



## 2018 John Deere Classic

(The 37<sup>th</sup> 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)

### Final-Round Notes – Sunday, July 15, 2018

**Weather:** Mostly cloudy, with a high of 88. Wind SSE 4-8 mph.

### Final-Round Leaderboard

Michael Kim	63-64-64-66—257 (-27)
Bronson Burgoon	68-62-66-69—265 (-19)
Joel Dahmen	64-71-65-65—265 (-19)
Francesco Molinari	65-66-70-64—265 (-19)
Sam Ryder	66-66-67-66—265 (-19)

### Five Things To Know

- Via the Open Qualifying Series USA, Michael Kim earns final spot into The Open Championship
- PGA TOUR Special Temporary Member Joaquin Niemann closes with 6-under 65 to finish T23, marking his sixth top-25 finish in last nine TOUR starts
- Each making his 17<sup>th</sup> start in the event, Zach Johnson finished T16 (-14) and Steve Stricker finished T43 (-10)
- In 62 rounds at TPC Deere Run, Johnson has posted just six over-par scores, but not since round three of 2008. With his final-round 64 today, has now played 41 consecutive rounds at par-or-better, totaling 169-under par
- Dylan Meyer and Nick Hardy, two sponsor invites from the University of Illinois, closed with matching 5-under 66s to finish the week at 10-under 274 (T43).

### Michael Kim (-27/1<sup>st</sup>)

**Age:** 25 (July 14, 1993)

**Joined TOUR:** 2015-16

### After this week

#56	FedExCup
1	PGA TOUR win (2018 John Deere Classic)
84	PGA TOUR starts
23	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
2	Top-10s in 2017-18 (T7/RBC Heritage, 1 <sup>st</sup> /John Deere Classic)
3	Starts at John Deere Classic (2016/T47, 2017/T71, 2018/1 <sup>st</sup> )

- After birdies on his final four holes in round three, came out with consecutive birdies on Nos. 1-3. Added additional birdies at Nos. 8, 16 and 18 to claim his first career PGA TOUR victory, by eight strokes, one day after his 25<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Winning score of 27-under 257 is one stroke shy of the 72-hole record on the PGA TOUR on a par-71 layout
- With the win, collects 500 FedExCup points and moves to from No. 161 to 56<sup>th</sup> in the standings with 653 points
- It took 365 points to qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs in 2017, 483 to qualify for Dell Technologies Championship, 689 for BMW Championship and 1,322 for the TOUR Championship
- Via the Open Qualifying Series USA, claims the final spot into this week's Open Championship at Carnoustie
- In only other major championship start, finished T17 at the 2013 U.S. Open
- If not otherwise exempt, earns a spot into the 2018 PGA Championship and the following events in the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season: Sentry Tournament of Champions, CareerBuilder Challenge, Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard, THE PLAYERS Championship, Masters Tournament and RBC Heritage
- Before this week, the largest margin of victory at the John Deere Classic since moving to TPC Deere Run in 2000 was four strokes (JP Hayes/2002)

- The winning margin of the last three winners on the PGA TOUR is a collective 21 strokes (8 strokes/Francesco Molinari/Quicken Loans National, 5 strokes/Kevin Na/A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier, Michael Kim/8 strokes/John Deere Classic)
- Becomes the 21<sup>st</sup> player to make the John Deere Classic his first PGA TOUR victory and third in the last five years (2014/Brian Harman, 2017/Bryson DeChambeau)
- Becomes the first international-born winner of the John Deere Classic since John Senden (2006)
- Becomes the second Seoul, South Korea native to win on the PGA TOUR in as many weeks (Kevin Na/A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier)
- The last time two different South Korean-born players won on the PGA TOUR in the same season was 2011 (K.J. Choi/THE PLAYERS Championship, Kevin Na/Shriners Hospitals for Children Open)
- Becomes the 10<sup>th</sup> first time winner on the PGA TOUR this season
- Becomes the 10<sup>th</sup> third-round leader/co-leader of the John Deere Classic to win since moving to TPC Deere Run in 2000
- Becomes the 21<sup>st</sup> third-round leader/co-leader to win on PGA TOUR in 2017-18
- Best PGA TOUR finish before this week was T3 at 2016 Safeway Open
- Only bogeys this week came at No. 8/R1, No. 18/R2, No. 7/R3
- Came into this week's John Deere Classic on the heels of missed cuts in five of last six starts on TOUR
- Only two (of 12) over-par scores at TPC Deere Run came in the final-rounds of 2016 and 2017 (72s)
- Led the field in Strokes Gained: Putting by outperforming the field by 13.514 strokes. Other Kim statistics for the week:

R1 – 11 of 14 fairways, 16 of 18 greens in regulation, 1/2 scrambling, 27 putts.

R2 – 12 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens in regulation, 2/3 scrambling, 26 putts.

R3 – 12 of 14 fairways, 16 of 18 greens in regulation, 2/2 scrambling, 27 putts.

R4 – 11 of 14 fairways, 13 of 18 greens in regulation, 5/5 scrambling, 26 putts.

#### **Francesco Molinari (-19/T2)**

- In his first start since claiming his maiden PGA TOUR victory at the Quicken Loans National two weeks ago, made seven birdies and no bogeys to shoot 64 and T2 at 19-under 265.
- In his last two starts, is a combined 40-under par (-21/Quicken Loans National, -19/John Deere Classic). In his two starts prior to the Quicken Loans National, he combined for +14.
- Was making his first start at the John Deere Classic
- Was looking to become the first player to have his first two PGA TOUR victories come in back-to-back starts since Camilo Villegas at the 2008 BMW Championship and TOUR Championship

#### **Sam Ryder (-19/T2)**

- In first start at the John Deere Classic, PGA TOUR rookie made six birdies and one bogey in the final round to post a 5-under 66 and finish a career-best T2 (22 starts)
- Previous-best before this week was solo-fifth at this season's Houston Open
- With a win at last year's Pinnacle Bank Championship on the Web.com Tour, finished 8<sup>th</sup> on the Web.com Tour priority list to earn his rookie card for this season on the PGA TOUR
- Was coming off a missed cut at last week's A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier

#### **Joel Dahmen (-19/T2)**

- Posted back-to-back, 6-under 65s on the weekend to claim his second top-10 finish of the season
- Came to the John Deere Classic on the heels of a T5 finish at last week's A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier
- Today's 65 at TPC Deere Run marked his eighth-consecutive round in the 60s, totaling 31-under par

#### **Bronson Burgoon (-19/T2)**

- Was a collective 11-under par on the 12 par-five holes this week
- Was making his second start at the John Deere Classic (2016/T47)
- Was in search of his first career PGA TOUR win in his 48<sup>th</sup> start
- Claimed his only other TOUR top-10 finish two weeks ago at the Quicken Loans National (T6)

#### **Harold Varner III (6<sup>th</sup>)**

- Was making his second start in the John Deere Classic (2017/MC)
- Was in search of first PGA TOUR win in 85<sup>th</sup> start (best results: T5/2015 OHL Classic at Mayakoba and 2018 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier)
- Was making his 23<sup>rd</sup> PGA TOUR start in 2017-18
- Top-10 finishes this season: T7/THE PLAYERS Championship, T5 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier, 6<sup>th</sup>/John Deere Classic

#### **Miscellaneous Notes**

There were 15 players competing in this week's John Deere Classic also scheduled to compete in next week's Open Championship at Carnoustie: Bronson Burgoon (T2), Austin Cook (T34), Chesson Hadley (MDF), Zach Johnson (T16), Matt

Jones (T12), Sung Kang (MC), Si Woo Kim (MC), Patton Kizzire (T30), Kelly Kraft (T63), Andrew Landry (T55), Francesco Molinari (T2), Ryan Moore (T55), Chez Reavie (MC), Kyle Stanley (MC), Bryson DeChambeau (WD).

### **Cumulative Course Statistics**

#### **Toughest Hole**

**R1:** Par-4 18<sup>th</sup> (4.247)

#### **Easiest Hole**

Par-5 2<sup>nd</sup> (4.479)

#### **Scoring Averages**

##### **Front 9**

34.267

##### **Back 9**

34.918

##### **Total**

69.185

#### **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).

**R4:** Francesco Molinari (64), Zach Johnson (64), John Merrick (65), Scott Brown (67), Conrad Shindler (67), Vaughn Taylor (68), Parker McLachlin (68), Patrick Rodgers (68), Austin Cook (69), Michael Kim (66).