



#### 2018 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am

(The 14<sup>th</sup> of 44 events in the PGA TOUR season)

Pebble Beach, Calif. Feb. 8-11, 2018 Purse: \$7,400,000 (\$1,332,000/500 FedExCup pts)

Pebble Beach Golf Links (Host)

Spyglass Hill Golf Course

Monterey Peninsula Country Club, Shore Course

Par/Yards: 36-36—72/6,816

Par/Yards: 36-36—72/6,953

Par/Yards: 34-37—71/6,958

# Third-Round Notes - Saturday, February 10, 2018

Weather: Sunny, with a high of 65. Wind NNW 12-22 mph.

### Third-Round Leaderboard

 Dustin Johnson
 67-64-70—201 (-14) SH-MP-PB

 Ted Potter
 68-71-62—201 (-14) PB-SH-MP

 Troy Merritt
 67-67-69—203 (-12) PB-SH-MP

 Jason Day
 69-65-69—203 (-12) SH-MP-PB

#### **Third-Round Lead Notes**

The last time there was a tie at the top through 54 holes at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am was 2013, when James Hahn and eventual champion Brandt Snedeker were tied at 12-under 202.

Since 2000, the 54-hole leader/co-leader has gone on to win 10 times, including four of the last five winners: Jordan Spieth/2017, Brandt Snedeker/2015/2013, Jimmy Walker/2014, Dustin Johnson/2010, Phil Mickelson/2007/2005.

Through 13 events in the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season, only six players have converted a 54-hole lead/co-lead into victory. Most recently, Dustin Johnson did so at the Sentry Tournament of Champions.

The largest come-from-behind win at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am is seven shots by Davis Love III in 2001 and Bob Rosburg in 1961.

#### Ted Potter. Jr.

Beginning on No. 10 at Monterey Peninsula Country Club, Ted Potter, Jr. made birdies at Nos. 10-13, 15, 1, 2, 4 and 6, good for a career-low, 9-under 62. He was 11-under through 16 holes, before succumbing to back-to-back bogeys at Nos. 8 and 9. In addition to his nine birdies, Potter made an eagle-three at No. 16.

Potter's 61 supplants his career-low round on the PGA TOUR of 64 (six times).

Potter's 61 falls one stroke shy of Monterey Peninsula Country Club's course record of 60 (Sung Kang/R2/2016).

Potter is making his fourth start in the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am this week, and first since 2014 (MC). He missed the cut in 2012 and finished T16 in 2013. En route to that T16 finish in 2013, Potter was T1 through 36 holes.

Prior to round three this week, Potter's lowest score in 12 rounds in the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am was 67 (R1, R2/2013/T16).

In his most recent start on the PGA TOUR before this week, Potter opened the Farmers Insurance Open with a 6-under 66 to sit one shot off the lead. Ensuing rounds of 75, 74, 82 resulted in a T73 finish.

Potter, winner of the 2012 The Greenbrier Classic, made a return to the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of his 10<sup>th</sup>-place finish on the 2017 Web.com Tour priority list. On that Tour last year, he collected two runner-up showings and 15 made cuts in 22 starts.

Potter is making his ninth start of the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season, with a T13 at The RSM Classic his best showing. This week marks his fourth made cut of the season.

#### **Dustin Johnson**

World No. 1 and two-time AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am winner Dustin Johnson made an eagle, four birdies and four bogeys to post a 2-under 70 at Pebble Beach in round three to get to 14-under 201.

In his last nine rounds at Pebble Beach, Johnson is a combined 32-under par and has played each of those nine rounds with a sub-par score.

Johnson's final-round scoring average is 70.25, the highest of any of the four rounds in the event.

Johnson's best 72-hole score at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am is 17-under 270 (2015/T4).

Johnson's highest third-round score in 11 starts at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am is a 3-over 74 (2013/PB/MC). 2013 marked his only missed cut.

Johnson is a two-time winner of the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am with back-to-back victories in 2009 and 2010. He owns five additional top-10 finishes in 10 previous starts at this event (T7-2008, Won-2009, Won-2010, T5-2012, T2-2014, T4-2015, 3-2017).

Johnson is in search of his 18<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR victory. After four wins in the 2016-17 season, Johnson extended his winning streak on the PGA TOUR to 11 consecutive seasons with a victory at the 2018 Sentry Tournament of Champions.

### Jason Dav

Two weeks removed from his victory at the Farmers Insurance Open, his 11<sup>th</sup> win on the PGA TOUR, Jason Day offset three bogeys with six birdies at Pebble Beach to post a 3-under 69. At 12-under 203, he will begin Sunday's final round trailing by two strokes.

En route to his win at Torrey Pines two weeks ago, Day began the final round trailing by three strokes.

Day is making his ninth start at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am this week, where he has claimed four top-10 finishes. Most recently, he finished T5 in 2017. Day has never missed a cut in the event.

## **Troy Merritt**

Troy Merritt followed opening rounds of 67 at Pebble Beach and Spyglass Hill with a 2-under 69 in round three at Monterey Peninsula Country Club. Beginning on No. 10, he was 6-under through 12 holes, before taking bogeys on Nos. 4, 6, 7 and 8.

Merritt has made six previous appearances in the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, failing to advance to Sunday's final round each time.

Merritt finished No. 151 in the FedExCup last season, but secured his PGA TOUR card for 2017-18 by finishing 13<sup>th</sup> in the Web.com Tour Finals money list late last year. The PGA TOUR winner (2015 The National) has made just three cuts in eight starts this season with a T51 at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open his best result.

## Steve Stricker

Steve Stricker, 50, posted a 2-under 70 at Pebble Beach to get to 11-under 204 and just three strokes off the lead.

Stricker is making his ninth start in the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am this week, dating to 1993. His best showing is a T13 in 1995. This is his 479<sup>th</sup> start on the PGA TOUR (108 top-10 finishes).

A 12-time TOUR winner, Stricker is in search of his first win since the 2012 Sentry Tournament of Champions.

Stricker, who turned 50 on February 23, 2017, has claimed five top-10 finishes in six starts on PGA TOUR Champions.

With a win Sunday, Stricker would be 50 years, 11 months, 16 days and the sixth-oldest winner in PGA TOUR history. He would become the eighth player over the age of 50 to win on TOUR.

# **Additional Player Notes**

Defending champion Jordan Spieth posted a 2-under 70 at Pebble Beach in round three to get to 7-under 208. Spieth, an AT&T-sponsored athlete, is making his sixth start in the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. He has

finished inside the top 25 in every start, highlighted by three top-10s (2014/T4, 2015/T7 and 2017/1st). He finished T22 in 2013 and T21 in 2016.

Making his first start at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and first of the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season, Rory McIlroy posted an even-par 72 at Pebble beach to finish at 1-under 214 and miss the cut. This marks just his third missed cut since the beginning of the 2016-17 season (2017 U.S. Open, 2017 Dell Technologies Championship).

Making his 22<sup>nd</sup> career start at Pebble Beach, four-time AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am winner Phil Mickelson bogeyed his last hole of the day, the par-5 18<sup>th</sup> at Pebble Beach to post an even-par 72 and get to 9-under 206.

Nine past AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am champions are in the field this week: Jordan Spieth/2017 (-7/T16), Vaughn Taylor/2016 (MC), Brandt Snedeker/2013 and 2015 (-5/T41), Jimmy Walker/2014 (-5/T41), Phil Mickelson/1998, 2005, 2007 and 2012 (-9/T9), D.A. Points/2011 (MC) Dustin Johnson/2009 and 2010 (-14/T1), Vijay Singh/2004 (MC) and Peter Jacobsen/1995 (MC).

Charley Hoffman WD after 10 holes in round three with a back injury.

# **Bogey-free rounds:**

R1: Beau Hossler (65/PB), Kevin Streelman (65/SH), Shane Lowry (67/MP), Peter Malnati (67/MP), Keith Mitchell (67/SH), Bubba Watson (68/MP), Sean O'Hair (69/MP), Aaron Wise (65/MP).

R2: Eric Axley (67/PB), Jason Day (65/MP), Beau Hossler (67/SH), Denny McCarthy (66/SH), Troy Merritt (67/SH), Phil Mickelson (66/MP), Jon Rahm (67/PB), Sam Saunders (66/MP), Kevin Streelman (69/MP).

R3: Ben Martin (66/SH), William McGirt (66/PB), Russell Knox (67/PB), Scott Piercy (67/MP), Sangmoon Bae (68/MP).

Scoring Averages				
R1	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
PB	35.077	36.231	71.308	
SH	35.692	35.538	71.231	
MP	34.019	35.538	69.558	
R2				
PB	35.846	36.558	72.404	71.856
SH	36.392	34.922	71.314	71.272
MP	34.308	35.462	69.769	69.663
R3				
PB	35.346	36.962	72.308	72.006
SH	36.980	35.824	72.804	71.783
MP	35.020	35.843	70.863	70.063