



2018 Barracuda Championship

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

**Reno, Nev.
Montrêux Golf & CC**

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

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

Second-Round Notes – Friday, August 3, 2018

Weather

Dry and sunny. High of 87. Wind WSW 7-14 mph, gusting to 25 mph.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Aaron Baddeley	+14/+12 (+26)
Ollie Schniederjans	+17/+8 (+25)
Andrew Putnam	+6/+17 (+23)
Sam Saunders	+10/+13 (+23)
John Merrick	+11/+12 (+23)

36-Hole Cut: 73 professionals at +7 or better from a field of 132 professionals.

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
- Baddeley holds his fourth 36-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR while making his 250th career cut
- Derek Fathauer made 10 birdies in the second round, the most of any player
- Alex Cejka is the only player without a bogey through 36 holes

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
Aaron Baddeley	1	No. 135	No. 74
Ollie Schniederjans	2	No. 90	No. 62
Andrew Putnam	T3	No. 55	No. 48
Sam Saunders	T3	No. 124	No. 109
John Merrick	T3	No. 204	No. 181
Hudson Swafford	T6	No. 157	No. 145
Shane Lowry	T6	No. 159	No. 148

Second-Round Lead Notes

- 7/19 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win Barracuda Championship (most recent: Greg Chalmers/2016)
- 11 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2017-18 (most recent: Troy Merritt/Barbasol Championship)

Aaron Baddeley (+26/1st)

Age: 37 (March 17, 1981)

Joined TOUR: 2003

Entering this week

#135 FedExCup
#273 OWGR
404 PGA TOUR starts
4 PGA TOUR wins (most recent: 2016 Barbasol Championship)
25 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
1 Top-10 in 2017-18 (T10/Shriners Hospitals for Children Open)
9 Starts at Barracuda Championship
0/3 Wins while holding second-round lead/co-lead

- Bogey-free round with six birdies led to +12 and the 36-hole lead at +26, one point ahead of Schniederjans
- Making his ninth start in Reno where T4 in 2005 is his lone top-10 result
- Makes his 250th career cut on the PGA TOUR in his 405th start
- 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.
- Excluding 2016, when it was played earlier due to the Olympics, has entered the Barracuda Championship outside the top-125 in the FedExCup standings in his last three starts in Reno (see below)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Entering Week</u>	<u>Barracuda Finish</u>	<u>Reg. Season FEC Finish</u>
2018	135 th	TBD	TBD
2017	129 th	64 th	138 th
2015	146 th	MC	157 th

Ollie Schniederjans (+25/2nd)

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

- Carded first blemish of the week at his 30th hole (bogey at No. 3). Added double bogey at No. 7 to lose three points, dropping from +28 to +25 where he eventually finished, one point off the lead
- Hit 14 of 14 fairways in the second round. Required 48 putts through 36 holes
- 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

Andrew Putnam (+23/T3)

- Notched six birdies and an eagle (No. 13) for +17 Friday to sit T3 at +23
- Came into this week off a T8 finish at the RBC Canadian Open, one of four top-10s this season (2nd/FedEx St. Jude Classic, T5/Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, T8/Valero Texas Open, T8/RBC Canadian Open)
- While making his 49th PGA TOUR start, his four career top-10 finishes have all come this season
- Sits No. 55 in FedExCup and could move inside top-30 with a victory
- Finished T65 at 2015 Barracuda Championship (+9 +7 -1 +2 -- +17) in his only other appearance in this event
- Proximity to the hole on approach shots was 24' 5" compared to 38' 0" in first round. Holed 125' 1" of putts in round one and 63' 10" in round two

Sam Saunders (+23/T3)

- +13 in round two included seven birdies and a lone bogey (No. 12)
- After a missed cut in his Barracuda Championship debut in 2015, has posted top-10s in subsequent appearances (T9/2016, 8th/2017)

- Seeks first PGA TOUR victory in his 122nd start. Playoff loss (to Alex Cejka) in the 2015 Puerto Rico Open is best result
- Currently No. 124 in the FedExCup, looking to advance to the Playoffs for the first time in his fourth season on TOUR

John Merrick (+23/T3)

- Notched six birdies and an eagle (No. 13) for +17 Friday
- Making 10th start in Reno where he's missed the cut in his last two appearances (2017, 2016). Posted top-10s in each of his first three starts here (T4/2007, T8/2008, T3/2010)
- Has not recorded a top-10 finish on TOUR since T6 at 2013 RBC Canadian Open (88 events)
- Made two cuts in nine starts this season (T28/Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, T23/John Deere Classic)
- Sits No. 204 in the FedExCup entering this week. Finished 39th in the FedExCup in 2013 – the last time he advanced to the Playoffs
- Lone PGA TOUR victory came at the Genesis Open in 2013 when he defeated Charlie Beljan in a playoff

Hudson Swafford (+22/T6)

- Posted +10 in the second round where highlight was a hole-out for eagle 2 from 127 yards at the par-4 14th hole for five points
- T12 in 2014 is his best result in two prior starts in Reno (MC/2015)
- T12 at last week's RBC Canadian Open is lone top-25 result in 20 starts this season. He's had at least one top-10 finish in each of his first four seasons on TOUR
- Entered this week No. 157 in the FedExCup, having advanced to the Playoffs in each of the last three seasons (38th/2017, 64th/2016, 81st/2015)

Shane Lowry (+22/T6)

- Posted seven birdies and two bogeys in round two
- 2015 World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational winner is making his Barracuda Championship debut
- Yet to record a top-10 in 16 starts this season with T12 at last week's RBC Canadian Open his best result since T14 at 2018 Houston Open
- Irishman also owns two European Tour victories (2009 The 3 Irish Open, 2012 Portugal Masters)

Additional Player Notes

- Derek Fathauer (+20/T8) made 10 birdies in his +14 second round, which also included three bogeys and a double bogey.
- After missing back-to-back cuts (FedEx St. Jude Classic/Travelers Championship) to sit No. 133 in the FedExCup, Joel Dahmen (+18/T13) has posted a string of top-25 finishes (T23, T5, T2, T15, T8) to move to No. 61 entering this week. He's currently projected No. 57 in the FedExCup.
- Alex Cejka (+16/T23) is the only player without a bogey through 36 holes.
- In his 321st start, Jonathan Kaye (+15/T28), who turned 48 on Thursday's opening round, made his first cut on the PGA TOUR since the 2011 Mayakoba Golf Classic (T45). Kaye is making his ninth appearance in Reno where he's posted four top-10 results, including two runner-up finishes (2002, 2005).
- Ricky Barnes began the second round at -1 and added +15, aided by a +12 first nine which included an eagle 2 at No. 15 when he holed out from 142 yards, to sit 32nd at +14.
- Defending champion Chris Stroud sits T33 with +13.
- Sponsor exemption and former University of Nevada standout Grant Booth (T68) stood -7 through his first six holes of the tournament but turned it around to finish +7 after 36 holes and advance to the weekend in his PGA TOUR debut.

Miscellaneous Notes

Six past champions (eight wins) of the Barracuda Championship teed it up this week: Chris Stroud (+13/T33), Vaughn Taylor (+8/T61), Parker McLachlin (+7/T68), John Rollins (+5/MC), Geoff Ogilvy (+3/MC), J.J. Henry (+3/MC).

Here's a look where this week's four Monday qualifiers sit through 36 holes: Sulman Raza (+16/T23), John Oda (+16/T23), Eddie Olson (+5/MC), Scott Strohmeier (+2/MC).

Ryan Blaum withdrew before the second round began.

Bogey-Free Rounds

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

R2: Andrew Putnam (+17), Aaron Baddeley (+12), Kevin Tway (+8), Brett Stegmaier (+8), Ken Duke (+8), Jonas Blixt (+6), Alex Cejka (+6)

