



2018 PGA Championship

(The 43rd of 44 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

St. Louis, Missouri
Bellerive Country Club

July 9-12, 2018
Par/Yards: 70/7,316

FedExCup Points (to winner): 600
Purse: \$10,000,000

First-Round Notes – Thursday, August 9, 2018

Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 93. Wind ESE 4-8 mph

First Round Leaderboard

Gary Woodland 64 (-6)
Rickie Fowler 65 (-5)
Zach Johnson 66 (-4)
Brandon Stone 66 (-4)

Six Things To Know

- PGA Championship returns to Bellerive Country Club for the second time (1992/Nick Price)
- Gary Woodland makes 152' 5" of putts in round one, his career-best for a round, to take first-round lead
- World No. 1 Dustin Johnson birdies six holes in an 8-hole stretch to open with 67
- Defending champion Justin Thomas opened with a 1-under 69
- Tiger Woods recovers from 3-over after first two holes to post even-par 70
- There were no eagles made in round one. The last time a PGA Championship didn't produce an eagle was in round three of 2004 (Whistling Straits)

First-Round Lead Notes

- Since becoming a stroke-play event in 1958, the first-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win the PGA Championship 12 times in 60 events. Most recent; Jimmy Walker (2016), Phil Mickelson (2005)
- After last year's first round, Justin Thomas was six strokes back and T44 at 2-over 73
- Marks the second time Bellerive Country Club has hosted the PGA Championship. After 18 holes in 1992, eventual champion Nick Price was three strokes back following a 1-under 71
- Largest 18-hole lead at the PGA Championship is three strokes, held by Bobby Nichols (1964) and Raymond Floyd (1982).

Gary Woodland (-6/1st)

Age: 34 (May 21, 1984)

Joined TOUR: 2009

Entering this week

#37 FedExCup
#44 OWGR
223 PGA TOUR starts
3 PGA TOUR wins
6 Starts at PGA Championship
0 Top-10 finishes at PGA Championship
22 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
2 Top-10s in 2017-18
0/2 Wins when holding 18-hole lead/co-lead

Wins (3): 2011 Valspar Championship, 2013 Barracuda Championship, 2018 Waste Management Phoenix Open

- Following a bogey at his first hole, birdied seven of his last 11 holes to open with a 6-under 64
- In relation to par, 6-under 64 falls two strokes shy of best first-round score at the PGA Championship
- Made 152' 5" of putts, his career-best for a round on the PGA TOUR
- After an opening-round 3-under 68 at last year's PGA Championship at Quail Hollow, was in third place (finished T22)

- Is making his seventh start in the PGA Championship this week, with his best finish being T12 in his first start of 2011
- In his 28th major championship start, remains in search of his first top-10 finish
- In his six previous starts in the PGA Championship, has never posted a sub-par score in the second round
- Is looking to collect his second PGA TOUR win of the 2017-18 season (Waste Management Phoenix Open) and fourth overall
- Is coming off a T17 finish at last week's WGC-Bridgestone Invitational

Rickie Fowler (-5/2nd)

- Made six birdies against one bogey (par-3 16th) in his ninth PGA Championship start
- 5-under 65 marks his lowest opening-round score by three strokes in nine PGA Championship starts
- Has finished in the top five in two of his last four PGA Championship starts (T3/2014, T5/2017)
- Hit 11/14 fairways in regulation and 16/18 greens.
- In search of his fifth career PGA TOUR title and first since 2017 The Honda Classic
- Is making his 18th start of the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season. Among his four top-10 finishes are runner-up showings at the Mayakoba Golf Classic and Masters Tournament.
- In first three majors of the season, finished 2nd at the Masters, T20 at the U.S. Open and T28 at The Open Championship
- Remains in search of his first major championship title in his 36th start (nine top-10 finishes)

Brandon Stone (-4/3rd)

- Birdied two of his last three holes (Nos. 16 and 17) to open with a 4-under 66
- In two previous PGA Championship starts, missed the cut in 2016 and 2017
- Comes into the week at No. 110 in the Official World Golf Ranking
- At the Scottish Open earlier this year, shot a final-round 60 to win by four strokes
- Is making his fifth start on the PGA TOUR this season, with his best finish being T53 at last week's WGC-Bridgestone Invitational
- Following a 3-under 68 in round one of The Open Championship last month, was T5. Finished T61

Justin Thomas (-1/T33)

- Defending PGA Championship winner offset two bogeys with three birdies to open with a 1-under 69
- Is making his fourth PGA Championship start: 1st/2017, T66/2016, T18/2015
- Last player to win the week before winning a major championship on the PGA TOUR was Rory McIlroy in 2014 (World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational and PGA Championship)
- The only player to successfully defend a PGA Championship title is Tiger Woods (2000 and 2007). In 2007, he also won the World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational the week before successfully defending his PGA Championship crown
- With a win this week, would become the 20th player to win the PGA Championship more than once. Most recently, Rory McIlroy won his second PGA Championship in 2014 (2012 was his first title)

Tiger Woods (E/T48)

- Four-time PGA Championship winner played his first two holes in 3-over par (bogey, double-bogey). It marked the third time since 2003 he has opened a tournament in 3-over par though two holes (2003 U.S. Open/T20 and 2018 U.S. Open/MC)
- Followed a 2-over first nine (Nos. 10-18) with a 2-under on his inward stretch
- Hit 9/14 fairways in regulation and 11/18 greens. Needed 27 putts to complete his round
- Making first start at the event since 2015 (75-73/MC)
- Would tie Jack Nicklaus and Walter Hagen for most PGA Championship victories (5)
- No. 47 in the FedExCup standings; two-time FedExCup champion has not qualified for the Playoffs since 2013

Additional Player Notes

- Last week's Barracuda Championship winner Andrew Putnam carded a 68 to start just his second major championship (2010 U.S. Open/MC)
- Season's first three major championship winners: Patrick Reed/72, Brooks Koepka/69, Francesco Molinari/68
- Other Notables: Jason Day (67), Justin Rose (67), John Rahm (68), Joaquin Niemann (68) Jordan Spieth (71)

Miscellaneous Notes

Past champions in the field (16): Jason Day (67), Jimmy Walker (69), Keegan Bradley (69), Justin Thomas (69), Tiger Woods (70), Rory McIlroy (70), Martin Kaymer (71), Vijay Singh (71), Pdraig Harrington (71), Jason Dufner (72), Y.E. Yang (73), John Daly (73), Phil Mickelson (73), Shaun Micheel (73), Rich Beem (74), Davis Love III (75)

PGA Professionals in the field (20): Ben Kern (71), Danny Balin (72), Craig Hocknull (72), Ryan Vermeer (73), Jason Schmuhl (74), Sean McCarty (74), Rich Berberian, Jr. (74), Matt Borchert (74), Omar Uresti (75), Michael Block (75), Craig Bowden (75), Matt Dobyys (76), Zach J. Johnson (76), Jaysen Hansen (76), Marty Jertson (76), Shawn Warren (77), Johan Kok (78), Brian Smock (79), Bob Sowards (80), David Muttitt (81)

Louis Oosthuizen withdrew before his first round and was replaced in the field by Kelly Kraft (71)

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Pat Perez (67), Hideki Matsuyama (68), Keegan Bradley (69), Emiliano Grillo (69)

Scoring Averages at Bellerive Country Club:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1	35.782	35.596	71.378	---

	A.M. Scoring Average	P.M. Scoring Average
R1:	71.31	71.45

Toughest Hole

R1: Par-3 6th (3.462)

Easiest Hole

Par-5 8th (4.724)