



2018 Sony Open in Hawaii
(10th of 44 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Honolulu, HI
Waialae Country Club

January 11-14, 2018
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,044

Purse: \$6,200,000 (\$1,116,000)
500 FedExCup points to winner

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, January 13, 2018

Weather

Partly cloudy. High of 83. Wind NW 5-10 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Tom Hoge	65-65-64—194 (-16)
Patton Kizzire	67-64-64—195 (-15)
Brian Harman	64-63-68—195 (-15)
Kyle Stanley	64-67-65—196 (-14)
Chris Kirk	63-67-67—197 (-13)

Tom Hoge

Tom Hoge carded a 6-under 64 to move to 16-under 194 and a one-stroke lead over OHL Classic at Mayakoba champion Patton Kizzire and two-time PGA TOUR winner Brian Harman.

R3 at a glance: six of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens, three of three scrambling, 28 putts.

Hoge is making his third start at the Sony Open in Hawaii, finishing T71 in 2015 and missing the cut in 2016. His best round at the event was a second-round 64 in his debut appearance in 2015.

Hoge is off to a solid start this season, with a T7 finish at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, the best of his five made cuts (six starts). He is currently No. 56 in the FedExCup standings.

In 75 previous PGA TOUR starts, a T4 at the 2017 Barracuda Championship represents Hoge's best outing.

Hoge earned his TOUR card this season with a 23rd place finish on the 2017 Web.com Tour Finals money list, needing to birdie seven of his last 12 holes to earn his PGA TOUR card for this season.

This week marks the first time Hoge has held the lead heading into the final round on the PGA TOUR. He has held the first-round lead four times in his career and the second-round lead once (with Tiger Woods at the 2015 Wyndham Championship).

Third-Round Leader Statistics

In the last 12 years, eight of the 54-hole leaders/co-leaders have gone on to capture the Sony Open in Hawaii:

Year	54-hole leader/Score	Eventual Champion/Score
2017	Justin Thomas (188/-22)	Thomas (253/-27)
2016	Brandt Snedeker/Zac Blair (194/-16)	Fabian Gomez (260/-20)
2015	Jimmy Walker (194/-16)	Walker (257/-23)
2014	Chris Kirk (198/-12)	Jimmy Walker (263/-17)
2013	Russell Henley/Scott Langley (193/-17)	Henley (256/-24)
2012	Jeff Maggert, Matt Every (198/-12)	Johnson Wagner (267/-13)
2011	Mark Wilson (197/-13)	Wilson (264/-16)
2010	Ryan Palmer/Robert Allenby (199/-11)	Palmer (265/-15)
2009	Zach Johnson (200/-10)	Johnson (265/-15)
2008	K.J. Choi (195/-15)	Choi (266/-14)
2007	Charles Howell III (197/-13)	Paul Goydos (266/-14)
2006	David Toms/Chad Campbell (196/-14)	Toms (261/-19)

A year ago, Justin Thomas (22-under 188) held a seven-stroke lead over Zach Johnson following the third round.

The third-round leader/co-leader has gone on to six of the first nine events of the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season, most recently accomplished by Dustin Johnson at the Sentry Tournament of Champions.

Brian Harman

After entering the third round with a three-stroke lead over five players, Brian Harman posted a 2-under 68 Saturday to fall into a tie for second place with Patton Kizzire, one behind Tom Hoge.

Harman entered the final round of last week's Sentry Tournament of Champions two shots behind eventual winner Dustin Johnson, finishing solo third. He has four top-10s and three top-five finishes in four starts this season.

Since the beginning of the 2012 season, Brian Harman has more starts on the PGA TOUR than any other player heading into this week.

Starts since the beginning of the 2012 PGA TOUR Season:

Player	Number of Starts
Brian Harman	185
John Huh	176
David Hearn	174
Ricky Barnes	173
William McGirt	172
Brendon do Jonge	170
Harris English	169
Daniel Summerhays	169
JJ Henry*	168
Charles Howell III**	167

*This week marks Henry's 500th career start

**This week marks Howell's 503rd career start

R3 at a glance: eight of 14 fairways, 13 of 18 greens, four of five scrambling, 29 putts.

Patton Kizzire

Patton Kizzire bounced back from a double bogey on the par-4 opening hole to post a 6-under 64, moving from T7 to T2. He will enter the final round trailing Tom Hoge by just one stroke.

R3 at a glance: 10 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens, two of three scrambling, 26 putts.

With rounds of 68-70, Kizzire missed the cut at the 2016 Sony Open in Hawaii, his only other start at this event.

Kizzire sits No. 3 in the FedExCup standings after holding the lead heading into last week's Sentry Tournament of Champions. Pat Perez currently leads the FedExCup by 43 points over Dustin Johnson and 48 points over Kizzire.

Kizzire's FedExCup history: 82nd (2015-16), 99th (2016-17), currently third (2017-18).

In six prior starts this season, Kizzire has one win (OHL Classic at Mayakoba) and additional top-10 finishes at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (T4) and Sanderson Farms Championship (T10). Most recently he finished T15 at last week's Sentry Tournament of Champions.

Chris Kirk

With rounds of 63-67-67, first-round co-leader Chris Kirk (solo fifth) will enter the final round trailing Tom Hoge by three strokes. He is making his eighth start at the Sony Open in Hawaii, with back-to-back top-five finishes in 2013 (T5) and 2014 (2). He has missed the cut in his last two starts at this event (2016, 2017).

This week marks Kirk's sixth start of the season, with a T4 at The RSM Classic his best outing. He has finished inside the top 100 in the FedExCup standings each season since his rookie year in 2011, led by a second-place finish in 2014. He is currently No. 50 in the standings.

Additional Player notes

Kyle Stanley closed with an eagle on the par-5 18th hole for a 5-under 65, leaving him in solo-fourth place and two strokes behind leader Tom Hoge. Stanley has never missed the cut in six starts at the Sony Open in Hawaii, led by a T13 finish in 2016.

Defending champion Justin Thomas followed matching 67s with a third-round 4-under 66 to move to T9 (six strokes behind leader Tom Hoge). A year ago, Thomas won the Sony Open in Hawaii by eight shots and set the PGA TOUR scoring record with 253. He is hoping to become the fifth player to win consecutive Sony Open titles: Hubert Green (1978-79), Corey Pavin (1986-87), Ernie Els (2003-04), Jimmy Walker (2014-15).

2009 Sony Open in Hawaii champion Zach Johnson (T14) posted a 1-over 71 in the third round, just his second over-par round in his last 20 trips around Waialae Country Club.

Jordan Spieth moved from T48 to T28 following a third-round 4-under 66. This week marks his third start at the Sony Open in Hawaii. After missing the cut in his debut appearance in 2014, he posted rounds of 65-67-66-63 in 2017 to finish solo-third.

Charles Howell III (T40) posted a third-round 1-under 69, his 18th consecutive round in the 60s at the Sony Open in Hawaii and 26th out of the last 27. He owns nine top-10 finishes in 16 starts at the Sony Open in Hawaii (T8-2017, T8-2014, T3-2013, T2-2012, T5-2010, 4-2009, T2-2007, T3-2005, T4-2002). This week is his 503rd start on the PGA TOUR.

Tony Finau (T40) aced the par-3 17th hole with an 8-iron from 176 yards.

Miscellaneous Notes

Ten players have made the Sony Open in Hawaii their first PGA TOUR win: Ted Makalena (1966), Grier Jones (1972), John Schlee (1973), Gary Groh (1975), Isao Aoki (1983), David Ishii (1990), John Morse (1995), Jerry Kelly (2002), Russell Henley (2013).

Past Sony Open in Hawaii champions in the field: Justin Thomas (T9), Zach Johnson (T14), Jerry Kelly (T21), K.J. Choi (MC), Fabian Gomez (MC), Ryan Palmer (T28), Vijay Singh (MC), Russell Henley (MC), Mark Wilson (MC), Jimmy Walker (MC).

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – Chris Kirk (63), Zach Johnson (63), Vaughn Taylor (64), Peter Malnati (65), Ryan Blaum (66), Austin Cook (67), Jason Kokrak (67), Justin Thomas (67)

R2 – Stewart Cink (64), Russell Knox (64), Keith Mitchell (66), Rory Sabbatini (65), Adam Schenk (65), Brian Stuard (66), Kevin Tway (66), Kyle Stanley (67)

R3 – Tom Hoge (64), James Hahn (65), Jordan Spieth (66)

Scoring Averages at the par-70 Waialae Country Club:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1	34.618	34.590	69.208	---
R2	34.874	34.350	69.224	69.216
R3	34.197	34.211	68.408	69.047

The par-3 11th hole played the toughest during the third round, yielding a 3.303 average. The par-5 9th hole was the easiest at 4.368.

2018 marks 53rd playing of Sony Open in Hawaii

Longest-running PGA TOUR title sponsors

The Honda Classic	1982
AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am	1986
<i>Sony Open in Hawaii</i>	1999
John Deere Classic	1999