



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

Second-Round Notes – Friday, September 21, 2018

Weather: Sunny with a high of 91. Wind SE at 5-10 mph.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Justin Rose	66/67 – 133 (-7)
Tiger Woods	65/68 – 133 (-7)
Rory McIlroy	67/68 – 135 (-5)
Billy Horschel	71/65 – 136 (-4)
Patrick Cantlay	71/65 – 136 (-4)
Jon Rahm	68/68 – 136 (-4)
Justin Thomas	67/69 – 136 (-4)

Five Things To Know

- With no bogey-free rounds on Thursday, Hideki Matsuyama is the only player to have bogey-free round of 66 through 36-holes
- Rory McIlroy and Jon Rahm are the two players with the most birdies (12) through 36 holes
- After three players posted an eagle in the first round (Dustin Johnson, Gary Woodland, Tiger Woods), no players made an eagle in the second round
- With Justin Rose and Tiger Woods tied for the lead through 36-holes, Justin Rose is projected No.1 in the FedExCup and Tiger Woods is projected No. 2
- Justin Rose and Tiger Woods will appear in the final group in round three. This season they will have played together in four rounds. In each of the previous three rounds, Rose has bettered Woods.

Second-Round Lead Notes

14/31	36-hole leaders who have gone on to win the TOUR Championship (most recently Billy Horschel/2014)
63	Low second-round score (Tiger Woods/2007)
13/46	Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2017-18 (most recently Brandt Snedeker/Wyndham Championship)

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 Regular 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 will 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	Player	R1	R2	Position	FedExCup Projection
1	Bryson DeChambeau	71	75	T27	3
2	Justin Rose	66	67	T1	1
3	Tony Finau	67	71	T10	4
4	Dustin Johnson	69	70	T15	6
5	Justin Thomas	67	69	T4	5

Justin Rose (-7/T1)

Age: 38 (July 30, 1980)

Joined TOUR: 2004

Entering the week

#2	FedExCup
#1	OWGR
8	Starts at TOUR Championship
322	PGA TOUR starts
9	PGA TOUR victories (Most recent: 2018 Fort Worth Invitational)
17	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
10	Top-10s in 2017-18

- World No. 1 moved into the co-lead with a second-round 3-under 67
- Round included birdies on Nos. 2, 6, 13, 14 and a bogey on the par-4 fourth
- Second in scoring average on the PGA TOUR (69.0), second only to Dustin Johnson (68.7)
- Held the second-round lead/co-lead 13 previous times on the PGA TOUR, most recently the 2018 Fort Worth Invitational where he won. Has three victories when holding at least a share of the second-round lead
- Friday's 66 marks the 10th consecutive round under par; went on to finish second at Dell Technologies Championship and BMW Championship
- Hit 19/28 fairways through 36 holes to rank No. 1 in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green
- His best-ever finish in the FedExCup was fifth in 2011
- 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 10 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)
- Justin Rose and Tiger Woods are paired together for the fourth time this season. Rose has bettered Woods each of the previous three times:

Tournament	Round	Justin Rose				Tiger Woods			
		Score	RTP	Rd. Finish	Trn. Finish	Score	RTP	Rd. Finish	Trn. Finish
2018 the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide	2	66	-6	T9	T6	67	-5	T24	T23
	1	71	-1	T29	T6	72	E	T47	T23
2018 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard	3	67	-5	T4	3	69	-3	T10	T5

Scenarios to Win
#2 Justin Rose

FedExCup:

(currently T1 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

Tiger Woods (-7/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

- 2007 and 2009 FedExCup champion moved into a share of the lead with 2-under 68,
- Round included five birdies on Nos. 2, 12, 14, 15, 18, a bogey on the par-3 ninth and double-bogey on the par-4 16th
- Leads the field in scrambling through the second round (9 of 11; 4 of 4 Thursday; 5 of 7 Friday)
- Last held the 36-hole lead at the World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational in 2013 and last held the share of the 36-hole lead at the Wyndham Championship in 2015.
- Marks 49th time Woods has held the second-round lead/co-lead on PGA TOUR, going on to win 37/48 times
- When having the 36-hole lead/co-lead, has went on to win the TOUR Championship (1999*, 2007) *1999 TOUR Championship was held at the Champions Golf Club in Houston
- 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)

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

Rory McIlroy (-5/3rd)

- 2016 FedExCup Champion moved to third following a second-round 2-under 68
- Leads the field in driving distance (317.5) and ranks No. 1 in Strokes Gained: Off the Tee (3.181) through 36-holes
- Leads the field in birdies with Rahm (12)
- 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 3 in the tournament; projected 10th 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

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 R2/69/T15	Projected No. 24

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

2014 FedExCup champion Billy Horschel moved to T4 following a second-round 5-under 65, which included seven birdies. It marked his best score in 10 rounds at East Lake Golf Club, previous best was 66 (three times). Horschel is seeking his second win at the TOUR Championship in three appearances and can join Tiger Woods (2007, 2009) as the only two-time winners in the FedExCup.

At No. 5 in the FedExCup standings, Justin Thomas birdied two of his last four holes (Nos. 15 and 18) to finish at 1-under on his round. Three strokes back after 36 holes, Thomas is looking to become the first-ever back-to-back FedExCup champion.

Following six birdies on the front nine, including three in a row to begin his round, Jon Rahm bogeyed the 10th and 14th holes before adding a double bogey on the par-3 15th to finish with a 2-under 68 and sits tied for fourth.

Co-leader through 18 holes, Rickie Fowler took the outright lead following a birdie on the par-5 sixth hole at 7-under, but four bogeys on the back nine dropped him to T8 at 3-under.

With a 1-over 71, Tony Finau's streak of 16 consecutive sub-par rounds came to an end, dating to an opening-round 74 at the 2018 PGA Championship. He is currently projected No. 4 in the FedExCup.

Entering the week at No. 4 in the FedExCup standings, Dustin Johnson birdied the final two holes to card an even-par 70 and is T15 after 36 holes at 1-under.

Bryson DeChambeau, who won the first two Playoffs events and entered the TOUR Championship in the No. 1 position, sits T27 after a 5-over 75, which included four bogeys on the front nine (Nos. 2, 3, 7 and 8).

There are four past FedExCup champions (Tiger Woods, Billy Horschel, Rory McIlroy, Justin Thomas) at East Lake this year. Thomas, McIlroy and Horschel can join Tiger Woods (2007, 2009) as the only two-time winners 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

R1: Par-4 8th (4.467)

R2: Par-4 4th (4.367)

Par-4 16th (4.367)

Easiest Hole

R1: Par-5 18th (4.433)

R2: Par-15 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	
R2:	35.000	35.367	70.367	69.833

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: None

R2: Hideki Matsuyama (66)