- Became a father less than a month ago (son Roger born April 25)
- Seeking his second PGA TOUR victory (2016 RBC Heritage) on his 30th birthday (Sunday)

Charles Howell III (T11)

- Was the only player with a bogey-free round (65) in round three. Howell also has the fewest number of bogeys of any player this week (1/No. 16/R1).

Jordan Spieth (T29)

- 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

Cody Gribble (T29)

- Dallas, Texas native made back-to-back eagles at Nos. 14 and 15 in round three, the fourth player to achieve this feat this season (Webb Simpson/Masters Tournament, Johnson Wagner/Wells Fargo Championship, John Peterson/Wells Fargo Championship). Chipped in from 100 feet at the par-5 14th hole and holed out from 127 yards at the par-4 15th.

Additional notes

PGA TOUR rookie Tyler Duncan holed a pitching wedge from 111 yards at No. 8 for his first hole-in-one on the PGA TOUR. The last ace at the AT&T Byron Nelson came in 2015 (Gary Woodland/R2/No. 14). AT&T ambassador Jordan Spieth was prophetic in Tuesday's pre-tournament press conference when he said, "I also think a great spot to go is No. 8, there's a little grandstand set up there and there will be I think at least one hole-in-one this week on that hole. That's always exciting on a little pitching wedge, probably a pitching wedge par-3 which funnels to the hole. You can see some pretty exciting shots there."

Derek Fathauer posted the first eagle 2 at 309-yard, par-4 fifth hole, converting a putt from 5 feet, 3 inches. Sangmoon Bae also made eagle at No. 5 on Saturday.

Defending champion Billy Horschel enters Sunday's final round T29 as he seeks to become the first player to successfully defend his title at the AT&T Byron Nelson since Tom Watson (1978-1980).

Of the 75 players who advanced to the weekend, nine are Texas natives: Brian Gay (T5), Martin Piller (T11), Shawn Stefani (T11), Bronson Burgoon (T19), Martin Flores (T24), Jordan Spieth (T29), Johnson Wagner (T29), Cody Gribble (T29), Abraham Ancer (T42).

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole

- R1:** The par-4 13th hole at 4.212
- R2:** The par-4 13th hole at 4.130
- R3:** The par-3 2nd hole at 3.293

Easiest Hole

- R1:** The par-5 7th hole at 4.365
- R2:** The par-5 1st hole at 4.390
- R3:** The par-5 1st hole at 4.467

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.442	35.122	69.564	--
R2:	34.331	34.857	69.188	69.377
R3:	35.293	35.440	70.733	69.642

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).

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).

R3: Charles Howell III (65).