



2017 Safeway Open
(1st of 45 events in the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season)

Napa, Calif. October 2-8, 2017
Silverado Resort and Spa (North)

Purse: \$6,000,000
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,166

Second-Round Notes – Friday, October 6, 2017

Weather: Sunny, with a high of 84. Wind SW 5-10 mph.

36-hole cut: 75 players at 1-under 143 from a field of 144 professionals.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Tyler Duncan	65-66—131 (-13)
Brendan Steele	65-67—132 (-12)
Chesson Hadley	72-61—133 (-11)

Tyler Duncan

In just his second PGA TOUR start, rookie Tyler Duncan overcame three consecutive bogeys on Nos. 2-4 with seven birdies and a holed bunker shot for an eagle-three at No. 9, his final hole of the day. Coupled with birdies at Nos. 7 and 8, he played his last three holes in 4-under par. At 13-under 131, he takes a one-shot lead into round three.

Dating to its 2007 inception, the only 36-hole leader to convert for the win was Rocco Mediate in 2010.

Through 36 holes this week, Duncan has hit just 14 of 28 fairways in regulation. On the Web.com Tour last season, he led the field in that category (74.5%).

On the Web.com Tour last season, the 28-year-old Duncan recorded four top-10 finishes, highlighted by second- and third-place showings in back-to-back starts.

Since 2014, Duncan has split his time between the Web.com Tour and PGA TOUR Latinoamerica.

Duncan, a 2012 Purdue University grad, earned his PGA TOUR card this season by virtue of his 23rd-place finish on the Web.com Tour priority list. In his only other start on TOUR, Duncan missed the cut at the 2015 U.S. Open.

Duncan's uncle is Andrew Johnson, who won on the Web.com Tour in 2005 and taught him how to play golf.

Duncan's getting married to Maria Krempp, a former college golfer herself, on October 21 in Indiana.

College teammates with Adam Schenk at Purdue, the two are the first Purdue players to earn a TOUR card since Rick Dalpos in 1993.

Brendan Steele

Defending champion Brendan Steele made six birdies and one bogey (par-3 11th) en route to a 5-under 67.

The Safeway Open has never produced a repeat winner.

Since moving to the Silverado Resort and Spa in 2015, Steele is the most under par of any player at 40-under par. He leads Kevin Na, who is 32-under-par.

Steele hit seven of 14 fairways in regulation and 16 of 18 greens in round two. Through two rounds, he is now 34 of 36 into the greens.

Last year's win at the Safeway Open was Steele's second on the PGA TOUR (2011 Valero Texas Open).

Steele is coming off a 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season defined by four top-10 finishes in 25 starts. He advanced to the third of four FedExCup Playoffs events, the BMW Championship, before ending his season ranked 33rd in the FedExCup standings.

Chesson Hadley

With 10 birdies (2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16), an eagle (par-5 ninth) and a bogey (par-4 sixth), Chesson Hadley followed an even-par 72 in round one with a course 11-under 61. It ties the tournament record set most recently by Troy Matteson and Mike Weir in 2009. He will head into the weekend trailing Tyler Duncan by two strokes.

Hadley's 11-under 61 supplants the previous course record of 62, posted most recently by Scott Piercy in round one last year.

Hadley's 61 marks his career-low score, previously a 64 from round one of the 2015 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am just a few hours south of Napa.

En route to his 61, Hadley missed just two greens in regulation and needed 25 putts to complete his round. He is making his fourth start in the Safeway Open this week, having never finished better than T57 (2015).

Hadley split his time between the PGA TOUR (eight starts) and Web.com Tour (19 starts) last season. On the Web.com Tour, he claimed two wins (LECOM Health Challenge, Albertsons Boise Open) and had two playoff losses (Rex Hospital Open, DAP Championship). As a result, he finished first on the Web.com Tour priority list. Hadley has claimed one win on the PGA TOUR, the 2014 Puerto Rico Open.

Last week, Hadley and his wife Amanda, along with Scott and Allison Brown, announced that they would be donating an undisclosed amount of money for every birdie and eagle made at this week's Safeway Open to aid in the Puerto Rico recovery efforts following Hurricane Maria. Brown won the 2013 Puerto Rico Open.

Miscellaneous Notes

In his first start on the PGA TOUR since his mandatory two years of military service in his native South Korea, 2014 Safeway Open winner Sangmoon Bae missed the cut after scores of 73-75—148.

Bae returns to the PGA TOUR this season on a Mandatory Obligation Extension, which falls under the same category as a Major Medical Extension for purposes of priority ranking. He begins the season with 27 events to earn 365.252 FedExCup points to reach the top 125 from last season's FedExCup points list.

For the second straight day, 42-time PGA TOUR winner Phil Mickelson posted a 3-under 69 to get to 6-under 138. He opened last year's Safeway Open with three-consecutive 69s en route to a T8 finish.

Making his first professional start on the PGA TOUR, 2017 Stanford grad Maverick McNealy followed 4-under 68 in round one with a 1-under 71 in Friday's second round. McNealy suffered a costly triple-bogey seven at No. 8, his 17th hole of the day. The 21-year-old made eight starts as an amateur before this week, with a T44 at the 2017 John Deere Classic his best showing.

John Daly birdied his last hole of the day to make the cut on the number. This is his 13th start since making his last cut on the PGA TOUR (2015 Puerto Rico/T10).

Section champ Jason Schmuhl aced the 15th hole from 163 yards with a 7-iron (MC).

All 22 of the 2017-18 PGA TOUR rookies are in this week's field. Through 36 holes, Tyler Duncan leads the entire field at 13-under 141.

Roberto Diaz and Jason Gore withdrew during round two with back injuries.

Zac Blair is the only player in the field without a bogey through 36 holes.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Tom Hoge (65), Emiliano Grillo (67), Ryan Moore (68), Zac Blair (69), Brian Davis (70), Harris English (70).
R2: Bill Haas (65), Tony Finau (65), Zac Blair (66), Andrew Putnam (66), Rick Lamb (67), Sung Kang (68), Bud Cauley (69), Corey Connors (69), Luke List (70).

Scoring Averages at the par-72 Silverado Resort and Spa (North):

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	36.236	35.729	71.965	---
R2:	35.761	35.275	71.035	71.500