



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)**

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, July 22, 2018

Weather: Mostly sunny with a high of 74. WSW wind at 15-18 mph, gusting to 25 mph.

Final-Round Leaderboard

Francesco Molinari	70-72-65-69—276 (-8)
Justin Rose	72-73-64-69—278 (-6)
Rory McIlroy	69-69-70-70—278 (-6)
Kevin Kisner	66-70-68-74—278 (-6)
Xander Schauffele	71-66-67-74—278 (-6)
Eddie Pepperell	71-70-71-67—279 (-5)
Tiger Woods	71-71-66-71—279 (-5)
Kevin Chappell	70-69-67-73—279 (-5)

Six Things To Know

- Molinari claims his first major title, becoming the first Italian to win The Open, and first non-American since 2017 Masters tournament (Sergio Garcia/Spain)
- Molinari's results in his last three starts: 1-T2-1
- In the space of 21 days, Molinari moved from 123rd to 7th in the FedExCup
- Woods (T6) moves to No. 50 in OWGR to gain a spot in the World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational
- 54-hole co-leader Spieth (T9) fails to make a birdie in the final round
- After 31 sub-70 rounds on Saturday, six were recorded in the final round (67/Eddie Pepperell, 68/Jason Day, 69/Luke List, 69/Henrik Stenson, 69/Justin Rose, 69/Francesco Molinari).

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)

History of the Open Championship at Carnoustie Golf Links

Here's a look at the Open Championships hosted at Carnoustie since 1931:

Year	Winner	Country	Score	Margin	Runner(s)-up
2018	Francesco Molinari	Italy	276 (-8)	2 strokes	Justin Rose Rory McIlroy Kevin Kisner Xander Schauffele
2007	Padraig Harrington	Ireland	277 (-7)	Playoff	Sergio Garcia
1999	Paul Lawrie	Scotland	290 (+6)	Playoff	Justin Leonard Jean van de Velde
1975	Tom Watson	U.S.A.	279 (-9)	Playoff	Jack Newton
1968	Gary Player	South Africa	289 (+1)	2 strokes	Bob Charles Jack Nicklaus
1953	Ben Hogan	U.S.A.	282 (-6)	4 strokes	Antonio Cerda

					Dai Rees Frank Stranahan Peter Thomson
1937	Henry Cotton	England	290	2 strokes	Reg Whitcombe
1931	Tommy Armour	U.S.A.	296	1 stroke	Jose Jurado

Francesco Molinari's Bio

EXEMPT STATUS: 2018 Open Championship winner (through 2022-23)

FULL NAME: Francesco Molinari

HEIGHT: 5-8

WEIGHT: 159

BIRTHDATE: November 8, 1982

BIRTHPLACE: Turin, Italy

RESIDENCE: London, England

FAMILY: Wife, Valentina; Tommaso (2/5/11), Emma (8/19/15)

EDUCATION: University of Torino (Business)

SPECIAL INTERESTS: Soccer, snowboarding, video games, movies

TURNED PROFESSIONAL: 2004

CLUB AFFILIATION: Circolo Torino GC (Fiano, Italy)

JOINED TOUR: 2015

Molinari's Open Statistics:

Driving Distance	307.37
Driving Accuracy	26 of 60
Greens in Regulation	48 of 72
Sand Saves	1 of 4
Number of Putts	111
Number of 3-putts	1

Francesco Molinari (-8/Win)

After The Open

#7	FedExCup
#6	OWGR
2	PGA TOUR wins
123	PGA TOUR starts
15	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
3	Top-10s in 2017-18
11	Starts at The Open

- Molinari wins his first major championship title, and second PGA TOUR title in his 123rd start at 35 years, 8 months 14 days. The Open was his sixth European Tour victory. Claimed first PGA TOUR title earlier this month at Quicken Loans National. Won fifth European Tour title in May at BMW PGA Championship
- Becomes first Italian to win The Open
- With 600 points, moves from No. 27 to No. 7 in the FedExCup
- Progression by round through The Open: T18-T29-5th-1
- After 13 straight pars, took the solo lead with a birdie at No. 14 at 7-under, one ahead of six players at 6-under, including Justin Rose, who had finished. Added a second birdie at No. 18, holing from 5-feet to shoot the only bogey-free final round and post 8-under. When closest challenger Xander Schauffele bogeyed No. 17 to fall to 6-under, and failed to hole out from the fairway at No. 18, the title was Molinari's
- Third win in last six starts worldwide (Won/The Open, T2/John Deere Classic, Won/Quicken Loans National, T25/U.S. Open, 2nd/Italian Open, Won/BMW PGA Championship)
- Making his 11th start at The Open, with T9 in 2013 his previous best result
- Saturday's 6-under 65 marked career low in The Open and one stroke shy of career low in 36 major championships (64/R2/2017 PGA Championship)
- Missed cut with 76-74 at Carnoustie in first Open appearance in 2007
- The last three Open Championship winners at Carnoustie have trailed going into the final round (Francesco Molinari/3 back/2018, Padraig Harrington/6 back/2007, Paul Lawrie/10 back/1999)
- 16 of the last 20 Open Champions were at or within three strokes of the lead entering the final round.

The list of the nationality of Open Champions is below.

Country	Winners
Great Britain & Ireland	39 (Scotland/22, England/14, Northern Ireland/3)
USA	30
Australia	4
South Africa	4
Argentina	1
France	1
Italy	1
New Zealand	1
Republic of Ireland	1
Spain	1
Sweden	1
Zimbabwe	1

Justin Rose (-6/T2)

- After a lone bogey at No. 5, hit the flagstick with his second shot at the par-5 14th and tapped in for eagle from a foot to post his first sub-par hole of the round. Second sub-par hole came at No. 18 with another tap-in to shoot 69 for 6-under
- Progression through the Open by round: T50-T65-T13-T2
- Moves to No. 3 in the FedExCup
- 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
- Saturday's 64 marked his low round in any major championship: previous, 66 – R3/2016 PGA, R2/2013 PGA, R4/2012 PGA, R2/1998 The Open
- Saturday's inward-nine 30 marked low nine of any player in last three Open's at Carnoustie (1999, 2007, 2018), while 64 matched lowest round in an Open Championship held at Carnoustie (Steve Stricker/R3/2007, Richard Green/R4/2007)

Rory McIlroy (-6/T2)

- Began final round poorly (2-over through 5) but moved into a six-way tie for the lead at 6-under with a 60-foot eagle putt at No. 14. Closed with four pars to finish 6-under
- In his 10th start at The Open, now owns top-five results, including victory in 2014, in his last four appearances (T2/2018, T4/2017, T5/2016, Won/2014). Also posted a T3 in 2010
- Five top-five finishes at the Open since 2010 are the most of any player in that time
- Shot 68-76-73-72 (+5) in the 2007 Open Championship at Carnoustie to win the silver medal as top amateur in his first Open Championship
- Was attempting to become the fourth player to win five major championships before age 30, joining Bobby Jones, Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods
- Moves from 39th to 24th in the FedExCup

Kevin Kisner (-6/T2)

- Held at least a share of the lead in each of the first three rounds while attempting to join Jordan Spieth (2017), Rory McIlroy (2014), Tiger Woods (2005), Gary Player (1974), Tom Weiskopf (1973) and Lee Trevino (1971) as players in the last 50 years who held at least a share of the lead after every round and went on to win The Open
- 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, 2018 The Open/T2)

Xander Schauffele (-6/T2)

- After a bogey-bogey-double bogey stretch on the front nine (Nos. 5, 6 and 7), rallied with birdies at 10 and 14 to reclaim a share of the lead, tied with Molinari at 7-under. While Molinari posted 8-under, dropped a shot at No. 17 to fall two strokes behind
- Share of the 54-hole lead was 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. Moves from 38th to 23rd in FedExCup with T2 at The Open
- Making second Open Championship start after finishing T20 at Royal Birkdale last year with a final-round 65
- Owns three top-10s in six major championship appearances (T5/2017 U.S. Open, T6/2018 U.S. Open, T2/2018 The Open)

Eddie Pepperell (-5/T6)

- 27-year-old Englishman fired final-round 4-under 67 to finish three hours ahead of the final pairing at 5-under, while making his second start in The Open (T6/2018, T49/2016)
- Previous best result in four prior major starts was T16 at 2017 U.S. Open
- Lone European Tour victory came earlier this season at Commercial Bank Qatar Masters
- Earned a spot in The Open when he finished runner-up at last week's Aberdeen Standard Investments Scottish Open, shooting a final-round 64 to finish four back of Brandon Stone, who won with a final-round 60

Tiger Woods (-5/T6)

- Took the solo lead at 7-under through nine, one ahead of Molinari and Spieth, but lead disappeared with a double bogey at No. 11. Bogeyed No. 12 and birdied No. 14 before closing with four pars to finish T6 at 5-under
- Began the day four strokes back. Has never won a major without at least a share of the 54-hole lead
- Of 79 PGA TOUR victories, he's come from four or more shots back after 54 holes to win just six times: most recently, 2012 the Memorial Tournament
- Moves to No. 50 in OWGR to gain a spot in the World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational. Returns to top-50 for first time since January 25, 2015
- Progression through the championship by round: T32-T29-T6-T6
- Saturday's 66 marked lowest round in a major since 66/R2/2011 Masters Tournament and lowest round at The Open since R2/2006
- Par or better with 71-71-66-71. 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

Kevin Chappell (-5/T6)

- Making third start in The Open (T53/2016, MC/2017, T2/2018)
- Making his 18th start in a major championship, T3 at 2011 U.S. Open in his first ever major was previous best result
- Earned first PGA TOUR title at 2017 Valero Texas Open
- Four top-10 results on TOUR this season (T6/CareerBuilder Challenge, T8/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro Am, T7/Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, T2/The Open)

Tony Finau (-4/T9)

- Finished T18 in his first Open appearance at Royal Troon in 2016 and T27 last year at Royal Birkdale
- Posted his third-consecutive top-10 finish in a major championship (T10/2018 Masters Tournament, 5th/U.S. Open, T9/2018 The Open)

Matt Kuchar (-4/T9)

- Runner-up finish at The Open in 2017 was his 10th on the PGA TOUR, but first in a major championship
- Owns 98 career top-10s on the PGA TOUR with 11 coming in major championships
- Missed the cut in his first five starts at The Open (1998, 2002, 07, 08, 09), but has made seven cuts in his last nine appearances (2010-2018)
- Posted 74-76—150 (+8) to miss cut in 2007 at Carnoustie.

Jordan Spieth (-4/T9)

- 54-hole co-leader failed to make a birdie in the final round, joining Sung Kang (78) as the only players to do so
- Was trying to join Tiger Woods and Bobby Jones as the only players with at least four major titles before age 25
- Seven of last nine rounds at The Open are sub-70 (76-65-67-72-69-65-69-65-68)
- Making his sixth start at The Open, with two top-five results, including victory in 2017 (T9/2018, Win/2017, T30/2016, T4/2015, T36/2014, T44/2013)

Miscellaneous Notes

Patrick Cantlay posted 70-71-70-70 to finish T12 in his first Open Championship appearance., one of six players to record four rounds of par or better this week. It marked his best result in his seventh major championship start.

Zach Johnson, the 36-hole co-leader shot 4-over on the weekend to finish T17.

With rounds of 73-69-70-71 (T24) this week, Phil Mickelson's tally of rounds under par at The Open (since 1963) increased from 35 to 37, now seventh on that list led by Jack Nicklaus with 59.

The oldest player in the field at 60, Bernhard Langer finished T24. His 3-under 68 in the third round marked 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, finished T75 to win the Silver Medal as low amateur. The 19-year-old, who lives 45 miles from Carnoustie, was the only amateur to advance to the weekend.

Here's a look at the performances of the last four major champions:

Player	Tournament	Score/Position
Jordan Spieth	2017 The Open	72-67-65-76—280 (T9)
Justin Thomas	2017 PGA Championship	69-77--146 (MC)
Patrick Reed	2018 Masters Tournament	75-70-68-71--284 (T28)
Brooks Koepka	2018 U.S. Open	72-69-75-70--286 (T39)

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole

R1: Par-3 16th (3.462)

R2: Par-4 12th (4.497)

R3: Par-4 12th (4.506)

R4: Par-4 12th (4.430)

Easiest Hole

Par-5 14th (4.545)

Par-5 14th (4.303)

Par-5 14th (4.101)

Par-5 14th (4.228)

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
R4:	37.392	35.823	73.215	72.559

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)

R4: Francesco Molinari (69)