



#### 2018 John Deere Classic

(The 37<sup>th</sup> of 44 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

 Silvis, Illinois
 July 12-15, 2018
 FedExCup Pts: 500 to the winner

 TPC Deere Run
 Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,268
 Purse: \$5,800,000 (\$1,044,000)

FINAL Second-Round Notes - Saturday, July 14, 2018

Weather: Mostly cloudy, with isolated showers and thunderstorms. High of 87. Wind SE 5-10 mph.

Round two resumed at 8:00 a.m. CT and ended at 8:48 a.m. Due to expected inclement weather in the afternoon, third-round tee times will take place between 9:20 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in threesomes off tee Nos. 1 and 10.

**36-hole cut:** 82 players at 3-under 139 from a field of 156 professionals. Since more than 78 players made the 36-hole cut, a 54-hole cut will reduce the field to low 70 and ties.

## **Second-Round Leaderboard**

 Michael Kim
 63-64—127 (-15)

 Bronson Burgoon
 68-62—130 (-12)

 David Hearn
 66-64—130 (-12)

 Steve Wheatcroft
 62-68—130 (-12)

 Johnson Wagner
 64-66—130 (-12)

## **Seven Things To Know**

- 36-hole leader Michael Kim celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> birthday Saturday
- The John Deere Classic is the ninth event of the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season to be impacted by inclement weather
- Bronson Burgoon makes five birdies and two eagles (Nos. 10, 17 par-5 holes) to shoot 62 and get to 12-under 130 (T2)
- En route to a 6-under 64 to get to 5-under 137 Friday, Cody Gribble did not make a par after No. 8 (birdied 9-11, double bogey at 12, birdied 13-17, bogey at 18)
- After a second-straight 2-under 69 Friday, PGA TOUR Special Temporary Member Joaquin Niemann heads into the weekend at 4-under 138
- Each making his 17<sup>th</sup> start in the event, Steve Stricker is at 6-under 136 (T24) and Zach Johnson is at 3-under 139 (T65)
- Sponsor invites: University of Illinois' Nick Hardy makes the cut on the number at 3-under 139. In PGA TOUR debut, 2018 NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championships medalist (Augusta University) Broc Everett bogeys two of his last three holes, Nos. 16 and 18, to miss the cut at 1-under 141

## **Second-Round Lead Notes**

- Second-round leaders/co-leaders at the John Deere Classic to win since moving to TPC in 2000 (2016/Ryan Moore, 2010/Steve Stricker, 2002/J.P. Hayes and 2001/David Gossett).
- 9 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2017-18 (most recent: Dustin Johnson/FedEx St. Jude Classic)

Michael Kim (-15/1<sup>st</sup>) Age: 25 (July 14, 1993) Joined TOUR: 2015-16

### **Entering this week**

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- 22 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
- 1 Top-10 in 2017-18 (T7/RBC Heritage)
- 2 Starts at John Deere Classic
- When second-round play resumed at 8:00 a.m. CT Saturday, failed to get up and down for par at his last hole of the round, No. 18. Bogey cut his 36-hole lead to three strokes
- Takes first PGA TOUR lead after any round on TOUR (84 starts)
- Made eight birdies and one bogey (No. 18). Only bogeys through 36 holes came at the par-4 eighth hole in round one and No. 18 in round two (Saturday morning)
- Comes into this week's John Deere Classic on the heels of missed cuts in five of last six starts on TOUR
- Previous starts/finishes at the John Deere Classic: 2016/T47, 2017/T71
- Only two (of nine) over-par scores at TPC Deere Run came in both previous final rounds (72s)
- Looking for first career TOUR win in his 84<sup>th</sup> start. Best finish is T3 at 2016 Safeway Open

## Steve Wheatcroft (-12/T2)

- Through 36 holes, is even-par on the front nine and 12-under par on the inward stretch
- Making his seventh start at the John Deere Classic, with a T8 in 2015 his lone top-25 finish
- Has made six cuts in 15 starts on the PGA TOUR this season, with a T28 at the Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship his best showing
- In search of his first career TOUR win in his 166<sup>th</sup> start. Lone runner-up finish (T2) came at 2015 CareerBuilder Challenge David Hearn (-12/T2)
- Made eight birdies against one bogey (par-4 ninth) to post a 7-under 64, his lowest score in relation to par since an 8-under 64 in round one of the 2015 The RSM Classic (T9)
- Making his eighth start in the John Deere Classic, with a playoff loss to Jordan Spieth (T2) in 2013 his best showing and only top-10 finish in the event
- Through 36 holes, has made a total of 230' 11" of putts (117' 11"/R1, 113' 0"/R2)
- Hit 17/18 greens in regulation in round two
- Remains in search of his first PGA TOUR title in his 246<sup>th</sup> start
- Best finishes on TOUR are playoff losses (2013 John Deere Classic, 2015 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier)
- Comes into the week at No. 152 in the FedExCup standings
- Finished outside the top-125 in the FedExCup standings (No. 128) for the first time in seven seasons last season

# Francesco Molinari (-11/T6)

- In his first start since claiming his maiden PGA TOUR victory at the Quicken Loans National two weeks ago, put himself in position for the weekend with six birdies and one bogey (par-4 13<sup>th</sup>) to get to 11-under 131
- In both rounds one and two this week, has hit 12/14 fairways, 14/18 greens in regulation and needed 28 putts
- Is making his first start at the John Deere Classic
- The last player to have his first two PGA TOUR victories come in back-to-back starts was Camilo Villegas at the 2008 BMW Championship and TOUR Championship

### Zach Johnson (-3/T65)

- With a 1-under 70 Friday, made the cut on the number at 3-under 139
- Most recent John Deere Classic missed cut (of three) came in 2007
- In 60 rounds at TPC Deere Run, has posted just six over-par scores, but not since round three of 2008. Has now played 39 consecutive rounds at par-or-better
- In addition to T5 last year and victory in 2012, claimed an additional five top-10 finishes at the John Deere Classic

Jason Gore withdrew during round two Friday with a back injury.

Doug Ghim withdrew during round two Friday with illness.

David Berganio, Jr. withdrew during round two Friday.

Danny Lee was disqualified Friday after his round for changing a ball type within his round.

### **Course Statistics**

| Toughest Hole                             | Easiest Hole                   |  |  |
|---|--------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>R1:</b> Par-4 18 <sup>th</sup> (4.303) | Par-5 17 <sup>th</sup> (4.465) |  |  |
| <b>R2:</b> Par-4 18 <sup>th</sup> (4.248) | Par-5 2 <sup>nd</sup> (4.628)  |  |  |

## **Scoring Averages**

|     | Front 9 | Back 9 | Total  | Cumulative |
|-----|---------|--------|--------|------------|
| R1: | 34.510  | 35.148 | 69.658 |            |
| R2: | 34.497  | 35.345 | 69.841 | 69.747     |

## **Bogey-free rounds**

R1: Steve Wheatcroft (62), Andres Romero (64), Nick Hardy (66), Parker McLachlin (66), John Merrick (66), Broc Everett (67), Billy Hurley III (67), Conrad Shindler (67), Nick Watney (68), Richy Werenski (68).

**R2:** Bronson Burgoon (62), Matt Jones (63), Robert Garrigus (64), Harold Varner III (65), Dominic Bozzelli (65), Mackenzie Hughes (65), Hunter Mahan (67), Patrick Rodgers (69).