



2018 Dell Technologies Championship

(The second of four events in the FedExCup Playoffs)

Norton, Massachusetts
TPC Boston

August 31-September 3, 2018
Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,342

FedExCup Points: 2000 Purse: \$9,000,000

First-Round Notes – Friday, August 31, 2018

Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 76. Wind ENE 6-12 mph

First-Round Leaderboard

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| Justin Rose | 65 (-6) |
| Russell Knox | 66 (-5) |
| Abraham Ancer | 66 (-5) |

Five Things To Know

- The top-100 players in the FedExCup standings qualified for the Dell Technologies Championship. The top-70 players after this week will advance to next week's BMW Championship
- Justin Thomas (2017), Rory McIlroy (2016), Henrik Stenson (2013) and Vijay Singh (2008) won the Dell Technologies Championship and FedExCup title in the same year
- Justin Rose posts one of just two bogey-free rounds to take 18-hole lead
- Russell Knox uses an eagle-2 at No. 15 from 109 yards to open with a 5-under 66
- Tiger Woods (72) posts a third-consecutive over-par score at TPC Boston

First-Round Lead Notes

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| 2 | First-round leaders/co-leaders at the Dell Technologies Championship who have gone on to win (Tiger Woods/2006, Steve Stricker/2009) |
| 9 | First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2017-18 (Most recent: Brandt Snedeker/Wyndham Championship) |

Justin Rose (-6/1st)

Age: 38 (July 30, 1980)

Joined TOUR: 1998

Entering the week

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| #6 | FedExCup |
| #1 | FedExCup Projected Standing |
| #4 | OWGR |
| 13 | Starts at Dell Technologies Championship |
| 320 | PGA TOUR starts |
| 9 | PGA TOUR victories |
| 15 | PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18 |
| 8 | Top-10s in 2017-18 |

PGA TOUR Wins (9): 2010 the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide, 2010 Quicken Loans National, 2011 BMW Championship, 2012 World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship, 2013 U.S. Open, 2014 Quicken Loans National, 2015 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, 2017 WGC-HSBC Champions, 2018 Fort Worth Invitational

Best 2017-18 results: 1st/WGC-HSBC Champions, 1st/Fort Worth Invitational

- Made six birdies and no bogeys in the first round of his 14th start in the Dell Technologies Championship
- The largest 18-hole lead at the Dell Technologies Championship belongs to Mike Weir, who held a three-stroke lead in 2008

- Takes an 18-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR for the 16th time. The two which resulted in victories were the 2010 the Memorial Tournament and 2011 BMW Championship
- Dell Technologies Championship top-10 finishes: 3rd/2003, T4/2006 and T10/2017
- In round one of his first start in the event in 2003, opened with an 8-under 63 (finished third)
- In addition to his two wins, finished inside the top 10 six times this season (eight total)
- Dating to his first professional start on the PGA TOUR in 1999, has never amassed more than eight top-10 finishes in a season. The 2017-18 season marks his fifth time to reach that number
- Following rounds of 72-74, missed last week's cut at THE NORTHERN TRUST, his first missed cut in 18 starts
- Lone victory in 37 FedExCup Playoffs starts before this week came at the 2011 BMW Championship
- In the FedExCup era (2007), has advanced to the TOUR Championship 8/11 times

Russell Knox (-5/T2)

- Played his last six holes in 5-under par, highlighted by an eagle-2 at No. 15, to open with a 5-under 66
- Is making his fifth consecutive start in the Dell Technologies Championship, with a T12 in 2015 his best showing
- En route to his T61 finish last year, did not post a round below par
- Most recent of two top-10 finishes this season in individual stroke-play events came at the Sony Open in Hawaii (T10). Finished T7 at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans in the 2-man team event with Martin Laird
- Is in search of his third career PGA TOUR win and first since the 2016 Travelers Championship

Abraham Ancer (-5/T2)

- Birdied four of his last six holes to post a bogey-free 5-under 66.
- Was one of just two players to play the first round without a bogey (Justin Rose)
- Is making just his second-ever FedExCup Playoffs start (missed cut at last week's THE NORTHERN TRUST)
- Made his way back onto the PGA TOUR for the 2017-18 season by virtue of his 6th-place finish on the 2017 Web.com Tour priority list
- On the strength of four top-10 finishes through the Wyndham Championship, came into the Playoffs ranked 83rd in the FedExCup standings. Comes into this week ranked 92nd.

Chris Kirk (-4/T4)

- Making his eighth consecutive start in the Dell Technologies Championship, opened with back-to-back birdies en route to a 4-under 67
- Has never missed a cut in the event
- With the exception of his 2014 win, has finished no better than T16 (2013)
- With a win, would join Rory McIlroy (2012, 2016) and Vijay Singh (2004, 2008) as multiple winners of the event
- Has collected four top-10 finishes in the 2017-18 season

Keegan Bradley (-4/T4)

- Vermont native made five birdies against one bogey (par-4 13th)
- Remains in search of his first top-10 finish at TPC Boston in his seventh start. Best showing is T13 in 2012
- Three-time winner is in search of his first win since the 2012 World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational
- Has collected four top-10 finishes this season, with a solo-second at the CIMB Classic his best showing
- Has missed only three cuts in 22 individual stroke-play events this season

Dustin Johnson (-3/T8)

- Following an even-par first-nine holes (Nos. 10-18), played his inward nine in 3-under par
- Making his ninth start in the Dell Technologies Championship, having collected top-10 finishes in 2009 (T4), 2012 (T4) and 2016 (T8)
- Year-by-year results in the FedExCup: 2008 (134), 2009 (14), 2010 (5), 2011 (4), 2012 (8), 2013 (13), 2014 (30), 2015 (7), 2016 (2), 2017 (4)
- FedExCup Playoffs starts – 36 (includes this week)
- FedExCup Playoffs wins – 4 (Tied for most with Rory McIlroy)
- FedExCup Playoffs top-10s – 16 (tied for most with Jim Furyk)

Rory McIlroy (E/T42)

- 2012 and 2016 Dell Technologies Championship winner made two pars and two birdies to open with a 71
- Hit just six of 14 fairways
- Only missed cut in seven previous starts came in 2017 (72-74)
- Of seven previous starts, second-round scoring average of 70.86 marks his highest of any round at TPC Boston
- McIlroy (2012, 2016) and Singh (2004, 2008) are also the only players to win the Dell Technologies Championship twice

Tiger Woods (+1/T57)

- In his 10th start at the Dell Technologies Championship, and first since 2013 (T65), the 2006 champion opened with a 1-over 72, his third-consecutive over-par score at TPC Boston (72-73 in rounds three and four, respectively, in 2013)
- Highest score in 37 rounds at TPC Boston is 2-over 73 (R2/2005/T40 and R4/2013/T65)
- Hit 10/14 fairways in regulation, 9/18 greens, was 5/9 when scrambling and needed 26 putts
- Has never missed a cut in the event

FedExCup Playoffs Notes

Rookies in the FedExCup Playoffs

Eight rookies finished the 2017-18 PGA TOUR season ranked within the top 125 in FedExCup points and earned their first start at last week's THE NORTHERN TRUST. Of that group, five advanced to the Dell Technologies Championship:

| Player | Current FEC | DTC R1 | Projected FEC |
|-----------------|-------------|--------|---------------|
| Aaron Wise | 15 | E/T42 | 18 |
| Austin Cook | 36 | -2/T16 | 34 |
| Keith Mitchell | 78 | +2/T70 | 86 |
| Peter Uihlein | 83 | -2/T16 | 72 |
| Satoshi Kodaira | 85 | +5/T89 | 95 |

Six players entered THE NORTHERN TRUST ranked No. 101 – 125 in the FedExCup standings and played their way into this week's Dell Technologies Championship. Here's how they did during round one at TPC Boston:

| Player | FEC Last Week | FEC This Week | R1/Projected |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Nick Watney | 102 | 67 | T57/76 |
| Bronson Burgoon | 111 | 73 | T83/81 |
| Jhonattan Vegas | 123 | 87 | T42/89 |
| Scott Stallings | 107 | 94 | T70/96 |
| Danny Lee | 103 | 98 | T33/90 |
| Brian Stuard | 118 | 99 | T57/97 |

Billy Horschel withdrew after nine holes due to illness.

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole

R1: Par-3 third (3.258)

Easiest Hole

R1: Par-4 fourth (3.619)

Scoring Averages at TPC Boston

| | Front 9 | Back 9 | Total | Cumulative |
|-----|---------|--------|--------|------------|
| R1: | 35.763 | 35.381 | 71.144 | -- |

Bogey-free rounds

R1: Justin Rose (65), Abraham Ancer (66)