



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

(NT) Nicklaus Tournament/PGA West

(LQ) La Quinta Country Club

Par/Yards: 72/7,113

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Third-Round Notes – Saturday, January 20, 2018

Weather: Mostly sunny with a high of 65. Wind NW 20-30 mph, with gusts to 40 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Austin Cook	63-70-64—197 (-19) NT, SC, LQ
Andrew Landry	63-65-70—198 (-18) LQ, NT, SC
Martin Piller	64-67-67—198 (-18) NT, SC, LQ
Scott Piercy	68-65-66—199 (-17) LQ, NT, SC
Jon Rahm	62-67-70—199 (-17) LQ, NT, SC

Amateur Leaderboard (Net)

David Colby	(-33)
Inaya Sutowo	(-32)
George Velarde	(-30)

Cut information: After three rounds, the cut came at 8-under-par 208 with 77 players advancing to Sunday. The leading six amateurs (three net and three gross) also advance to Sunday's final round.

Third-Round Leader Notes

Through 10 events in the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season, six players have converted a 54-hole lead/co-lead into victory, most recently Dustin Johnson at the Sentry Tournament of Champions.

Since the CareerBuilder Challenge went to 72 holes in 2012, four of the six winners held the lead/co-lead after 54 holes: Mark Wilson (2012), Patrick Reed (2014), Bill Haas (2015) and Jason Dufner (2016).

The 54-hole record, since becoming a 72-hole event, is 189 by Patrick Reed in 2014.

Austin Cook

PGA TOUR rookie Austin Cook, winner of this season's The RSM Classic, posted an 8-under 64 at La Quinta to take a one-shot lead after three rounds of the CareerBuilder Challenge.

Cook needed only 22 putts to get through his third round, a career best. Cook's previous low number of putts in a round was 24, which occurred on three occasions, most recently in the second round of the 2015 RBC Canadian Open.

Cook is 19-under through three rounds, marking his career-best 54-hole score to par on TOUR (-18/2017 The RSM Classic).

Cook's opening nine-hole score of 30 at La Quinta in round three tied his lowest nine-hole score on TOUR (R2/2015 Wyndham Championship).

This is the second time in Cook's career that he has held the lead/co-lead after 54 holes. He went on to win The RSM Classic this season after holding a three-shot lead following the third round.



In six starts this season before this week, Cook has finished outside the top 25 only once (T50/OHL Classic at Mayakoba).

On the Web.com Tour in 2017, Cook finished the season two spots on the Finals money list away from securing a PGA TOUR card when the Web.com Tour Championship was cancelled due to Hurricane Matthew. He was 20th in the final priority-ranking order, but secured his PGA TOUR card for the 2017-18 season with a 15th-place finish on the Regular Season money list.

Andrew Landry

Andrew Landry, who recorded rounds of 63 at La Quinta and 65 at the Nicklaus Tournament Course in the first two rounds, shot a bogey-free 2-under 70 in round three at the Stadium Course and stands T2 entering the final round at 18-under 198.

Landry is the only player in the field to have played 54 holes without a bogey. The last player to win an individual stroke-play event with no bogeys over 72 holes was Lee Trevino (1974/Zurich Classic of New Orleans). In 2016, Brian Stuard also won the Zurich Classic of New Orleans with no bogeys, but the event was reduced to 54 holes due to weather.

Landry has been T2 or better entering the final round of a PGA TOUR event once in his career, when he was T2 after three rounds of the 2016 U.S. Open. Landry carded an 8-over 78 in the final round and finished T15.

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.

Martin Piller

After an opening-round 64 – which matched his career-low – and a second-round 67, Martin Piller made seven birdies en route to another 67 in round three at La Quinta. Piller will enter the final round in a tie for second place and one shot off the lead.

With 23 birdies through three rounds, Piller has two more than any other player in the field.

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.

Scott Piercy

Scott Piercy followed a second-round 65 at the Nicklaus Tournament Course with a 66 at the Stadium Course, and stands T4 entering the final round.

After needing 28 in each of the first two rounds, Piercy used only 21 putts in round three, a career best (22/three times).

Piercy is making his seventh start at the event, making the cut in each of his two most recent showings (T30/2015, T41/2017).



Piercy has made the cut in all four of his starts this season, highlighted by a T17 finish at the Safeway Open. Four under-par rounds at the Sony Open in Hawaii last week earned Piercy a T25 result.

A three-time winner on the PGA TOUR, Piercy most recently earned a victory at the 2015 Barbasol Championship. His best finish during the 2016-17 season was a T3 at the Safeway Open.

Jon Rahm

Making his second start at the CareerBuilder Challenge (T34/2017), World No. 3 Jon Rahm shot a 2-under 70 at the Stadium Course and stands T4 entering the final round.

Rahm's opening-round 62 at La Quinta was his career low on TOUR, set in the first round of The National in 2016, and his 36-hole total of 129 surpassed his previous best, which was set at the same tournament.

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.

Adam Hadwin

Adam Hadwin followed rounds of 66 and 67 in rounds one and two with a third-round 5-under 67 at La Quinta. Hadwin birdied three of his last four holes (Nos. 6-8) to move into a tie for sixth place entering the final round.

At the 2017 CareerBuilder Challenge, Hadwin took the lead after 54 holes with a third-round 59. He went on to finish alone in second place.

Five starts after his runner-up at this event last season, Hadwin claimed his first-career PGA TOUR title at the Valspar Championship. He went on to qualify for the season-ending TOUR Championship.

Hadwin has made four starts this season, with his best result coming at the Sentry Tournament of Champions (32nd).

Grayson Murray

Grayson Murray carded a third-round 67 at the Nicklaus Tournament Course and will enter the final round T6, three shots off the lead.

Murray's opening-round 65 was the low score of the day at the Stadium Course and put him in a tie for ninth place entering the second round, where he shot a back-nine 32 en route to a 4-under 68.

Murray is making his second start at the CareerBuilder Challenge this week (T12/2017).

Murray had made four starts this season entering this week, highlighted by a T9 at the Safeway Open.

Phil Mickelson

CareerBuilder Challenge Ambassador and two-time winner of the event (2002, 2004) Phil Mickelson posted rounds of 70-68-74 to miss the cut.

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



Brandon Harkins has posted rounds of 64-68-68—200 (-16) and stands T6 entering the final round. The Walnut Creek, California native is making his eighth career PGA TOUR start (seventh this season this week 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.

Seamus Power made five birdies in a six-hole stretch on his inward-nine to shoot a 65 in round three on the Nicklaus Tournament Course. He will begin the final round four shots behind the leader.

Jason Kokrak, who entered the day in third place, carded a 1-under 71 at the Stadium Course. Kokrak's 63 in round one at La Quinta was one stroke shy of his career low. Kokrak is making his sixth start in the CareerBuilder Challenge this week, with a T8 in 2013 his only top-25 showing.

Stewart Cink made seven birdies and an eagle in round three at La Quinta, good for a 7-under 65. Cink, a six-time winner on the PGA TOUR, will enter the final round tied for 11th place.

Zach Johnson, who entered the day T4, shot a third-round 73 at the Stadium Course and will enter the final round T21. Johnson is seeking to improve on his best result of T3 at the 2014 CareerBuilder Challenge in seven previous appearances. He is making his fifth start this season, with three top-15 finishes and a combined score of 41-under in his first four events.

Jhonattan Vegas, winner of the CareerBuilder Challenge in 2011, made five birdies en route to a third-round 68. Vegas' best finish in five previous starts this season came two weeks ago at the Sentry Tournament of Champions, where he tied for seventh place.

Palm Desert High School senior Charlie Reiter, 18, missed the cut after rounds of 68-70-77. Reiter hit two of the three longest drives measured in the first three rounds, with both coming in round two.

Daniel Summerhays made a hole-in-one at the third hole of La Quinta in round three. Summerhays used a 5-iron from 203 yards for the ace, his second on the PGA TOUR. His first ace came at the RBC Heritage in 2011.

Defending CareerBuilder Challenge winner Hudson Swafford sits T21 at 12-under following rounds of 66-68-70. Last year, Swafford stood T3 entering the final round before a 67 earned him the victory.

Jonathan Randolph withdrew before the start of round three. For amateur purposes, Randolph was replaced by Chris Gilley, head golf professional at La Quinta Country Club.

Other Miscellaneous Notes

Thirteen past champions of the CareerBuilder Challenge are in this week's field: Mark Brooks/1996 (MC), Phil Mickelson/2002, 2004 (MC), Mike Weir/2003 (MC), Chad Campbell/2006 (MC), D.J. Trahan/2008 (MC), Bill Haas/2010, 2015 (MC), Jhonattan Vegas/2011 (T11), Mark Wilson/2012 (MC), Brian Gay/2013 (T33), Patrick Reed/2014 (MC), Jason Dufner/2016 (T66) and Hudson Swafford/2017 (T21), Corey Pavin/1987, 1991 (WD).

Scoring Averages	R1	R2	R3
Stadium Course	70.843	70.538	72.077
Nicklaus Tournament Course	68.692	68.885	70.784
La Quinta Country Club	68.442	68.529	69.529

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.

R3 – Tom Hoge (66/LQ), Kevin Streelman (68/NT), Nick Taylor (69/LQ), Hunter Mahan (69/NT), Andrew Landry (70/SC).