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## 2018 the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide

(The 31<sup>st</sup> of 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)

### Second-Round Notes – Friday, June 1, 2018

*Weather: Cloudy with late afternoon thunderstorms with highs in the lower 80s. NW wind at 5-10 mph. Second-round play was delayed due to severe weather in the area at 4:17 p.m. ET and play resumed at 5:45 p.m. ET for a delay of one hour and 28 minutes.*

*In the 43 times that the Memorial Tournament has been contested, this is the 26<sup>th</sup> time play has been suspended at least once.*

#### Second-Round Leaderboard

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Kyle Stanley    | 67-66—133 (-11) |
| Joaquin Niemann | 65-68—133 (-11) |
| Byeong Hun An   | 68-67—135 (-9)  |

36-hole cut: 81 players made the cut at even-par 144. The 54-hole cut will be used since there are more than 78 players advanced to the weekend.

#### **Six Things to Know**

- Kyle Stanley holds the second-round lead/co-lead on PGA TOUR for fourth time in his career. He is yet to convert the 36-hole lead into a victory.
- Tiger Woods is leading the field in Strokes Gained: Tee-To-Green (+4.142) and is second in Strokes Gained: Approach-the-Green (+3.213) and Strokes Gained: Around-the-Green and third in Proximity to Hole (23'0").
- Niemann, who is one shot back entering the weekend, 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).
- Largest comeback after 36 holes at the Memorial Tournament is nine shots by Ray Floyd in 1982.
- Jason Day (T4) or Justin Rose (T9) could overtake Justin Thomas as the leader in the FedExCup standings with a win this week.
- Dustin Johnson and Justin Rose each have guaranteed a shot at taking over No. 1 in the Official World Golf Rankings this weekend with a win. Depending on Thomas' finish, there are a number of scenarios in which either could overtake Thomas without a victory.

#### **Second-Round Lead Notes**

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| 15 | Second-round leaders/co-leaders at the Memorial Tournament have gone on to win (most recent, Jason Dufner/2017)  |
| 8  | Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2017-18 (most recent, Justin Rose/Fort Worth Invitational) |
| 61 | Low second round in tournament history (John Huston/1996)  |
| 63 | Low second round by a winner (Kenny Perry/1991, Tiger Woods/2000)  |
| 74 | High second round by a winner (Greg Norman/1990, Tiger Woods/2009)   |

#### **Kyle Stanley (T1)**

**Age:** 30 (November 19, 1987)

**Joined TOUR:** 2011

#### **Entering this week**

|     |                 |
|-----|-----------------|
| #53 | FedExCup        |
| #49 | OWGR            |
| 202 | PGA TOUR starts |

2 PGA TOUR wins  
5 Starts at the Memorial Tournament  
2 Top-10s at the Memorial Tournament  
14 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18  
3 Top-10s in 2017-18 (T5/World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions, T10/Sony Open in Hawaii, T5 in WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play)  
0/3 Wins when holding 36-hole lead/co-lead

**Wins (2):** 2012 Waste Management Phoenix Open, 2017 Quicken Loans National

- Stanley posted a career-best round at Muirfield Village with a 6-under 66 that included eight birdies and two bogeys.
- Has two top-10s in five prior starts at the Memorial Tournament, including a T6 in 2017 and solo-third in 2013.
- Recorded his fifth consecutive under-par round at Muirfield Village.
- Carded 14 birdies, second best in the field, through two rounds.
- In three prior tries with the 36-hole lead/co-lead, Stanley has finished T24 (2011 Honda Classic), 2nd (2012 Farmers Insurance Open), and T4 (THE PLAYERS Championship 2017).
- Hit 11 of 14 fairways, 14 of 18 greens, and needed 26 putts.
- Former Clemson Tiger finished a career-best 24<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings a year ago.

### **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)

- Niemann birdied three of his final five holes Friday to take a share of the 36-hole lead with a 4-under 68. It is his first share of the 36-hole lead on the PGA TOUR.
- 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).
- Leading the field in birdies (15) and putting average (1.517) through two rounds.
- 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.
- Prior to winning the Latin America Amateur, Niemann finished T108 at Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament in early December, failing to gain fully exempt status on the Web.com Tour.
- 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.

### **Additional Player Notes**

#### **Byeong Hun An (3)**

- Tied his lowest career round at Muirfield Village with a bogey-free, 5-under 67.
- Finished in the top 25 in back-to-back years (T25/2017, T11/2016) at the Memorial Tournament after missing the cut in his first start in 2010.
- Has two top-10s in 13 starts this season with a season-best T5 at The Honda Classic.
- Hit 12 of 14 fairways, 16 of 18 greens, and took 31 putts.

#### **Hideki Matsuyama (T4)**

- 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 and youngest player in tournament history to win the event with his win in 2014 (22 years, 3 months, 7 days).

- Has now shot under-par in 12 of 16 rounds at Muirfield Village.

#### **Wesley Bryan (T4)**

- Making his first start at the Memorial Tournament, opened with back-to-back 68s.
- Opened season with six straight made cuts before missing the cut in seven of his last nine starts entering this week. Season-best finish was a T27 at the Sentry Tournament of Champions.

#### **J.B. Holmes (T4)**

- Holmes' second-round, 6-under 66 is his best round in 34 career rounds at the Memorial Tournament. In 10 prior starts here, his best finish is a T4 in 2016.
- Played the par-5s in 5-under-par during his second round and is 8-under on the par-5s through two rounds.
- Six for six scrambling in the second round

#### **Bryson DeChambeau (T4)**

- Opened the front nine with six birdies on his way to a 6-under 30 but posted a bogey at the par-5 11<sup>th</sup> and double bogey at the par-4 14<sup>th</sup> before birdies at Nos. 16 and 17 for a 5-under 67.
- Has four top-five finishes in 15 starts this season including a season-best runner-up finish at the Arnold Palmer Invitational. Ranked 22<sup>nd</sup> in the FedExCup standings.
- Leading the field in Strokes Gained: Putting (+3.090) through two rounds.

#### **Jason Day (T4)**

- Hit 9 of 14 fairways, 13 of 18 greens in regulation and needed 28 putts (holed 61'7" of putts).
- Day is one of two players along with Justin Rose who could surpass Justin Thomas for the FedExCup points lead with a win this week.
- One of five multiple winners this season with victories at the Farmers Insurance Open and Wells Fargo Championship.
- In nine prior starts at the Memorial Tournament, T15 in 2017 is his best result.
- Ranked second in proximity in the second round with an average distance from the pin of 19'4".
- Leads the TOUR in SG:Putting (+1.414) but was 97<sup>th</sup> in Strokes Gained: Putting (-1.365) during the second round.

#### **Tiger Woods (T24)**

- One day after playing the par-5s in 1-over-par, Woods played the par-5s in 5-under-par in the second round with three birdies and an eagle.
- Holed out from 95 yards on the par-5 11<sup>th</sup> for his 13<sup>th</sup> career eagle at Muirfield Village.
- Ranked first in Strokes Gained: Tee-To-Green (+4.142) through two rounds.
- First in Strokes Gained: Approach-the-Green (+4.691) during the second round but was 119<sup>th</sup> in Strokes Gained:Putting (-3.686).
- Sits second in Strokes Gained: Around the Green (+1.943) this week.
- Ranked 79<sup>th</sup> in Strokes Gained: Putting (-4.267) through two rounds.
- Hit 9 of 14 fairways, 14 of 18 greens in regulation and needed 27 putts during the second round.
- Five-time winner at Muirfield Village makes 16<sup>th</sup> appearance at this event, but first since 2015.

#### **Justin Rose (T9)**

- Has one victory (2010), two runner-ups and four additional top-10s in 11 career starts at the Memorial Tournament. Finished runner-up in his last start here in 2015.
- After winning the Fort Worth Invitational last weekend, Rose could overtake Justin Thomas for No. 1 in the FedExCup standings with a win.
- Won twice already in 10 starts this season with victories at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions and Fort Worth Invitational, one of five multiple winners this season.

#### **Dustin Johnson (T14)**

- Starting on No. 10, Johnson, who leads the PGA TOUR in scoring average at 69.198, played the first three holes in 1-over but played his last 15 holes of the second round in 7-under.
- Has two top-10s at the Memorial Tournament in 10 prior starts with a career-best solo-third in 2016.
- Could overtake World No. 1 Justin Thomas with a win. With a solo second, he'd need Thomas to finish worse than solo fifth. With a solo third, Thomas would need to finish worse than fifth. With a solo fourth, Thomas would need to finish worse than 11<sup>th</sup>, and with a solo fifth, Thomas would need to finish worse than 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Phil Mickelson (T35)**

- After playing his first 26 holes of the tournament in 3-over-par, Mickelson has played his last 10 holes in 7-under-par.

- Through two rounds, Mickelson is 8-under-par combined on the front nine at Muirfield Village Golf Club and 4-over-par on the back nine.
- Has made 14 cuts in 17 previous starts at the Memorial Tournament but has just three top-10s, with a career-best T4 in 2006.

**Adam Hadwin (T69)**

- Continued a current PGA TOUR-best streak of 16 consecutive made cuts with birdies on two of his last four holes to make the cut on the number after rounds of 74-70-144 (E).

**Stewart Cink (MC)**

- Missed the cut with rounds of 75-73, snapping a tournament record streak of 19 consecutive cuts made (1998-2015, 2017).

**Ryan Armour (T14)**

- Former Ohio State Buckeye Ryan Armour opened with rounds of 70-68-138 (-6) in his second career start at the Memorial Tournament. Armour missed the cut with back-to-back 76s a year ago at Muirfield Village.

**Jason Dufner (MC)**

- Defending champion Jason Dufner missed the cut with rounds of 75-73—148 (+4).

**Course Statistics**

**Toughest Hole**

**R1:** Par-4 ninth hole at 4.300

**R2:** Par-4 18<sup>th</sup> hole at 4.192

**Easiest Hole**

**R1:** Par-5 fifth hole at 4.583

**R2:** Par-5 fifth hole at 4.442

**Scoring Averages**

|            | <b>Front 9</b> | <b>Back 9</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Cumulative</b> |
|------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|
| <b>R1:</b> | 35.692         | 36.867        | 72.558       | --                |
| <b>R2:</b> | 35.042         | 35.417        | 70.458       | 71.508            |

  

|            | <b>Early</b> | <b>Late</b> |
|------------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>R1:</b> | 71.82        | 73.30       |
| <b>R2:</b> | 71.25        | 69.67       |

**Bogey-free rounds**

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

**R2:** Byeong Hun An (67), J.B. Holmes (67), John Senden (69).