



2017 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open
(6th of 45 events in the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season)

Las Vegas, Nevada
TPC Summerlin

November 2-5, 2017
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,255

Purse: \$6,800,000

Completed Second-Round Notes – Saturday, November 4, 2017

Weather: Mostly sunny, with a high of 71. Wind SSW 15-25 mph, gusting to 30 mph.

The second round was suspended Friday due to darkness at 5:48 p.m. Pacific Time, with 28 players left on the course. Round two resumed at 7:26 a.m. Saturday and concluded at 8:51 a.m. The third round will feature threesomes off split tees.

36-hole cut

78 players at 1-over 143 from a field of 142 professionals.

Second-Round Leaders

J.J. Spaun	66-65—131 (-11)
Kelly Kraft	67-65—132 (-10)
Robert Garrigus	70-65—135 (-7)
Aaron Baddeley	70-66—136 (-6)
Patton Kizzire	70-66—136 (-6)

J.J. Spaun

After opening with a 5-under 66 to sit one stroke off the lead after the first round at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, J.J. Spaun moved into the clubhouse lead at 11-under 131 following a second-round 6-under 65.

Spaun through two rounds: 19 of 28 fairways, 31 of 36 greens, 2 of 3 sand saves, 58 putts.

Spaun is making his third start of the 2017-18 season, missing the cut at the season-opening Safeway Open and finishing T34 at the Sanderson Farms Championship.

Spaun is coming off of a 97th place finish in the FedExCup during his rookie season, led by top-10 finishes at the Waste Management Phoenix Open (T4), RBC Heritage (T6) and Farmers Insurance Open (T9).

Jim Furyk (1995) and Tiger Woods (1996) both own their maiden PGA TOUR titles at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. Since Woods won in 1996, 10 players have posted their first career PGA TOUR victory in Las Vegas: Phil Tataurangi (2002), Andre Stolz (2004), Wes Short Jr. (2005), Troy Matteson (2006), George McNeill (2007), Marc Turnesa (2008), Martin Laird (2009), Kevin Na (2011), Ben Martin (2014) and Smylie Kaufman (2015).

Spaun posted rounds of 70-72 to miss the cut at the 2016 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

This marks the first time Spaun has held the lead/co-lead following the second round in 34 PGA TOUR starts. His only previous lead after any round came last week, opening with a 6-under 66 as part of a five-way tie for the lead at the Sanderson Farms Championship. He went on to finish T34.

Second-Round Lead Notes

The 36-hole leader/co-leader has gone on to win six of the last 10 Shriners Hospitals for Children Opens: Rod Pampling (2016), Webb Simpson (2013), Kevin Na (2011), Jonathan Byrd (2010), Marc Turnesa (2008) and George McNeill (2007).

Most recently, eventual champion Rod Pampling (at 14-under) held a one-stroke lead over Brooks Koepka at the 2016 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

So far during the 2017-18 season, Pat Perez (CIMB Classic) and Ryan Armour (Sanderson Farms Championship) held the 36-hole lead/co-lead and went on to victory.

Kelly Kraft

When the second round resumed Saturday morning, Kraft had three Nos. 16-18 left to play. Birdies on 16 and 18 resulted in a 5-under 66 to get to 10-under 132 and second place alone.

Making his third start in the Shriners Hospitals Open for Children, this marks Kraft's first made cut in the event (MC-2015, WD-2016).

After just three aces in the first five tournaments of the season, two were recorded during the second round Friday at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, with Kraft acing the par-3 fifth hole with a 6-iron from 174 yards and Brice Garnett performing the feat on the par-3 14th hole with an 8-iron from 164 yards,

The last player to make a hole-in-one on the PGA TOUR and go on to win was Dustin Johnson at the 2015 World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship.

Kraft is making his 64th PGA TOUR start this week, with a runner-up finish at the 2017 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am his best outing. Kraft finished a career-best 72nd in the FedExCup last season.

Robert Garrigus

Despite a double bogey on the par-4 18th hole (his ninth hole of the day after beginning on No. 10), Robert Garrigus carded a 6-under 65 Friday to move to solo-third. By comparison, Garrigus' last two second-round scores at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open: 76 (2014) and 75 (2016).

Garrigus' best round at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open is 63, set during the second round in 2007 (T3) and the third round in 2011 (T16).

Garrigus is making his 11th start at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, with his lone top-10 coming in 2007 (T3).

Garrigus is coming off of a 109th place finish in the 2017 FedExCup, marking the ninth time in 11 seasons he has advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs.

In 306 prior starts, Garrigus owns one PGA TOUR victory (2010 Children's Miracle Network Classic).

Charley Hoffman

1999 UNLV grad Charley Hoffman (T15) turned in an even-par 71 in round two to move to 3-under with 36 holes left to play at his hometown event. Hoffman announced earlier this week that he would be donating his entire paycheck this week to the Direct Impact Fund via PGA TOUR Charities to aid in the relief efforts of last month's Las Vegas shooting.

Hoffman is making his 13th start in the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, where he has collected three top-10 finishes; 4th/2014, 6th/2009 and T5/2006. He had missed the cut in his previous three starts at TPC Summerlin.

Additional Player Notes

First-round leader Whee Kim, who is making his third-consecutive start in the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, followed a 6-under 65 with a 1-over 72 to fall to T6 at 5-under 137. In his most recent start before this week, Kim finished solo-fourth at the CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES. His career-best finish since joining the PGA TOUR in 2015 is a T2 at the 2017 FedEx St. Jude Classic.

With rounds of 70-73—143 (+1), defending champion Rod Pamplung is attempting to join Jim Furyk (1998, 1999) as the only players to win back-to-back at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

Chesson Hadley, the front-runner for 2017 Web.com Tour Player of the Year and former PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year, posted a second-round 6-under 65 to rebound from an opening round 3-over 74. At 3-under 139, he will begin round three eight strokes back. Hadley is off to a torrid start this season, finishing T3 (Safeway Open) and runner-up (Sanderson Farms Championship).

Making his PGA TOUR debut this week and playing on a sponsor invite, Las Vegas native A.J. McInerney sits at 1-under 141 (71-70) and T33. He returned Saturday morning having four holes left to complete his second round. In attendance at the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival the night of the Las Vegas shooting a month ago, the former UNLV golfer shielded his girlfriend from danger as bullets flew overhead. Later, after evacuating the premises, he returned in his truck to help others evacuate.

Miscellaneous Notes

Since 1995, there have been 10 winners of the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open in their 20s, tied with the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard for second most for a tournament during this time frame. The BMW Championship has yielded 11 winners under the age of 30.

Each winner of the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open since 2009 is in this week's field: Ryan Moore/2012 (-2), Rod Pampling/2016 (+1), Webb Simpson/2013 (+1), Jonathan Byrd/2010 (MC), Ben Martin/2014 (MC), Martin Laird/2009 (MC), Smylie Kaufman/2015 (MC), Kevin Na/2011 (WD).

Billy Horschel withdrew prior to the second round Friday with a shoulder injury. He had opened Thursday with a 4-under 67. Jonathan Randolph withdrew during the second round, also with a shoulder injury.

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Whee Kim (65), Alex Cejka (66), Peter Malnati (67), Rod Pampling (70).

R2: Kelly Kraft (65), Aaron Baddeley (66).

Scoring Averages at the par-71 TPC Summerlin:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.347	35.826	71.174	---
R2:	35.532	36.752	72.284	71.729

For the second-consecutive round, the par-4 third hole played the toughest (4.305) and the par-5 ninth hole was the easiest (4.603).