



2018 Fort Worth Invitational

(The 30th of 44 events in the PGA TOUR season)

Fort Worth, Texas
Colonial Country Club

May 24-27, 2018

FedExCup Points: 500 Purse: \$7,100,000
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,209

First-Round Notes – Thursday, May 24, 2018

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 92. Wind SSE 6-12 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Kevin Na	62 (-8)
Charley Hoffman	63 (-7)
Emiliano Grillo	64 (-6)
Jhonattan Vegas	64 (-6)
Andrew Putnam	64 (-6)
Beau Hossler	64 (-6)

Five Things To Know

- Kevin Na tied the low first-round score in Fort Worth Invitational history
- Three of Kevin Na's six career 18-hole leads/co-leads have come at the Fort Worth Invitational
- Satoshi Kodaira recorded the second albatross of the 2017-18 season and second in tournament history
- Charley Hoffman shot his lowest score since 2015 Dell Technologies Championship
- Jordan Spieth's scoring average ranks on TOUR by round: 118th/R1, 2nd/R2, 14th/R3, 1st/R4

First-Round Lead Notes

- 17 First-round leaders/co-leaders at the Fort Worth Invitational to win (most recent: Zach Johnson/2012)
- 7 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2017-18 (most recent: Webb Simpson/THE PLAYERS Championship)

Kevin Na (1st)

Age: 34 (September 15, 1983)

Joined TOUR: 2004

Entering this week

#65	FedExCup
#75	OWGR
366	PGA TOUR starts
1	PGA TOUR wins
11	Starts at Fort Worth Invitational
3	Top-10s at Fort Worth Invitational
15	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
2	Top-10s in 2017-18
0/5	Wins when holding 18-hole lead/co-lead

Wins (1): 2011 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open

Best 2017-18 results: T2/Genesis Open, T6/AT&T Byron Nelson

- Ties low first-round score at Fort Worth Invitational (four previous instances; most recent: Ryan Palmer/2013)
- Sixth 18-hole lead/co-lead on PGA TOUR and third at Fort Worth Invitational (2018, 2015, 2007)
- First outright 18-hole lead on PGA TOUR
- 7/7 scrambling; entered the week leading the TOUR in SG: Around-the-Green (.704)
- Played holes 16-3 in 6-under (birdies at 16, 17, 18, 2; eagle at 1), tying the second-best birdie/eagle streak on TOUR this season (best: Peter Uihlein, 7-under in six-hole stretch, R3/Wells Fargo Championship)
- Low score since 2016 CareerBuilder Challenge (62/R3)
- Making 12th start at the event and has three top-10s (T10/2015, T9/2009, T7/2007)

Additional Player Notes

Charley Hoffman (2nd)

- Lowest score since 2015 Dell Technologies Championship (63/R2, finished 3rd)
- Previous low at Fort Worth Invitational was 65 (R3/2009, R1/2006)
- Best previous finish at Fort Worth Invitational: T10/2015; is 9/9 making the cut at the event
- Best 2017-18 results: T12/Masters Tournament, T14/Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard

Emiliano Grillo (T3)

- Making third start at Fort Worth Invitational (T24/2017, T55/2016)
- Four top-10s in 15 starts in 2017-18
- Has not missed a cut in an individual stroke-play event in 2017-18 (MC/Zurich Classic of New Orleans)

Jhonattan Vegas (T3)

- One made cut in three previous starts at Fort Worth Invitational (T53/2015)
- Made four consecutive birdies on Nos. 4-7 to match his best streak of 2017-18 (R3/CIMB Classic)
- Best 2017-18 result: T7/Sentry Tournament of Champions

Beau Hossler (T3)

- Tied career-low with 64; fourth instance and second consecutive (R4/AT&T Byron Nelson)
- Has three top-10s and six top-25s in 2017-18; lost to Ian Poulter in a playoff at the Houston Open
- 20 of last 25 rounds are under-par, dating back to a first-round 65 at the Houston Open
- Missed the cut in his only previous start at the Fort Worth Invitational (2017)

Steve Stricker (7th)

- Winner of 2009 Fort Worth Invitational and finished T7 in 2017
- Matched low score of 2017-18 season (65/R2/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am)
- Entered the week with a first-round scoring average of 68.20; Patrick Cantlay leads the PGA TOUR with an average of 68.40 (Stricker has not met the minimum number of rounds to be officially ranked)
- Holed out from the bunker for an eagle-3 at the par-5 first

Satoshi Kodaira (T8)

- Made an albatross at the par-5 first (3-iron, 234 yards), the second of the 2017-18 season (Brooks Koepka, No. 16/R4/THE PLAYERS Championship) and second in the history of the Fort Worth Invitational (George Burns, No. 1/1978)
- Fort Worth Invitational debut
- Making his 18th career start on the PGA TOUR and ninth of the 2017-18 season
- Became a PGA TOUR member following his win at the 2018 RBC Heritage

Jordan Spieth (T44)

- Has finished no worse than T14 in five starts at Fort Worth Invitational (T2/2017, Won/2016, T2/2015, T14/2014, T7/2013)
- Spieth's 2017-18 scoring averages by round entering the week
 - R1: 71.18 (118th on TOUR)
 - R2: 68.45 (2nd)
 - R3: 69.11 (14th)
 - R4: 68.22 (1st)

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole

R1: Par-4 fifth (4.355)

Easiest Hole

R1: Par-5 first (4.537)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.934	34.826	69.760	--

	Early	Late
R1:	69.770	69.750

Bogey-free rounds

R1: Kevin Na (62), Charley Hoffman (63), Beau Hossler (64), Tim Herron (66), Ben Martin (66), Louis Oosthuizen (67), Derek Fathauer (67), Richy Werenski (68)