



2018 TOUR Championship

(The 4th of 4 events in the FedExCup Playoffs)

Atlanta, Ga.
East Lake Golf Club

Sept. 20-23, 2018
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,362

Purse: \$9,000,000
FedExCup Points:2,000

First-Round Notes – Thursday, September 20, 2018

Weather: Sunny with a high of 93. Wind ESE at 5-10 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Rickie Fowler	65 (-5)
Tiger Woods	65 (-5)
Gary Woodland	66 (-4)
Justin Rose	66 (-4)
Rory McIlroy	67 (-3)
Justin Thomas	67 (-3)
Tony Finau	67 (-3)

Five Things To Know

- Fowler's 65 marks his lowest round at TOUR Championship in 17 trips around East Lake. It also marks his fourth 65 in his last five rounds on TOUR
- Woods holds first-round lead/co-lead for 30th time on PGA TOUR, going on to win 14/29 times
- Last time Woods closed out a round on the PGA TOUR with an eagle was the final round of The Honda Classic in 2013. He shot 74 (+4).
- Rose shot 4-under 66 in his first round as world No. 1
- No. 1 in the FedExCup entering this week, Bryson DeChambeau sits T21 after a 1-over 71, projected No. 4 in the FedExCup

First-Round Lead Notes

12/31	18-hole leaders who have gone on to win the TOUR Championship (most recently Billy Horschel/2014)
62	Low first round score (Bart Bryant/2005, Tim Clark/2007)
9/46	First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2017-18 (Most recently Brandt Snedeker/Wyndham Championship)
5	Largest 18-hole lead (Jim Gallagher, Jr., Olympic Club/1993) *Anthony Kim led by 4 strokes at East Lake in 2008

FedExCup Playoffs and the TOUR Championship

- The TOUR Championship is the last of four events of the FedExCup Playoffs and the finale to the PGA TOUR season for the 12th consecutive season since the FedExCup Playoffs were introduced in 2007.
- The top-125 players on the final PGA TOUR Season FedExCup points list (following the Wyndham Championship) qualified for THE NORTHERN TRUST (won by Bryson DeChambeau).
- The top-100 players on the FedExCup points list following THE NORTHERN TRUST qualified for the Dell Technologies Championship (won by Bryson DeChambeau).
- The top-70 players on the FedExCup points list after the Dell Technologies Championship advanced to the BMW Championship (won by Keegan Bradley).
- The top-30 players following the BMW Championship qualified for the TOUR Championship. Prior to the start of the TOUR Championship, a "points reset" took place, giving all players in the field a mathematical opportunity to

win the FedExCup title. Any of the top-five players in the standings would claim the FedExCup with a victory at East Lake.

The top-five players in the FedExCup standings entering the TOUR Championship will win the FedExCup title should they go on to victory at East Lake.

FEC	Name	R1 Score	Position	FedExCup Projection
1	Bryson DeChambeau	71	T21	4
2	Justin Rose	66	T3	1
3	Tony Finau	67	T5	5
4	Dustin Johnson	69	T12	7
5	Justin Thomas	67	T5	6

Rickie Fowler (65/T1)

Age: 29 (December 13, 1988)

Joined TOUR: 2010

Entering the week

#23	FedExCup
#3	FedExCup Projected Standing
#9	OWGR
4	Starts at TOUR Championship
215	PGA TOUR starts
4	PGA TOUR victories
19	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
5	Top-10s in 2017-18

PGA TOUR Wins (4): 2012 Wells Fargo Championship, 2015 THE PLAYERS Championship, 2015 Dell Technologies Championship, 2017 The Honda Classic

Best 2017-18 results: 2nd/Mayakoba Golf Classic, Masters Tournament

- Hit 9/14 fairways, 6/18 greens in regulation and required 30 putts while mixing six birdies with one bogey (No. 7) for a 5-under 65
- Missed first two Playoffs events while resting an oblique injury, before posting T8 at BMW Championship with rounds of 65-65-65-69—264
- Thursday's 65 marks the fourth consecutive start where he has posted 65 or better in at least one round of each event (63/R1, 65/R3 – WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, 65/R1 – PGA Championship, 65/R1, R2, R3 – BMW Championship, 65/R1 – TOUR Championship)
- Making fifth appearance at TOUR Championship with 8th in 2014 his lone top-10 at East Lake (T23/2012, 8th/2014, T12/2015, T26/2017)
- 65 marks lowest round at TOUR Championship in 17 trips around East Lake (previous best: 67 - R3/2015, R3/2014)
- Held the first-round lead/co-lead four previous times on the PGA TOUR, most recently the 2017 U.S. Open where he finished T5. Has never won when holding at least a share of the first-round lead
- Leads first-round scoring average on the PGA TOUR this season entering TOUR Championship (68.68)
- T1 position marks his best first-round position in five starts at the TOUR Championship (see chart below)

Year	R1 Score	R1 Position
2018	65	T1
2017	73	T25
2015	69	T11
2014	69	T11
2012	69	T22

Scenarios to Win FedExCup:

#23 Rickie Fowler

(currently T1 in the tournament; projected 3rd in the FedExCup)

- Wins the TOUR Championship
- And...
- **Bryson DeChambeau** (#1) finishes 3-way for 19th or worse
 - **Justin Rose** (#2) finishes T-6 or worse
 - **Tony Finau** (#3) finishes T-3 or worse
 - **Dustin Johnson** (#4) finishes in a 3-way tie for 2nd or worse
 - **Justin Thomas** (#5) finishes in a 3-way tie for 2nd or worse
 - **Keegan Bradley** (#6) finishes T-2 or worse

Tiger Woods (65/T1)

Age: 42 (December 30, 1975)

Joined TOUR: 1996

Entering the week

#20	FedExCup
#21	OWGR
14	Starts at TOUR Championship
5	Wins at the TOUR Championship: 1999, 2007
345	PGA TOUR starts
79	PGA TOUR victories (Most recent: 2013 World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational)
17	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
6	Top-10s in 2017-18

- Opened with a bogey at No. 1 and added four birdies before closing with an eagle on No. 18 for a 5-under 65 to share the first-round lead with Rickie Fowler
- Second consecutive round of 65 for Woods after final-round 65 at BMW Championship led to T6 finish
- Second consecutive start with a share of the first-round lead (62/R1/2018 BMW Championship)
- Marks 30th time Woods has held the first-round lead/co-lead on PGA TOUR, going on to win 14/29 times
- Last time Woods posted a round of 65 or better at TOUR Championship was 64/R3/2007 when he won
- Making his 15th appearance in the TOUR Championship, but first since 2013. Recorded eight top-10s in the tournament, including two wins (1999, 2007) and four runner-up finishes
- One of two multiple winners of the TOUR Championship (Phil Mickelson – 2000, 2009)
- The 27-foot, 8-inch putt for eagle on No. 18 is the longest putt Woods has holed during the Playoffs this season
- Last time Woods closed out a round on the PGA TOUR with an eagle was the final round of The Honda Classic in 2013. He shot 74 (+4).

Scenarios to Win FedExCup:

#20 Tiger Woods

(currently T1 in the tournament; projected 2nd in the FedExCup)

- Wins the TOUR Championship
- And...
- **Bryson DeChambeau** (#1) finishes T-15 or worse
 - **Justin Rose** (#2) finishes 3-way for 5th or worse
 - **Tony Finau** (#3) finishes T-3 or worse
 - **Dustin Johnson** (#4) finishes in a 3-way tie for 2nd or worse
 - **Justin Thomas** (#5) finishes in a 3-way tie for 2nd or worse
 - **Keegan Bradley** (#6) finishes T-2 or worse

Gary Woodland (66/T3)

- Kansas native made one eagle and three birdies against one bogey (par-4 3rd)
- Collected his lowest first-round score at East Lake Golf Club with a 4-under 66

- Making his sixth appearance at the TOUR Championship, having collected top-10 finishes in 2014 (T9) and 2016 (T10)
- Has collected three top-10 finishes this season, including his victory at the Waste Management Phoenix Open

Scenarios to Win FedExCup:

#28 Gary Woodland

(currently T3 in the tournament; projected 12th in the FedExCup)

- Wins the TOUR Championship
- And...
- **Bryson DeChambeau** (#1) finishes 2-way T-26* or worse
 - **Justin Rose** (#2) finishes T-8 or worse
 - **Tony Finau** (#3) finishes in a 3-way tie for 3rd or worse
 - **Dustin Johnson** (#4) finishes in a 3-way tie for 2nd or worse
 - **Justin Thomas** (#5) finishes in a 3-way tie for 2nd or worse
 - **Keegan Bradley** (#6) finishes T-2 or worse
 - **Brooks Koepka** (#7) finishes T-2 or worse

*Tie for FedExCup

Justin Rose (66/T3)

- Entered the FedExCup Playoffs at No. 4 but missed the cut at THE NORTHERN TRUST before posting runner-up result at the Dell Technologies Championship and a second-place at BMW Championship (lost sudden-death playoff with Keegan Bradley)
- Came to TOUR Championship No. 2 in the FedExCup standings and No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking for the first time of his career.
- Posted ten top-10s this season including two wins (WGC-HSBC Champions, Fort Worth Invitational)
- Making ninth start at TOUR Championship where he's had five top-10s in last five appearances (T10/2017, T2/2015, T4/2014, 6th/2013, 2nd/2012)
- Hit 12/14 fairways to rank No. 1 in Strokes Gained: Off the Tee and T1 in Driving Accuracy. Rose entered the week No. 1 in Total Driving on the PGA TOUR this season

Scenarios to Win FedExCup:

#2 Justin Rose

(currently T3 in the tournament; projected 1st in the FedExCup)

- If he wins the TOUR Championship, he wins the Cup
- Has a reasonable chance of winning with a top-3 finish
- Can finish as low as 9th and still have a mathematical chance of winning

Rory McIlroy (67/T5)

- 2016 FedExCup Champion made seven birdies against two bogeys and a double bogey to open with a 67
- Leads the field in driving distance (320.5) and ranks No. 2 in Strokes Gained: Off the Tee (1.724)
- In four previous appearances at the TOUR Championship, has never finished lower than T16 (2015)
- Captured six top-10 finishes on the season, including his first win since 2016 at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard
- FedExCup Playoffs wins – 4 (tied for most with Dustin Johnson)

Scenarios to Win FedExCup:

#17 Rory McIlroy

(currently T5 in the tournament; projected T14th in the FedExCup)

- Wins the TOUR Championship
- And...
- **Bryson DeChambeau** (#1) finishes T-11 or worse
 - **Justin Rose** (#2) finishes in a 3-way tie for 4th or worse
 - **Tony Finau** (#3) finishes T-3 or worse
 - **Dustin Johnson** (#4) finishes in a 3-way tie for 2nd or worse

- **Justin Thomas** (#5) finishes T-2 or worse
- **Keegan Bradley** (#6) finishes T-2 or worse

Justin Thomas (67/T5)

- Defending FedExCup champion played his last nine holes in 3-under par, highlighted by four eagles to open with a 67
- Making his third consecutive appearance at the TOUR Championship, with his best finish at East Lake a solo-second in 2017 when he captured the FedExCup title
- With a win, would become the first back-to-back winner of the FedExCup and can join Tiger Woods (2007, 2009) as the only two-time winners of the FedExCup

Scenarios to Win FedExCup:

#5 Justin Thomas

(currently T5 in the tournament; projected 6th in the FedExCup)

- If he wins the TOUR Championship, he wins the Cup
- Can finish as low as a 2-way tie for 2nd and still have a mathematical chance of winning
- Has a reasonable chance of winning with a 2nd place finish

Tony Finau (67/T5)

- Utah native made five eagles against two bogeys to open with a 67, which marked his lowest first-round score at East Lake Golf Club
- Finished T7 in his first appearance at the TOUR Championship last year
- Collected 11 top-10 finishes this season, tied for most on TOUR with Dustin Johnson, and remains in search of his first victory of the 2017-18 season, with his best finishes including solo-second at Safeway Open and THE NORTHERN TRUST and T2 at the Genesis Open

Scenarios to Win FedExCup:

#3 Tony Finau

(currently T5 in the tournament; projected 5th in the FedExCup)

- If he wins the TOUR Championship, he wins the Cup
- Has a reasonable chance of winning with a T-2 place finish
- Can finish as low as a 2-way tie for 3rd and still have a mathematical chance of winning

First Timers at the TOUR Championship

Six players are making their first appearance at the TOUR Championship this week, including Bryson DeChambeau, No. 1 in the FedExCup. He is joined by Cameron Smith (10), Francesco Molinari (13), Tommy Fleetwood (19), Aaron Wise (21) and Patton Kizzire (30). With a victory, they would join Chad Campbell (2003), Bart Bryant (2005), Bill Haas (2011), Henrik Stenson (2013) and Xander Schauffele (2017) as players to win the TOUR Championship in their first appearance (not including Tom Watson’s win at the first TOUR Championship in 1987).

Rookies in the FedExCup Playoffs

Eight PGA TOUR rookies advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs to earn their first start at THE NORTHERN TRUST, the first of four Playoffs events. Only Aaron Wise was successful in reaching the TOUR Championship. Wise won his first PGA TOUR title at the AT&T Byron Nelson, before missing the cut in six of his next seven starts (T6/World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational) to enter the Playoffs No. 27 in the FedExCup standings. Wise starts the TOUR Championship at No. 21 in the FedExCup. Here’s a look at his progress through the Playoffs:

Event	Result	FedExCup Position
THE NORTHERN TRUST	T5	No. 15
Dell Technologies Championship	T69	No.18
BMW Championship	T16	No. 21
TOUR Championship	R1/70/T17	Projected No. 25

Rookies to qualify for the TOUR Championship since the inception of the FedExCup in 2007:

Year	Player	FEC Finish
2018	Aaron Wise	TBD
2017	Xander Schauffele	3 rd
2017	Patrick Cantlay	29 th
2016	Emiliano Grillo	11 th
2016	Si Woo Kim	17 th
2015	Daniel Berger	11 th
2013	Jordan Spieth	7 th
2012	John Huh	29 th
2011	Keegan Bradley	20 th
2009	Marc Leishman	20 th
2008	Andres Romero	28 th
2007	Brandt Snedeker	20 th

Additional Player Notes

Defending champion Xander Schauffele followed an opening-hole bogey with three birdies to sit T7 after a 2-under 68.

Dustin Johnson played the front nine in 3-over and the back nine in 4-under, including a birdie, par, birdie, eagle finish, to shoot 1-under 69 and sit T12.

Bryson DeChambeau, who won the first two Playoffs events and entered the TOUR Championship in the No. 1 position, sits T21 after a 1-over 71 which included two double bogeys on the front nine (Nos. 4 and 8).

Cameron Smith, at No. 51 heading into the FedExCup Playoffs, came from the furthest in the standings to reach the TOUR Championship this year with Playoffs finishes of T3, 3 and T65, respectively, to reach the season-ending event. Smith sits T17 following an even-par 70.

Keegan Bradley, who won the BMW Championship to earn a spot in the field at East Lake, sits T28 at 3-over 73.

There are four past FedExCup champions (Tiger Woods, Billy Horschel, Rory McIlroy, Justin Thomas) at East Lake this year. Thomas has the opportunity to become the first back-to-back winner of the FedExCup. Thomas, McIlroy and Horschel can join Tiger Woods (2007, 2009) as the only two-time winners of the FedExCup. Woods could become the first three-time winner of the FedExCup.

Here is a year-by-year look at FedExCup champions and their performance throughout the FedExCup Playoffs in the years they won:

FedExCup Champion	THE NORTHERN TRUST	Dell Technologies Championship	BMW Championship	TOUR Championship
2017 Justin Thomas	T6	Won	T47	2nd
2016 Rory McIlroy	T31	Won	T42	Won
2015 Jordan Spieth	CUT	CUT	T13	Won
2014 Billy Horschel	CUT	T2	Won	Won
2013 Henrik Stenson	T43	1	T33	Won
2012 Brandt Snedeker	2 nd	6 th	T37	Won
2011 Bill Haas	T24	T61	T16	Won
2010 Jim Furyk	DNP	T37	T15	Won
2009 Tiger Woods	T2	T11	Won	2nd
2008 Vijay Singh	Won	Won	T44	T22
2007 Tiger Woods	N/A	T2	Won	Won

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole

Easiest Hole

R1: Par-4 8th (4.467)

R1: Par-5 18th (4.433)

Scoring Averages at the par-70 East Lake Golf Club

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.300	34.000	69.300	

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: None