



2018 BMW Championship

(The 3rd of 4 events in the FedExCup Playoffs)

Newtown Square, Penn.
Aronimink Golf Club

Sept. 6-9, 2018

FedExCup Points: 2,000
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,267

Purse: \$9,000,000

Second-Round Notes – Friday, September 7, 2018

Weather: Mostly cloudy and cooler. High of 79. Wind NE 5-10 mph.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Xander Schauffele	63-64—127 (-13)
Justin Rose	66-63—129 (-11)
Keegan Bradley	66-64—130 (-10)
Alex Noren	64-66—130 (-10)
Rickie Fowler	65-65—130 (-10)
Hideki Matsuyama	66-64—130 (-10)

FedExCup and the BMW Championship

The BMW Championship is the third of four events of the FedExCup Playoffs – with the entire season building toward the four-tournament stretch. There is more on the line than just the BMW Championship trophy – as players jockey for the coveted top-30 position to advance to the TOUR Championship in Atlanta.

A points reset will take place following the BMW Championship giving all 30 players in the field at the TOUR Championship a mathematical chance to win the FedExCup. The top-five players control their own destiny and are guaranteed to win the FedExCup with a victory at the TOUR Championship.

Five Things To Know

- Reigning PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year Xander Schauffele moves out front following rounds of 63-64
- Justin Rose moves into contention as he seeks his third win in the Philadelphia area
- First-round co-leaders Rory McIlroy and Tiger Woods carded rounds of 69 and 70, respectively, to fall off the pace
- Kevin Na and Tommy Fleetwood recorded the round of the day with matching 8-under 62s
- Jason Day hit all 18 greens in regulation for just the second time in TOUR career (2016 Sentry Tournament of Champions)

Second-Round Lead Notes

- 7 Since 2000, number of times the second-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win the BMW Championship (most recently Marc Leishman/2017)
- 12 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2017-18 (Most recent: Brandt Snedeker/Wyndham Championship)

Xander Schauffele (-13/1st)

Age: 24 (October 25, 1993)

Joined TOUR: 2017

Entering the week

- #41 FedExCup (projected No. 6)
- #20 OWGR
- 1 Starts at BMW Championship (T20/2017)
- 55 PGA TOUR starts
- 2 PGA TOUR victories (2017 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier, 2017 TOUR Championship)
- 25 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
- 5 Top-10s in 2017-18

- 2016-17 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year moved into the lead with a 6-under 64, two shots clear of Justin Rose
- Round included birdies on Nos. 2, 5, 6, 7, 11, 16, 17 and a bogey on the par-4 12th

- R2 stats: 7 of 14 fairways, 17 of 18 greens, 29 putts
- Along with Keegan Bradley, has the most birdies through 36 holes (15)
- Becomes the ninth player this season with consecutive rounds of 64 or better; first since Brian Gay (rounds two and three) and D.A. Points (rounds one and two) at the Wyndham Championship
- Holds the second-round lead for the first time on TOUR (only previous lead was a share of the 54-hole lead at this year's Open Championship/finished T2)
- Shatters previous-best opening 36-hole score by five strokes (132 on three occasions, most recently at this season's A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier)
- Equals second-best opening 36-hole score on TOUR this season, trailing only Brandt Snedeker's 126 at the Wyndham Championship
- 36-hole score of 127 is three shy of the BMW Championship record (124/Jason Day/2015)
- In his only other start at the BMW Championship, finished T20 last year at Conway Farms
- Has five top-10 finishes in 25 starts this season, highlighted by T2s at THE PLAYERS Championship and The Open Championship
- After missing the cut at THE NORTHERN TRUST, finished T49 at last week's Dell Technologies Championship
- Began the week with a bogey at his first hole of the day, No. 10, with eight birdies to open with 7-under 63

Justin Rose (-11/2nd)

Age: 38 (July 30, 1980)

Joined TOUR: 2004

Entering the week

#3 FedExCup (projected No. 2)

#4 OWGR

11 Starts at BMW Championship

1 Win at the BMW Championship (2011)

321 PGA TOUR starts

9 PGA TOUR victories

16 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18

2 Wins in 2017-18 (2017 WGC-HSBC Champions, 2018 Fort Worth Invitational)

9 Top-10s in 2017-18

- Second-round, bogey-free 7-under 63 propels him into second place and just two strokes behind Xander Schauffele
- Best score since a third-round 63 at THE NORTHERN TRUST in 2015
- Ninth 63 of his PGA TOUR career (323 rounds); trailing only a first-round 60 at the 2006 Children's Miracle Network Classic and second-round 62 at the 2010 Travelers Championship
- R2 stats: 11/14 fairways, 15/18 greens in regulation, 26 putts, 3 of 3 scrambling
- Only bogey through two rounds came on his first hole Thursday (par-4 10th)
- Seeking ninth trip to the TOUR Championship during the FedExCup era, led by a fifth-place finish in the 2011 FedExCup
- Victories in Philadelphia area include 2010 Quicken Loans National (Aronimink Golf Club) and 2013 U.S. Open (Merion)

Keegan Bradley (-10/T3)

- Moved to T3 following a second-round 6-under 64
- With 15 birdies, tied with Xander Schauffele for most in the field through 36 holes
- Seeking a return to the TOUR Championship for the fourth time, but first since 2013
- FedExCup finishes: 2011 (20th), 2012 (21st), 2013 (18th), 2014 (33rd), 2015 (60th), 2016 (103rd), 2017 (47th), 2018 (currently 52nd/projected 28th)
- Seeking fourth TOUR win in 209th start: 2011 AT&T Byron Nelson, 2011 PGA Championship, 2012 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational
- Making his seventh start at the BMW Championship, led by T16 finishes in 2011 and 2013
- Owns four top-10 finishes in 25 starts this season, led by a runner-up effort at the CIMB Classic

Alex Noren (-10/T3)

- Bogey-free 4-under 66 moved him to T3 in debut appearance at the BMW Championship
- Entered the week No. 50 in the FedExCup standings and is now projected No. 25
- Only player in the field with two eagles this week (par-5 16th on Thursday; par-5 ninth on Friday)
- Has just one bogey through 36 holes (par-4 10th on Thursday)
- Three top-10 finishes in 17 starts this season, led by a playoff loss at the Farmers Insurance Open and third-place finishes at The Honda Classic and WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play
- Missed the cut at the first Playoffs event, THE NORTHERN TRUST, before a T43 at the Dell Technologies Championship

Rickie Fowler (-10/T3)

- Birdied three of his last five holes for a second-consecutive 5-under 65
- Has just one bogey through 36 holes (par-4 seventh hole on Friday)
- Entered the week No. 26 in the FedExCup standings and is currently projected No. 17
- Seeking first win since The Honda Classic in 2017; best finish this season are runner-up efforts at the Masters Tournament and OHL Classic at Mayakoba
- FedExCup finishes: 2010 (32nd), 2011 (43rd), 2012 (28th), 2013 (38th), 2014 (9th), 2015 (4th), 2016 (31st), 2017 (7th)
- Making ninth BMW Championship start, led by T2 last season and T4s in 2014 and 2015

Hideki Matsuyama (-10/T3)

- Seven birdies and one bogey en route to a 6-under 64
- Fell one shy of his best round at the BMW Championship (R2/63/2015)
- Making his fifth start at the BMW Championship (T20/2014, T7/2015, T24/2016, T47/2017)
- Making his 20th start of the season, with a T4 at the Sentry Tournament of Champions and last week's Dell Technologies Championship his best outings
- Seeking sixth PGA TOUR victory (most recent: 2017 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational)
- Currently No. 28 in the FedExCup (projected No. 18) as he seeks his fifth trip to the TOUR Championship, having improved in the standings each season: 2014 (28th), 2015 (16th), 2016 (13th), 2017 (8th)

Rory McIlroy (-9/T7)

- First-round co-leader followed an 8-under 62 with a 1-under 69 to fall to T7
- Entered the week No. 24 in the FedExCup; currently projected No. 20
- Making his eighth BMW Championship start, led by his win in 2012
- Seeking 15th PGA TOUR victory (Most recent: 2018 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard)
- R2 stats: 8/14 fairways, 14/18 greens in regulation, 32 putts (45'9" of putts made)
- Held the 18-hole lead/co-lead for the 12th time on the PGA TOUR. Of the previous 11, converted for the win three times, most recently at the 2014 Open Championship
- Five top-10 finishes this season, led by win at the Arnold Palmer Invitational and T2 at The Open Championship
- Following wins at the 2016 Dell Technologies Championship and TOUR Championship, went on to win the 2016 FedExCup

Tiger Woods (-8/T12)

- First round co-leader recorded an even-par 70 to fall to T12
- R2 stats: 11/14 fairways, 14/18 greens in regulation, 2/4 scrambling, 33 putts (31'4" of putts made)
- R1 stats: 9/14 fairways, 16/18 greens in regulation, 1/2 scrambling, 27 putts (94' 3" of putts made)
- Opened the week with a 62, his lowest score on TOUR since a R2 61 in the 2013 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational (won)
- Of 28 previous 18-hole leads/co-leads on the PGA TOUR, has converted 14 times for the win
- Is making his 17th start in the BMW Championship, sixth in the FedExCup era (2007) and first since 2013 (T11)
- Winner of the BMW Championship in 1997, 1999, 2003, 2007, 2009
- Of five top-10 finishes this season on the PGA TOUR, best were 2nd/PGA Championship and T2/Valspar Championship
- Seeking 80th PGA TOUR win in his 345th start (Most recent: 2013 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational)
- Currently projected No. 26 in the FedExCup after entering the week No. 25

FedExCup Notes

The top five in the FedExCup Playoffs standings is the goal for players after the BMW Championship. The top five in the standings entering the TOUR Championship will control their own destiny and will win the FedExCup with a victory at East Lake GC. Here's a look at the top 10 through the second round:

Rank	Player	Points	Points behind	BMW R2/ projected FEC
1	Bryson DeChambeau	5,617	--	T38/1 st
2	Dustin Johnson	3,289	2,328	T48/5 th
3	Justin Rose	3,191	2,426	2/2 nd
4	Tony Finau	3,169	2,448	T12/4 th
5	Justin Thomas	3,084	2,533	T7/3 rd
6	Brooks Koepka	2,551	3,066	T38/7 th
7	Bubba Watson	2,277	3,340	T34/8 th
8	Cameron Smith	2,231	3,386	T66/10 th

Rank	Player	Points	Points behind	BMW R2/ projected FEC
9	Phil Mickelson	1,969	3,648	69 th /12 th
10	Jason Day	1,935	3,682	T7/9 th

Advancing to the TOUR Championship and finishing in the top 30 has his perks as well. By finishing in the top 30 of the FedExCup standings, players earn one-year exemptions to: Masters Tournament, U.S. Open and The Open Championship; THE PLAYERS Championship, World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship and World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions, as well as invitationals including CIMB Classic, Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, RBC Heritage, DEAN & DELUCA Invitational, the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide and Quicken Loans National. Here's a current look at the players on the Top-30 Bubble following the second round:

FEC	Player	BMW R2	FEC Projected
25	Tiger Woods	T12	26 th
26	Rickie Fowler	T3	17 th
27	Jordan Spieth	T48	32 nd
28	Hideki Matsuyama	T3	18 th
29	Emiliano Grillo	T38	33 rd
30	Gary Woodland	T12	30 th
31	Chez Reavie	T48	39 th
32	Brandt Snedeker	T62	41 st
33	C.T. Pan	T24	35 th
34	Pat Perez	T57	42 nd
35	Andrew Landry	T48	43 rd

Projected player movement

Three players are projected to move from outside the top 30 and into the field for the TOUR Championship:

FEC	Player	BMW R2	FEC Projected
41	Xander Schauffele	1 st	6 th
50	Alex Noren	T3	25 th
52	Keegan Bradley	T3	28 th

Three players are projected to fall outside the top 30 and miss the TOUR Championship:

FEC	Player	BMW R2	FEC Projected
22	Marc Leishman	T62	31 st
27	Jordan Spieth	T48	32 nd
29	Emiliano Grillo	T38	33 rd

Rookies in the FedExCup Playoffs

Four rookies in the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season advanced to the BMW Championship:

FEC	Player	BMW R2	FEC Projected
18	Aaron Wise	T12	19 th
42	Austin Cook	T48	49 th
64	Peter Uihlein	T24	60 th
66	Keith Mitchell	T24	62 nd

Rookies to qualify for the TOUR Championship since the inception of the FedExCup in 2007:

2017 – Xander Schauffele (3), Patrick Cantlay (29)

2016 – Emiliano Grillo (11), Si Woo Kim (17)

2015 – Daniel Berger (11)

2013 – Jordan Spieth (7)

2012 – John Huh (29)
2011 – Keegan Bradley (20)
2009 – Marc Leishman (20)
2008 – Andres Romero (28)
2007 – Brandt Snedeker (20)

Miscellaneous Notes

- The first player to record a hole-in-one **on the 17th hole** will win the all-new BMW M850xi.
- BMW of North America will provide an additional, full 4-year Platt Evans Scholarship in the name of the first PGA TOUR professional to record a hole-in-one **on any hole**.
- *** Please note if first hole-in-one of the week occurs on the 17th hole the player wins the BMW 8 Series AND a scholarship will be rewarded*
- Jason Day's ace at last year's BMW Championship earned a full college scholarship for Philadelphia native, Brooklyn Gabriel, who is now a student at Penn State.
- The BMW Championship is being played at Aronimink Golf Club for the first time. The 2010 and 2011 Quicken Loans National was contested at Aronimink Golf Club (Justin Rose/2010, Nick Watney/2011).

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole

R1: Par-3 8th (3.420)

R2: Par-4 4th (4.188)

Easiest Hole

Par-5 16th (4.304)

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Scoring Averages at the par-70 Aronimink Golf Club

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	33.826	34.304	68.130	
R2:	33.710	33.623	67.333	67.732

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Rickie Fowler (65), Brian Gay (66), Henrik Stenson (66), Paul Casey (69)

R2: Kevin Na (62), Tommy Fleetwood (62), Justin Rose (63), Francesco Molinari (63), Charles Howell III (63), Ted Potter Jr. (64), Jason Day (64), Bubba Watson (65), Patrick Cantlay (65), Marc Leishman (66), Alex Noren (66), Beau Hossler (67), Ryan Armour (67)