



### 2018 Barbasol Championship

(The 39<sup>th</sup> of 44 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Nicholasville, Kentucky

July 19-23, 2018

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

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

FedExCup: 300 (winner)

### Final-Round Notes – Monday, July 23, 2018

*Weather: Overcast, with a high of 71. Wind NW 5-10 mph. A total of 5.2 inches of inches fell over the course of the week*

*At the time of the final suspension Sunday, eight players had yet to tee off in the final round (Richy Werenski, Billy Horschel, Blayne Barber, Sam Ryder, Troy Merritt, Tom Lovelady, Hunter Mahan, Robert Streb). In all, 52 players returned Monday to complete the final round, which resumed at 7:30 a.m. Just 21 players completed the final round Sunday.*

### Final-Round Leaderboard

Troy Merritt	62-67-69-67—265 (-23)
Billy Horschel	65-66-68-67—266 (-22)
Richy Werenski	66-66-68-66—266 (-22)
Tom Lovelady	66-67-65-68—266 (-22)

### Four Things To Know

- Marks the first Monday finish on the PGA TOUR since the 2018 Farmers Insurance Open
- Last time Troy Merritt shot a score of 10-under par came in round three of the Quicken Loans National, which he won
- J.T. Poston posts 6-under 66s in rounds two through four to finish at 21-under 267 (5<sup>th</sup>)
- Tom Lovelady finishes T2 on his 25<sup>th</sup> birthday

### Troy Merritt (-23/1<sup>st</sup>)

Age: 32 (October 25, 1985)

Joined TOUR: 2010

### Following the Barbasol Championship

#65	FedExCup
2	PGA TOUR wins (2015 Quicken Loans National, 2018 Barbasol Championship)
178	PGA TOUR starts
23	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
3	Top-10s in 2017-18
3	Starts at Barbasol Championship
1/2	Wins when holding 54-hole lead/co-lead

- 54-hole co-leader closed with a 5-under 67 in a Monday finish to claim his second career PGA TOUR title in his 178<sup>th</sup> start at the age of 32 years, 8 months, 28 days
- With the win, earns 300 FedExCup points, moving him to No. 65 in the FedExCup standings with 610 points. It took 365 points to qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs in 2017, 483 to qualify for Dell Technologies Championship, 689 for BMW Championship and 1322 for the TOUR Championship
- Earns 300 points towards making the 2019 U.S. Presidents Cup team
- Final-round 67 was highlighted by an eagle-two at No. 8 from 133 yards
- Opened with a 10-under 62 to tie the course record
- Has now posted three scores of 10-under in PGA TOUR events. The last time was in round three of the 2015 Quicken Loans National, which he won
- With the win, remains fully exempt through the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season
- With the win, earns a spot into next month's PGA Championship

- Earns a spot in the following 2018-19 season events in order of play: Sentry Tournament of Champions, CareerBuilder Challenge, Arnold Palmer Invitational, THE PLAYERS Championship, RBC Heritage, Charles Schwab Challenge, the Memorial Tournament
- Completed his third round Saturday and, due to weather suspensions, did not begin his final round until Monday
- Dating to round two of last week's John Deere Classic (T43), has played last seven competitive rounds in 34-under par
- On only other occasion to hold a 54-hole lead, finished third at the 2015 RBC Heritage
- Becomes the 22<sup>nd</sup> player (of 38) to convert for the win when holding at least a share of the 54-hole lead on TOUR
- Was making his third start in the Barbasol Championship (2016/T20, 2017/T35)
- Was making his 23<sup>rd</sup> start of the 2017-18 season, with additional top-10 finishes at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am (T8) and Zurich Classic of New Orleans (with teammate Brendon de Jonge/T10)
- Winner of the 2015 Quicken Loans National

#### **Billy Horschel (-22/T2)**

- In his first start at the Barbasol Championship, 2014 FedExCup Champion birdied his first two holes in the final round Monday morning en route to a 5-under 67
- With the T2 finish, moves to No. 36 in the FedExCup standings
- Was on the first tee about to begin his final round Sunday night when play was suspended for the day
- Only bogeys through 72 holes came at the par-4 ninth hole in round one and par-3 seventh in round four
- 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, came into the week ranked 45<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings

#### **Richy Werenski (-22/T2)**

- Closed with a bogey-free, 6-under 66 to claim a share of second with Billy Horschel and Tom Lovelady
- Barbasol Championship history: (2015/T72, 2017/T18, 2018/T2)
- In 29 starts this season, his second on the PGA TOUR, has now collected six top-25 finishes.
- Best finish of the season before this week; T4/FedEx St. Jude Classic
- Best PGA TOUR finish before this week; T2/2017 Barracuda Championship (modified stableford scoring format)

#### **Tom Lovelady (-22/T2)**

- Highlighted by an eagle-three at No. 14, shot a 4-under 68 to claim a career-best finish of T2 on his 25<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Had never made a start on TOUR before this season
- Claims his second top-10 finish of the season (T5/Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship)
- Dating to round two of A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier, has now posted nine straight sub-par scores

#### **Hunter Mahan (-19/T7)**

- Round four's 1-under 71 marked his 11<sup>th</sup> sub-par score in last 12 rounds on the PGA TOUR (74/R4/Travelers Championship) and takes him to 32-under par in that stretch
- Coming into the week, his final-round scoring average of 72.00 marked the 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 was looking for first win since the 2014 THE NORTHERN TRUST
- Claims his first top-10 finish since the 2015 Dell Technologies Championship (T4)

#### **Course Statistics**

##### **Toughest Hole**

**R1:** Par-3 7<sup>th</sup> (3.235)

**R2:** Par-4 9<sup>th</sup> (4.129)

**R3:** Par-4 9<sup>th</sup> (4.096)

**R4:** Par-4 13<sup>th</sup> (4.342)

##### **Easiest Hole**

Par-5 2<sup>nd</sup> (4.364)

Par-5 6<sup>th</sup> (4.323)

Par-5 6<sup>th</sup> (4.178)

Par-5 14<sup>th</sup> (4.342)

#### **Scoring Averages**

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

R4: 35.233 34.685 69.918

**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).

**R4:** Fabian Gomez (66), Richy Werenski (66), J.T. Poston (66), Scott Brown (67), Steve Wheatcroft (67), J.J. Henry (67), Conrad Shindler (67), Nick Taylor (69), Michael Thompson (69), Johnson Wagner (69)