



#### 2018 PGA Championship

(The 43<sup>rd</sup> of 44 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

St. Louis, Missouri July 9-12, 2018 FedExCup Points (to winner): 600

Bellerive Country Club Par/Yards: 70/7,316 Purse: \$10,500,000

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, August 11, 2018

Weather: Sunny, with a high of 90. Wind NNE 6-12 mph. The course received .45" of rain Friday afternoon/evening

### **Third-Round Leaderboard**

Brooks Koepka 69-63-66—198 (-12) Adam Scott 70-65-65—200 (-10) Jon Rahm 68-67-66—201 (-9) Gary Woodland 64-66-71—201 (-9) Rickie Fowler 65-67-69—201 (-9)

#### **Six Things To Know**

- In his 100<sup>th</sup> start on the PGA TOUR, Brooks Koepka looks to become just the fifth player to win the U.S. Open and PGA Championship in the same year
- Playing as a PGA of America special invite, Adam Scott makes first final Sunday pairing in two years on the PGA TOUR
- Tiger Woods T6, despite 10 straight pars to finish round three
- In his 28th major championship start, 18- and 36-hole leader Gary Woodland remains in search of his first top-10 finish
- Defending champion Justin Thomas just four strokes back at 8-under 202
- World No. 1 Dustin Johnson posts 2-over 72 to drop to T21

# **Third-Round Lead Notes**

- Since becoming a stroke-play event in 1958, the third-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win the PGA Championship 34 times in 60 events, most recently by Jimmy Walker in 2016
- So far this season, 25 of 41 54-hole leaders/co-leaders have held on for the win, most recently being both of last week's PGA TOUR winners, Justin Thomas (WGC-Bridgestone Invitational) and Andrew Putnam (Barracuda Championship)
- The best opening 54-hole score at the PGA Championship is 196, set by David Toms in 2001
- The best final-round comeback at the PGA Championship is seven shots (John Mahaffey in 1978)

## Brooks Koepka (-12/1st)

**Age:** 28 (May 3, 1990) **Joined TOUR:** 2014

#### **Entering this week**

#12 FedExCup

#4 OWGR

99 PGA TOUR starts3 PGA TOUR wins

- 5 Starts at PGA Championship
- 2 Top-10 finishes at PGA Championship
- 12 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
- 4 Top-10s in 2017-18
- 1/3 Wins when holding 54-hole lead/co-lead

Wins (3): 2015 Waste Management Phoenix Open, 2016 U.S. Open, 2017 U.S. Open

- In his 100<sup>th</sup> career start on the PGA TOUR, made five birdies on his first nine holes en route to a 4-under 66
- 9/14 fairways in regulation, 11/18 greens, 5/7 scrambling, 25 putts
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Off The Tee (4.769)

- Of three previous 54-hole leads/co-leads, the only one which resulted in victory was the 2018 U.S. Open
- Is making sixth PGA Championship start (T70-2013, T15-2014, T5-2015, T4-2016, T13-2017)
- With a win Sunday, would become the 35<sup>th</sup> player in 61 attempts to convert a 54-hole lead/co-lead into victory at the PGA Championship (since becoming a stroke-play event in 1958)
- With a win Sunday, would join Dustin Johnson, Justin Thomas and Bubba Watson as a three-time winner this season on the PGA TOUR
- Currently No. 12 in the FedExCup standings, is seeking to become the first player since Jordan Spieth to win two majors in one season (2015 Masters, U.S. Open). Overall, 19 players have performed the feat 32 times.
- Players who have won the U.S. Open and PGA Championship in the same season: Tiger Woods (2000), Jack Nicklaus (1980), Ben Hogan (1948), Gene Sarazen (1922)
- Nineteen players have won the U.S. Open and PGA Championship in their career, most recently Martin Kaymer (2010 PGA Championship, 2014 U.S. Open) and Rory McIlroy (2011 U.S. Open, 2012/2014 PGA Championship).

#### Adam Scott (-10/2<sup>nd</sup>)

- Playing this week as a special invite from the PGA of America, followed a bogey at 15 with birdies on 16 and 17 before posting a 5-under 65
- Will be making his first start in a final Sunday pairing on the PGA TOUR since the 2016 The Honda Classic
- Making his 18<sup>th</sup>-consecutive start in the PGA Championship with top-10 finishes in 2013 (T5), 2011 (7<sup>th</sup>), 2006 (T3), 2004 (T9)
- Comes into the week ranked 119<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings and No. 76 in the Official World Golf Ranking
- Lone top-10 finish in 17 PGA TOUR starts is a T9 at the AT&T Byron Nelson
- In the season's first three majors, finished T32 at the Masters and T17 at The Open Championship. He missed the cut at the U.S. Open.
- The 2013 Masters champion is in search of a second major championship title

## Jon Rahm (-9/T3)

- Birdied two of his last three holes to post a bogey-free 66 in his second PGA Championship start (T58-2017)
- Was one of just three players to play his third round bogey-free and has now played 36 holes without a bogey
- Has collected four top-10 finishes in 17 starts on the PGA TOUR this season, highlighted by a win at the CareerBuilder Challenge
- Following a fourth-place finish at the Masters, missed the cut in the U.S. Open and The Open Championship
- Comes into the week ranked No. 16 in the FedExCup standings and No. 7 in the Official World Golf Ranking
- Comes to this week's PGA Championship on the heels of a T17 finish at last week's WGC-Bridgestone Invitational

### Rickie Fowler (-9/T3)

- Played Nos. 11-18 in round two Saturday morning, before shooting a 69 in round three (25 holes for the day).
- Has finished in the top five in two of his last four PGA Championship starts (T3/2014, T5/2017)
- In search of his fifth career PGA TOUR title and first since 2017 The Honda Classic
- Is making his 18<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 36<sup>th</sup> start (nine top-10 finishes)
- Finished inside the top-5 in all four major championships in 2014

#### Gary Woodland (-9/T3)

- 18- and 36-hole leader posted a 1-over 71 in round three, due in large part to a triple-bogey seven at No. 10
- In rounds one and two, hit 15/18 greens in regulation, but found just 10/18 in round three
- In round one, made 152' 5" of putts. In round two, it was 72' 5" and round three dropped to 49' 0"
- Is making his seventh start in the PGA Championship this week, with his best finish being T12 in his first start of 2011
- In six previous starts, third-round scoring average of 73.75 is the highest of any round by nearly a full stroke (72.83/R2)
- In his 28<sup>th</sup> major championship start, remains in search of his first top-10 finish
- 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

#### Tiger Woods (-8/T6)

- Four-time PGA Championship winner made five birdies against one bogey on his first eight holes, before making 10 straight pars to finish his round (66)
- Played 29 holes Saturday (11-round two, 18-round three)
- This marks the first occasion on which Woods has been inside the top 10 after 54 holes in consecutive majors since the 2012 Open Championship (4<sup>th</sup>) and PGA Championship (T6)
- Round three: 10/14 fairways in regulation, 15/18 greens, 3/3 scrambling, 30 putts

- Is 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

## Stewart Cink (-8/T6)

- Followed opening rounds of 67-69 with a 4-under 66 in round three to put himself in position to claim his second career major championship title (2009 The Open Championship)
- Is making his 19<sup>th</sup> PGA Championship start, having collected top-10 finishes in 2002 (T10) and 1999 (T3)
- Has not made a start in the PGA Championship since missing four straight cuts from 2011-2014
- In his only other major championship start this season, finished T24 at The Open Championship
- A 6-time PGA TOUR winner, is in search of his first win since the 2009 The Open Championship in his 563<sup>rd</sup> TOUR start

### **Additional Player Notes**

- Notables who made the cut: Jason Day (-8/T6), Francesco Molinari (-7/T12), Justin Rose (-5/T21), Jordan Spieth (-4/T28), Joaquin Niemann (E/T63), Jim Furyk (+1/T71)
- The only PGA club professional (of 20) to make the cut was Ben Kern, who did so on the number of even-par 140. In round three, he shot 67 and was one of just three players to play bogey-free

#### **Miscellaneous Notes**

Past champions remaining in the field (8): Justin Thomas/2017 (-8/T6), Jason Day/2015 (-8/T6), Tiger Woods/1999, 2000, 2006, 2007 (-8/T6), Martin Kaymer/2010 (-3/T36), Keegan Bradley/2011 (-2/T45), Rory McIlroy/2014 (-2/T45), Jimmy Walker/2016 (-2/T45), Vijay Singh/1998, 2004 (+1/T71)

#### Bogey-free rounds:

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

**R2:** Brooks Koepka (63), Shane Lowry (64), Russell Henley (65), Thomas Pieters (66), Jordan Spieth (66), Jon Rahm (67), Alexander Levy (67), Rory McIlroy (67)

R3: Daniel Berger (66), Ben Kern (67), Jon Rahm (66)

### **Scoring Averages at Bellerive Country Club:**

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.782	35.596	71.378	
R2:	34.839	34.755	69.594	70.486
R3:	34.575	34.925	69.500	70.157

	Toughest Hole	<b>Easiest Hole</b>
R1:	Par-3 6 <sup>th</sup> (3.462)	Par-5 8 <sup>th</sup> (4.724)
R2:	Par-4 4 <sup>th</sup> (4.374)	Par-4 11 <sup>th</sup> (3.568)
R3:	Par-4 10 <sup>th</sup> (4.300)	par-5 17 <sup>th</sup> (4.450)