



2018 FedEx St. Jude Classic

(The 32nd 44 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Memphis, Tennessee
TPC Southwind

June 4-10, 2018
Par/Yardage: 35-35—70/7,238

FedExCup Points: 500
Purse: \$6,600,000 (\$1,188,000)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, June 9, 2018

Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 93. Wind SW 6-12 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Dustin Johnson	67-63-65—195 (-15)
Andrew Putnam	67-64-64—195 (-15)
Stewart Cink	68-68-64—200 (-10)

Six Things to Know

- 2012 FedEx St. Jude Classic champion Dustin Johnson made six birdies and one bogey in round three. The only chance Johnson has to move from No. 2 back to No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking is to win this week.
- Andrew Putnam has made 13 birdies and one bogey in his last 36 holes and will be in a final pairing Sunday for the first time on the PGA TOUR.
- On his way to a 64, Stewart Cink aced No. 8 with a wedge from 144 yards. At 10-under, he will begin the final round five strokes back. Through 54 holes last year, was T1 at 9-under with Rafa Cabrera Bello and Ben Crane. Cink finished T10.
- Braden Thornberry, the only amateur in the field and playing on a sponsor invite, birdied five of his first eight holes en route to a third-round, 65. He heads into the final round at 6-under 204. After a 65 in last year's final round, finished T4 in last year's event in his PGA TOUR debut. The lowest score by an amateur in the history of the FedEx St. Jude Classic belongs to Curtis Person, who shot a third-round, 6-under 64 in 1960 (Colonial CC).
- World Golf Hall of Fame Member Phil Mickelson posted a 3-over 73 in round three, just his third over-par score in the event in his last 23 rounds. Through 54 holes, is at 1-under 209 (T49). Has top-10 finishes in four of his last five tournament starts.
- This week's FedEx St. Jude Classic offers players the final opportunity to get inside the top 60 in the Official World Golf Ranking and earn a spot into next week's U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills.

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 15 Third-round leaders/co-leaders at the FedEx St. Jude Classic to win since 1989 (Most recently, Daniel Berger in 2016).
- 17 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on the PGA TOUR in 2017-18 (most recently Bryson DeChambeau/the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide).

Dustin Johnson (-15/T1)

Age: 33 (June 22, 1984)

Joined TOUR: 2008

Entering this week

#8	FedExCup
#2	OWGR
231	PGA TOUR starts
17	PGA TOUR wins

5 Starts at the FedEx St. Jude Classic (1/2012)
10 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
6 Top-10s in 2017-18 (most recent: T8/the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide)
8/15 Wins when holding at least a share of the 54-hole lead (2009 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, 2011 THE NORTHERN TRUST and 2013 Sentry Tournament of Champions were reduced to 54 holes, due to inclement weather).

- Most recently converted a 54-hole lead/co-lead into victory at this season's Sentry Tournament of Champions.
- Has won at least once in each of his 11 seasons on the PGA TOUR. He captured the 2018 Sentry Tournament of Champions to continue the streak.
- A win would mark the third consecutive season with multiple victories on the PGA TOUR (4/2016-17, 3/2015-16).
- In addition to his win in 2012, has collected two other top-10 finishes at the FedEx St. Jude Classic (T10/2013, 5/2016).
- A top-10 finish this week would be Johnson's seventh of the season and tie him with Brian Harman for most top-10s on the PGA TOUR in 2017-18.
- A win this week would move him back into the top spot in the Official World Golf Ranking.

Andrew Putnam (-15/T1)

Age: 29 (January 25, 1989)

Joined TOUR: 2015

Entering this week

#107 FedExCup

#273 OWGR

43 PGA TOUR starts

0 PGA TOUR wins

1 Start at the FedEx St. Jude Classic (2015/MC)

18 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18

2 Top-10s in 2017-18 (T5/Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, T8/Valero Texas Open)

- Has just one bogey through 54 holes (par-4 fifth/R2).
- Finished eighth on the 2017 Web.com Tour Regular Season money list to earn his way back to the PGA TOUR for the first time since the 2014-15 season.
- Missed the cut in his only previous appearance in the FedEx St. Jude Classic in 2015 (74-80).

Additional Player Notes

Stewart Cink (-10/3rd)

- In 37 rounds in the event, 64 ties his low score (R1/2017/T10)
- His hole-in-one at No. 8 (144 yards/wedge) was his fifth ace on the PGA TOUR and first since the 2012 Valspar Championship.
- Making his 10th start in the event, dating to 1997. Claimed top-10 finishes in 2017 (T10) and 2004 (T5).
- Held a share of last year's 54-hole lead at TPC Southwind with Rafa Cabrera Bello and 2014 champion Ben Crane. Shot 3-over 73 in the final round to finish T10.
- Has posted over-par scores in his last four final rounds at TPC Southwind.
- Winner of six PGA TOUR events including, and most recently, the 2009 Open Championship.
- A win tomorrow would come in his 206th start since the 2009 Open Championship.
- Remains in search of his first top-10 finish of the 2017-18 season.

Richy Werenski (-9/T4)

- Made an eagle (par-5 third), three birdies and one bogey (par-4 18th), good for a 66 and 9-under total.
- In only other start at the FedEx St. Jude Classic, opened with rounds of 74-72 to miss the cut last season.
- Remains in search of his first top-10 finish of the season in his 23rd TOUR start.
- PGA TOUR sophomore claimed best career finish at the 2017 Barracuda Championship in the Modified Stableford scoring format. Lost in sudden death to Chris Stroud.
- Massachusetts native now lives in Jupiter, Florida.

Braden Thornberry (-6/T10)

- The only amateur in the field, Ole Miss rising senior and sponsor invite followed a 4-under 66 in round two with a 5-under 65 to move to 6-under 204.
- En route to last year's T4 finish at the FedEx St. Jude Classic, was six strokes back after 54 holes at 3-under par. Closed with a 5-under 65.
- Qualified for the U.S. Open on Monday via sectionals.

FedEx St. Jude Classic and the U.S. Open

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This year marks the 12th consecutive playing of the FedEx St. Jude Classic the week before the U.S. Open. No-one has ever won a PGA TOUR event and then won the U.S. Open the following week. The best U.S. Open finish by the prior week's champion is a T16 by Lee Westwood in 2010. Since moving to TPC Southwind in 1989, the FedEx St. Jude Classic was also played the week before the U.S. Open in 2001 (Bob Estes/T30 U.S. Open), 1999 (Ted Tryba/T66 U.S. Open) and 1992 (Jay Haas/T23 U.S. Open).

The best U.S. Open finish by a winner of the FedEx St. Jude Classic the same year was a T3 by Fred Couples in 1993, when the Memphis event was contested two weeks after the U.S. Open.

The last two U.S. Open champions, Dustin Johnson (2016) and Brooks Koepka (2017), competed in the FedEx St. Jude Classic the week before claiming their first major championship title.

Twenty-nine players in the FedEx St. Jude Classic field are already exempt into next week's U.S. Open:

Aphibarnrat, Kiradech	Hughes, Mackenzie	Snedeker, Brandt
Axley, Eric	Johnson, Dustin	Stallings, Scott
Baddeley, Aaron	Jones, Matt	Stenson, Henrik
Berger, Daniel	Koepka, Brooks	Stricker, Steve
Chappell, Kevin	List, Luke	Stuard, Brian
Duncan, Tyler	Lowry, Shane	Thornberry, Braden
Finau, Tony	Mickelson, Phil	Uihlein, Peter
Gay, Brian	Mullinax, Trey	Varner, Harold
Griffin, Lanto	Reavie, Chez	Werenski, Richy
Howell, Charles III	Schwartzel, Charl	

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole	Easiest Hole
R1: par-4 fifth (4.244)	par-5 16 th (4.609)
R2: par-4 fifth (4.370)	par-5 16 th (4.377)
R3: par-4 18 th (4.347)	par-5 16 th (4.542)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.615	35.154	70.769	--
R2:	35.532	34.994	70.526	70.648
R3:	34.181	35.292	69.472	70.256

Bogey-free rounds

R1: Steve Stricker (66), Andrew Putnam (67)
R2: Brandt Snedeker (62), John Peterson (69)
R3: Andrew Putnam (64), Trey Mullinax (65), Billy Horschel (67), Zac Blair (69)