



**2017 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open**  
**(6<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Final-Round Notes – Sunday, November 5, 2017**

*Weather: Mostly sunny, with a high of 69. Wind S 10-20 mph, gusting to 25 mph.*

**Final Scores**

Patrick Cantlay	67-71-70-67—275 (-9)**
Alex Cejka	66-74-72-63—275 (-9)
Whee Kim	65-72-72-66—275 (-9)

(\*\*won with a par on the second extra hole, No. 18)

Patrick Cantlay's winning score of 9-under 275 is the highest by seven shots (2015) since becoming a single-course event in 2008. It's just the third time the winning total has been higher than 20-under-par.

This marks the ninth playoff in the history of the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open and first since Jonathan Byrd's 2010 victory.

**Patrick Cantlay**

Beginning the final round of the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open four strokes back, Patrick Cantlay reeled off four-consecutive birdies on Nos. 11-14 en route to a spot in the playoff with Las Vegas resident Alex Cejka and South Korea's Whee Kim. With a par on the second extra hole, No. 18, Cantlay claimed his first career PGA TOUR victory in his 43<sup>rd</sup> start at the age of 25 years, 7 months, 18 days.

With the win, Cantlay collects 500 FedExCup points and moves from 63<sup>rd</sup> to third in the FedExCup standings with 511 points. It took 365 points to qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs in 2017, 483 to qualify for Dell Technologies Championship, 689 for BMW Championship and 1,322 for the TOUR Championship.

With his victory, Cantlay earns a spot into such 2018 PGA TOUR events as the Sentry Tournament of Champions, PLAYERS Championship, Masters Tournament and PGA Championship.

Cantlay's victory brings a two-year exemption to the PGA TOUR, taking him through the 2019-20 season.

Cantlay wins in his first start at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

Cantlay wins in his second start of the 2017-18 season (T15/World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions).

Since 1995, there have now been 11 winners of the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open in their 20s, tying the record for most winners in their 20s with the BMW Championship.

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, 11 players have now 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), Smylie Kaufman (2015) and Patrick Cantlay (2017).

In 13 starts on the PGA TOUR last season, Cantlay collected four top-10 finishes, including a solo-second (Valspar Championship) and a T3 (RBC Heritage). He made all 13 cuts and was one of just two rookies to make it to the TOUR Championship in the FedExCup Playoffs. He finished his season ranked 29<sup>th</sup> in the 2016-17 FedExCup standings.

2017-18 starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 2-2-1-1

PGA TOUR career starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 43-33-7-1

**Strokes Gained Summary for the week:**

Off-the-Tee	5.217 (4 <sup>th</sup> )
Approach-the-Green	1.208 (37 <sup>th</sup> )
Around-the-Green	0.523 (38 <sup>th</sup> )
Putting	1.175 (38 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.880 (7<sup>th</sup>)</b>

**Statistics for the week:**

Driving Distance: 324 (13<sup>th</sup>)

Fairways Hit in Regulation: 36/56

Greens Hit in Regulation: 52/72

**About Patrick Cantlay**

Birthdate: March 17, 1992

Birthplace: Long Beach, California

Residence: Jupiter, Florida

Family: Single

Height/Weight: 5-10/160

Turned Pro: 2012

Joined TOUR: 2014

Web.com Tour Graduate (2013)

**Alex Cejka**

Beginning the final round eight shots back, Las Vegas resident Alex Cejka posted the low round of the week Sunday with an 8-under 63, good for a 9-under 275 and a spot in the playoff with Whee Kim and Patrick Cantlay. Cejka birdied four of his last six en route to his career-low row (to par). When he was unable to save par on the second extra hole, No. 18, he settled for a share of second place with Kim.

Cejka's T2 finish this week marks his best showing on the PGA TOUR since the 2015 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (T2).

Cejka, who needed 31 putts to complete his third round (72), needed just 24 putts in Sunday's final round.

Cejka was making his 12<sup>th</sup> start in the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open this week, where he finished T2 in 2015.

Cejka, who joined the PGA TOUR in 2003, was making his 358<sup>th</sup> career start on the PGA TOUR. His lone victory came at the 2015 Puerto Rico Open via a playoff with four other players.

**Whee Kim**

Making his third-consecutive start in the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, South Korea's Whee Kim opened and closed this week's event with 6-under 65s, good for a 9-under 275 total and spot in the playoff with Alex Cejka and Patrick Cantlay. Unable to match Cantlay's par on the second extra hole, No. 18, Kim settled for a share of second place with Cejka.

In his first two starts at the Sanderson Farms Championship, Kim finished T49 in 2015 and T76 in 2016.

In his last start before this week, Kim finished solo-fourth at the CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES.

Kim's T2 finish this week matches his career-best (2017 FedEx St. Jude Classic).

**Patton Kizzire**

In his third start at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, Patton Kizzire made eight birdies and one bogey in the final round to post a 7-under 64. Kizzire reeled off four-consecutive birdies on Nos. 14-17. He finished at 8-under 276 (T4).

Kizzire finished T2 in the 2015 event, largely due to a career-low, 8-under 63 in the final round.

Kizzire was in search of his first PGA TOUR win this week in his 62 start. This was his third start of the 2017-18 season (MC//Safeway Open, T10/Sanderson Farms Championship).

Last season, Kizzire collected three top-10 finishes on the PGA TOUR, including a second-place showing, en route to a 99<sup>th</sup>-place showing in the FedExCup standings.

### **Chesson Hadley**

Chesson Hadley, the front-runner for 2017 Web.com Tour Player of the Year and former PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year, finished with a 3-under 68 to get to 8-under 276 and T4. This marks his third-consecutive top-5 finish in three starts this season. In his first two starts, he finished T3 at the Safeway Open and runner-up at last week's Sanderson Farms Championship.

Hadley was making his fourth start in the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open this week. His T4 marks his second top-5 showing in the event (T5/2013).

### **J.J. Spaun**

J.J. Spaun, who held the 36-hole lead outright and a share of the 54-hole lead finished Sunday's final round with back-to-back double bogeys to finish T10 at 6-under 278.

Spaun was 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. This marked his 35<sup>th</sup> career start on the PGA TOUR.

Spaun is coming off a 97<sup>th</sup> 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).

In his first start at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open last year, Spaun missed the cut.

### **Additional Player Notes**

1999 UNLV grad Charley Hoffman posted scores of 68-71-71-70—280 (-4) to finish T18 in his hometown event. Hoffman announced early in the 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's T18 finish was worth \$98,600.

Making his PGA TOUR debut this week and playing on a sponsor invite, Las Vegas native A.J. McInerney closed with a 4-under 67 to finish T10. Because he finished in the top 10, he earned a spot into the field at this week's OHL Classic at Mayakoba, but opted instead to go to the second stage of Q-School. 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.

Sponsor invite Alex Kang played Nos. 13-16 eagle-birdie-birdie-birdie en route to a 7-under 64 and 6-under 278 total (T10). Kang, from South Korea, was making just his second-ever PGA TOUR start (T47/2015 Puerto Rico Open). In July, Kang's sister Danielle won the KPMG Women's PGA Championship on the LPGA Tour.

Bubba Watson, who celebrated his 39<sup>th</sup> birthday Sunday, finished at 1-over 285 (T51), following rounds of 72-71-71-71. Watson was making his third start in the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open and first since finishing T14 in 2007.

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

Each winner of the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open since 2009 made a start this week: Ryan Moore/2012 (+1/T51), Webb Simpson/2013 (-3/T20), Rod Pamplung/2016 (E/T47), Jonathan Byrd/2010 (MC), Ben Martin/2014 (MC), Martin Laird/2009 (MC), Smylie Kaufman/2015 (MC), Kevin Na/2011 (WD).

Bogey-free rounds:

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

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

R3: Beau Hossler (66), Tom Hoge (67), Scott Piercy (68), Byeong Hun An (69).

R4: Talor Gooch (64), Alex Kang (64), Graeme McDowell (66), Webb Simpson (69), Ethan Tracy (66).

Scoring Averages at the par-71 TPC Summerlin:

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
R1:	35.347	35.826	71.174	---
R2:	35.532	36.752	72.284	71.729
R3:	36.064	36.128	72.192	71.883
R4:	35.244	34.987	70.231	71.470

This week, the par-4 third hole played as the toughest (4.324) and the par-5 ninth was the easiest (4.635).