



2018 Sentry Tournament of Champions
(9th of 48 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Kapalua, Maui, HI **January 4-7, 2018**
The Plantation Course at Kapalua Resort

Purse: \$6,300,000 (\$1,260,000)
Par/Yards: 36-37—73/7,452

Second-Round Notes – Friday, January 5, 2018

Weather

Partly cloudy and breezy. High of 78. Wind ENE at 15-25 mph, gusts to 30 mph.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Marc Leishman	67-69—136 (-10)
Brian Harman	68-68—136 (-10)
Dustin Johnson	69-68—137 (-9)
Pat Perez	72-66—138 (-8)
Chris Stroud	72-66—138 (-8)
Jhonattan Vegas	68-70—138 (-8)

Marc Leishman

Australian Marc Leishman, making his second start at the Sentry Tournament of Champions, followed an opening-round 67 (which led to a one-stroke lead over Brian Harman and Jhonattan Vegas) with a 4-under 69 to share the lead with Harman at the midway point of the Sentry Tournament of Champions.

Leishman's 69 was the only bogey-free round on Friday.

R2 stats: 10 of 15 fairways, 13 of 18 greens, 29 putts, five of five scrambling.

This is Leishman's third start of the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season, recording a playoff loss to Justin Thomas at the inaugural THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES and a T38 at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions.

Leishman has held the lead/co-lead through two rounds three previous times on the PGA TOUR, most recently at last year's BMW Championship, where he won in wire-to-wire fashion. In the other two events, he finished T8 at The National in 2014 and T9 at the Travelers Championship in 2016.

In addition to Leishman's win at the BMW Championship, he earned his way into the Sentry Tournament of Champions with a victory at the Arnold Palmer Invitational; Leishman has three-career wins. With a sixth-place finish in the final FedExCup standings, the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season was the best of his career.

Brian Harman

Lefty Brian Harman, who won the Wells Fargo Championship in 2017 to qualify for his second Sentry Tournament of Champions, owns matching 5-under 68s and shares the 36-hole lead with Leishman. Harman finished T17 in his only other appearance in the tournament in 2015.

R2 stats: 10 of 15 fairways, 14 of 18 greens, 28 putts, four of four scrambling.

Harman's round was highlighted by three consecutive birdies on Nos. 13-15. He began the day trailing Marc Leishman by one stroke.

Harman is off to a consistent start in 2017-18, with three top-10s and two top-fives in three starts. The 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season was the best of Harman's career, recording seven top-10s in 30 starts on his way to an 18th-place finish in the FedExCup.

Harman's only other lead/co-lead after 36 holes came at the 2017 U.S. Open, finishing T2 with rounds of 67-72.

Second-Round Leader Notes

The second-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win four of the first eight events of the 2017-18 PGA TOUR season, most recently accomplished by Austin Cook at The RSM Classic.

Five out of the last six leaders/co-leaders through 36 holes at Kapalua have gone on to win (Steve Stricker-2012, Dustin Johnson-2013, Zach Johnson-2014, Jordan Spieth-2016, Justin Thomas-2017).

Last year, Justin Thomas and Ryan Moore shared the second-round lead at 12-under 134.

Pat Perez

Pat Perez, currently No. 2 in the FedExCup standings, posted a 7-under 66 Friday to share round of the day honors with Jordan Spieth and Chris Stroud. By doing so, he jumped from T17 to T4. Perez had 10 birdies, a bogey and a double bogey (par-3 eighth) during the second round.

R2 stats: 12 of 15 fairways, 16 of 18 greens, 28 putts, 0 of two scrambling.

Here's a look at finishes for Perez on the PGA TOUR this season:

Won – CIMB Classic

T5 – THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES

T24 – World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions

T34 – OHL Classic at Mayakoba

Perez is making his third start at the Sentry Tournament of Champions (T3-2017, T10-2010). He has posted under-par scores in all 10 rounds played at this event, highlighted by Friday's 66.

Jordan Spieth

Jordan Spieth turned in a 7-under 66, moving from T30 to T13 in the second round. Spieth's round included seven birdies, an eagle at the par-5 ninth hole (holing out from 71 feet and seven inches) and two bogeys.

Coming into the week, Spieth owns the lowest scoring average of anyone who has at least eight rounds at the Sentry Tournament of Champions (67.67).

Spieth opened Thursday with a 2-over 75, his only over-par score in 14 rounds at The Plantation Course at Kapalua.

In three prior starts at the Sentry Tournament of Champions, Spieth owns three top-3 finishes (2nd-2014, 1st-2016, T3-2017).

Including this week, Spieth is a collective 69-under at the Sentry Tournament of Champions. Friday's round marked the sixth time in 14 trips around The Plantation Course at Kapalua that he has turned in a round of 66 or better.

Additional Player Notes

With rounds of 69-68, World No. 1 and 2013 Sentry Tournament of Champions winner Dustin Johnson sits in solo-third place through 36 holes, just one behind Marc Leishman and Brian Harman.

Making his 300th career start on the PGA TOUR, 2017 Barracuda Championship winner Chris Stroud (T4) birdied three of his final four holes to post a 7-under 66, sharing round of the day honors with Pat Perez and Jordan Spieth.

Defending champion, and reigning FedExCup champion, Justin Thomas opened with rounds of 71-75 and is T27 at the midway point of the Sentry Tournament of Champions. This is Thomas' first start since winning THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES. A year ago, Thomas shared the second-round lead with Ryan Moore at 12-under 134.

One day after posting his career-best score at the event (5-under 68), Jhonattan Vegas followed with a 3-under 70 to fall from T2 to T4 (two behind Leishman and Harman). Vegas is making his third start at the Sentry Tournament of Champions, finishing 27th in 2012 and T30 last year. On the heels of a career year that saw him win the RBC Canadian Open and finish 23rd in the final FedExCup standings, Vegas is 79th in the FedExCup after making four starts in the season-opening events.

Patton Kizzire, who won the OHL Classic at Mayakoba and currently leads the FedExCup standings, has matching rounds of 72 and is currently T18.

Miscellaneous Notes

Ten of the 11 winners of the Sentry Tournament of Champions in the FedExCup era (2007-present) have qualified for the FedExCup finale, the TOUR Championship. The lone exception was Daniel Chopra in 2008.

The 34 players in the field have accounted for 100 PGA TOUR wins, led by Dustin Johnson's 16 career wins, including his four wins in the 2017 calendar year at the Genesis Open, World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship, WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play and THE NORTHERN TRUST. He is followed by Jordan Spieth (11), Justin Thomas (7), Jason Dufner (5) and Hideki Matsuyama (5).

There are 14 first-time winners in the field – Ryan Armour, Wesley Bryan, Patrick Cantlay, Kevin Chappell, Austin Cook, Bryson DeChambeau, Adam Hadwin, Patton Kizzire, Grayson Murray, Jon Rahm, Xander Schauffele, Cameron Smith, Chris Stroud and Hudson Swafford.

There are three past champions of the Sentry Tournament of Champions in the field this week: Thomas (2017), Spieth (2016) and Johnson (2013).

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Brian Harman (68), Ryan Armour (71)

R2: Marc Leishman (69)

Scoring Averages at the par-73 The Plantation Course:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.529	36.382	71.912	---
R2:	35.059	35.912	70.971	71.441

Toughest/Easiest

R1: toughest (par-3 eighth – 3.265); easiest (par-5 fifth – 4.382)

R2: toughest (par-3 11th – 3.294); easiest (par-4 18th – 4.381)