



2018 Barracuda Championship

(The 42nd of 44 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

**Reno, Nev.
Montréux Golf & CC**

**August 2-5, 2018
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,472**

**FedExCup Points: 300 (to the winner)
Purse: \$3,400,000**

First-Round Notes – Thursday, August 2, 2018

Weather

Hazy sunshine. High of 89. Wind WSW 8-16 mph, gusting to 25 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Ollie Schniederjans	+17
Aaron Baddeley	+14
Denny McCarthy	+14
Robert Streb	+13

Five Things To Know

- The 2018 Barracuda Championship marks the 20th playing of the event, dating to 1999
- Modified Stableford Scoring format in place for the seventh-consecutive year at the Barracuda Championship
- Ollie Schniederjans takes first-round lead by equaling second-best opening-round point total in tournament history
- Aaron Baddeley is T2 as he seeks to become the third Aussie winner of the Barracuda Championship
- Defending champion Chris Stroud opened with 7 points and sits T33

Scoring

The Barracuda Championship is employing the Modified Stableford scoring format for the seventh time, the first PGA TOUR event to use the format since The International in 2006. Players are allocated points based on the number of strokes taken at each hole with the goal of achieving the highest overall score.

Score	Points
Albatross	+8
Eagle	+5
Birdie	+2
Par	0
Bogey	-1
Double bogey or worse	-3

Player	Barracuda Position	Current FedExCup	Projected FedExCup
Ollie Schniederjans	1	No. 90	No. 48
Aaron Baddeley	T2	No. 135	No. 113
Denny McCarthy	T2	No. 149	No. 126
Robert Streb	4	No. 173	No. 155

First-Round Lead Notes

- 4 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win Barracuda Championship (most recently Matt Bettencourt in 2010)
- 8 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2017-18 (most recent: Troy Merritt/Barbasol Championship)

Ollie Schniederjans (+17/1)

Age: 25 (June 15, 1993)
Joined TOUR: 2017

Entering this week

#90 FedExCup
#114 OWGR

64 PGA TOUR starts
 0 PGA TOUR wins (best result: 2nd/2017 Wyndham Championship)
 22 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
 2 Top-10s in 2017-18
 2 Starts at Barracuda Championship
 0/2 When holding the first-round lead/co-lead: 2017 John Deere Classic (T39), 2017 RBC Canadian Open (T54)

- Card consisted of an eagle on the par-5 18th hole and birdies on Nos. 2, 3, 4, 11, 13 and 15
- 17 points fell one shy of the most accumulated during round one at the event (18: Nick Watney/2014, Zack Sucher/2015)
- Missed the cut in two prior starts at Barracuda Championship (2015, 2017)
- Two top-10 finishes this season: T3-Waste Management Phoenix Open, T7-Sony Open in Hawaii
- Currently No. 90 in the FedExCup standings after finishing No. 60 during his rookie season in 2016-17

Chris Stroud (+7/T33)

- Opened with 7 points as he seeks to join Vaughn Taylor (2004-05) as back-to-back winners at the Barracuda Championship
- Hoping to join Brendan Steele (Safeway Open) and Brooks Koepka (U.S. Open) as players who successfully defended titles this season on the PGA TOUR
- Became the first player since Matt Bettencourt (2010) to come from behind to win the Barracuda Championship
- Ninth player to make the Barracuda Championship their first PGA TOUR victory, joining Notah Begay III (1999), Chris Riley (2002), Vaughn Taylor (2004), Will MacKenzie (2006), Parker McLachlin (2008), Matt Bettencourt (2009), Scott Piercy (2011) and Greg Chalmers (2016)
- Making fifth Barracuda Championship start (MC/2007, MC/2009, MC/2016, Won/2017)

Additional Player Notes

- Aaron Baddeley sits T2 as he seeks to join fellow Australians Geoff Ogilvy (2014) and Greg Chalmers (2016) as the only international-born winners of the Barracuda Championship since the tournament's inception in 1999.
- Denny McCarthy, who stands T2 with 14 points after posting an eagle, six birdies and a double bogey (par-4 ninth; his final hole), is seeking his second top-10 finish in his 24th PGA TOUR start (4th/2018 Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship)
- Robert Streb (4th) is back in the hunt with 13 points. Here's a look at his recent finishes: Quicken Loans National (MC), A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier (T11), John Deere Classic (MC), Barbasol Championship (T10), RBC Canadian Open (MC).
- Nick Hardy (6 points) aced the par-3 seventh hole with a 9-iron from 193 yards.
- Sponsor exemption and former University of Nevada standout Grant Booth opened with 0 points and is T105.

Barracuda Bonus

For the third-consecutive season, the Barracuda Bonus is a \$50,000 charitable donation given in the name of the player who collects the most Modified Stableford points on the par-5 18th hole at Montreux G&CC over the course of the four competitive rounds. One-half of the \$50,000 will go to charity or charities in the Reno-Tahoe area while the other \$25,000 will go to a charity of the player's choice. Additionally, \$100,000 will be donated to charity for the first player to record an albatross at No. 18.

Nine players eagled the hole during the opening round and are currently tied for the lead in the Barracuda Bonus: Ollie Schniederjans, Michael Thompson, Tom Lovelady, Charlie Beljan, Dicky Pride, Tom Hoge, Parker McLachlin, David Hearn, Grant Booth.

Miscellaneous Notes

Six past champions (eight wins) of the Barracuda Championship teed it up Thursday: Chris Stroud (+7), Geoff Ogilvy (+7), J.J. Henry (+4), Parker McLachlin (+4), Vaughn Taylor (+2), John Rollins (+2).

Bogey-Free Rounds

R1: Ollie Schniederjans (+17), Alex Cejka (+10), Omar Uresti (+8), William McGirt (+6)