



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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, May 26, 2018

Weather: Partly cloudy and hot. High of 97. Wind SSE 7-14 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Justin Rose	66-64-66—196 (-14)
Brooks Koepka	70-63-67—200 (-10)
Emiliano Grillo	64-67-69—200 (-10)
Corey Conners	71-68-63—202 (-8)
Jon Rahm	68-70-64—202 (-8)
Louis Oosthuizen	67-71-64—202 (-8)
J.T. Poston	69-68-65—202 (-8)
Ryan Armour	68-68-66—202 (-8)

Six Things To Know

- Justin Rose tied the largest 54-hole lead (four shots) of his PGA TOUR career
- Rose equaled his second-lowest opening 54-hole score in 315 starts
- With a win, Rose would tie Nick Faldo for the most PGA TOUR wins (9) by a player from the country of England (since 1983)
- Corey Conners carded the lowest round of his PGA TOUR career
- Five international players in the top five
- Four players (Justin Rose, Jon Rahm, Ryan Armour, Ted Potter Jr.) inside the top ten going for second victory of the season

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 35 Third-round leaders/co-leaders at the Fort Worth Invitational to win (most recent: Jordan Spieth/2016)
- 15 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2017-18 (most recent: Aaron Wise/AT&T Byron Nelson)

Justin Rose (1)

Age: 37 (July 30, 1980)

Joined TOUR: 2004

Entering this week

- #11 FedExCup
- #5 OWGR
- 314 PGA TOUR starts
- 8 PGA TOUR wins
- 4 Starts at Fort Worth Invitational
- 0 Top-10s at Fort Worth Invitational (best finish T13 in inaugural start in 2005)
- 9 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
- 1 Win in 2017-18
- 3/13 Wins when holding 54-hole lead/co-lead (2010 The National; 2011 BMW Championship, 2015 Zurich Classic of New Orleans)

Wins (8): 2010 the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide, 2010 The National, 2011 BMW Championship, 2012 World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship, 2013 U.S. Open, 2014 The National, 2015 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, 2017 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions.

Best 2017-18 results: 1/2017 WGC-HSBC Champions; 3/2018 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard

- 196 total equals his second-best opening 54-hole score on TOUR (194/2010 Travelers Championship, 196/2017 Sony Open in Hawaii)
- Ties the largest 54-hole lead (four shots) of his PGA TOUR career (2010 The National and 2011 BMW Championship)
- 14th 54-hole lead/co-lead on PGA TOUR (most recent led to T2 at 2017 Masters Tournament)
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (+12.853) and Strokes Gained: Approach the Green (+7.931)
- With a win, would tie Nick Faldo for the most PGA TOUR wins (9) by a player from the country of England (since 1983)
- First time in 2017-18 season to shoot all three opening rounds in the 60s
- Played Horrible Horseshoe (Nos. 3-5) in 1-under this week (1 birdie and 8 pars)
- International winners at the Fort Worth Invitational since 2000: Sergio Garcia (2001), Nick Price (2002), Rory Sabbatini (2007), Adam Scott (2014)
- Seeking his first win in the United States since 2015 Zurich Classic of New Orleans
- Hoping to join 2017-18 season multiple winners: Justin Thomas, Patton Kizzire, Jason Day, Bubba Watson
- Making 5th start at the event (T71/2010, T34/2009, T45/2006, T13/2005)

Emiliano Grillo (T2)

- 2016 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year seeking his second TOUR victory in 73rd start (2015 Safeway Open)
- With a win, would become the fourth player from Argentina with multiple PGA TOUR wins (Angel Cabrera/3, Fabian Gomez/2 and Jose Coceres/2)
- 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)

Brooks Koepka (T2)

- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Off the Tee (+4.122)
- Trailed by at least one shot heading into the final round in both of his PGA TOUR career wins (2015 Waste Management Phoenix Open/3 shots and 2017 US Open/1 shot)
- Making debut start at the Fort Worth Invitational; the last player to win the event in his first start was Sergio Garcia in 2001. The others: Keith Clearwater (1987), Dave Stockton (1967), Clayton Heafner (1948), Ben Hogan (1946).
- One top-10 in 5 prior starts in 2017-18 (T2/WGC-HSBC Champions)

Corey Connors (T4)

- Carded his career-low round of 7-under 63 in his 88th round on TOUR (Previous: 64/R1/2018 Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship)
- Shot 6-under 29 on the back nine and came one shot shy of tying the back-nine scoring record at the event (28/Keith Clearwater/1993)
- Tied for first with Ted Potter Jr. in Strokes Gained: Total (+5.462) for the third round
- PGA TOUR Rookie: Joined TOUR in 2018
- Seeking his first PGA TOUR victory in his 29th career start
- Best career PGA TOUR finish: T13/2018 Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship

Jon Rahm (T4)

- Shot 5-under 30 on the front nine; lowest nine-hole score since R1/2018 CareerBuilder Challenge/6-under 30, where he went on to win
- Making second start at Fort Worth Invitational (T2/2017)
- Seeking his third career PGA TOUR win and second this season (P1/CareerBuilder Challenge)
- Three top-10s in 11 starts in 2017-18 (4th/Masters Tournament, P1/CareerBuilder Challenge, 2nd/Sentry Tournament of Champions)
- Has not missed a cut in an individual stroke-play event in 2017-18 (MC/Zurich Classic of New Orleans/Partnered with Wesley Bryan)

Jordan Spieth (T38)

- Third-round even-par 70 represents his 13th-consecutive round at par-or-better at Colonial Country Club
- Finished no worse than T14 in five Fort Worth Invitational starts (T2/2017, Won/2016, T2/2015, T14/2014, T7/2013)
- Leads the TOUR with a R4 scoring average of 68.22 in 2017-18

Additional Player Notes

- Louis Oosthuizen (T4) had two-consecutive missed cuts prior to the Fort Worth Invitational (Wells Fargo Championship and THE PLAYERS Championship)
- Ryan Armour (T4) only hit 9/18 green en route to his 4-under 66, but was 8/9 in scrambling and 2/2 in sand saves
- J.T Poston (T4) hit the most fairways in R3 (12/14) and tied for most greens in regulation with Matt Kuchar and Ben Martin (17/18)
- Ted Potter Jr. (T9) only needed 25 putts in the third round and was perfect in scrambling (4/4) and sand saves (2/2)
- Potter Jr. moved up 42 spots with his 7-under 63 from the conclusion of the second round (R2: T51 vs R3: T9)

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole

R1: Par-4 fifth (4.355)

R2: Par-4 fifth (4.347)

R3: Par-3 fourth (3.256)

Easiest Hole

R1: Par-5 first (4.537)

R2: Par-5 first (4.627)

R3: Par-5 first (4.346)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.934	34.826	69.760	--
R2:	35.627	35.847	71.475	70.607
R3:	34.346	34.115	68.462	70.079

	Early	Late
R1:	69.77	69.75
R2:	70.22	70.99

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)

R2: William McGirt (67), Robert Streb (67)

R3: Ted Potter Jr. (63), Michael Thompson (64), J.T. Poston (65), Matt Kuchar (65), Wesley Bryan (66), Derek Fathauer (66)