



2018 CareerBuilder Challenge

(The 11th of 44 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

La Quinta, Calif.

Jan. 15-21, 2018

Purse: \$5,900,000 (\$1,062,000 to the winner)

500 FedExCup points to winner

(SC) Stadium/PGA West

Par/Yards: 72/7,113

(NT) Nicklaus Tournament/PGA West

Par/Yards: 72/7,159

(LQ) La Quinta Country Club

Par/Yards: 72/7,060

Second-Round Notes – Friday, January 19, 2018

Weather: Mostly sunny, with a high of 78. Light, variable wind 5-10 mph.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Andrew Landry	63-65—128 (-16) LQ, NT
Jon Rahm	62-67—129 (-15) LQ, NT
Jason Kokrak	63-67—130 (-14) LQ, NT
Zach Johnson	67-64—131 (-13) LQ, NT
Michael Kim	67-64—131 (-13) LQ, NT
Martin Piller	64-67—131 (-13) NT, SC

Second-Round Leader Notes

Through 10 events in the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season, four players have converted a 36-hole lead/co-lead into victory, most recently Austin Cook at The RSM Classic.

Since 2000, there have been nine 36-hole leaders/co-leaders who have gone on to win the CareerBuilder Challenge – Joe Durant (2001), Chad Campbell (2006), D.J. Trahan (2008), Pat Perez (2009), Jhonattan Vegas (2011), Mark Wilson (2012), Patrick Reed (2014), Jason Dufner (2016) and Hudson Swafford (2017).

The 36-hole record, since becoming a 72-hole event, is 126 by Patrick Reed in 2014.

Andrew Landry

Andrew Landry followed his first-round 63 at La Quinta Country Club with a 65 at the Nicklaus Tournament course to hold a one-stroke lead over Jon Rahm.

Landry's one-stroke lead is his first 36-hole lead on the PGA TOUR. In 2016, Landry held the solo first-round lead at the U.S. Open at Oakmont. Entering the final round T2 and in the final pairing with 54-hole leader Shane Lowry, Landry struggled to an 8-over 78 and T15 finish. He was attempting to become the first player to win the U.S. Open in his debut appearance since Francis Ouimet in 1913.

Landry's 36-hole total of 128 is five strokes better than his previous best on the PGA TOUR (133/2016 Wyndham Championship).

Landry's opening-round 63 supplanted his previous career low of 64 from the second round of the 2017 The RSM Classic. Both events where Landry has recorded his career-low rounds feature multi-course venues.

Landry is making his second start in the CareerBuilder Challenge (MC/2016).

Landry is making his seventh start of the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season and comes off a missed cut in last week's Sony Open in Hawaii. He claimed top-10 finishes at the Safeway Open (T7) and The RSM Classic (T4).

Landry made his way onto the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of his fourth-place finish on the 2017 Web.com Tour priority list.

Jon Rahm



Making his second start at the CareerBuilder Challenge (T34/2017), World No. 3 Jon Rahm added a 67 at the Nicklaus Tournament course to his opening-round 62 at La Quinta, his career-low on TOUR (previously a 64 from round one of the 2016 The National).

Rahm's 36-hole total of 129 surpassed his previous best on TOUR (131, 2016 The National).

The last player to open his week at La Quinta Country Club before going on to win was Hudson Swafford in 2017.

Rahm is making his third start of the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season and first since finishing solo-second at the Sentry Tournament of Champions two weeks ago.

With an eagle-3 on the 72nd hole of the 2017 Farmers Insurance Open, Rahm captured his first career PGA TOUR title. He will defend his title next week at Torrey Pines.

Jason Kokrak

Jason Kokrak followed his opening-round 63 at La Quinta with a 67 at the Nicklaus Tournament course. Kokrak's 63 in round one is one stroke shy of his career-low round.

Kokrak is making his sixth start in the CareerBuilder Challenge this week, with a T8 in 2013 his only top-25 showing.

Kokrak is making his seventh start of the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season, with a T7 at the Sanderson Farms Championship his lone top-10 showing.

Kokrak remains in search of his first career PGA TOUR win this week in his 164th start.

Zach Johnson

Beginning on the back nine of the Nicklaus Tournament course, Zach Johnson posted nine birdies, including five in-a-row (Nos. 18-4), to shoot 8-under 64 and sit T4.

Johnson is seeking to improve on his best result of T3 at the 2014 CareerBuilder Challenge in seven previous appearances at this event. Johnson has missed the cut in each appearance since the T3 in 2014 (2015, 2016, 2017).

Johnson is making his fifth start this season. In his first four starts he's posted three top-15 finishes and is a combined 41-under.

Event	Finish	Score
Safeway Open	T13	-8
OHL Classic at Mayakoba	T23	-8
The RSM Classic	T8	-13
Sony Open in Hawaii	T14	-12
CareerBuilder Challenge	T4 (thru 36)	-13 (thru 36)

Johnson's 12 PGA TOUR titles include two major championships – the 2007 Masters Tournament and The Open Championship in 2015, his most recent win on TOUR.

Michael Kim

Michael Kim's second-round 64 matched his career-low on TOUR (R1/2017 The RSM Classic).

Kim has advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs the last two seasons, finishing 118th in 2016 and 100th last season. He's currently No. 157 this season after making just one cut (T28/CIMB Classic) in five previous starts this season.

This is Kim's third appearance at the CareerBuilder Challenge (70/2016, T21/2017). Kim began the tournament with a bogey at his opening hole (No. 10, La Quinta).

Born in Seoul, South Korea and residing in Houston, Texas, Kim plays out of Torrey Pines GC and attended Torrey Pines High School in San Diego. He also attended the University of California-Berkeley.



Martin Piller

After making nine birdies at the Nicklaus Tournament course for an opening-round 64 and matching his career-low on TOUR, Martin Piller followed with a 67 at the Stadium Course, a round which included seven birdies.

Piller is the only player in the top-six players on the leaderboard who has completed a round on the more-difficult Stadium Course at PGA West.

Piller has made two previous appearances at the CareerBuilder Challenge (T24/2016, MC/2011).

Piller's best showing in six previous starts this season is T4 at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba where he shot a final-round 65.

Piller is a six-time winner on the Web.com Tour, including last year's Ellie Mae Classic at TPC Stonebrae, which helped him secure his PGA TOUR card for this season by finishing 31st on the 2017 Web.com Tour priority list.

Phil Mickelson

CareerBuilder Challenge Ambassador and two-time winner of the event (2002, 2004) Phil Mickelson posted four birdies in his last six holes at the Nicklaus Tournament course to sit T67 at 6-under. For the second consecutive round Mickelson hit 10 of 14 fairways and recorded three bogeys.

This marks Mickelson's 15th start in the CareerBuilder Challenge, dating to a missed cut in 1993.

The 2018 CareerBuilder Challenge is Mickelson's third start of the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season (T3/Safeway Open, T15/World Golf Championships-HSBC Championships).

Mickelson, a 42-time winner on the PGA TOUR and member of the World Golf Hall of Fame, is in search of his first TOUR win since the 2013 Open Championship.

Miscellaneous Player Notes

Nick Watney is making his eighth appearance at the CareerBuilder Challenge and attempting to improve on his best result here, a T13 in 2007. Watney has missed the cut in his last two appearances at the CareerBuilder Challenge (2017, 2016). Watney, who owns 50 top-10 finishes on the PGA TOUR, is seeking his sixth victory in his 329th career start. His most recent win was The Barclays (now THE NORTHERN TRUST) in 2012.

Walnut Creek, California native Brandon Harkins is making his eighth career PGA TOUR start (seventh this season) at the CareerBuilder Challenge after finishing the 2017 Web.com Tour season with four top-10s in 25 starts to finish 44th in the final priority-ranking order to secure status on TOUR this season. He opened this season with a T9 at the Safeway Open and has now made the cut in six of seven starts. His first appearance on TOUR resulted in a T59 at the 2016 U.S. Open. Harkins recorded three top-10s in 34 career starts on the Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada and three top-10s in 11 career starts on PGA TOUR Latinoamerica. Currently sitting 50th in the FedExCup standings, Harkins is a cumulative 22-under for his last six rounds on TOUR.

Brian Gay went bogey-free in round two, posting eight birdies for an 8-under 64 at La Quinta following an opening-round 68 at the Stadium Course. Gay, the winner of the CareerBuilder Challenge in 2013, recorded five consecutive birdies on holes 4-8.

Kevin Na's T3 at the 2016 CareerBuilder Challenge is one of three top-10s in 13 previous appearances at this event (T5/2011, T8/2010). Na posted a third-round 62 at the Nicklaus Tournament course in 2016, which remains his low score in 55 rounds at this event. Na's opening round 66 at La Quinta on Thursday marked his third 66 in five starts this season (R3/Safeway Open, R1/CIMB Classic, R1/CareerBuilder Challenge).

Harold Varner III made a hole-in-one at the third hole of the Nicklaus Tournament course. Varner used a 6-iron from 192 yards for the ace, his second on the PGA TOUR. His first ace came at the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide in 2017.



Peter Uihlein posted 10 birdies, including five in a row (Nos. 4-8), in a second-round 8-under 64 at the Nicklaus Tournament course to move from T88 to T19.

Starting on No. 10 at La Quinta, Trey Mullinax made eight pars and a birdie (No. 13) before making the turn and posting seven birdies for an inward nine of 29.

Defending CareerBuilder Challenge winner Hudson Swafford sits T19 at 10-under following rounds of 66-68. Last year, Swafford carried the 36-hole lead onto victory.

Palm Desert High School senior Charlie Reiter, 18, sits T67 after rounds of 68-70.

Other Miscellaneous Notes

Thirteen past champions of the CareerBuilder Challenge are in this week's field: Mark Brooks/1996 (T108), Phil Mickelson/2002, 2004 (T67), Mike Weir/2003 (151st), Chad Campbell/2006 (T90), D.J. Trahan/2008 (T108), Bill Haas/2010, 2015 (T90), Jhonattan Vegas/2011 (T19), Mark Wilson/2012 (T154), Brian Gay/2013 (T7), Patrick Reed/2014 (T137), Jason Dufner/2016 (T67) and Hudson Swafford/2017 (T19), Corey Pavin/1987, 1991 (WD).

Scoring Averages	R1	R2
Stadium Course	70.843	70.538
Nicklaus Tournament Course	68.692	68.885
La Quinta Country Club	68.442	68.529

Bogey-Free Rounds

R1 - A total of 25 players played round one without a bogey or worse.

R2 – A total of 16 players played the second round without a bogey or worse.