

2018 Travelers Championship Broadcast Window & Pre-Tournament Notes



ShotLink Keys to Victory for Jordan Spieth

Jordan Spieth moved from sixth to fourth in the FedExCup standings, ranking inside the top five in the standings for the 10th week last season. Spieth recorded his 10th career PGA TOUR title in his 120th start at the age of 23 years, 10 months, 29 days. Spieth joined Tiger Woods as the only players in the modern era with 10 PGA TOUR wins by the age of 24. Woods had 15 before he turned 24.

Spieth became the third wire-to-wire winner* (no ties) at the Travelers Championship (Gene Littler (1959) and Tim Norris (1982)), and first to do so at TPC River Highlands

Strokes Gained Statistics vs. The Field

Category	Rank	Average
Off-the-Tee	56th	-0.255
Approach-the-Green	7th	+1.245
Around-the-Green	2nd	+1.506
Putting	31 st	+0.573
Total	T1	+3.070

Jordan Spieth ranked 56th in SG: Off-the-Tee, losing -0.255 strokes per round. This marked only the fourth-time last season where a player has gone onto win when losing strokes off the tee. In fact, Jordan lost strokes off the tee en route to winning the 2017 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

Jordan Spieth averaged nearly 15 feet closer on approach shots from the rough averaging 27' 0" to the hole. Spieth's play from around the green was over a stroke and a half better than the field in strokes gained

Approach & Around the Green Stats 2017 Travelers Championship

Jordan's play from around the green was the best of any winner last season for SG: Around-the-Green (4 measured rounds where ShotLink was used). His average of +1.506 was the best by a winner in this category since James Hahn won the 2015 Genesis Open (+1.559).

Stat	Rank	Average	Field
SG: Approach-the-Green	7 th	+1.245	---
Rough Proximity	3rd	27' 0"	41' 8"
Approaches 150-175 Yards	1st	18' 11"	27' 10"
SG: Around-the-Green	2 nd	+1.506	---
Sand Save Percentage	T7	80.0%	45.7%

Course & Hole Statistics TPC River Highlands

Shortest Courses PGA TOUR Last Season

Course	Par	Yards
Pebble Beach GL	72	6,816
TPC River Highlands	70	6,841
Spyglass Hill GC	72	6,953
Monterey Peninsula CC	71	6,958
El Camaleon GC	71	6,987

Last season, TPC River Highlands was the second shortest course played with a scorecard yardage of 6,841 yards.

Most Par 4 Eagles PGA TOUR Last Season

Course	Total
TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm	18
TPC River Highlands	15
TPC San Antonio - AT&T Oaks	11
Club de Golf Chapultepec	11

15: Last season, there were 15 total eagles made on par 4s at TPC River Highlands, marking the second-most total eagles made on par 4s of any course.

15th Hole – Par 4 – TPC River Highlands (Last Season)

- 296-yards, second shortest par 4 played last season
- 9 total eagles made, tied second-most of any par 4 during the 2016-17 PGA TOUR season.
- 95.30% of players went for the green from the tee, marking the highest Going for the Green percentage on a par-4 last season.
- The field was a combined 131-under par when Going for the Green compared to 12-over par when laying up.

Shortest Par 4s PGA TOUR Last Season

Course	Hole	Yds
Sheshan International GC	16 th	288
TPC River Highlands	15th	296
TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm	14 th	299
TPC Sawgrass	12 th	302
Plantation Course at Kapalua	14 th	305

Par 4s with the Most Eagles PGA TOUR Last Season

Course	Hole	Total
TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm	14 th	15
TPC River Highlands	15th	9
Club de Golf Chapultepec	1 st	9
TPC Deere Run	14 th	8

Highest Par 4 Going for Green Percentage PGA TOUR Last Season

Course	Hole	%
TPC River Highlands*	15th	95.30
TPC Summerlin	15 th	94.19
TPC Boston	4 th	93.37
TPC Scottsdale	17 th	85.92
TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm	14 th	85.60

*GFG Score to Par: -131, Laying Up: +12

Broadcast Window Notes

2018 Travelers Championship *(featured groups)*

Jordan Spieth

Defending champion Jordan Spieth is set to make his second appearance at the Travelers Championship. Spieth's win at the Travelers Championship last season marked his first PGA TOUR victory when making his tournament debut. Jordan Spieth currently ranks 38th in the FedExCup standings and is one of 18 players that currently rank outside the top 30 that were inside the top 30 in the standings at this point last season.

FedExCup Rank Entering Travelers Championship Last 2 Seasons

Last Season	This Season
6 th	38 th

Best Strokes Gained: Around-the-Green Performance PGA TOUR Winners Last Season

Last season, Jordan Spieth outperformed the 2017 Travelers Championship field by +1.506 strokes around the greens marking the best Strokes Gained: Around-the-Green performance by a winner on TOUR (4 measured rounds).

Tournament	Player	Rank	Average
Travelers Championship	Jordan Spieth	2 nd	+1.506
BMW Championship	Marc Leishman	2 nd	+1.505
WGC-Bridgestone Invitational	Hideki Matsuyama	1 st	+1.461
Shriners Hospitals	Rod Pampling	1 st	+1.299
THE PLAYERS	Si Woo Kim	3 rd	+1.231

**4 Measured rounds*

Strokes Gained: Putting Ranks PGA TOUR Last 3 Seasons

Season	Rank
This Season	188th
Last Season	42 nd
2015-16	2 nd

This season, Jordan Spieth has struggled on the greens ranking 188th in Strokes Gained: Putting compared to ranking second on TOUR in this category in the 2015-16 season.

Marc Leishman

2012 winner of the Travelers Championship Marc Leishman is set to make his eighth start at this event. Leishman currently ranks 20th in the FedExCup standings on the strength six top-10 finishes.

Most Runner-Up Finishes Without a Win PGA TOUR This Season

Player	Total
Marc Leishman	2
Tony Finau	2
Chez Reavie	2
Rickie Fowler	2

This season Marc Leishman is one of four players with multiple runner-up finishes without a win.

Marc Leishman outperformed the field by +3.147 strokes from tee to green en route to victory in 2012, marking the best Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green performance by a winner at this event since 2004.

For the week, 64% of his total strokes gained came from his approach-the-green performance (+2.025 strokes per round).

Best Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green Performance Winners - Traveler Championship Since 2004

Year	Player	Average
2012	Marc Leishman	+3.147 (1st)
2010	Bubba Watson	+2.594 (2 nd)
2017	Jordan Spieth	+2.496 (1 st)
2004	Woody Austin	+2.259 (3 rd)
2016	Russell Knox	+2.175 (5 th)

Russell Knox

2016 winner of the Travelers Championship Russell Knox is set to make his seventh start at this event. Knox is coming off a T12 finish at the U.S. Open marking his eighth top-25 finish this season. Russell currently ranks 67th in the FedExCup standings.

Best Greens in Regulation Percentage PGA TOUR Since 2012 (min 300 Rds)

Player	PCT.
Henrik Stenson	70.63
Graham DeLaet	69.20
Adam Scott	68.99
Russell Knox	68.86
Justin Rose	68.83

Since 2012, Russell Knox has hit a combined 68.86% of his Greens in Regulation (6,210 of 9,018), marking the fourth-best Greens in Regulation of any player on TOUR.

Russell Knox 2016 Performance Notes:

- Led the field in Par 4 Scoring Average (3.79)
- Led the field in Par 4 Performance (-10)
- Made Birdie or Better on 25% of the par 4s at TPC River Highlands (12 of 48)

Par 4 Performance - 2016 Travelers

Stat	Rank	Value	Field Avg.
Scoring Average	1 st	3.79	4.01
Birdie or Better %	T6	25%	17.3%
Score to Par	1 st	-10	Even

Bubba Watson

Two-time winner of the Travelers Championship (2010 & 2015) Bubba Watson is set to make his 12th start at this event. Watson currently ranks 10th in the FedExCup standings on the strength of two wins (Genesis Open & WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play).

Best Scoring Average TPC River Highlands

Player	Avg.
Paul Casey	67.25
Bubba Watson	67.65
Ryan Moore	67.68
Sergio Garcia	67.94
Brandt Snedeker	68.05

Bubba Watson has a 67.65 stroke average at TPC River Highlands, marking the second-best stroke average of any player (min 12 rds).

**Min 12 Rds*

Since 2008, Bubba Watson has made 181 total birdies or better at TPC River Highlands, marking the most of any player.

Most Birdies or Better TPC River Highlands Since 2008

Player	Total
Bubba Watson	181
Chris Stroud	155
Kevin Streelman	150
Hunter Mahan	147
Vijay Singh	140

Most Under Par TPC River Highlands Since 2006

Player	Score to Par
Bubba Watson	-94
Ryan Moore	-88
Hunter Mahan	-82
Bo Van Pelt	-64
J.J. Henry	-63

Bubba Watson Notes:

- Combined 94-under par at TPC River Highlands, best of any player since 2006.
- 22 rounds of 67 or better at TPC River Highlands, most of any player since 2006.
- 9 of 11 opening rounds at this event have been 67 or better.

Justin Thomas

Justin Thomas is set to make his fifth start at the Travelers Championship. Thomas currently ranks second in the FedExCup standings on the strength of two wins (THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES and The Honda Classic) and is one of only two players in the field this week that can reclaim the #1 position in the FedExCup Standings with a win (Jason Day, 4th).

Ranked Inside Top 20 in Both SG: Off-the-Tee & SG: Approach-the-Green PGA TOUR This Season

Player	Off-the-Tee	Approach-the-Green
Henrik Stenson	19 th	2 nd
Justin Thomas	17th	8th
Dustin Johnson	2 nd	14 th
Jordan Spieth	18 th	17 th
Bryson DeChambeau	11 th	18 th

This season, Justin Thomas is one of five players that rank inside the top 20 both Strokes Gained: Off-the-Tee and Strokes Gained: Approach-the-Green.

Justin Thomas Notes:

- 54 total eagles made since start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season, most of any player.
- Ranks T1 in Total Eagles Made this season (13)

Most Total Eagles Made PGA TOUR Since Start of 2014-15

Player	Total
Justin Thomas	54
Dustin Johnson	51
Tony Finau	49
Brooks Koepka	44
Kevin Chappell	42

Rory Mcllroy

Rory Mcllroy is set to make his second start at the Travelers Championship. Mcllroy currently ranks 35th in the FedExCup standings on the strength of one win (Arnold Palmer Invitational) and five top-25 finishes.

Season Comparison thru Week #31 2015-16 vs. This Season

Stat	2015-16*	This Season
FedExCup Rank	33 rd	35 th
Weeks Ranked Inside Top 30	5	7

*Won FedExCup Title

Most PGA TOUR Wins Players Currently Under 30

Player	Age	# of Wins
Rory Mcllroy	29	14
Jordan Spieth	24	11
Justin Thomas	25	8
Patrick Reed	27	6
Hideki Matsuyama	26	5

Rory Mcllroy has 14 career PGA TOUR wins, marking the most wins of any player currently under the age of 30.

Rory Mcllroy outperformed the 2017 Travelers Championship field by +1.745 strokes per round in SG: Off-the-Tee and hit 28.57% (1st) of his drives over 320 yards compared to the field average (8.04%).

Off-the-Tee Performance vs. 2017 Travelers Field

Stat	Rank	Value	Field Avg.
SG: Off-the-Tee	3rd	+1.745	---
Driving Distance (All Drives)	2 nd	302.8	284.0
Driving Pct. 320+ (All Drives)	1st	28.57	8.04
Pct. of Yardage Covered by Tee Shots	2 nd	69.88	65.62

Patrick Reed

Patrick Reed is coming off a fourth-place finish at last week's U.S. Open moving into the sixth position of the FedExCup standings. Reed has recorded seven top 10s in his last nine starts on TOUR.

Last 2 Travelers Championship Starts

Stat	Value
Scoring Average	67.75
Score to Par	-18
Rounds of 67 or Better	5 of 8
Greens in Regulation PCT.	71.5%
Top-15 Finishes	2

Patrick Reed is a combined 18-under par with a scoring average of 67.75 in his last two starts at the Travelers Championship (2016 & 2017). Reed has hit 71.5% of the Greens in Regulation in his last eight rounds at TPC River Highlands.

Best Par 5 Performance TPC River Highlands Since 2012

Player	Score to Par
Patrick Reed	-24
Marc Leishman	-19
Hunter Mahan	-18
Seung-Yul Noh	-17

Since 2012, Patrick Reed is a combined 24-under par on the par-5s at TPC River Highlands, marking the best Par 5 Performance of any player.

Webb Simpson

Webb Simpson currently ranks ninth in the FedExCup standings on the strength of one win (THE PLAYERS), 6 top-10 finishes and 10 top-25s this season.

FedExCup Ranks Last 3 Seasons on TOUR

Year	Rank	Weeks Inside Top 10
This Season	9th	4
Last Season	17 th	0
2015-16	84 th	0

Webb recorded his sixth top-10 finish of this season, matching his total of six in the entire 2016-17 PGA TOUR season. Webb has made a huge improvement in his scoring on the par 5s from last season to this season

Par 5 Scoring Last Season vs. This Season

Stat	Last Season	This Season
Performance	-93 (T50)	-85 (T19)
Total Eagles	9 (T18)	8 (T6)
Birdie or Better %	42.8% (T74)	50.0% (T14)
Scoring Average	4.68 (T100)	4.49 (2nd)

With just over two months left in the season, Webb Simpson is only eight strokes from his total par 5 performance last season. Last season, Webb made a total of nine eagles on the par 5s, where this season he has already totaled eight.

Brooks Koepka

Brooks Koepka is coming off his second Major Championship victory at the U.S. Open. Koepka is the first player to go back-to-back at the U.S. Open since Curtis Strange in 1988 & 1989. Koepka earned 600 FedExCup standings moving from 46th to 13th in the standings.

Players Ranked Inside Top 15 in Driving Distance (All Drives) Since 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season

Player	This Season	Last Season	2015-16	2014-15
Brooks Koepka	15 th	3 rd	9 th	6 th
Bubba Watson	3 rd	6 th	3 rd	1 st
Dustin Johnson	2 nd	2 nd	2 nd	2 nd
Tony Finau	7 th	9 th	6 th	8 th

Most 63s or Better PGA TOUR This Season

Player	# of 63s	%	Rounds Per 63
Brooks Koepka	3	10.3%	10
Webb Simpson	2	3.7%	27
Kevin Na	2	3.8%	26
Hideki Matsuyama	2	4.7%	22
Dustin Johnson	2	4.5%	22
Ted Potter, Jr.	2	3.4%	30
Justin Thomas	2	3.8%	26
Austin Cook	2	2.7%	37
J.J. Spaun	2	4.0%	25
Chris Kirk	2	2.7%	37

Brooks Koepka has recorded 3 rounds of 63 or better this season, marking the most of any player. Brooks post a 63 or better 1 in every 10 rounds played on TOUR.

Daniel Berger

Daniel Berger is set to make his third start at the Travelers Championship. In his last two appearances he has a T5 finish in 2016 and lost in a playoff to Jordan Spieth last year. Daniel has finished inside of the top-30 in the FedExCup standings in each of the last 3 seasons.

Players Qualifying for TOUR Championship Every Season PGA TOUR Since 2014-15

Player	2017	2016	2015
Daniel Berger	16 th	26 th	11 th
Paul Casey	11 th	5 th	13 th
Jason Day	18 th	6 th	3 rd
Dustin Johnson	4 th	2 nd	7 th
Kevin Kisner	12 th	23 rd	21 st
Matt Kuchar	14 th	18 th	19 th
Hideki Matsuyama	8 th	13 th	16 th
Patrick Reed	22 nd	3 rd	12 th
Jordan Spieth	2 nd	9 th	Won

Daniel Berger Notes:

- 1 of 9 Players ranked inside the top 30 in each of last 3 seasons on TOUR.
- Currently ranked 74th in the FedExCup standings.
- Projected inside top-30 with a win this week.

Daniel Berger ranked first in Fairway Proximity and Approaches outside 200 yards at the 2017 Travelers Championship. Berger averaged over 20 feet closer on approach shots outside 200 yards compared to the field average of 49' 10".

Approach the Green Stats vs. 2017 Travelers Field

Stat	Rank	Value	Field
SG: Approach-the-Green	3 rd	+1.713	---
Greens in Regulation	T3	77.7%	65.8%
Proximity to Hole	6 th	31' 1"	36' 0"
Fairway Proximity	1 st	23' 10"	31' 3"
Approaches >200 Yds	1 st	28' 4"	49' 10"

Xander Schauffele

Xander Schauffele is coming off two top-10 finishes in his last four PGA TOUR starts (T2, THE PLAYERS & T6, U.S. Open). After recording the highest finish by a Rookie in the FedExCup era (**3rd in 2017**), Schauffele currently ranks 32nd on the outside looking into the top 30.

Highest Ranked Rookies in FedExCup PGA TOUR Since 2007

Year	Player	FEC Finish
2017	Xander Schauffele	3 rd
2013	Jordan Spieth	7 th
2016	Emiliano Grillo	11 th
2015	Daniel Berger	11 th

Par 4 Performance 2018 U.S. Open

Rank	Player	Status
1	Xander Schauffele	+3
1	Hideki Matsuyama	+3
1	Daniel Berger	+3
4	Dustin Johnson	+4
5	Tommy Fleetwood	+5
5	Tony Finau	+5

At last week's U.S. Open the par 4s at Shinnecock Hills GC averaged 4.31. Players ranged from three-over par on the par 4s to 19-over par on the par 4s for the week. Xander Schauffele ranked T1 for Par 4 Performance at last week's U.S. Open playing the par 4s a combined three-over par

Jason Day

Jason Day is set to make his fourth start at the Travelers Championship. Day currently ranks fourth in the FedExCup standings on the strength of two wins and four top-10 finishes this season. Day is coming off a missed cut at last week's U.S. Open posting rounds of 79-73.

First Two Round Scoring Average Last 3 Starts at Travelers

Year	Average
2017	71.0
2014	69.5
2008	67.0

Last week, Jason Day posted his highest opening two rounds this season (76.0), missing the cut at the U.S. Open. In his three starts at the Travelers Championship, Day's opening rounds have progressively been on a decline since his hot start at TPC River Highlands in 2008.

Jason Day holds the record for best SG: Putting in a season on TOUR. Since the inception of Strokes Gained: Putting in 2004, Jason Day holds the single season best Strokes Gained: Putting performance. This season, Day has been solid ranking first in SG: Putting gaining +1.086 strokes per round on the greens.

Best SG: Putting in a Season PGA TOUR Since 2004

Year	Player	Average
2016	Jason Day	+1.130
2007	Jasper Parnevik	+0.979
2008	Corey Pavin	+0.973
2005	Ben Crane	+0.939
2009	Luke Donald	+0.934

SG: Putting Leaders PGA TOUR This Season

Rank	Player	Average
1	Jason Day	+1.086
2	Phil Mickelson	+0.954
3	Greg Chalmers	+0.790
4	Peter Malnati	+0.724
5	Johnson Wagner	+0.718