



2018 Masters Tournament

(The 23rd of 44 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Augusta, Ga.
Augusta National Golf Club

April 5-8, 2018

FedExCup Points: 600 to the winner
Par/Yards: 72/7,435

Second-Round Notes – Friday, April 6, 2018

Weather: Sunny and cool in the morning. Partly cloudy in the afternoon with a high of 79. SSW wind at 10-15 mph.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Patrick Reed	69-66—135 (-9)
Marc Leishman	70-67—137 (-7)
Henrik Stenson	69-70—139 (-5)
Rory McIlroy	69-71—140 (-4)
Jordan Spieth	66-74—140 (-4)

Cut: 52 professionals and one amateur at 5-over 149 from a field of 81 professionals and six amateurs.

Cut Rules: After 36 holes, the low 50 and ties within 10 strokes of the lead play the final two rounds.

The 14-stroke distance between the leader (-9) and the cutline (+5) is the largest in a major championship since the 2016 Open Championship, when the distance was also 14 strokes.

Second-Round Lead Notes

The second-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win the Masters Tournament 31 times in the previous 81 events. Five players have performed the feat since 2000, Mike Weir (2003), Trevor Immelman (2008), Bubba Watson (2014), Jordan Spieth (2015) and Sergio Garcia (2017).

The last Masters champion who was not inside the top 10 on the leaderboard after 36 holes was Charl Schwartzel (T12/2011), prior to that it was Jack Nicklaus (T17) in 1986.

The last Masters champion who was not inside the top five on the leaderboard after 36 holes was Danny Willett (T8/2016). Prior to that it was Adam Scott (T7/2013).

The largest comeback at the Masters after the second round is eight strokes (Jack Burke, 1956). Burke was eight behind Ken Venturi through two rounds, but edged Venturi by one with closing rounds of 75-71.

Last year, Sergio Garcia shared the 36-hole lead with Charley Hoffman, Rickie Fowler and Thomas Pieters at 4-under 140, two strokes ahead of William McGirt.

Patrick Reed

Former Augusta State University golfer Patrick Reed leads the Masters after rounds of 69-66. Reed, a five-time PGA TOUR winner and U.S. Ryder Cup team standout, carded nine birdies in the second round, including three stretches of three in a row at Nos. 1-3, 7-9 and 13-15.

This marks the eighth time Reed has held the second-round lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR. He's gone on to win four of seven previous times. It's the second time Reed has held the lead after any round in a major championship. He also shared the 36-hole lead with Jordan Spieth at the 2015 U.S. Open.

<u>Second-Round Lead/Co-Lead</u>	<u>Finish</u>
2013 John Deere Classic	T7
2013 Wyndham Championship	Won
2014 CareerBuilder Challenge	Won
2014 WGC-Mexico Championship	Won
2014 The National	T11

2015 U.S. Open
2016 THE NORTHERN TRUST

T14
Won

Before Friday's 66, Reed's opening-round 3-under 69 marked his lowest round at Augusta National Golf Club. In four previous appearances at the Masters, Reed's best score was 2-under 70 (twice, R1 and R4 in 2015).

Reed's 66 is one stroke shy of his career low round in a major championship. In 56 major championship rounds, Reed's low score is 65 (twice, R2/2016 PGA Championship, R3/2017 U.S. Open).

A T22 finish for Reed in 2015 is his best showing in four Masters starts (MC/2017, T49/2016, T22/2015, MC/2014).

Reed has played every major championship (17) since the 2014 Masters. His lone top-10 finish is T2 at the 2017 PGA Championship.

Reed comes to the Masters with three consecutive top-10 results on the PGA TOUR this season – T2/Valspar Championship, T7/Arnold Palmer Invitational, T9/WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play.

Reed is the only player in the field with two rounds in the 60s. Since the Masters began in 1934, not a single player has shot four rounds in the 60s during a Masters Tournament.

Reed's 66 matched his low round on TOUR this season (six times, last time was R2 the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am).

Reed hit 12 of 18 greens in regulation, 10 of 14 fairways, and needed 25 putts in the second round.

Marc Leishman

Marc Leishman (70-67/2nd), seeking to join countryman Adam Scott (2013) as the only Masters champions from Australia, began the second round with three consecutive birdies. His lone bogey came at No. 14, sandwiched between a birdie at the par-5 13th and an eagle-3 at No. 15.

Following a 6-under 66, Leishman shared the first-round lead at the 2013 Masters before going on to finish T4, his best showing in five previous starts at Augusta National. The only other time Leishman advanced to the weekend was in 2017 when he finished T43.

Making his 235th PGA TOUR start, Leishman seeks his fourth career victory (2017 BMW Championship, 2017 Arnold Palmer Invitational, 2012 Travelers Championship).

In 25 major championship appearances before this week, Leishman has notched four top-10 finishes (T2/2015 The Open, T4/2013 Masters, T5/2014 The Open, T6/2017 The Open).

Currently No. 24 in the FedExCup standings, Leishman finished No. 6 in last season's FedExCup, advancing to the season-finale TOUR Championship for the first time since his rookie season in 2009. Now in his 10th season on TOUR, Leishman has advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs each season and finished no worse than No. 72 in the FedExCup.

Leishman hit 13 of 18 greens in regulation, and just 7 of 14 fairways in the second round. Leishman has required 27 putts in each of the first two rounds and has yet to record a 3-putt green in 36 holes.

Henrik Stenson

Sweden's Henrik Stenson moved into solo third with rounds of 69-70. Stenson is making his 13th consecutive start in the Masters, where he has yet to record a top-10 finish. A T14 in 2014 is his best showing.

Stenson has three top-10 finishes in four starts on the PGA TOUR this season; WGC-HSBC Champions (T2), Valspar Championship (MC), Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard (4th) and Houston Open (T6).

With six wins, Stenson owns the most victories on the PGA TOUR by a player from Sweden. No player from Sweden has ever won the Masters. Stenson claimed his first major championship title (and the first by a

Swedish male) at the 2016 Open Championship. His four-round total at Troon (20-under 264) is the low 72-hole total in a major championship.

This marks Stenson's 47th major championship appearance. In 46 previous appearances, he's collected 11 top-10 finishes (five of those have come at the PGA Championship).

At 42, Stenson is seeking to become the seventh player in his 40s to win the Masters;

Jack Nicklaus (46), 1986

Ben Crenshaw (43), 1995

Gary Player (42), 1978

Sam Snead (41), 1954

Mark O'Meara (41), 1998

Ben Hogan (40), 1953

Rory McIlroy

Rory McIlroy, the 2016 FedExCup champion, sits T4 after consecutive sub-par rounds (69-71). The winner of the 2011 U.S. Open, 2012 and 2014 PGA Championship and 2014 Open Championship, McIlroy looks to complete the career grand slam. With a victory at the Masters this week, McIlroy would join five players who have won all four majors in a career (Gene Sarazen, Ben Hogan, Gary Player, Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods).

In his 10th consecutive start in the Masters, McIlroy seeks his fifth consecutive top-10 at the Masters: 2014 (T8), 2015 (4th), 2016 (T10) and 2017 (T7).

McIlroy is making his 37th start in a major (16 top-10 finishes).

A 14-time PGA TOUR winner, McIlroy claimed his most recent victory at the 2018 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard.

Jordan Spieth

After a double bogey, bogey start to the second round, and a 4-over 40 on the front nine, Jordan Spieth birdied both back-nine par-5s to shoot 74 and sit T4 through 36 holes.

Spieth is seeking his fourth major championship crown in his 21st major start (2015 Masters, 2015 U.S. Open, 2017 The Open Championship).

The 2015 FedExCup champion is making his fifth start at the Masters Tournament; 2014 (T2), 2015 (1st), 2016 (T2), 2017 (T11).

Spieth is looking for his 12th career PGA TOUR win and first of the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season after three victories last season (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, Travelers Championship, The Open Championship).

Spieth finished T3 at 16-under, three strokes out of a playoff at last week's Houston Open.

Tiger Woods

For the second day in a row, Tiger Woods dunked his tee shot into Rae's Creek and escaped with a bogey at the par-3 12th hole. Woods sits T40 with rounds of 73-75, 13 strokes behind leader Patrick Reed. Friday's 75 at Augusta National Golf Club is Woods' second-highest round this season (76/R2/Genesis Open).

Additional Player Notes

World No. 1 Dustin Johnson fired a 4-under 68 to work his way back into contention after an opening-round 73. Johnson, who sits T6, has posted two victories (2017 THE NORTHERN TRUST, 2018 Sentry Tournament of Champions) since last year's Masters, from which he was forced to withdraw after injuring his back on the eve of the tournament. He's making his eighth start at the Masters, with top-10 finishes in 2015 (T6) and 2016 (T4). Johnson has failed to post a sub-par third-round at Augusta National in the six times he's advanced to the weekend.

Last season's FedExCup champion and current FedExCup points leader Justin Thomas fired 5-under 67 to sit T6. With 600 FedExCup points for first place at the Masters, three players began the week with a mathematical chance to surpass Thomas: Patton Kizzire/MC (384 points behind), Phil Mickelson/T46 (519 points behind) and Bubba Watson/T8 (538 points behind).

Rickie Fowler (70-72/T8) recorded two par-or-better rounds to begin the Masters for the second time in his career. The first time he achieved the feat was in his Masters debut in 2011 (70-69). Fowler's only top-10 finish in the Masters is a T5 in 2014. That year, he finished all four majors inside the top five.

After suffering a high-ankle sprain while celebrating a hole-in-one during Wednesday's Par-3 Contest, Tony Finau (68-74) sits T8 in his Masters debut. Finau has a lone top-10 showing in seven previous major championship appearances – a T10 at the 2015 PGA Championship.

Fred Couples (72-74/T28) made the 36-hole cut for the 30th time in 33 appearances at the Masters. His victory in 1992 is one of 20 top-25 finishes at Augusta National. Couples failed to advance to the weekend in 2008, 2009 and 2015.

In his Masters debut, China's Haotong Li (69-76/T23) became the first professional from China to make the cut at the Masters. In 2013, Chinese amateur Tianlang Guan finished 58th. As a 21-year-old, Li shot a final-round 63 at Royal Birkdale last year to finish T3 at The Open Championship, the best finish by a player from China on the PGA TOUR.

Three-time Masters champion Phil Mickelson (70-79/T46) matched his highest round at the Masters (96 rounds) with a second-round 79, which included a triple bogey (No. 9) and a double bogey (No. 12). Mickelson also shot 79 in the second round of 2016 and missed the cut.

Canada's Adam Hadwin (69-75/T18) leads consecutive cuts made this season (tied with James Hahn), advancing to the weekend in each of his 12 PGA TOUR starts.

Doug Ghim, who made two eagles in a first-round 72, followed up with a 4-over 76 in the second round to be the only amateur to make the cut.

Defending champion Sergio Garcia (81-78) missed the cut, marking the second year in a row (Danny Willett), and the 10th time in tournament history, that the defending champion failed to advance to the weekend. Garcia began the week ranked No. 1 in Scoring Average on the PGA TOUR this season (68.714).

Miscellaneous Masters Notes

Five lefthanders are competing this week (Bubba Watson/T8, Brian Harman/T35, Phil Mickelson/T46, Ted Potter, Jr./MC, Mike Weir/MC), the most since five lefties played in 2008.

This year, 23 countries are represented, one shy of the record 24 represented in 2015. There are 40 players from the United States, nine from England and five from South Africa. Spain, Australia and Japan each have four players in the field, while Germany, China, Canada and Sweden each have two representatives. Countries with one player in the field include Thailand, Argentina, Korea, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Italy, Chile, Belgium, India, Fiji, Venezuela, Austria and Wales.

First timers at the Masters (16): Wesley Bryan (MC), Austin Cook (MC), Harry Ellis (MC), Tony Finau (T8), Dylan Frittelli (MC), Doug Ghim (T40), Patton Kizzire (MC), Satoshi Kodaira (T23), Haotong Li (T23), Yuxin Lin (MC), Yusaku Miyazato (MC), Joaquin Niemann (MC), Matt Parziale (MC), Doc Redman (MC), Xander Schauffele (T46), Shubhankar Sharma (MC).

Amateurs at the Masters (6): Harry Ellis (MC/England), Doug Ghim (T40/United States), Yuxin Lin (MC/China), Joaquin Niemann (MC/Chile), Matt Parziale (MC/United States), Doc Redman (MC/United States).

PGA TOUR Champions professionals in the field (8): Vijay Singh (T23), Fred Couples (T28), Bernhard Langer (T40), Mark O'Meara (MC), Jose Maria Olazabal (MC), Ian Woosnam (MC), Sandy Lyle (MC) and Larry Mize (MC).

For the second day in a row, there were no bogey-free rounds.