



GENESIS OPEN

2018 Genesis Open

(15th of 44 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Pacific Palisades, CA
Riviera Country Club

February 15-18, 2018

Purse: \$7,200,000 (\$1,296,000)
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,322

Second-Round Notes – Saturday, February 17, 2018

Weather: Sunny with a high of 70. Wind SW 10 mph.

The second round was suspended due to darkness at 5:46 p.m. with 15 players left to complete the round. Resumption of round two began at 7:11 a.m. Saturday and was completed at 8:10 a.m., with the third round featuring threesomes off split tees from approximately 8:39 – 10:45 a.m.

Cut: 76 professionals at 2-over 144 from a field of 143 professionals and one amateur.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Patrick Cantlay	66-69—135 (-7)
Graeme McDowell	69-66—135 (-7)
Ryan Moore	68-68—136 (-6)
Sam Saunders	67-69—136 (-6)

Patrick Cantlay

Patrick Cantlay (69), who shared the Genesis Open first-round lead with Tony Finau, now shares the 36-hole lead with Graeme McDowell at 7-under 135.

Cantlay's round included three consecutive birdies on Nos. 6-8 before a bogey on the par-4 ninth hole (his 18th of the day) led to the 69.

R1 statistics: 10 of 14 fairways, 16 of 18 greens, 1 of 2 scrambling, 29 putts.

R2 statistics: 8 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens, 2 of 3 scrambling, 31 putts.

Cantlay's most greens in regulation through 36 holes: 31 (2018 Genesis Open, 2017 THE NORTHERN TRUST), 30 (2011 Travelers Championship), 29 (2013 CareerBuilder Challenge).

Cantlay's only previous second-round lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR came at the 2011 Travelers Championship, following a second-round, career-low 10-under 60. He later added rounds of 72-70 to finish T24.

In two previous appearances at the Genesis Open, Cantlay failed to advance to the weekend (2012/78-72, 2013/70-75).

Cantlay claimed his first PGA TOUR title with a playoff victory over Alex Cejka and Whee Kim at the 2017 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

Cantlay is making his 47th career start on TOUR and his sixth start this season. After playing just 13 events last season, and making the cut in all 13, Cantlay fulfilled a Major Medical Extension with a runner-up result at the 2017 Valspar Championship in just his second start that season. Cantlay advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs (one of five to do so from outside the top 30 at the beginning of the Playoffs) and made it through all four Playoffs events, eventually ending the season No. 29 in the standings. Cantlay currently sits No. 11 in the FedExCup standings.

Cantlay joined 2017 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year Xander Schauffele as the only rookies to advance all the way to the 2017 TOUR Championship in the FedExCup Playoffs.

Graeme McDowell

Playing in his 600th official PGA TOUR round, Graeme McDowell posted a second-round 5-under 66 to jump from T17 to T1, sharing the second-round lead with Patrick Cantlay.

R1 statistics: 10 of 14 fairways, 13 of 18 greens, 4 of 5 scrambling, 29 putts.

R2 statistics: 11 of 14 fairways, 14 of 18 greens, 4 of 4 scrambling, 29 putts.

McDowell ranks second in the field through 36 holes in scrambling (8 of 9), compared to a ranking of 188th so far this season.

Making his 191st PGA TOUR start, McDowell is in search of his fourth PGA TOUR victory: 2010 U.S. Open, 2013 RBC Heritage, 2015 OHL Classic at Mayakoba.

This marks McDowell's sixth appearance at the Genesis Open, with his only previous made cuts coming in 2017 (67th) and 2009 (T41).

McDowell is making his sixth start of the 2017-18 season, with a T10 at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open his best outing.

Currently No. 87 in the FedExCup standings, McDowell is still in search of his first trip to the TOUR Championship during the FedExCup era. His best finish in the FedExCup was No. 42 in 2012.

McDowell has now held the lead/co-lead after 36 holes four times; 2010 U.S. Open (1st), 2014 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions (T3), 2015 OHL Classic at Mayakoba (1st), 2018 Genesis Open (TBD).

Second-Round Lead Notes

Last year, eventual champion Dustin Johnson (10-under) held a one-stroke advantage over Cameron Tringale and Pat Perez. Prior to Johnson in 2017, the last 36-hole leader to win the Genesis Open was Phil Mickelson in 2008.

The last time the 36-hole leader of the Genesis Open had more than a single-stroke lead was in 2011, when Fred Couples led by two over four players at 8-under 134.

Seven of 14 second-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win this season, most recently Ted Potter, Jr. at last week's AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

The Genesis Open 36-hole scoring record is 130 shared by Davis Love (1992), Mike Weir (2004) and Shigeki Maruyama (2004).

Tiger Woods

With rounds of 72-76, Tiger Woods missed the cut for just the 25th time in his career. Prior to missing the cut this week at The Riviera Country Club, Woods' two previous starts came at the Farmers Insurance Open, missing the cut in 2017 and finishing T23 this year.

R1 statistics: 8 of 14 fairways, 7 of 18 greens, 6 of 11 scrambling, 25 putts.

R2 statistics: 5 of 14 fairways, 9 of 18 greens, 4 of 9 scrambling, 32 putts.

This week marks Woods' 330th career start on the PGA TOUR. He made his first PGA TOUR appearance at the Genesis Open in 1992, missing the cut as a 16-year-old amateur. Woods' most recent appearance at the Genesis Open was 2006, when he withdrew following rounds of 69-74.

In 11 starts at the Genesis Open, Woods owns four top-10 results. His best finish is runner-up in 1998. He also posted a T2 in 1999. Without a win in 11 starts in this event, the Genesis Open is the only tournament where Woods has made double-digit appearances and failed to collect a victory.

Ryan Moore

After opening his round with an eagle on the par-5 first hole and a birdie on the par-4 second, Ryan Moore went on to record a 3-under 68, moving from T6 to T3, trailing Patrick Cantlay and Graeme McDowell by one stroke.

Moore is making his 12th start at the Genesis Open, with top-10 finishes in 2011 (T4) and 2016 (10th).

R1 statistics: 12 of 14 fairways, 10 of 18 greens, 6 of 8 scrambling, 25 putts.

R2 statistics: 9 of 14 fairways, 8 of 18 greens, 7 of 10 scrambling, 24 putts.

Making his 310th PGA TOUR start, Moore is in search of his sixth PGA TOUR victory: 2009 Wyndham Championship, 2012 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, 2013 CIMB Classic, 2014 CIMB Classic, 2016 John Deere Classic.

This week marked Moore's fifth start of the season, most recently missing the cut at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. His best finish came at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba (T6).

Currently No. 88 in the FedExCup standings, Moore has advanced at least to the second Playoffs event each year of the FedExCup era, led by a seventh-place finish in 2016.

Additional Player Notes

Sam Saunders bogeyed his final hole for a 2-under 69 and is tied for third place with Ryan Moore, one stroke behind Patrick Cantlay and Graeme McDowell. Saunders finished T49 in his only previous start at the Genesis Open (2017).

First-round co-leader and 2016 Puerto Rico Open champion Tony Finau followed a 5-under 66 with a second-round even-par 71 to fall to fifth place, two strokes behind leaders Patrick Cantlay and Graeme McDowell. Finau's round was highlighted by an eagle-birdie stretch on Nos. 11-12 but involved bogeys on Nos. 2, 5, 10 and 14. This marks Finau's fourth appearance at the Genesis Open. In 2015, he finished T56 before missing the cut in both 2016 and 2017.

Highlighted by four consecutive birdies on Nos. 18-3, Bubba Watson posted a 1-under 70 to move to T6. Watson left Riviera Country Club Friday and headed to take part in the NBA All-Star Celebrity Game at the Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles.

Since the 2018 OHL Classic at Mayakoba and heading into the second round of the Genesis Open, Chez Reavie (T64) held the TOUR's best streak of consecutive rounds at par-or-better (23), but that streak ended Friday with a 5-over 76.

Playing on a sponsor exemption, China's Haotong Li sits T36 following matching rounds of even-par 71. Li is one of four players of Chinese heritage in the field this week, with Zecheng Dou, Xinjun Zhang and C.T. Pan all missing the cut. This week marked the most players from China playing a PGA TOUR event (outside of WGC-HSBC Champions). Chinese New Year (Spring Festival), the Year of the Dog, began today (February 16).

Defending Genesis Open champion and World No. 1 Dustin Johnson sits T53 after rounds of 74-69.

Cameron Champ, the Charlie Sifford Memorial Exemption recipient for the Genesis Open, missed the cut following rounds of 75-72 in just his third PGA TOUR start as a professional.

Miscellaneous Notes

Since 2004, no other hole on the PGA TOUR has yielded more eagles than No. 1 at The Riviera Country Club. Before Thursday's first round, 384 total eagles had been made on the opening hole at Riviera. Six players recorded eagles at No. 1 in the opening round (Rory McIlroy, Padraig Harrington, Sean O'Hair, Brandon Harkins, Aaron Baddeley, John Merrick). During the second round, nine players eagled the hole (Ryan Moore, Brandon Harkins, John Huh, Pat Perez, Kelly Kraft, Luke Donald, Adam Scott, Charles Howell III, Parker McLachlin).

The par-4 10th hole at The Riviera Country Club tempted 91 of the 144 players in the field to 'go for the green' in the opening round and 104 of 142 players in the second round. Of the 91 in the first round, only two players found the surface – 2017 Genesis Open runner-up Thomas Pieters (birdie) and last week's AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am winner Ted Potter, Jr. (bogey). Of the 104 in the second round, two players again found the surface – Jonas Blixt (par) and Martin Flores (par).

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 – Chez Reavie (68).

R2 – Martin Kaymer (67), Cameron Smith (68).

Early vs. Late Scoring Averages:

R1 – Early (72.07), Late (72.34)

R2 – Early (71.93), Late (72.34)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.545	36.657	72.203	--
R2:	35.150	36.969	72.118	72.163

Morgan Hoffmann withdrew during the second round.