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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

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, May 13, 2018

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 82. Wind E 10-15 mph.

Final-Round Leaderboard

Webb Simpson	66-63-68-73—270 (-18)
Charl Schwartzel	68-66-73-67—274 (-14)
Jimmy Walker	69-68-70-67—274 (-14)
Xander Schauffele	68-68-71-67—274 (-14)
Jason Day	69-67-71-68—275 (-13)
Jason Dufner	72-69-66-68—275 (-13)

Seven Things To Know

- Webb Simpson converted the largest 54-hole lead in THE PLAYERS history
- Webb Simpson becomes the sixth player to win THE PLAYERS, a major and a FedExCup Playoffs event
- Webb Simpson led the field in driving accuracy and ranked last in driving distance
- Justin Thomas moves to No. 1 in the OWGR
- In the final two rounds, Tiger Woods played holes 1-12 in 14-under and holes 13-18 in 4-over
- Brooks Koepka recorded the fourth albatross and lowest final-round score in THE PLAYERS history (63)
- There were 65 eagles made on the week, the most in THE PLAYERS history and most in the 2017-18 season

Webb Simpson (1st)

Age: 32 (August 8, 1985)

Joined TOUR: 2009

#8	FedExCup
#19	OWGR (projected)
250	PGA TOUR starts
5	PGA TOUR wins
9	Starts at THE PLAYERS
1	Top-10 at THE PLAYERS
14	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
5	Top-10s in 2017-18
3/8	Wins when holding 54-hole lead/co-lead

Wins (5): 2011 Wyndham Championship, 2011 Dell Technologies Championship, 2012 U.S. Open, 2013 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, 2018 THE PLAYERS Championship

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

Records set or tied at THE PLAYERS

- Set largest 36-hole lead (5 strokes; previous: 4, Jason Day/2016)
- Set largest 54-hole lead (7 strokes; previous: 5, Alex Cejka/2009)
- Set low middle 36-hole score (13-under 131; previous: 12-under 132, Ken Duke/2016)
- Tied low 54-hole score (19-under 197; tied Greg Norman/1994)

- Tied low 36-hole score (15-under 129; tied Jason Day/2016)
- Tied low 18-hole score (9-under 63/R2; tied now with seven others)
- Tied most consecutive birdies (6/Nos. 11-16/R2; tied now with nine others)
- Tied high finish by a winner at TPC Sawgrass (73; tied David Duval/1999)

Is the...

- 6th Player to win THE PLAYERS, a major and a FedExCup Playoffs event
(Jason Day, Tiger Woods, Henrik Stenson, Phil Mickelson, Adam Scott, Webb Simpson)
- 9th Winner of both the THE PLAYERS and the U.S. Open
(Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino, Raymond Floyd, Jerry Pate, Tom Kite, Lee Janzen, Tiger Woods, Martin Kaymer, Webb Simpson)
- 15th First-round leader/co-leader to win THE PLAYERS (most recent: Jason Day/2016)
- 13th Second-round leader/co-leader to win THE PLAYERS (most recent: Jason Day/2016)
- 20th Third-round leader/co-leader to win THE PLAYERS (most recent: Jason Day/2016)
- 2nd Winner of THE PLAYERS to lead the field in driving accuracy percentage (46/56, 82.1%)
(Sergio Garcia/2008, Webb Simpson/2018)

Miscellaneous

- 1st in the field in driving accuracy percentage (82.1%) and last (71st) in driving distance (280.5 yards)
- Most fairways hit (46/56) by a champion at THE PLAYERS since Fred Funk hit 48 in 2005
- Improves to No. 3 on TOUR in 2017-18 in scoring average (69.455); Dustin Johnson leads at 69.198

Exemptions

- Five-year PGA TOUR exemption (through 2022-23)
- Five-year exemption to THE PLAYERS Championship
- Three-year exemption to the following tournaments: Masters Tournament, U.S. Open, The Open Championship
- One-year exemption to the PGA Championship and several other invitationals

Bio

Height: 6'2

Weight: 185

Birthdate: August 8, 1985

Birthplace: Raleigh, North Carolina

Residence: Charlotte, North Carolina

Family: Wife, Dowd Keith; James (2/15/11), Willow (7/28/12), Wyndham (5/12/14), Mercy (5/10/16)

Education: Wake Forest University (2008, Religion)

Records Set or Tied at THE PLAYERS in Round Four

- Course record (63) tied by Brooks Koepka
- Longest birdie streak (6) tied by Justin Rose
- High finish by a winner (73) tied by Webb Simpson
- Highest total of eagles in one year (65); previously 54 in 2006
- Highest total of eagles in 2017-18 season (65); previously 59 at Sony Open in Hawaii

Additional Player Notes

Charl Schwartzel (T2)

- Previous best finish in seven starts at THE PLAYERS: T26/2011
- Played holes 16-18 in 7-under for the week
- Best finish since T2/2017 FedEx St. Jude Classic

Xander Schauffele (T2)

- Best finish since winning the 2018 TOUR Championship
- Earned best result among 21 first-timers in the field

Jimmy Walker (T2)

- Best finish since winning the 2016 PGA Championship
- Second top-10 at THE PLAYERS in nine starts (T2/2018, T6/2014)

- Scores of 69-68-70-67; first time with four rounds of 70-or-better since 2017 Greenbrier Classic

Tiger Woods (T11)

	Holes 1-12	Holes 13-18
R3	-8	+1
R4	-6	+3
Total	-14	+4

- 10th top-25 at THE PLAYERS (most recent: Won/2013)
- Recorded sub-70 scores in each of the final two rounds for the second time in 18 starts at THE PLAYERS (65-69/2018, 66-67/2001)

Brooks Koepka (T11)

- Low final-round score (63) in THE PLAYERS history (previously: 64/twice – Fred Couples/1996, Davis Love III/2003)
- Tied low 18-hole score in THE PLAYERS history (eighth instance; most recent: Webb Simpson/2018/R2)
- Made a 2 at the par-5 16th with a 6-iron from 208 yards; fourth albatross in THE PLAYERS history and second at No. 16 (Rafa Cabrera Bello/2017/R4)

Justin Thomas (T11)

- Moves to No. 1 in OWGR
- Currently No. 1 in both FedExCup standings and OWGR
- 21st player to be No. 1 since OWGR began (1986)

Matt Kuchar (T17)

- Extended his TOUR-best streak of consecutive made cuts to 30
- Has made 200 of last 215 cuts (93%)

Dustin Johnson (T17)

- Loses No. 1 ranking in OWGR
- Only three players have had a stretch longer as No. 1 (64 weeks); Greg Norman (96), Nick Faldo (81), Tiger Woods (281)

Justin Rose (T23)

- Made six consecutive birdies (holes 9-14) to tie THE PLAYERS record (10th instance; most recent: Webb Simpson/2018/R2, holes 11-16)

Kiradech Aphibarnrat (T30)

- Qualifies for Special Temporary Membership on PGA TOUR and has 60 days to accept
- Has 290 non-member FedExCup points in the 2017-18 season, surpassing the 269 points required
- Special Temporary Membership allows players to accept unlimited sponsor invitations for the remainder of the season as they attempt to secure their PGA TOUR card for the following season

Si Woo Kim finished T63 in his title defense. The last PLAYERS defending champion to finish in the top 10 was Adam Scott in 2005 (T8), four strokes behind Fred Funk.

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
R4	9	13,500
Total	65	97,500

*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	7	0	\$7,000
R2	3	1	\$8,000
R3	6	0	\$6,000
R4	3	1	\$8,000
Total	19	2	\$29,000 (174,000 meals)

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole

R1: Par-3 17th (3.264)

R2: Par-4 18th (4.266)

R3: Par-4 14th (4.488)

R4: Par-3 8th (3.197)

Easiest Hole

R1: Par-4 12th (3.556)

R2: Par-5 16th (4.490)

R3: Par-5 16th (4.500)

R4: Par-5 2nd (4.394)

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
R4:	35.056	34.958	70.014	71.409

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)

R4: Brooks Koepka (63), Jimmy Walker (67), Jason Day (68), Adam Scott (68)

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

Year	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Cumulative
2018	24	21	6	3	54
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 – R4

Club used	Attempts	Score to par
Driver	25	-12
Fwy wood	34	-14
Iron	12	-6
Total	71	-32

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