



2018 THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

(The 38th of 44 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Carnoustie Golf Links
Carnoustie, Scotland

July 19-22, 2018
Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,402

FedExCup Pts: 600 to the winner
Purse: \$10,500,000 (\$1,890,000)

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, July 21, 2018

Weather: Partly cloudy with a high of 66. E wind at 5-10 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Jordan Spieth	72-67-65—204 (-9)
Xander Schauffele	71-66-67—204 (-9)
Kevin Kisner	66-70-68—204 (-9)
Kevin Chappell	70-69-67—206 (-7)
Francesco Molinari	70-72-65—207 (-6)

Seven Things To Know

- Jordan Spieth is attempting to become the sixth player to post consecutive Open Championship victories since 1960
- Xander Schauffele seeks to become the eighth PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year to claim an Open Championship
- 204 by Spieth, Schauffele and Kisner ties low first 54-hole total in The Open at Carnoustie (Bobby Cole/1975, Sergio Garcia/2007)
- Only other time this season three or more players shared 54-hole lead was U.S. Open (4 players)
- Seven of the top 12 on leaderboard seek their first major championship
- Official World Golf Ranking of players at 5-under or better: Spieth/6, Schauffele/24, Kisner/33, Chappell/61, Molinari/15, Woods/71, Simpson/21, Noren/11, Kuchar/27, McIlroy/8, Fleetwood/10, Johnson/52)
- After one bogey-free round in first 36 holes (Tommy Fleetwood/65/R2), 10 were recorded in round three

Third-Round Lead Notes

66	Third-round leaders/co-leaders at The Open to win from 1892 (most recent, Jordan Spieth/2017)
11	Third-round leaders/co-leaders at The Open to win since 2000
21	Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2017-18 (most recent: Michael Kim/John Deere Classic)
198	Lowest first 54-hole total in The Open
204	Lowest first 54-hole total in The Open at Carnoustie
62	Lowest third round at The Open (Branden Grace/2018)
64	Lowest third round in The Open at Carnoustie (Steve Stricker/2007)

Jordan Spieth (-9/T1)

Age: 24 (July 27, 1993)

Joined TOUR: 2013

Entering this week

#40	FedExCup
#6	OWGR
11	PGA TOUR wins
144	PGA TOUR starts
17	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
4	Top-10s in 2017-18
5	Starts at The Open
9/15	Wins when holding 54-hole lead/co-lead

- Opened with eagle 2 at No.1 after driving the green and holing an 8-foot putt. Added birdies at 4, 11, 14 and 16 for 65
- Seven of last eight rounds at The Open are sub-70 (65-67-72-69-65-69-65-68)
- Making his sixth start at The Open, with two top-five results, including victory in 2017 (Win/2017, T30/2016, T4/2015, T36/2014, T44/2013)
- Attempting to become the sixth player to post consecutive Open Championship victories since 1960: Padraig Harrington (2007-08), Tiger Woods (2005-06), Tom Watson (1982-83), Lee Trevino (1971-72) and Arnold Palmer (1961-62).
- Seeks his 12th PGA TOUR win and fourth major title (2015 Masters Tournament, 2015 U.S. Open, 2017 The Open)
- With last year's Open win, joined Jack Nicklaus as the only players to win three legs of the grand slam before the age of 24. Spieth, who turns 25 on July 27, requires a win at the PGA Championship to complete the career grand slam.
- Three of five wins in majors when holding 54-hole lead/co-lead (2014 Masters Tournament/T2, 2015 Masters Tournament/Won, 2015 U.S. Open/Won, 2016 Masters Tournament/T2, 2017 The Open/Won)

Xander Schauffele (-9/T1)

Age: 24 (October 25, 1993)

Joined TOUR: 2017

Entering this week

#38	FedExCup
#24	OWGR
2	PGA TOUR wins
50	PGA TOUR starts
20	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
4	Top-10s in 2017-18
1	Starts at The Open
0/0	Wins when holding 54-hole lead/co-lead

- Holed out from just off the green for birdie on the final hole to take a share of the 54-hole lead, his first on the PGA TOUR
- Two-time PGA TOUR winner (2017 The Greenbrier Classic, 2017 TOUR Championship) and 2016-17 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year sat T32 after first-round 71
- First rookie in PGA TOUR history to win TOUR Championship
- PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year was first awarded in 1990, with 10 recipients of that award going on to win major championships. Seven of those 10 won The Open (Jordan Spieth, Todd Hamilton, Ben Curtis, Stewart Cink, Tiger Woods, Ernie Els, John Daly)
- Finished third in FedExCup last season
- Making second Open Championship start after finishing T20 at Royal Birkdale last year with a final-round 65
- Owns two top-10s in five previous major championship appearances, both at U.S. Open (T5/2017, T6/2018)

Kevin Kisner (-9/T1)

Age: 34 (February 15, 1984)

Joined TOUR: 2011

Entering this week

#52	FedExCup
#33	OWGR
2	PGA TOUR wins
178	PGA TOUR starts
18	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
3	Top-10s in 2017-18
3	Starts at The Open
1/4	Wins when holding 54-hole lead/co-lead

- Held at least a share of the lead in each of the first three rounds. Harry Vardon (1899, 1903), J.H. Taylor (1900), Lee Trevino (1971), Gary Player (1974) and Jordan Spieth (2017) are players who led after every round but were tied for the lead after every round in at least one round in 72-hole Open Championships
- Lone top-10 finish in 14 prior major championship starts is T7 at 2017 PGA Championship, where he shared the 18- and 36-hole lead and held the solo 54-hole lead
- Fifth time he's held the third-round lead/co-lead on PGA TOUR and second time in a major championship (2015 WGC-HSBC Champions/2nd, 2015 The RSM Classic/Won, 2017 Arnold Palmer Invitational/T2, 2017 PGA Championship/T7)

Kevin Chappell (-7/4th)

- Making third start in The Open (T53/2016, MC/2017)
- Making his 18th start in a major championship, T3 at 2011 U.S. Open in his first ever major remains best result
- Earned first PGA TOUR title at 2017 Valero Texas Open
- Three top-10 results on TOUR this season (T6/CareerBuilder Challenge, T8/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro Am, T7/Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard)
- First time since 2018 CareerBuilder Challenge he has opened with three under-par rounds

Francesco Molinari (-6/5th)

- 6-under 65 marks career low in The Open and one stroke shy of career low in 36 major championships (64/R2/2017 PGA Championship)
- Claimed first PGA TOUR title earlier this month at Quicken Loans National. Won fifth European Tour title in May at BMW PGA Championship
- Seeking his third win in last six starts worldwide (T2/John Deere Classic, Won/Quicken Loans National, T25/U.S. Open, 2nd/Italian Open, Won/BMW PGA Championship)
- With a victory, would become first Italian winner of The Open
- Making his 11th start at The Open, with T9 in 2013 his only top-10 result
- Missed cut with 76-74 at Carnoustie in first Open appearance in 2007

Tiger Woods (-5/T6)

- Took a share of the lead briefly at 6-under with birdie at No. 14, eventually posting 5-under 66 to sit T6. Last time he held at least a share of the lead in a major: R2/2012 PGA Championship (with Carl Pettersson and Vijay Singh)
- 66 marks lowest round in a major since 66/R2/2011 Masters Tournament and lowest round at The Open since R2/2006
- Joined Greg Norman, Darren Clarke and Vijay Singh with 26 sub-70 rounds at The Open, tied for sixth on that list (41/Ernie Els, 37/Nick Faldo, 33/Jack Nicklaus, 30/Tom Watson, 27/Mark Calcavecchia)
- Marks first time since The Open in 2012 he has posted par or better in each of the first three rounds of a major
- Last time par or better in all four rounds of a major: 2010 Masters Tournament/T4
- Last time par or better in all four rounds of The Open: 2006/Won
- Before this week, T32 at 2018 Masters Tournament was the only cut he had made in last five major championship starts
- Projected to jump into the top-20 of the Official World Golf Ranking with a win at The Open. Projected to need at least a two-way T8 finish to have a chance to reach the top 50 to gain a spot in the World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational

Zach Johnson (-5/T6)

- 36-hole co-leader bounced back after an early bogey with eagle-birdie at Nos. 6 and 7, but an inward nine of 3-over 38 dropped him to T6
- 2015 Open Champion seeks second Open Championship (2015) and third major title (2007 Masters Tournament)
- Like Tiger Woods, Johnson is 42. Four of the last seven Open champions were in their 40s. Ages of last eight Open champions: 23/Jordan Spieth/2017, 40/Henrik Stenson/2016, 39/Zach Johnson/2015, 25/Rory McIlroy/2014, 43/Phil Mickelson/2013, 42/Ernie Els/2012, 43/Darren Clarke/2011, 27/Louis Oosthuizen/2010

Justin Rose (-4/T13)

- Produced seven birdies Saturday in a bogey-free 7-under 64 to move from T65 to T13. Made just three birdies in first 36 holes, two on Thursday and one on the final hole Friday to make the cut on the number
- 64 marks his low round in any major championship: previous, 66 – R3/2016 PGA, R2/2013 PGA, R4/2012 PGA, R2/1998 The Open
- Inward-nine 30 marks low nine of any player in last three Open's at Carnoustie (1999, 2007, 2018), while 64 matches lowest round in an Open Championship held at Carnoustie (Steve Stricker/R3/2007, Richard Green/R4/2007)
- Could overtake Dustin Johnson in the FedExCup standings with a win or solo second

Miscellaneous Notes

Twenty-two countries are represented at The Open over the weekend, with USA leading the way with 31 players. Other countries with multiple representatives include England (11), Australia (7), South Africa (5), Japan (4), Sweden (3) and South Korea (3). Countries with one player competing after the 36-hole cut: Malaysia, Wales, Thailand, New Zealand, Scotland, Germany, Spain, Ireland, India, Canada, Belgium, China, Italy, Denmark, Northern Ireland.

PLAYERS champion Webb Simpson (-5/T6) attempts to join Jack Nicklaus (1978) as the only player to win THE PLAYERS Championship and The Open in the same season.

South African Zander Lombard finished double bogey, eagle (6-2) on Nos. 17 and 18 to shoot 71 to sit T13 at 4-under.

Seven-time Japan Golf Tour winner Yusaku Miyazato fired a bogey-free 6-under 65, his first-sub-70 round in his fourth Open.

The oldest player in the field at 60, Bernhard Langer posted 3-under 68, including an eagle 3 at No. 14, to sit T36 at 1-under. It marks his lowest round in a major championship since 68/R1/2005 PGA Championship.

Scotland's Sam Locke, who was a month shy of his first birthday when Paul Lawrie clinched the Claret Jug at Carnoustie in 1999, made six birdies in a third-round 70 to sit T56. Locke, who lives 45 miles from Carnoustie, is the only amateur to advance to the weekend.

India's Shubhankar Sharma celebrated his 22nd birthday with an even-par 71 in his first Open Championship.

Here's a look where the current major champions sit after the third round:

Player	Tournament	Score/Position
Jordan Spieth	2017 The Open	72-67-65 (T1)
Justin Thomas	2017 PGA Championship	69-77 (MC)
Patrick Reed	2018 Masters Tournament	75-70-68 (T40)
Brooks Koepka	2018 U.S. Open	72-69-75 (T61)

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole

R1: Par-3 16th (3.462)

R2: Par-4 12th (4.497)

R3: Par-4 12th (4.506)

Easiest Hole

Par-5 14th (4.545)

Par-5 14th (4.303)

Par-5 14th (4.101)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	36.705	36.455	73.160	--
R2:	36.858	35.948	72.806	72.984
R3:	35.468	34.759	70.228	72.426

Bogey-free rounds

R1: None

R2: Tommy Fleetwood (65)

R3: Justin Rose (64), Yusaku Miyazato (65), Francesco Molinari (65), Jordan Spieth (65), Byeong Hun An (66), Jason Dufner (68), Webb Simpson (67), Austin Cook (67), Haotong Li (67), Kevin Kisner (68)