



BMW Championship

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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, September 8, 2018

Weather: Due to 2.4 inches of overnight rain, the start to round three was delayed until noon ET. Cloudy. High of 70. Wind NE 6-12 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Justin Rose	66-63-64—193 (-17)
Rory McIlroy	62-69-63—194 (-16)
Xander Schauffele	63-64-67—194 (-16)
Tommy Fleetwood	71-62-62—195 (-15)
Rickie Fowler	65-65-65—195 (-15)

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.

Six Things To Know

- Each of the top five shot career-low 54-hole scores
- Justin Rose made a bogey on his first hole of the first round and has 18 birdies and no bogeys since
- Rickie Fowler opened with three rounds of 65 or better for the first time in his career
- Tommy Fleetwood became the 10th player in PGA TOUR history to shoot 124 or better in consecutive rounds
- Xander Schauffele and Keegan Bradley are projected to move inside the top 30
- Jordan Spieth is projected to fall to No. 31 in the standings; has not missed the TOUR Championship in his career

Second-Round Lead Notes

- 7 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win the BMW Championship in the FedExCup era (since 2007)
(most recently Marc Leishman/2017)
- 28 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2017-18
(Most recent: Bryson DeChambeau/THE NORTHERN TRUST)

Justin Rose (-17/1st)

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
- 321 PGA TOUR starts
- 9 PGA TOUR victories
- 16 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
- 9 Top-10s in 2017-18 (2 wins)

- Nine career PGA TOUR victories include one BMW Championship (2011), one event at Aronimink (2010 Quicken Loans National) and two events in 2017-18 (WGC-HSBC Champions, Fort Worth Invitational)
- Made a bogey on first hole of the first round (No. 10) and has 18 birdies and no bogeys since
- 193 is career-low 54-hole score (previous: 194/2010 Travelers Championship)
- 193 ties second-lowest 54-hole score in the history of the FedExCup Playoffs (low: 191/Tiger Woods/2007 TOUR Championship)
- Front-nine 29 ties career-low nine-hole score (three previous instances; most recent: 2013 PGA Championship/front/R2)
- 4/14 in career with 54-hole lead/co-lead; 1/2 in the FedExCup Playoffs (Won/2011 BMW Championship, 2nd/2012 TOUR Championship)
- Dustin Johnson (2010, 2016) and Tiger Woods (2007, 2009) are the only players with multiple wins at the BMW Championship in the FedExCup era (since 2007)
- Eight career starts in the TOUR Championship; best FedExCup result: 5th (2011)
- Victories in Philadelphia area include 2010 Quicken Loans National (Aronimink Golf Club) and 2013 U.S. Open (Merion)

Rory McIlroy (-16/T2)

- 194 is career-low 54-hole score (previous: 197/2012 Dell Technologies Championship)
- First time in career recording two scores of 63 or better in the same event
- Tied with Keegan Bradley for most birdies through 54 holes (20)
- 4-over for the week on the par-3 eighth (bogey-bogey-double bogey)
- One win (2012) and two additional top-10s (T4/2015, T8/2014) in seven previous starts at the event
- 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

Xander Schauffele (-16/T2)

- 194 is career-low 54-hole score (previous: 197/2018 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier)
- Second time entering the final round of a FedExCup Playoffs event tied for second (Won/2017 TOUR Championship)
- 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

Tommy Fleetwood (-15/T4)

- 62-62 in rounds two and three; became the 10th player with a 36-hole total of 124 or better in consecutive rounds (Troy Matteson/122/2009 Safeway Open, Steve Stricker/123/2009 CareerBuilder Challenge, Justin Thomas/123/2017 Sony Open in Hawaii, six other players/124)
- Previous best 36-hole score (consecutive rounds) during 2017-18 season was 125 (Brian Gay/R2-R3/Wyndham Championship)
- 195 through three rounds is lowest career 54-hole score by eight shots (previous: 203/2018 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational)
- Five top-10s in 17 starts in 2017-18 season (2nd/U.S. Open, 4th/The Honda Classic, T4/Zurich Classic of New Orleans, T6/RBC Canadian Open, T7/THE PLAYERS Championship)

Rickie Fowler (-15/T4)

- Shot 65 or better in each of the first three rounds for the first time in his career
- 195 is career-low 54-hole score (previous: 197/2017 The Honda Classic)
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Putting; 53rd on TOUR in that category entering the week
- Three top-fives in eight BMW Championship starts (T2/2017, T4/2015, T4/2014)
- Most recent victory: 2017 The Honda Classic
- Best results in 2017-18 season: 2nd/Masters Tournament, 2nd/OHL Classic at Mayakoba

Tiger Woods (-12/T11)

- Is making his 17th start in the BMW Championship, sixth in the FedExCup era (2007) and first since 2013 (T11)
- Of 28 previous 18-hole leads/co-leads on the PGA TOUR, has converted 14 times for the win
- 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. 24 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 third round:

Rank	Player	Points	Points behind	BMW R3/projected FEC
1	Bryson DeChambeau	5,617	--	T26/1 st
2	Dustin Johnson	3,289	2,328	T33/4 th
3	Justin Rose	3,191	2,426	1 st /2 nd
4	Tony Finau	3,169	2,448	T15/5 th
5	Justin Thomas	3,084	2,533	T7/3 rd
6	Brooks Koepka	2,551	3,066	T33/6 th
7	Bubba Watson	2,277	3,340	T26/7 th
8	Cameron Smith	2,231	3,386	65 th /9 th
9	Phil Mickelson	1,969	3,648	T67/15 th
10	Jason Day	1,935	3,682	T15/10 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 third round:

FEC	Player	BMW R3	FEC Projected
25	Tiger Woods	T11	24 th
26	Rickie Fowler	T4	19 th
27	Jordan Spieth	T39	31 st
28	Hideki Matsuyama	T7	23 rd
29	Emiliano Grillo	T58	32 nd
30	Gary Woodland	T11	27 th
31	Chez Reavie	T44	35 th
32	Brandt Snedeker	66 th	42 nd
33	C.T. Pan	T44	38 th
34	Pat Perez	57 th	41 st
35	Andrew Landry	T39	39 th

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 R3	FEC Projected
41	Xander Schauffele	T2	12 th
52	Keegan Bradley	6 th	30 th

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

FEC	Player	BMW R3	FEC Projected
27	Jordan Spieth	T39	31 st
29	Emiliano Grillo	T58	32 nd

Rookies in the FedExCup Playoffs

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

FEC	Player	BMW R3	FEC Projected
18	Aaron Wise	T21	20 th
42	Austin Cook	T26	37 th
64	Peter Uihlein	T44	67 th
66	Keith Mitchell	T26	60 th

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	Easiest Hole
R1: Par-3 8 th (3.420)	Par-5 16 th (4.304)
R2: Par-4 4 th (4.188)	Par-5 16 th (4.261)
R3: Par-4 18 th (4.087)	Par-5 16 th (4.420)

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
R3:	33.145	34.014	67.159	67.541

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)

R3: Tommy Fleetwood (62), Austin Cook (63), Adam Hadwin (63), Dustin Johnson (64), Francesco Molinari (64), Patrick Reed (64), Justin Rose (64), Brooks Koepka (65), Scott Piercy (65), Si Woo Kim (66), Justin Thomas (66), Tiger Woods (66), Brice Garnett (67), Keith Mitchell (67), Henrik Stenson (67), Charles Howell III (70)