



2018 Quicken Loans National

(The 35th of 44 events in the PGA TOUR season)

Potomac, Maryland
TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm

June 25-July 1, 2018

FedExCup Points: 500 Purse: \$7,100,000
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,107

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, June 30, 2018

Weather: Mostly sunny and hot. High of 93. Wind SW 3-6 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Abraham Ancer	65-70-62—197 (-13)
Francesco Molinari	67-65-65—197 (-13)
Zac Blair	67-66-66—199 (-11)
Ryan Armour	66-65-68—199 (-11)
Andrew Landry	63-72-65—200 (-10)

Four Things To Know

- Co-leaders Abraham Ancer and Francesco Molinari each hold their first 54-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR
- Abraham Ancer's third-round 62 and 54-hole score of 197 are career-bests
- Francesco Molinari can become the first Italian to win on the PGA TOUR since 1947
- Tiger Woods recorded his longest birdie streak and lowest 54-hole score in the last three seasons

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 6 Third-round leaders/co-leaders at the Quicken Loans National to win (most recent: Billy Hurley III/2016)
- 19 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2017-18 (most recent: Brooks Koepka/U.S. Open)

Abraham Ancer (T1)

Age: 27 (February 27, 1991)

Joined TOUR: 2015-16

Entering this week

#116	FedExCup
#203	OWGR
42	PGA TOUR starts
2	Top-10s on PGA TOUR
0	PGA TOUR wins
0	Starts at Quicken Loans National
22	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
2	Top-10s in 2017-18
T13	Best position through 54 holes on PGA TOUR

Best 2017-18 results: T8/Houston Open, T9/OHL Classic at Mayakoba

- Third-round 62 is career-low; tied his previous-best in round one with a 65
- 54-hole score of 197 is six shots better than previous-best on TOUR (203/2016 AT&T Byron Nelson)
- First 54-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR (best previous 54-hole position: T13/2018 Houston Open)
- Best result to date on the PGA TOUR: T8/2018 Houston Open
- Only player to win the event in his first start: K.J. Choi in 2007, the inaugural winner

Francesco Molinari (T1)**Age:** 35 (November 8, 1982)**Joined TOUR:** 2013-14**Entering this week**

#123 FedExCup
#17 OWGR
1 Starts at Quicken Loans National
1 Top-10 at Quicken Loans National
120 PGA TOUR starts
0 PGA TOUR wins
16 Top-10s on PGA TOUR
12 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
0 Top-10s in 2017-18
T2 Best position through 54 holes on PGA TOUR

Best PGA TOUR result: T2/2017 PGA Championship**Best 2017-18 results:** T16/Wells Fargo Championship, T17/WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play

- 54-hole score of 197 is career-low (previous: 200/2016 Sony Open in Hawaii)
- Opened with three under-par rounds for the first time since 2017 The Honda Classic (T14)
- Finished T8 in only previous start at the event (2016)
- No. 123 in the FedExCup entering the week; has qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs in each of the last three seasons
- Has not recorded a top-10 in 2017-18 after five in 2016-17 and three in 2015-16
- First 54-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR (best previous 54-hole position: T2/2015 Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide)
- Last Italian to win on the PGA TOUR: Toney Penna in 1947 (born in Naples, Italy and had four career wins; last: 1947 Atlanta Open)

Tiger Woods (T10)**Age:** 42 (December 30, 1975)**Joined TOUR:** 1996**Entering this week**

#61 FedExCup
#82 OWGR
6 Starts at Quicken Loans National
2 Wins at Quicken Loans National
338 PGA TOUR starts
79 PGA TOUR wins
10 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
2 Top-fives in 2017-18

79 wins; most recent: 2013 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational**Best 2017-18 results:** T2/Valspar Championship, T5/Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard

- Third-round 68; entered the day leading the TOUR in third-round scoring average at 68.50
- Made four consecutive birdies (Nos. 4-7), his longest stretch of birdies on TOUR since the 2015 Quicken Loans National (4/R1)
- In 34 starts since his most recent victory (2013 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational), has recorded just one 54-hole score lower than this week's 203 (197/2015 Wyndham Championship)
- Will face a deficit of six strokes entering the final round, larger than any he has overcome to win on the PGA TOUR (five strokes, twice; most recent: 2009 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard)

Additional Player Notes**Zac Blair (T3)**

- Tied for the lead in birdies (16); entered the week tied for 132nd on TOUR with an average of 3.42 birdies per round

- Making fourth start at the event (best previous result: T29/2017)
- 13th start of 2017-18 season; best previous result: T18/Sanderson Farms Championship

Ryan Armour (T3)

- Made four bogeys in round three after making one in first 36 holes
- Third start at this event (MC/2007, T60/2008)
- Seeking to become the TOUR's seventh multiple winner this season

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole

R1: Par-4 11th (4.292); hardest hole on the PGA TOUR in 2016-17 (4.521)

R2: Par-4 11th (4.333)

R3: Par-4 8th (4.203)

Easiest Hole

R1: Par-4 14th (3.658)

R2: Par-4 14th (3.600)

R3: Par-4 14th (3.568)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.333	34.658	69.992	--
R2:	35.358	34.550	69.908	69.950
R3:	34.878	34.689	69.568	69.860

Average of 69.860 through three rounds is more than a stroke lower than the average score from the 2017 event (71.458); TPC Potomac played as the fourth-hardest course to par on the PGA TOUR in 2016-17 and hardest among non-major championship venues

Bogey-free rounds

R1: Andrew Landry (63), J.J. Spaun (63), Andrew Putnam (64), Joel Dahmen (66), Seamus Power (66)

R2: Kevin Streelman (62), John Huh (64), Sung Kang (64), Francesco Molinari (65), Ryan Armour (65), Rickie Fowler (66), Charles Howell III (67), Joaquin Niemann (67), Adam Schenk (67)

R3: Abraham Ancer (62), Bronson Burgoon (65), C.T. Pan (68)