



P R O U D P A R T N E R S

THE PLAYERS Championship 2018

(The 28th of 44 events in the PGA TOUR season)

Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida May 10-13, 2018
TPC Sawgrass – THE PLAYERS Stadium Course

FedExCup Points: 600 Purse: \$11,000,000
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,189

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, May 12, 2018

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 85. Wind ESE 10-15 mph.

54-Hole Cut: 71 players at even-par 216.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Webb Simpson	66-63-68—197 (-19)
Danny Lee	68-66-70—204 (-12)
Dustin Johnson	66-71-69—206 (-10)
Five players	(-9)

Five Things To Know

- Webb Simpson ties 54-hole scoring record at THE PLAYERS
- Webb Simpson holds largest 54-hole lead in THE PLAYERS history
- Every lead of seven strokes or more in PGA TOUR history has been converted to victory
- Eight players have won both THE PLAYERS and the U.S. Open
- Tiger Woods' 7-under 65 is his career-best at THE PLAYERS and low score since 2015 Wyndham Championship

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 19 Third-round leaders/co-leaders at THE PLAYERS Championship to win (most recent: Jason Day/2016)
- 13 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2017-18 (most recent: Jason Day/Wells Fargo Championship)

Webb Simpson (1st)

Age: 32 (August 8, 1985)

Joined TOUR: 2009

Entering this week

#36	FedExCup
#41	OWGR
249	PGA TOUR starts
4	PGA TOUR wins
8	Starts at THE PLAYERS
0	Top-10s at THE PLAYERS
13	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
4	Top-10s in 2017-18
2/7	Wins when holding 54-hole lead/co-lead

Wins (4): 2011 Wyndham Championship, 2011 Dell Technologies Championship, 2012 U.S. Open, 2013 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open

Best 2017-18 results: T4/Sony Open in Hawaii, T5/The Honda Classic, T5/RBC Heritage

- Ties 54-hole scoring record at THE PLAYERS (19-under 197, Greg Norman/1994)
- Holds largest 54-hole lead in THE PLAYERS history (previous: 5, Alex Cejka/2009)
- Holds largest 54-hole lead in 2017-18 season (previous: 6, Dustin Johnson/WGC-HSBC Champions)
- Wins when holding 54-hole lead/co-lead (7 previous instances): 2011 Wyndham Championship, 2013 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open
- Six strokes is the largest 54-hole lead that has been lost in PGA TOUR history (seven times, most recent: Dustin Johnson/2017 WGC-HSBC Champions)
- Winners of THE PLAYERS Championship that also won the U.S. Open (8): Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino, Raymond Floyd, Jerry Pate, Tom Kite, Lee Janzen, Tiger Woods, Martin Kaymer
- Missed putts of 7' 0" and 8' 4" at holes 14 and 15, respectively, his first missed putts inside 10 feet on the week
- Tied with Rory Sabbatini for par-5 scoring lead (4.08); T5 on TOUR entering the week (4.51)
- Widest margin of victory in THE PLAYERS history: 7 strokes, Steve Elkington/1997
- Widest margin of victory in 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season: 8 strokes, Dustin Johnson/Sentry Tournament of Champions

Tiger Woods (T9)

Age: 42 (12/30/1975)

Joined TOUR: 1996

Entering this week

#54	FedExCup
#92	OWGR
335	PGA TOUR starts
79	PGA TOUR wins
17	Starts at THE PLAYERS
2	Wins at THE PLAYERS
5	Top-10s at THE PLAYERS
7	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
2	Top-10s in 2017-18

Wins (79); Most recent: 2013 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational

Best 2017-18 results: T2/ Valspar Championship, T5/Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard

- 7-under 65 is his low score since 2015 Wyndham Championship (65/R2)
- 7-under 65 is his career-best at THE PLAYERS in 66 rounds (previous: 66/twice)
- Front-nine 30 is his best nine-hole score since 2013 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational (R2), his most recent victory
- Front-nine 30 is T2-lowest in THE PLAYERS history (Martin Kaymer: 29/R1/2014) and three strokes better than anyone in the field in R3 (two players/33)
- Eight birdies are his most in a round since 2014 WGC-Mexico Championship (8/R3)

Additional Player Notes

Danny Lee (2nd)

- One made cut in three previous starts at THE PLAYERS (T35/2016)
- 7/7 scrambling in round three (194th on TOUR in 2017-18 at 53.33%)
- One top-10 in 2017-18 (T7/CIMB Classic)
- Most recent top-five: T3/2017 Travelers Championship
- PGA TOUR wins: 1 (2015 Greenbrier Classic)

Dustin Johnson (3rd)

- Best result in nine previous starts at THE PLAYERS: T12/2017
- Made 142' 7" of putts in round three, more than double his 2017-18 average of 66' 8" (T192 on TOUR)
- Has one win (Sentry Tournament of Champions) and two runner-up finishes (T2/WGC-HSBC Champions, T2/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am) in eight starts in 2017-18

Jason Day (T4)

- Two top-10s at THE PLAYERS (Won/2016, T6/2011)
- Currently No. 2 in the FedExCup standings; one of four multiple winners on the PGA TOUR in 2017-18 (Jason Day/2, Justin Thomas/2, Patton Kizzire/2, Bubba Watson/2)

Xander Schauffele (T4)

- Earned his first trip to THE PLAYERS after winning both The Greenbrier Classic and TOUR Championship in 2016-17 en route to earning Rookie of the Year honors
- Followed a double bogey-7 with an eagle-2 at 12, one of two eagles at the 12th in round three (Chez Reavie)
- One of 21 first-time participants at THE PLAYERS
- Two top-10s in 2017-18 (T3/CIMB Classic; T9/Genesis Open)

Jordan Spieth (T9)

- 7-under 65 is career-low in 13 rounds at THE PLAYERS (previous: 66/R2/2014)
- Best result at THE PLAYERS: T4/2014 (debut)

Ian Poulter (T9)

- Has finished runner-up at THE PLAYERS twice (2017 and 2009), tied with seven others for the most second-place results
- Three top-10s in 2017-18, including a victory at the Houston Open, his first win on TOUR since 2012

Morgan Stanley Eagles for Impact Challenge

As part of its Eagles for Impact Challenge, Morgan Stanley will donate 1,500 books for every eagle made at THE PLAYERS, with the goal of providing students around the U.S. with access to 75,000 books. This goal was surpassed during Friday's second round, but Morgan Stanley will continue to donate 1,500 books for every eagle made. Here's a breakdown of eagles made and books donated:

	Eagles	Books
R1	23	34,500
R2	27*	40,500
R3	6	9,000
Total	56	84,000

*the most in a round in THE PLAYERS history

Billy Horschel – Feeding Northeast Florida

Jacksonville, Florida, resident Billy Horschel will donate \$1000 for every birdie and \$5000 for every eagle he makes at THE PLAYERS 2018 to Feeding Northeast Florida. The organization can provide six meals for every \$1 donated to help the one in six adults and one in four children in the area who are “food insecure” – defined as not always knowing where their next meal will come from.

	Birdies	Eagles	Donation
R1	6	0	\$6,000
R2	3	1	\$8,000
R3	6	0	\$6,000
Total	15	1	\$20,000 (120,000 meals)

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole

R1: Par-3 17th (3.264)

R2: Par-4 18th (4.266)

R3: Par-4 14th (4.488)

Easiest Hole

R1: Par-4 12th (3.556)

R2: Par-5 16th (4.490)

R3: Par-5 16th (4.500)

Scoring Averages at TPC Sawgrass

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	36.208	35.806	72.014	--
R2:	35.545	35.727	71.273	71.643
R3:	36.225	35.575	71.800	71.678

Bogey-free rounds

R1: Alex Noren (66), Dustin Johnson (66), Jhonattan Vegas (67), Andrew Landry (67), Cody Gribble (68), Brooks Koepka (70)

R2: Charl Schwartzel (66), Patrick Reed (68), Jason Day (67), Charles Howell III (67), Jamie Lovemark (67)

R3: Justin Thomas (68), Danny Lee (70)

Balls in the water on the 17th hole since 2003:

Year	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Cumulative
2018	24	21	6	--	51
2017	19	29	10	11	69
2016	6	9	17	4	36
2015	21	16	3	5	45
2014	12	12	1	3	28
2013	15	9	7	13	44
2012	18	11	4	6	39
2011	12	14	8	6	40
2010	7	8	5	9	29
2009	16	6	4	6	32
2008	20	18	10	16	64
2007	50	21	10	12	93
2006	19	17	12	9	57
2005	7	8	25	28	68
2004	9	10	4	7	30
2003	6	10	3	10	29

Clubs Used on the 12th hole – R3

Club used	Attempts	Score to par
Driver	1	-1
Fwy wood	46	-16
Iron	33	-12
Total	80	-29

Hole 12 modifications:

- Extend fairway bunker – improve definition of left edge of approach from tee, and catch balls landing left and short
- Reduce width of the fairway bunker and widen fairway just short of approach – improve visual to right side of approach from tee
- Raise left edge of approach and lower right edge of approach so that tee shots do not feed as severely towards the water
- Double the width of the rough strip along bulkhead and make half of it primary rough height