



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**

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, August 4, 2018

Weather

Hazy. High of 83. Wind WSW 10-20 mph, gusting to 35 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Andrew Putnam	+6/+17/+15	38 points
Sam Saunders	+10/+13/+12	35 points
Chad Campbell	+6/+4/+22	32 points
Shane Lowry	+10/+12/+8	30 points
John Oda	+7/+9/+13	29 points
J.J. Spaun	+7/+12/+10	29 points

Six Things To Know

- Andrew Putnam moved atop the leaderboard for his second 54-hole lead/co-lead of the season
- Sam Saunders gained 12 points in his last six holes to move into second place
- Chad Campbell tied tournament record for most points in a single round
- Defending champion Chris Stroud entered final round 13 points behind last season; currently trails by 12
- Three Australians (Aaron Baddeley, Matt Jones, Stuart Appleby) are T16 or better as players/caddies continue to wear yellow ribbons in support of Jarrod Lyle
- 36-hole leader Aaron Baddeley managed 0 points Saturday to fall to T7

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
Andrew Putnam	1	No. 55	No. 29
Sam Saunders	2	No. 124	No. 86
Chad Campbell	3	No. 161	No. 138
Shane Lowry	4	No. 159	No. 139

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 12/19 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win Barracuda Championship (most recent: Greg Chalmers/2016)
- 23 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2017-18 (most recent: Dustin Johnson/RBC Canadian Open)
- 7 Largest 54-hole lead since the Modified Stableford scoring format began in 2012 (Gary Woodland/2013)

Andrew Putnam (+38/1)

Age: 29 (January 25, 1989)

Joined TOUR: 2015

Entering this week

#55	FedExCup
#138	OWGR
48	PGA TOUR starts
0	PGA TOUR wins (best result: 2 nd /2018 FedEx St. Jude Classic)
23	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
4	Top-10s in 2017-18
1	Start at Barracuda Championship (+17/T65/2015)
0/1	When holding the 54-hole lead/co-lead (finished 2 nd at the 2018 FedEx St. Jude Classic)

- Following 15 points Saturday, moved atop the leaderboard with 38 points (three clear of Sam Saunders)
- Most points by a 54-hole leader at the Barracuda Championship since Greg Chalmers had 39 in 2016
- Bookend 67s to finish T8 at last week's RBC Canadian Open
- While making his 49th PGA TOUR start, his four career top-10 finishes have all come this season (2nd/FedEx St. Jude Classic, T5/Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, T8/Valero Texas Open, T8/RBC Canadian Open)
- Currently No. 55 in the FedExCup standings as he seeks to make the Playoffs for the first time (No. 182 in 2015)

Sam Saunders (+35/2)

- Added 12 points Saturday to move from T3 to solo second
- Had 23 points through 48 holes, but added 12 points in his final six holes with eagles on Nos. 13 and 18 and birdie on No. 14
- Missed cut in his Barracuda Championship debut in 2015, but has 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

Chad Campbell (+32/3)

- Tied Kyle Reifers (R4/2015) for the most points (22) in a single round since the Barracuda Championship went to the Modified Stableford scoring format in 2012
- Round consisted of nine birdies, one eagle (par-4 13th) and a bogey (par-4 14th)
- Making his 297th start since his last win at the 2007 Sanderson Farms Championship
- Four PGA TOUR wins in 470 starts: 2007 Sanderson Farms Championship, 2006 CareerBuilder Challenge, 2004 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, 2003 TOUR Championship
- Three-time winner and Player of the Year on the Web.com Tour in 2001

Shane Lowry (+30/4)

- Gained 5 points with his eagle on the par-5 18th hole, giving him 8 points on the day to move within 8 points of Putnam
- Making debut appearance at the Barracuda Championship
- Entered the week No. 159 in the FedExCup standings and is now projected No. 139
- Most recently finished T12 at last week's RBC Canadian open
- Seeking to join Aussies Geoff Ogilvy (2014) and Greg Chalmers (2016) as the only international-born winners in Reno

John Oda (+29/T5)

- Seeking second top-10 finish of his career (T8/2017 Mayakoba Golf Classic)
- Most recently posted four rounds in the 60s to finish T34 at the Barbasol Championship
- One of two Monday Qualifiers who made the cut: Sulman Raza (+12/T55)
- The last Monday Qualifier to win on TOUR was Arjun Atwal (2010 Wyndham Championship)
- Of his six starts this season, Monday Qualified into all but the Mayakoba Golf Classic (sponsor exemption) and The RSM Classic the following week (gaining entry with top-10 finish at Mayakoba)
- Has two top-10 finishes this season on the Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada
- Turned professional in 2017 prior to his senior season at UNLV

Chris Stroud (+26/T7)

- Hoping to join Brendan Steele (Safeway Open) and Brooks Koepka (U.S. Open) with successful title defenses this season
- Became the first player since Matt Bettencourt (2010) to come from behind to win the Barracuda Championship, entering the final round 13 points behind 54-hole leader Greg Owen.
- Currently trails Putnam by 12 points as he seeks to join Vaughn Taylor (2004-05) as only back-to-back winners of event
- One of 9 players who made Barracuda Championship first TOUR win: Notah Begay III (1999), Chris Riley (2002), Vaughn Taylor (2004), Will MacKenzie (2006), Parker McLachlin (2008), Matt Bettencourt (2009), Scott Piercy (2011), Greg Chalmers (2016).
- Making fifth Barracuda Championship start (MC/2007, MC/2009, MC/2016, Won/2017)

Additional Player Notes

- 36-hole leader Aaron Baddeley, who is seeking his second top-10 finish in nine starts in Reno (T4/2005), fell to T7
- J.J. Spaun enters final round T5 as he seeks to solidify his position in the FedExCup standings (currently No. 53/projected No. 49). Finished T29 a year ago in his only other Barracuda Championship start
- Michael Thompson (T7) had four 2's on his card en route to 13 points; is making his 28th start since his last top-10 finish on TOUR (T10/2017 Puerto Rico Open)
- Sponsor exemption/former University of Nevada standout Grant Booth will enter Sunday T64 in his PGA TOUR debut

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.

Here's how the Bonus stacks up through three rounds:

9 points – Grant Booth, Alex Cejka, Parker McLachlin

7 points – Charlie Beljan, Tom Lovelady, Shane Lowry, Sam Saunders, Ollie Schniederjans, Michael Thompson

Miscellaneous Notes

Six past champions (eight wins) of the Barracuda Championship teed it up this week: Chris Stroud (+26/T7), Parker McLachlin (+20/T27), Vaughn Taylor (+18/T35), John Rollins (+5/MC), Geoff Ogilvy (+3/MC), J.J. Henry (+3/MC).

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)

R3: Johnson Wagner (+12), Stuart Appleby (+10), Vaughn Taylor (+10), J.J. Spaun (+10), Padraig Harrington (+6)