



2018 Barbasol Championship

(The 39th of 44 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Nicholasville, Kentucky

July 19-22, 2018

Purse: \$3,500,000 (\$630,000)

Keene Trace Golf Club (Champions) Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,328

FedExCup: 300 (winner)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, July 21, 2018

Weather: Partly cloudy in the morning, giving way to clouds in the afternoon. High of 79. Wind WSW 8-15 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Hunter Mahan	66-68-64—198 (-18)
Robert Streb	67-68-63—198 (-18)
Troy Merritt	62-67-69—198 (-18)
Tom Lovelady	66-67-65—198 (-18)

Six Things To Know

- Four players tied for the lead ties the record for most deadlocked at the top after 54 holes on the PGA TOUR this season (U.S. Open)
- 21 54-hole leaders (36 stroke-play events) on the PGA TOUR this season have converted for the win, with the most recent being Michael Kim at last week's John Deere Classic
- Hunter Mahan posts lowest score in relation to par since 2013
- A win for Tom Lovelady Sunday would come a day before his 25th birthday
- With matching 9-under 63s, Sam Ryder and Blayne Barber post career-lows
- William McGirt (-11/T25) reeled off six consecutive birdies on Nos. 1-6, one shy of the record for most this season

Hunter Mahan (-18/T1)

Age: 36 (May 17, 1982)

Joined TOUR: 2004

Entering this week

#163	FedExCup
#704	OWGR
6	PGA TOUR wins
396	PGA TOUR starts
17	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
0	Top-10s in 2017-18
3	Starts at Barbasol Championship
0/1	Wins when holding 54-hole lead/co-lead

- Only previous occasion on which he has held at least a share of the 54-hole lead was 2011 TOUR Championship (finished 2nd)
- Hit 16 of 18 greens in regulation in round one, 17 of 18 in round two and all 18 in round three (51/54)
- Round three's 64 marks his 10th sub-par score in last 11 rounds on the PGA TOUR (74/R4/Travelers Championship) and takes him to 31-under par in that stretch
- In relation to par, 8-under 64 is his lowest score on TOUR since posting the same score in round two of the 2013 RBC Canadian Open (WD)
- Final-round scoring average of 72.00 is his highest of any round this season by more than a stroke
- Is competing on the PGA TOUR this season out of the Past Champion category
- Six-time PGA TOUR winner is looking for first win since the 2014 THE NORTHERN TRUST
- A win Sunday would come in his 93rd start since his 2014 victory
- Remains in search of his first top-10 finish since the 2015 Dell Technologies Championship (T4)

Robert Streb (-18/T1)**Age:** 31 (April 7, 1987)**Joined TOUR:** 2013**Entering this week**

#179 FedExCup
#262 OWGR
1 PGA TOUR wins
158 PGA TOUR starts
25 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
0 Top-10s in 2017-18
0 Starts at Barbasol Championship

- Made nine birdies and no bogeys to post career-low 9-under 63
- Birdied his final two holes in round three, a par-5 and a par-3
- Hit 17/18 greens in regulation for the second time this week (R1)
- Marks his first occasion to have a lead/co-lead after 54 holes on the PGA TOUR
- Is making his first start in the Barbasol Championship
- Has made just nine cuts in 26 starts on the PGA TOUR this season, with a best finish being T11 at A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier two weeks ago
- Looking for his second career PGA TOUR win and first since the 2014 The RSM Classic
- A win tomorrow would come in his 110th start since the victory on Sea Island

Troy Merritt (-18/T1)**Age:** 32 (October 25, 1985)**Joined TOUR:** 2010**Entering this week**

#131 FedExCup
#327 OWGR
1 PGA TOUR wins
177 PGA TOUR starts
22 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
2 Top-10s in 2017-18
2 Starts at Barbasol Championship
0/1 Wins when holding 54-hole lead/co-lead

- Dating to round two of last week's John Deere Classic (T43), has played last six competitive rounds in 29-under par
- On only other occasion to hold a 54-hole lead, finished third at the 2015 RBC Heritage
- Is making his third start in the Barbasol Championship (2016/T20, 2017/T35)
- Is making his 23rd start of the 2017-18 season, with top-10 finishes at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am (T8) and Zurich Classic of New Orleans (with teammate Brendon de Jonge to finish T10)
- Winner of the 2015 Quicken Loans National

Tom Lovelady**Age:** 24 (July 23, 1993)**Joined TOUR:** 2018**Entering this week**

#150 FedExCup
#358 OWGR
0 PGA TOUR wins
24 PGA TOUR starts
24 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
1 Top-10 in 2017-18

- PGA TOUR rookie reeled off four straight birdies on Nos. 14-17 en route to a 7-under 65
- Had never made a start on TOUR before this season

- Looking for his second top-10 finish of the season (T5/Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship)
- Dating to last week's John Deere Classic, has now posted seven straight sub-par scores
- With a win tomorrow, would become the 10th first-time winner of the season and second in as many weeks (Michael Kim/John Deere Classic)
- A win Sunday would come a day before his 25th birthday

Sam Ryder (-17/T5)

- PGA TOUR rookie made six birdies on his first nine holes en route to a career-low 9-under 63. Made additional birdies on Nos. 12, 14 and 17
- Including all four rounds last week at TPC Deere Run, has now posted seven-consecutive rounds in the 60s, totaling 36-under par.
- Played first two rounds this week with Brittany Lincicome
- Florida native won the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Heartland Chevy Dealers last year on the Web.com Tour on his way to an eighth-place finish on the 2017 Web.com Tour priority list
- Won the 2015 National Capital Open on the Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada
- Has now made 12 cuts in 23 starts on TOUR this season, with top-10 finishes at the Houston Open (5th) and last week's John Deere Classic (T2)
- Comes into the week ranked 115th in the FedExCup standings

Billy Horschel (-17/T5)

- In his first start at the Barbasol Championship, 2014 FedExCup Champion posted a 4-under 68 to get to within one stroke of the lead
- Lone bogey through 54 holes came at the par-4 ninth hole in round one (45 bogey-free hole streak)
- Most recent of four individual PGA TOUR titles came at the 2017 AT&T Byron Nelson. He won this season's Zurich Classic of New Orleans in a team format with Scott Piercy (official victory).
- On the strength of four top-10 finishes this season, comes into the week ranked 45th in the FedExCup standings

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole

R1: Par-3 7th (3.235)

R2: Par-4 9th (4.129)

R3: Par-4 9th (4.096)

Easiest Hole

Par-5 2nd (4.364)

Par-5 6th (4.323)

Par-5 6th (4.178)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.318	35.000	70.318	---
R2:	34.911	35.024	69.935	70.127
R3:	34.753	34.342	69.096	69.903

Bogey-free rounds

R1: Troy Merritt (62), Joel Dahmen (65), Jonathan Byrd (66), Shawn Stefani (66), Tyler Duncan (66), Robert Streb (67), D.J. Trahan (67), Wesley Bryan (69), J.J. Henry (69), Peter Malnati (69), Duffy Waldorf (69), Rob Oppenheim (71).

R2: Conrad Shindler (64), Blayne Barber (65), Billy Horschel (66), Josh Teater (66), Charlie Wi (66), J.T. Poston, (66), J.J. Henry (67), Skip Kendall (68), Davis Love III (68), Parker McLachlin (68), Seamus Power (68).

R3: Blayne Barber (63), Sam Ryder (63), Robert Streb (63), Hunter Mahan (64), Zac Blair (66), Robert Garrigus (66), David Lingmerth (67), Fabian Gomez (67), Heath Slocum (68), Joel Dahmen (68), Billy Horschel (68), Billy Hurley III (69), Dicky Pride (69), John Rollins (70), Johnson Wagner (70).