



**2018 the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide**  
(The 31<sup>st</sup> 44 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

**Dublin, Ohio**  
**Muirfield Village Golf Club**

**May 31-June 3, 2018**  
**Par/Yardage: 36-36—72/7,392**

**FedExCup Points: 500**  
**Purse: \$8,900,000 (\$1,602,000)**

### **First-Round Notes – Thursday, May 31, 2018**

*Weather: Partly cloudy with highs in the upper-80s. SW wind at 10-15 mph, gusting to 20 mph.*

#### **First-Round Leaderboard**

|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| Abraham Ancer    | 65 (-7) |
| Joaquin Niemann  | 65 (-7) |
| Hideki Matsuyama | 65 (-7) |
| Beau Hossler     | 66 (-6) |

#### **Five Things To Know**

- Ancer, Niemann and Hossler are all competing at the Memorial Tournament for the first time. Matsuyama makes his fifth start.
- Niemann will be 19 years, 6 months, 27 days on Sunday. With a win this week, would become third-youngest winner in PGA TOUR history (Harry Cooper/19 years, 4 days/1923 Galveston Open, Ralph Guldahl/19 years, 2 months, 3 days/1931 Santa Monica Open).
- Matsuyama holds first-round lead/co-lead on PGA TOUR for fifth time in his career. This marks first time Ancer and Niemann have held a lead/co-lead after any round on the PGA TOUR.
- Matsuyama's 6-under B-B-B-B-E stretch on Nos. 13-17 ties second-best this season (Peter Uihlein/7-under/B-B-B-B-E/R3/Wells Fargo Championship).
- Three players tied for first-round lead for the fourth time at this event (1984, 2007, 2010, 2018). Record is four players (1997, 1998).

#### **First-Round Lead Notes**

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|----|--|
| 3  | First-round leaders/co-leaders at the Memorial Tournament to win (Ernie Els/2004, Justin Rose/2010, Jason Dufner/2017) |
| 7  | First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2017-18 (most recent, Webb Simpson/THE PLAYERS Championship)      |
| 63 | Low first round in tournament history (Rory McIlroy/2014)  |
| 65 | Low first round by a winner (Kenny Perry/2003, Justin Rose/2010, Jason Dufner/2017)                                    |

#### **Abraham Ancer (T1)**

**Age:** 27 (February 27, 1991)

**Joined TOUR:** 2016

#### **Entering this week**

|      |  |
|------|--|
| #106 | FedExCup   |
| #196 | OWGR   |
| 39   | PGA TOUR starts  |
| 0    | PGA TOUR wins  |
| 0    | Starts at the Memorial Tournament                                |
| 19   | PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18                                       |
| 2    | Top-10s in 2017-18 (T8/Houston Open, T9/OHL Classic at Mayakoba) |

- Born in McAllen, Texas and raised in Reynosa, Mexico, has dual American and Mexican citizenship.
- Played college golf at Odessa College and the University of Oklahoma, graduating in 2013. Won Jack Nicklaus Award as a freshman and came to Muirfield Village to receive award from Jack Nicklaus.

- Making his 40<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start this week.
- Thursday's 65 matched his lowest opening round this season (65/AT&T Byron Nelson). In 19 previous starts this season his highest opening round is 72 (six times).
- Turned professional in 2013 and qualified for the Web.com Tour via Q-School, winning the 2015 Nova Scotia Open. Finished 11<sup>th</sup> on the money list, earning a PGA TOUR card for the 2015-16 season where he made six cuts in 19 events with a T18 at the FedEx St. Jude Classic his best result.
- Finished third in the 2017 Web.com Tour Regular Season money list to regain TOUR status for 2017-18. This season, he's made the cut in 13 of 19 starts, including two top-10 results – T9 at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba and T8 at the Houston Open.
- Cesar Sanudo and Victor Regalado are the only native Mexican golfers to win on the PGA TOUR. Regalado won the 1974 Pleasant Valley Classic and 1978 Ed McMahon-Jaycees Quad Cities Open (John Deere Classic). Sanudo won the 1970 Azalea Open Invitational.

Mexican golfers who have/had membership on the PGA TOUR:

| <b>Player</b>   | <b>First Year of Membership (Hometown)</b> |
|-----------------|--|
| Cesar Sanudo    | 1969 (Navajoa)                             |
| Victor Regalado | 1973 (Tijuana)                             |
| Rafael Alarcon  | 1983 (Guadalajara)                         |
| Esteban Toledo  | 1998 (Mexicali)                            |
| Alex Aragon     | 2006 (Mexico City)                         |
| Carlos Ortiz    | 2014-15 (Guadalajara)                      |
| Oscar Fraustro  | 2014-15 (Mexico City)                      |
| Carlos Ortiz    | 2015-16 (Guadalajara)                      |
| Abraham Ancer   | 2015-16 (Reynosa)                          |
| Roberto Diaz    | 2017-18 (Veracruz)                         |

### **Joaquin Niemann (T1)**

**Age:** 19 (November 7, 1998)

**Joined TOUR:** Non-member

#### **Entering this week**

|      |   |
|------|---|
| #N/A | FedExCup  |
| #406 | OWGR  |
| 7    | PGA TOUR starts   |
| 0    | PGA TOUR wins   |
| 0    | Starts at the Memorial Tournament   |
| 5    | PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18  |
| 2    | Top-10s in 2017-18 (6 <sup>th</sup> /Valero Texas Open, T8/Fort Worth Invitational) |

- Chilean was No. 1 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking before making his professional debut at the 2018 Valero Texas Open, where he finished sixth to earn a spot in the 2018 Wells Fargo Championship (MC).
- Early in 2017, in Panama, he faced his friend, Toto Gana, in a playoff for the Latin America Amateur title – and a Masters berth. Gana won and earned his ticket to Augusta National. Niemann traveled to Augusta to watch. In 2018, Niemann won the Latin America Amateur title to earn a spot in this year's field at Augusta National, missing the cut with rounds of 76-77.
- Thursday's 65 was one stroke shy of his career low round on TOUR (64/R4/2017 The Greenbrier Classic).
- Last week, Niemann finished T8 at the Fort Worth Invitational.
- Currently owns 180 non-member FedExCup points and requires 89 additional FedExCup points (solo 7<sup>th</sup> or better) to match No. 150 from last season (269/Rick Lamb) and become eligible to seek Special Temporary Membership of PGA TOUR.

### **Hideki Matsuyama (T1)**

**Age:** 26 (February 25, 1992)

**Joined TOUR:** 2013

#### **Entering this week**

|     |                                   |
|-----|-----------------------------------|
| #81 | FedExCup                          |
| #10 | OWGR                              |
| 116 | PGA TOUR starts                   |
| 5   | PGA TOUR wins                     |
| 4   | Starts at the Memorial Tournament |

- 2 Top-10s at the Memorial Tournament
- 11 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
- 2 Top-10s in 2017-18 (T4/Sentry Tournament of Champions, T5/CIMB Classic)
- 1/4 Wins when holding 18-hole lead/co-lead (2016 Waste Management Phoenix Open)

**Wins (5):** 2014 The Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide, 2016 Waste Management Phoenix Open, 2016 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions, 2017 Waste Management Phoenix Open, 2017 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational.

- Won the Memorial Tournament in his first appearance in 2014 and returned in 2015 to finish T5. Missed the cut in 2016, T45 in 2017.
- First player from Japan to win the Memorial Tournament.
- Fifth first-round lead/co-lead on PGA TOUR, winning one of previous four (2015 THE PLAYERS Championship/T17, 2015 the Memorial Tournament/T5, 2016 Waste Management Phoenix Open/1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 TOUR Championship/5<sup>th</sup>).
- Thursday's 65 included seven birdies and an eagle 2 at the par-4 17<sup>th</sup> hole, when he holed out from 137 yards with a gap wedge.
- Seventh player in tournament history to eagle No. 17 (most recent, Bubba Watson/2009/R2).
- Entering this week, has shot under-par in 10 of 14 rounds at Muirfield Village for a 70.57 scoring average, third-best behind Robert Streb (70.25) and Tiger Woods (70.32) \*minimum 10 rounds.

**Additional Player Notes**

**Beau Hossler (T4)**

- Opening-round 66 was ninth round of 66 or better this season, one fewer than Austin Cook for the most on TOUR.
- In his 21<sup>st</sup> start this season, recorded an under-par opening round for the 18<sup>th</sup> time.
- Hit 10 of 14 fairways, 16 of 18 greens and took 29 putts (holed 146' 4" of putts).

**Lucas Glover (T5)**

- Best finish in 13 previous starts at the Memorial Tournament is T8 in 2005, his first appearance at Muirfield Village.
- In 39 rounds at Muirfield Village, 5-under 67 is his low round (four times, R1/2005, R2/2016, R1/2017, R1/2018).
- Winner of three PGA TOUR titles, including the 2009 U.S. Open. Most recent win: 2011 Wells Fargo Championship (172 starts ago).
- Lone top-10 finish in 16 starts this season is T7 at CIMB Classic. Made 14 cuts in 16 starts this season.

**Jason Day (T9)**

- Was 4-under after six holes before shooting 4-under 68. Lone bogey came at par-3 12<sup>th</sup> hole.
- One of five multiple winners this season with victories at the Farmers Insurance Open and Wells Fargo Championship.
- Has made six cuts in nine starts at the Memorial Tournament with T15 in 2017 his best result.
- 66 (R1/2016) is low round at Muirfield Village Golf Club, where the Columbus resident is a member.

**Tiger Woods (T47)**

- Five -time winner at Muirfield Village makes 16<sup>th</sup> appearance at this event, but first since 2015.
- Hit 9 of 14 fairways, 12 of 18 greens in regulation and needed 29 putts (holed 58' 3" of putts).
- Starting at No. 10, played the par-5s 3-over to turn in 39. Four birdies on his inward nine resulted in an even-par 72 to sit T47.
- Woods' par-5 scoring average on the PGA TOUR since 1997 is 4.49. Below is Woods' scoring breakdown on par-5s entering the Memorial Tournament.

**Tiger Woods  
Par 5 Scoring Breakdown on TOUR Since 1997**

| Score        | Totals | %      |
|--------------|--------|--------|
| Eagle        | 149    | 4.01%  |
| Birdie       | 1,856  | 49.93% |
| Par          | 1,491  | 40.11% |
| Bogey        | 181    | 4.87%  |
| Double Bogey | 35     | 0.94%  |
| Others       | 5      | 0.13%  |

|                    |       |  |
|--------------------|-------|--|
| Tot. Par 5s played | 3,717 |  |
|--------------------|-------|--|

*\*Entering This Week*

### Doc Redman (T109)

- Former Clemson standout shot 5-over 77 in his debut as a professional this week.

### Featured Pairings R1 Scores

- Patrick Reed (71), Justin Thomas (72), Rickie Fowler (72)
- Justin Rose (71), Jason Dufner (75), Tiger Woods (72)
- Jason Day (68), Rory McIlroy (74), Dustin Johnson (72)
- Bubba Watson (71), Phil Mickelson (74), Jordan Spieth (75)

### Course Statistics

#### Toughest Hole

R1: Par-4 ninth hole at 4.300

#### Easiest Hole

R1: Par-5 fifth hole at 4.583

#### Scoring Averages

|     | Front 9 | Back 9 | Total  | Cumulative |
|-----|---------|--------|--------|------------|
| R1: | 35.692  | 36.867 | 72.558 | --         |
|     | Early   | Late   |        |            |
| R1: | 71.82   | 73.30  |        |            |

#### Bogey-free rounds

R1: Keegan Bradley (68), Andrew Dorn (69), Branden Grace (69).