



## 2018 Travelers Championship

(The 34<sup>th</sup> of 44 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Cromwell, Conn.  
TPC River Highlands

June 21-24, 2018  
Par/Yardage: 35-35—70/6,841

FedExCup Points: 500 to the winner  
Purse: \$7,000,000 (\$1,260,000)

### Third-Round Notes – Saturday, June 23, 2018

*Weather: Mostly cloudy, with scattered showers in the morning. High of 67. Wind NE 6-12 mph.*

#### Third-Round Leaderboard

Paul Casey	65-67-62—194 (-16)
Russell Henley	66-65-67—198 (-12)
Brian Harman	64-66-69—199 (-11)
J.B. Holmes	66-68-65—199 (-11)
Anirban Lahiri	67-67-65—199 (-11)

#### Six Things to Know

- Paul Casey tied his career-low round with a bogey-free 8-under 62 (2015 Sony Open in Hawaii)
- Casey was one shot shy of tying the tournament 54-hole record of 193, set by Mark Calcavecchia in 2000 and Tim Norris in 1982.
- Casey's four-shot lead heading into the final round ties the largest 54-hole lead set on three occasions (Sam Snead/1955, Bob Murphy/1970 and Tim Norris/1982).
- Russell Henley is bogey-free in his last 50 holes this week. His lone bogey came on the fourth hole of the first round.
- The largest come-from-behind win at the Travelers Championship was achieved by Brad Faxon in 2005. He overcame a seven shot deficit.
- James Hahn recorded his first hole-in-one on the PGA TOUR in his 492<sup>nd</sup> round. It occurred on the 154-yard, par-3 11<sup>th</sup> hole with an 8-iron. It marked the 42<sup>nd</sup> ace in tournament history.

#### Third-Round Lead Notes

6 No. of 54-hole leaders/co-leaders to win the Travelers Championship since 2000: Jordan Spieth (2017), Freddie Jacobson (2011), Stewart Cink (2008), J.J. Henry (2006), Peter Jacobsen (2003) and Phil Mickelson (2001).

19 No. of 54-hole leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2017-18 (most recent, Brooks Koepka/U.S. Open).

#### Paul Casey (-16/1<sup>st</sup>)

Age: 40 (July 21, 1977)

Joined TOUR: 2004

#### Entering this week

#15	FedExCup
#13	OWGR
232	PGA TOUR starts
2	PGA TOUR wins (2009 Houston Open and 2018 Valspar Championship)
12	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
4	Top-10s in 2017-18
3	Starts at the Travelers Championship (Best: Runner-up/2015)

- Takes a 54-hole lead/co-lead for the fourth time on TOUR. Converted one of those instances into a victory (2009 Houston Open).
- Recorded his ninth career eagle on a par-4 on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole. He drove the green and made a 23' putt for eagle.
- Hit 18/18 greens in regulation for the third time in his TOUR career (2016 PGA Championship/R4 and 2010 The Open Championship/R3). He has hit 23 consecutive greens in regulation heading into the final round.
- Recorded 14 of his 15 career rounds at the Travelers Championship in the 60s.
- Combined 49-under par at this event.

- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Total (14.877).
- Owns two top-five finishes in his previous three starts at TPC River Highlands (T5/2017 and 2<sup>nd</sup>/2015)
- Seeking to become the first Englishman to win the Travelers Championship.
- Owns four top-10 finishes this season, including a victory at the Valspar Championship.
- With a win, will become the seventh player to have multiple victories this season.

#### **Russell Henley (-12/2<sup>nd</sup>)**

- Bogey-free in his last 50 holes this week. His lone bogey came on the fourth hole of the first round.
- Three-time PGA TOUR winner: 2013 Sony Open in Hawaii, 2014 The Honda Classic, 2017 Houston Open.
- Two of his three wins were come-from-behind wins (2 shots/2014 The Honda Classic and 4 shots/ 2017 Houston Open)
- In only other Travelers Championship start, posted scores of 68-65-65-73—271 (-9) to finish T11 in 2016.
- Finished T25 at last week's U.S. Open.

#### **J.B. Holmes (-11/T3)**

- Round highlighted by a hole-out eagle from 143 yards on the par 4, 14<sup>th</sup> hole.
- Has played the three-hole stretch of Nos. 13-15 in nine under through 54 holes. Recorded seven birdies and one eagle.
- In five previous appearances, best finish at this event came in 2012 with a T37 finish.
- Seeking his fifth TOUR win (most recent: 2015 Houston Open)

#### **Anirban Lahiri (-11/T3)**

- Seeking his first TOUR win in his 76<sup>th</sup> start.
- Bogey-free on the back nine this week with seven birdies and one eagle through 54 holes.
- Leads the field in scrambling this week (14/16).
- Only previous appearance at Travelers Championship was a T17 in 2017.
- Best finish this season is a T5 at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES.
- Seeking to become the second Indian player to win on the PGA TOUR (Arjun Atwal/2010 Wyndham Championship)

#### **Brian Harman (-11/T3)**

- After starting the day with a one-shot lead, made three consecutive birdies on Nos. 13-15, before finishing bogey-bogey-par in his last three holes en route to an 1-under 69.
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Putting (7.648). Needed 79 putts through his first three rounds.
- A top-10 finish this week would be his eighth this season, tying Dustin Johnson for most.
- Left-handed winners of the Travelers Championship since moving to TPC River Highlands in 1984; Phil Mickelson (2001, 2002) and Bubba Watson (2010, 2015).

#### **Jason Day (-10/T6)**

- Best finish at Travelers Championship is T18 in 2014. Missed the cut last year.
- Recorded his ninth round in the 60s in 13 total rounds at this event.
- Seeking his 13<sup>th</sup> TOUR victory (most recent: 2018 Wells Fargo Championship)
- With a win, will become the first player with three wins this season.

#### **Bubba Watson (-10/T6)**

- Two-time Travelers Champion (2010 and 2015). With a win, will be one victory shy of tying Billy Casper for the most Travelers Championship wins.
- In a total of 43 rounds at TPC River Highlands, recorded his 24th round of 67 or better.
- En route to 2010 Travelers Championship win, was six strokes back after 54 holes, before winning in sudden death over Corey Pavin and Scott Verplank. Trailing by one shot after 54 holes en route to 2015 victory at TPC River Highlands.
- Looking for 12<sup>th</sup> TOUR win and seeking to become the season's first three-time winner. Six players have won twice.

#### **Rory McIlroy (-8/T15)**

- Round highlighted by a hole-out eagle from 43' 3" on the par-4, 15<sup>th</sup> hole. Eight shots back of the leader.
- Only previous appearance at Travelers Championship was a T17 in 2017 (67-73-70-64).
- Four-time major champion seeking his 15<sup>th</sup> TOUR title (most recent: 2018 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard).
- Looking for fourth top-10 finish in 12<sup>th</sup> start of 2017-18 TOUR season. (Most recent: T8 at the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide).
- Seeking to become the second player from the United Kingdom to win the Travelers Championship (Russell Knox/2016).

**Jordan Spieth (-3/T46)**

- After starting with nine consecutive pars, the defending champion mixed two birdies with three bogeys en route to a 1-over 71.
- Following his 3-over 73 on Friday, recorded his second over-par round at TPC River Highlands in seven career rounds at the Travelers Championship.

**Course Statistics****Toughest Hole****R1:** Par-4 10<sup>th</sup> (4.321)**R2:** Par-4 12<sup>th</sup> (4.212)**R3:** Par-4 4<sup>th</sup> (4.351)**Easiest Hole**Par-5 6<sup>th</sup> (4.442)Par-5 13<sup>th</sup> (4.731)Tied- Par-5 6<sup>th</sup> (4.622) and Par-5 13<sup>th</sup> (4.622)**Scoring Averages**

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
<b>R1:</b>	34.929	34.846	69.776	--
<b>R2:</b>	35.186	34.808	69.994	69.885
<b>R3:</b>	34.703	34.405	69.108	69.736

**Bogey-free rounds****R1:** Beau Hossler (65), Matt Jones (65), Padraig Harrington (66), Danny Lee (67), Ryan Moore (68).**R2:** Dominic Bozzelli (64), Russell Henley (65), Zach Johnson (68), Denny McCarthy (68), Keith Mitchell (68).**R3:** Paul Casey (62), Jamie Lovemark (64), Patrick Cantlay (65), Emiliano Grillo (66), Russell Henley (67), Chase Seiffert (67)