



## 2018 THE NORTHERN TRUST

*(The first of four events in the FedExCup Playoffs)*

Paramus, New Jersey

August 21-26, 2018

FedExCup Points: 2000 Purse: \$9,000,000

The Ridgewood Country Club

Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,385

### Second-Round Notes – Friday, August 24, 2018

*Weather: Sunny, with a high of 83. Wind SW 4-8 mph.*

*36-Hole Cut: 80 professionals at even-par 142 from a field of 119 professionals.*

### Second-Round Leaderboard

Jamie Lovemark	66-66 – 132 (-10)
Brooks Koepka	67-65 – 132 (-10)
Adam Scott	69-64 – 133 (-9)
Dustin Johnson	67-67 – 134 (-8)
Bryson DeChambeau	68-66 – 134 (-8)

### Five Things To Know

- The top-125 players in the FedExCup standings qualify for THE NORTHERN TRUST, making it an elite field based entirely on merit and play throughout the season.
- 11 players saw their season end after the second round (see list below). Only the top 100 advance to next week's Dell Technologies Championship.
- Of the top 10 in the FedExCup standings, two players missed the cut: Justin Rose (Projected No. 7) and Francesco Molinari (Projected 12) and three are in the top-10 (Dustin Johnson/T4/projected No. 2; Brooks Koepka/T1/projected No. 1; Bryson DeChambeau/T4/projected No. 5)
- Jamie Lovemark made 186' 4" of putts on Friday, a new career-best (previous: 165' 6"/R1/2017 U.S. Open); he leads the field in Strokes Gained: Putting (8.870).
- Tiger Woods made the cut on the number, posting back-to-back rounds of even-par 71. Despite hitting 16 of 18 greens, he lost three strokes on the field in putting (35 putts; Strokes Gained: Putting: -3.006)

### Second-Round Lead Notes

14 of 51	Second-round leaders/co-leaders at THE NORTHERN TRUST who have gone on to win. (Most recent: Dustin Johnson- tied- 2017)
12	Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2017-18 (Most recent: Brandt Snedeker/Wyndham Championship)

### Jamie Lovemark

**Age:** 30 (January 23, 1988)

**Joined TOUR:** 2009

### Entering the week:

#86	FedExCup
#4	FedExCup Projected Standing
#108	OWGR
2	Previous starts at THE NORTHERN TRUST
T22 (2016)	Best finish at THE NORTHERN TRUST
143	PGA TOUR starts

24 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18  
3 Top-10s in 2017-18

**Best 2017-2018 results:** T5—THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES; 7—The Honda Classic; T10—Zurich Classic of New Orleans

- Posted matching 66s in rounds one and two to enter the weekend tied for the lead with Brooks Koepka at 10-under.
- Made 186' 4" of putts on Friday, a new career-best (previous: 165' 6" / R1 / 2017 U.S. Open); leads the field in Strokes Gained: Putting (8.870).
- Should Lovemark win this week, he would become the ninth player to make THE NORTHERN TRUST his first PGA TOUR victory (most recent: Jonathan Kaye, 2003)
- Playing THE NORTHERN TRUST at The Ridgewood Country Club for the first time in his career.
- Has led/co-led through 36 holes only one other time; was T1 through 36 holes earlier this year at The Honda Classic en route to a 7<sup>th</sup> place finish
- Advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs for the third year in a row but has yet to qualify for the TOUR Championship (finished 49<sup>th</sup> and 57<sup>th</sup> in the standings in 2016 and 2017, respectively).
- Best finish in a FedExCup Playoffs event was T22 at the 2016 playing of THE NORTHERN TRUST.
- Career-best finish on TOUR: T2/2016 Zurich Classic of New Orleans; T2/2009 Safeway Open.

### **Brooks Koepka**

**Age:** 28 (May 3, 1990)

**Joined TOUR:** 2014

#### **Entering the week**

#3 FedExCup  
#1 FedExCup Projected Standing  
#2 OWGR  
3 Starts at THE NORTHERN TRUST  
T49 (2017) Best finish at THE NORTHERN TRUST  
100 PGA TOUR starts  
4 PGA TOUR victories  
13 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18  
5 Top-10s in 2017-18

**Wins (4):** 2015 Waste Management Phoenix Open. 2017 U.S. Open. 2018 U.S. Open, PGA Championship.

**Best 2017-2018 results:** 1st - U.S. Open, PGA Championship.

- After making the turn at even par for the round, Koepka posted a six-under 30 on his back nine, finishing birdie-birdie-birdie to card a 65 and enter the weekend tied for the lead.
- His eagle on the 631-yard 13<sup>th</sup> hole was the first eagle of the week on the par 5.
- This marks the fourth time Koepka has led/co-led through 36 holes, converting one to victory: 2017 U.S. Open.
- Making his fourth consecutive appearance in the FedExCup Playoffs, Koepka is looking for his first finish inside the top five after finishing a career-best 10<sup>th</sup> last year.

### **Adam Scott**

**Age:** 38 (July 16, 1980)

**Joined TOUR:** 2003

#### **Entering the week:**

#73 FedExCup  
#18 FedExCup Projected Standing  
#44 OWGR  
13 Previous starts at THE NORTHERN TRUST  
1 (2013) Win at THE NORTHERN TRUST  
299 PGA TOUR starts  
18 PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18

**PGA TOUR Wins (13):** 2003 Deutsche Bank Championship. 2004 THE PLAYERS Championship, Booz Allen Classic. 2006 THE TOUR Championship presented by Coca-Cola. 2007 Shell Houston Open. 2008 EDS Byron Nelson Championship. 2010 Valero Texas Open. 2011 World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational. 2013 Masters Tournament, THE NORTHERN TRUST. 2014 Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial. 2016 The Honda Classic, World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship.

**Best 2017-2018 results:** 3—PGA Championship; T9—AT&T Byron Nelson

- Second-round 64 included eight birdies and one bogey on the par-4 10<sup>th</sup>; last time he recorded eight birdies in one round was R3 of 2016 HSBC Champions (shot 64).
- 64 ties his low score of the season (R4/Fort Worth Invitational).
- Making his 300<sup>th</sup> start on the PGA TOUR this week.
- Competing as a special invite from the PGA of America, closed with a 3-under 67 at the PGA Championship to finish solo-third, his best on TOUR since winning the 2016 WGC-Mexico Championship (at Doral).
- One of 10 players who has qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs in each of the 12 years that the FedExCup system has existed (Charley Hoffman, Matt Kuchar, Charles Howell III, Phil Mickelson, Zach Johnson, Ryan Moore, Brandt Snedeker, Bubba Watson, Justin Rose).
- Won THE NORTHERN TRUST in 2013 at Liberty National Golf Club, where he came from six strokes behind by posting a bogey-free, 5-under 66 for a one-stroke victory over Gary Woodland, Tiger Woods, Graham DeLaet and Justin Rose.

#### Dustin Johnson

- His triple-bogey-7 on the first hole is his second triple-bogey of the week (R1/17<sup>th</sup> hole/8) and marks the first time Johnson has recorded at least two triple bogeys in one tournament since the third round of THE PLAYERS 2015, where he shot a 3-over 75.
- Ranks first in Strokes Gained: Approach the Green (6.444), hitting 29 of 36 greens.
- His 15 birdies through two rounds leads the field by two. Adam Scott and Jamie Lovemark have 13 birdies each.

#### Tiger Woods

- Despite hitting 16 of 18 fairways, Woods ranked 111<sup>th</sup> in the field in round two for Strokes Gained: Putting (-3.006), needing 35 putts to post even-par 71 and make the cut on the number.
- The last time Woods had more than 35 putts in a round was round one of the 2015 U.S. Open (36 putts), where he missed the cut.
- Is making his first start in the FedExCup Playoffs since 2013, where he finished No. 2 in the standings.
- Of the four times Woods has played in THE NORTHERN TRUST in the FedExCup era (2009, 2010, 2012, 2013), he has two runner-up finishes.

#### FedExCup and THE NORTHERN TRUST

- THE NORTHERN TRUST is the opening event of the FedExCup Playoffs for the 12th consecutive season since the FedExCup Playoffs were introduced in 2007.
- Each playoff event offers 2,000 FedExCup points to the winner.
- The top-125 players on the final PGA TOUR Season FedExCup points list (following the Wyndham Championship) qualified for THE NORTHERN TRUST.

#### Players eliminated from the FedExCup Playoffs

11 players ranked between Nos. 101 and 125 in the FedExCup have been eliminated from the Playoffs following the second round of play: Richy Werensky, John Huh, Tyler Duncan, William McGirt, J.T. Poston, Vaughn Taylor, Grayson Murray (WD after R1), Ryan Blaum, Scott Brown, Nick Taylor, Harris English.

**If the tournament ended today, six players would move from outside the top 100 and into the field for next week's Dell Technologies Championship.**

FedExCup Rank	Player	Pos. thru R2	Projected FedExCup
121	Sean O'Hair	T6	68

123	Jhonattan Vegas	T6	70
102	Nick Watney	T17	77
106	Harold Varner III	T17	79
114	Sam Ryder	T24	97
120	Sam Saunders	T24	100

### Rookies and the FedExCup

Last season, 12 rookies finished in the top 125 and advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs, the most ever to qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs. Only two advanced to the TOUR Championship (Xander Schauffele and Patrick Cantlay).

### Here's a look at the 8 PGA TOUR rookies who advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs this season:

Player	FEC Standing	Second-Round Position/FEC projection
Aaron Wise	27	T24/22
Austin Cook	31	T67/40
Keith Mitchell	68	MC/78
Satoshi Kodaira	77	MC/87
Peter Uihlein	81	T11/61
Brandon Harkins	94	T67/103
Tyler Duncan	108	MC/eliminated
Sam Ryder	114	T24/97

### Course Statistics

#### Toughest Hole

**R1:** Tied – Par-4 7<sup>th</sup> and Par-4 18<sup>th</sup> (4.269)

**R2:** Par-4 8<sup>th</sup> (4.271)

#### Easiest Hole

**R1:** Par-5 3<sup>rd</sup> (4.538)

**R2:** Par-4 12<sup>th</sup> (3.585)

### Scoring Averages at The Ridgewood Country Club

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
<b>R1:</b>	35.235	35.311	70.546	--
<b>R2:</b>	35.72	34.86	70.576	70.561

### Bogey-free rounds

**R1:** Rafa Cabrera Bello (67), Trey Mullinax (68)

**R2:** Louis Oosthuizen (66), Pat Perez (68)