



2018 John Deere Classic

(The 37th of 44 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Silvis, Illinois
TPC Deere Run

July 12-15, 2018
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,268

FedExCup Pts: 500 to the winner
Purse: \$5,800,000 (\$1,044,000)

Third-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 Saturday and ended at 8:48 a.m. Due to expected inclement weather in the afternoon, third-round tee times were between 9:20 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in threesomes off tee Nos. 1 and 10. Due to a dangerous weather situation, the third round was suspended from 10:38 a.m. until 1:11 p.m. (2 hours, 43 minutes). Play was again suspended at 5:53 p.m. and resumed at 7:12 p.m.

Preferred lies in closely-mown areas were utilized in round three.

54-hole cut: 71 players at 4-under 209 from 82 professionals who made the 36-hole cut.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Michael Kim	63-64-64—191 (-22)
Bronson Burgoon	68-62-66—196 (-17)
Matt Jones	68-63-66—197 (-16)
Harold Varner	67-65-66—198 (-15)

Seven Things To Know

- Michael Kim celebrated 25th birthday Saturday with birdies on five of his last six holes
- 20 players have made the John Deere Classic their first PGA TOUR victory
- PGA TOUR Special Temporary Member Joaquin Niemann is at 7-under 206 through 54 holes (T39)
- Each making his 17th start in the event, Steve Stricker is at 6-under 207 (T49) and Zach Johnson is 7-under 206 (T39)
- In 61 rounds at TPC Deere Run, Johnson has posted just six over-par scores, but not since round three of 2008. Has now played 40 consecutive rounds at par-or-better
- After the making the cut on the number (3-under 139), University of Illinois grad and sponsor invite Nick Hardy is T55 (-5)
- Low round of the day, 8-under 63, belongs to PGA TOUR rookie Tyler Duncan (seven birdies, one eagle, one bogey). Is T12 (-12)

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 9 Third-round leaders/co-leaders at the John Deere Classic to win since moving to TPC in 2000.
- 20 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2017-18 (most recent: Francesco Molinari/Quicken Loans National)

Michael Kim (-21/1st)

Age: 25 (July 14, 1993)

Joined TOUR: 2015-16

Entering this week

#161	FedExCup
#473	OWGR
0	PGA TOUR wins
83	PGA TOUR starts
22	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
1	Top-10 in 2017-18 (T7/RBC Heritage)
2	Starts at John Deere Classic

- After birdies at Nos. 2, 6 and 8, finished his round with birdies at Nos. 13 and 15-18
- Five-stroke lead is one shy of the record for 54 holes (Steve Stricker/2010)
- Takes second PGA TOUR lead after any round on TOUR (R2/2018 John Deere Classic/84th TOUR start)
- With a win Sunday, would become the 21st player to make the John Deere Classic his first PGA TOUR victory
- With a win tomorrow, would become the first international winner of the John Deere Classic since John Senden (2006)
- Would become the 10th first time winner on the PGA TOUR this season
- Best PGA TOUR finish is T3 at 2016 Safeway Open
- Previous starts/finishes at the John Deere Classic: 2016/T47, 2017/T71
- Only bogeys through 54 holes came at No. 8/R1, No. 18/R2, No. 7/R3
- Comes into this week's John Deere Classic on the heels of missed cuts in five of last six starts on TOUR
- Only two (of nine) over-par scores at TPC Deere Run came in both previous final rounds (72s)

Bronson Burgoon (-17/2nd)

- Following a career-low, 9-under 62 in round two, birdied last three holes to shoot 5-under 66 and move to 17-under 196
- Is a collective 9-under par on the nine par-fives this week
- Is making his second start at the John Deere Classic (2016/T47)
- Remains in search of his first career PGA TOUR win in his 48th start
- Claimed his only TOUR top-10 finish two weeks ago at the Quicken Loans National (T6)

Matt Jones (-16/3rd)

- Made an eagle-three at No. 17 en route to a 5-under 66
- Making his ninth start at the John Deere Classic with top-10 finishes in 2009 (T5), 2010 (5th) and 2013 (T7)
- Coming off a missed cut in last year's event
- Looking for second PGA TOUR win in 260th start (2014 Houston Open)
- Remains in search of first top-10 finish of the season in his 19th TOUR start

Harold Varner III (-15/4th)

- Making his second start in the John Deere Classic (2017/MC)
- In search of first PGA TOUR win in 85th start (best results: T5/2015 OHL Classic at Mayakoba and 2018 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier)
- Is making his 23rd PGA TOUR start in 2017-18
- Top-10 finishes this season: T7/THE PLAYERS Championship, T5 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier
- Held a share of the 54-hole lead at last week's A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier, before T5 finish

Andres Romero (-14/T5)

- Followed a bogey at No. 1 with six birdies and an eagle to shoot 7-under 64, his lowest round since an 8-under 64 in round one of the 2016 The RSM Classic.
- Playing out of the Past Champion category on the PGA TOUR, is making just his third start of the 2017-18 season (missed cuts at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans and Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship)
- Has made seven starts on the European Tour this season, but has not finished better than T45
- Is making his seventh start in the John Deere Classic, having never missed a cut. Best showing is T21 in 2010
- Is the winner of the 2008 Zurich Classic of New Orleans

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole

- R1:** Par-4 18th (4.303)
- R2:** Par-4 18th (4.248)
- R3:** Par-4 9th (4.207)

Easiest Hole

- Par-5 17th (4.465)
- Par-5 2nd (4.628)
- Par-5 2nd (4.244)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.510	35.148	69.658	---
R2:	34.497	35.345	69.841	69.747
R3:	34.329	34.659	68.988	69.496

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).

R3: Scott Brown (65), Matt Jones (66), C.T. Pan (66), Keith Mitchell (66), Chris Stroud (67), Sam Ryder (67), Mackenzie Hughes (68), J.T. Poston (68).