

## 2018 Waste Management Phoenix Open Broadcast Window & Pre-Tournament Notes



### ShotLink Keys to Victory for Hideki Matsuyama

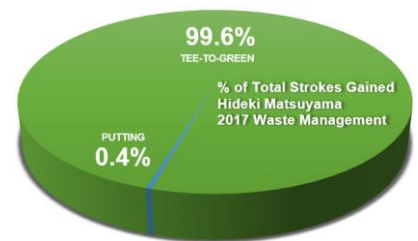
Hideki Matsuyama picked up his second PGA TOUR victory of the 2016-17 season (WGC-HSBC). Matsuyama retook the #1 spot in the FedExCup with an 83-point lead over Justin Thomas. Matsuyama (1,697) and Thomas (1,614) combined had more points than the next four players on the FedExCup points list after the 2017 Waste Management Phoenix Open.

#### Strokes Gained Statistics Hideki Matsuyama vs. The Field

Category	Rank	Avg
Off-the-Tee	9 <sup>th</sup>	+0.964
<b>Approach-the-Green</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>+2.102</b>
Around-the-Green	28 <sup>th</sup>	+0.238
Putting	47 <sup>th</sup>	+0.012
Total	T-1	+3.317

**99.6%** of Hideki's total strokes gained for the week came from his performance from tee-to-green where he outperformed the field by +3.304 strokes per round (1<sup>st</sup>).

**Dominating from Tee-to-Green:** He was one of two players who gained more than three strokes per rd from tee-to-green (Stanley).



#### Hideki Matsuyama vs. The Field 2017 Waste Management Phoenix Open

Stat	Rank	Value	Field
SG: Approach-the-Green	1 <sup>st</sup>	+2.102	---
Greens in Regulation %	T2	80.6	68.5
Proximity to Hole	2 <sup>nd</sup>	31' 1"	38' 11"
Rough Proximity	1 <sup>st</sup>	27' 10"	45' 0"
Fairway Proximity	1 <sup>st</sup>	24' 9"	31' 3"
Approaches > 200 Yards	1 <sup>st</sup>	30' 9"	53' 3"
Par 5 Performance	1 <sup>st</sup>	-11	-5

Stat	Rank	Value	Field
SG: Off-the-Tee	9 <sup>th</sup>	+0.964	---
Driving Distance (All)	10 <sup>th</sup>	311.6	301.5
Driving Pct. 300+ (All)	T12	73.2	55.1
Driving Accuracy %	T6	66.1	66.1
Total Driving	4 <sup>th</sup>	24	74
Par 5 Scoring Avg.	1 <sup>st</sup>	4.08	4.65
Par 5 Birdie or Better %	T1	83.3	43.9

**One of the Best Final Round Performances by a Winner (off-the-tee):** Matsuyama hit 12 of 14 fairways, averaged 322 yards and outperformed the field by a field leading +2.44 strokes off-the-tee in the final round. His final round performance off-the-tee is the fourth best recorded in the FedExCup era by a winner in the final round.

#### Most Strokes Gained: Off-the-Tee by a Winner in the Final Round In the FedExCup Era (since 2007)

Year-Event-Winner	Off-the-Tee	Distance	Accuracy
2018-Sentry TOC-Johnson, Dustin	+4.09	297.0	11 of 15
2015-Wells Fargo Championship-McIlroy, Rory	+3.31	317.4	7 of 14
2008-WGC-Bridgestone-Singh, Vijay	+2.61	318.4	11 of 14
<b>2017-WMPO-Matsuyama, Hideki</b>	<b>+2.44</b>	<b>322.1</b>	<b>12 of 14</b>
2010-BMW Championship-Johnson, Dustin	+2.38	313.8	10 of 14
2011-AT&T Byron Nelson-Bradley, Keegan	+2.33	298.9	8 of 14
2014-WGC-Bridgestone-McIlroy, Rory	+2.33	313.6	9 of 14

## Course & Hole Statistics TPC Scottsdale

Last season, TPC Scottsdale was the only course on the PGA TOUR that players averaged over 300 yards off the tee on all tee shots (301.5 yards). TPC Scottsdale led the TOUR with 55.13% (3,180 of 5,768) of total drives over 300 yards and was the only course where the field hit over 50.0% of their drives over 300 yards.

### Courses with the Longest Drives (All Drives) PGA TOUR Last Season

Rank	Course	All Drives
1	<b>TPC Scottsdale</b>	<b>301.5</b>
2	Firestone CC (South)	299.6
3	East Lake GC	296.6
4	TPC Summerlin	296.2
5	Erin Hills	295.8

### Highest Percentage of Drives Over 300 Yards PGA TOUR Last Season

Rank	Course	%
1	<b>TPC Scottsdale</b>	<b>55.13</b>
2	Club de Golf Chapultepec	49.95
3	Erin Hills	45.25
4	East Lake GC	45.18
5	TPC Summerlin	44.82

Last season, TPC Scottsdale had the highest putts made percentage from 10 to 15 feet of any course played on the PGA TOUR (35.18%) and three of the top-five leaders in this stat finished inside the top-12 of the leaderboard.

### Highest Putting Percentage from 10 to 15' PGA TOUR Last Season

Rank	Course	% Made
1	<b>TPC Scottsdale</b>	<b>35.18</b>
2	Erin Hills	34.46
3	PGA National (Champion)	33.39
4	GC of Houston	33.31
5	Silverado Resort and Spa North	32.53

### Putting from 10 - 15 Feet Leaders 2018 WMPO

Rank	Player	% Made	Evt Finish
1	<b>Adam Hadwin</b>	<b>77.78</b>	<b>T12</b>
2	<b>Zach Johnson</b>	<b>72.73</b>	<b>T12</b>
3	Brian Gay	71.43	T47
4	John Peterson	66.67	T12
4	Jon Curran	66.67	T57

### Courses with the Fewest Hole Outs PGA TOUR Last Season (Full Field - Single Course Events)

Rank	Course	Hole outs
1	Sedgefield CC	36
2	Erin Hills	37
3	GC of Houston	38
4	<b>TPC Scottsdale</b>	<b>48</b>
5	Waialae CC	50

**48 Hole Outs:** Last season, the field holed out 48 times at TPC Scottsdale, marking the fourth fewest hole outs of any course (Full Field-Single Course Events).

### Waste Management Phoenix Open Champions FedExCup Finishes Since 2007

Year	Past Champion	FEC Finish
2017	Matsuyama, Hideki	8 <sup>th</sup>
2016	Matsuyama, Hideki	13 <sup>th</sup>
2015	Koepka, Brooks	24 <sup>th</sup>
2014	Stadler, Kevin	38 <sup>th</sup>
2013	Mickelson, Phil	9 <sup>th</sup>
2012	Stanley, Kyle	31 <sup>st</sup>
2011	Wilson, Mark	22 <sup>nd</sup>
2010	Mahan, Hunter	18 <sup>th</sup>
2009	Perry, Kenny	9 <sup>th</sup>
2008	Holmes, J.B.	38 <sup>th</sup>
2007	Baddeley, Aaron	6 <sup>th</sup>

Eight of the 11 Waste Management Phoenix Open champions advanced to the TOUR Championship in the same season.

The last three consecutive WMPO champions have finished inside the top-30 of the FedExCup standings.

## Broadcast Window Notes

### 2018 Waste Management Phoenix Open *(featured groups)*

#### Jordan Spieth

2015 FedExCup champion, Jordan Spieth is set to make his third start at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. Spieth enters this week ranked 88<sup>th</sup> in the current FedExCup standings and is the only player on TOUR who has ranked inside the top-15 in the final FedExCup standings in each of the last five PGA TOUR seasons.

#### Players Ranked Inside Top-15 in Final FedExCup Standings in Each of Last 5 PGA TOUR Seasons

Category	2013	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	Last Season
FEC Rank	7 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>

**78.0%:** Since the start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season, Spieth has played 78.0% of his rounds at par or better. This works out to 195 of 250 rounds at par or better.

#### Jordan Spieth Scoring Breakdown 2010-2014 vs. 2015-2018 *(entering WMPO)*

Category	2010-2014	2015-2018
Rounds Under par	115	169
Even Par Rounds	24	26
Rounds Over Par	67	55
Total # of Rds	206	250

From the start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season to the end of last season, Jordan Spieth recorded 169 rounds under par, 54 more rounds under par than from 2010 to the end of the 2013-14 PGA TOUR season.

This season, Jordan Spieth is a combined 23-under par in his first two starts on TOUR and has played seven of eight rounds under par.

#### Jordan Spieth Scoring First 2 PGA TOUR Starts This Season

Stat	Value
Scoring Avg	68.63
Score to Par	-23
Rounds Under Par	7 of 8

### Justin Thomas

The 2017 FedExCup champion, Justin Thomas is set to make his fourth appearance at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. This season, Thomas currently ranks seventh in the FedExCup standings on the strength of one win (THE CJ CUP) and four top-25 finishes.

#### Justin Thomas Scoring Comparison First 4 Rds vs. Last 4 Rds - WMPO

Category	First 4 Rds	Last 4 Rds
Scoring Avg	69.0	<b>71.5</b>
Score to Par	-8	<b>+2</b>
Rounds Under Par	3	<b>1</b>

Thomas has struggle in his last four rounds at TPC Scottsdale compared to his first four rounds at this event. Thomas is a combined two-over par, 10 shots higher than in his first four rounds (-8).

#### Justin Thomas Scoring TPC Scottsdale Holes 8-12 vs Rest of Course

Holes 8 thru 12	Rest of Course
+13	<b>-19</b>

On holes 8 thru 12 at TPC Scottsdale, Justin Thomas is a combined 13-over par compared to -19 on the rest of the course.

This season, Justin Thomas has played all four of his opening rounds under par, including a nine-under par, 63 en route to victory at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES. Thomas ranks fourth on TOUR in Round One Scoring Average (67.75) and is a combined 16-under par.

#### Round One Scoring Average Leaders PGA TOUR This Season

Rank	Player	Avg
1	Jason Kokrak	67.14
2	Chez Reavie	67.43
3	Zach Johnson	67.60
<b>4</b>	<b>Justin Thomas</b>	<b>67.75</b>

#### Justin Thomas Round One Performance PGA TOUR This Season

Stat	Value
Rounds Under Par	<b>4 of 4</b>
Scoring Average	<b>67.75</b>
Score to Par	<b>-16</b>

### Patton Kizzire

FedExCup leader, Patton Kizzire has a 376-point lead over the second ranked player (Rahm) in the FedExCup standings. Kizzire's 376-point lead over Jon Rahm marks the second highest point differential between the leader and second ranked players in the FedExCup entering the Waste Management Phoenix Open since the 2013-14 PGA TOUR season.

#### Largest Points Lead in FedExCup Standings Entering Waste Management Phoenix Open Since 2013-14 PGA TOUR Season

Year	Player	Total Points	Points Ahead of 2 <sup>nd</sup>
2017	Thomas, Justin	1,614	417
<b>2018</b>	<b>Kizzire, Patton</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>376</b>
2014	Walker, Jimmy	1,233	302
2015	Walker, Jimmy	1,039	160
2016	Kisner, Kevin	1,073	60

**16 in the 60s:** This season, Patton Kizzire has recorded 16 rounds in the 60s, T-most of any player on TOUR. Kizzire is one of four players with 16 rounds in the 60s entering this week (Reavie, Hossler, Kokrak).

#### Most Rounds in the 60s PGA TOUR This Season

Player	# of Rds
<b>Patton Kizzire</b>	<b>16</b>
Chez Reavie	16
Beau Hossler	16
Jason Kokrak	16

**Two Over 50 Yards:** This season, two of Patton Kizzire's 10 hole-outs have been from 50 yards or longer. Kizzire is one of two players (Werenski) to have multiple hole outs greater than 50 yards through the first 12 PGA TOUR events.

#### Total Hole Out Leaders PGA TOUR This Season

Rank	Player	# of Hole outs
1	Richy Werenski	12
<b>2</b>	<b>Patton Kizzire</b>	<b>10</b>
2	Ben Silverman	10

### Charley Hoffman

Charley Hoffman is set to make his 12<sup>th</sup> start at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. Hoffman currently ranks 129<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings, marking the third time in his FedExCup career ranking outside the top-125 after week #11 of the season. In the previous two seasons, Hoffman has advanced to at least the third event in the FedExCup Playoffs (BMW Championship).

#### Charley Hoffman Lowest Ranked in FedExCup Through Week #11 vs. Season Finish Since 2007

Year	Rank After #11	FEC Finish
2016	166 <sup>th</sup>	44 <sup>th</sup>
2010	149 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
<b>This Season</b>	<b>129<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>??</b>

#### Charley Hoffman Scoring

##### First 3 Rds vs. Final Rd 2018 Farmers Insurance Open

Category	First 3 Rds	Final Rd
Score to Par	-4	<b>+3</b>
Scoring Avg	70.67	<b>75</b>
Holes Over Par	8	<b>7</b>

Hoffman struggled in the final round of the 2018 Farmers Insurance Open, recording a three-over par, 75 including seven bogeys compared to a combined -4 and only making eight bogeys in the first 54 holes.

In the last two Waste Management Phoenix Open, Charley Hoffman has played the final three rounds of the a combined 11-under par compared to a combined two-over par in the opening rounds at this event.

#### Charley Hoffman Scoring

##### Round 1 vs. Rounds 2, 3, 4 - 2016 & 2017 WMPO

Category	Round 1	Rounds 2-4
Scoring Avg.	72.0	<b>69.2</b>
Score to Par	+2	<b>-11</b>
Birdies or Better	8	<b>28</b>

Last season, Charley Hoffman has been dialed in his approach the green performance, outperforming the field by +1.57 strokes per round on all approach shots compared to losing -0.89 strokes per round on the greens at TPC Scottsdale.

#### Charley Hoffman

##### SG: Approach-the-Green vs. SG: Putting Performance - 2017 WMPO

Year	Approach-the-Green	Putting
2017	<b>+1.57</b>	-0.89

### Bubba Watson

Bubba Watson is set to make his 12<sup>th</sup> appearance at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. In his first 11 starts at this event

Since 2007, Bubba Watson has played all 11 opening rounds at the Waste Management Phoenix Open, three more than the next best players at this event. Watson's 11 opening rounds under par, marks his most at a PGA TOUR event in the last 12 years.

#### Most Opening Rounds Under Par WMPO Since 2007

Player	# of Rds
<b>Watson, Bubba</b>	<b>11</b>
Na, Kevin	8
Mickelson, Phil	8
Crane, Ben	8
Gay, Brian	8
Howell III, Charles	8

#### Bubba Watson Most Opening Rds Under Par at a PGA TOUR Event Since 2007

Event	# of Rds
<b>Waste Management Phoenix Open</b>	<b>11</b>
Travelers Championship	9
THE NORTHERN TRUST	7

**312.9 Yards:** Bubba Watson has a Driving Distance (measured drives) average of 312.9 yards at TPC Scottsdale. His 312.9-yard Driving Distance average leads all players with 35 or more measured drives at this course.

Since 2007, Watson has ranked inside the top-five in Driving Distance (measured drives) in eight of the last 11 Waste Management Phoenix Open's, four more times than the next best player (Holmes, 4).

#### Driving Distance Leaders Waste Management Phoenix Open (min 35 drives)

Player	Avg.
<b>Watson, Bubba</b>	<b>312.9</b>
Daly, John	311.7
Holmes, J.B.	310.3
Cabrera, Ángel	308.6
Woodland, Gary	308.1

**\*Avg Driving Distance: 285.4**

#### Most Times Ranked Inside Top 5 in Driving Distance Waste Management Phoenix Open Since 2007

Player	# of Times
<b>Watson, Bubba</b>	<b>8</b>
Holmes, J.B.	4
Watney, Nick	3
Koepka, Brooks	3

### Matt Kuchar

Matt Kuchar is set to make his ninth appearance at the Waste Management Phoenix Open and first since the 2017 RSM Classic (T29). Kuchar is one of two players (Paul Casey) that have advanced to the TOUR Championship without a victory in each of the last three seasons.

#### Players to Advance to TOUR Championship Without a Victory in Each of Last 3 Seasons



Kuchar, Matt	Season	Casey, Paul
14 <sup>th</sup>	Last Season	11 <sup>th</sup>
18 <sup>th</sup>	2015-16	5 <sup>th</sup>
19 <sup>th</sup>	2014-15	13 <sup>th</sup>

#### Most Top-10s PGA TOUR Since 2010

Player	# of Top 10s
<b>Kuchar, Matt</b>	<b>74</b>
Johnson, Dustin	71
Day, Jason	59
Fowler, Rickie	58
McIlroy, Rory	57

**37.4%:** Since 2010, Matt Kuchar has finished inside the top-10 in 37.4% of events played on TOUR. Kuchar has the most top-10s of any player, accumulating a total of 74 top-10s in 198 PGA TOUR events played.



### Phil Mickelson

Three-time winner of the Waste Management Phoenix Open, Phil Mickelson is set to make his 29<sup>th</sup> start at this event, tying Gene Littler, Jim Ferrier and Jerry Barber for the most starts made at this event.

#### Most Starts

##### Waste Management Phoenix Open

Player	# of Starts
Littler, Gene	29
Barber, Jerry	29
Ferrier, Jim	29
Mickelson, Phil*	28

Phil Mickelson is one of four players to win the Waste Management Phoenix Open three times (Palmer, Calcavecchia and Littler).

#### Three-Time Winners

##### Waste Management Phoenix Open

Player	Years
Palmer, Arnold	1961, 1962, 1963
<b>Mickelson, Phil</b>	<b>1996, 2005, 2013</b>
Calcavecchia, Mark	1989, 1992, 2001
Littler, Gene	1955, 1959, 1969

\*Making 29<sup>th</sup> career start at this event

### Phil Mickelson

#### Most Starts at an Event on TOUR

Event	# of Starts
Farmers Insurance Open	29
<b>Waste Management Phoenix Open</b>	<b>28</b>
U.S. Open	26
PGA Championship	25
Masters Tournament	25

The Waste Management Phoenix Open and Farmers Insurance Open are the two events on TOUR where Phil Mickelson has had his most appearances on the PGA TOUR.

**65.0% Rounds Under Par:** Phil Mickelson has played 65.0% (65 of 100) of his rounds under par at TPC Scottsdale. Mickelson owns two of the four rounds of 60 at TPC Scottsdale (Calcavecchia & Waite).

### Phil Mickelson

#### Round Breakdown at TPC Scottsdale

Category	# of Rds	% of Rds
<b>Rounds Under par</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65.0%</b>
Even Par Rounds	13	13.0%
Rounds Over Par	22	22.0%
Total # of Rds	100	--

### Rounds of 60

#### TPC Scottsdale Since 1996

Rest of the TOUR	Mickelson, Phil
2	2

### Phil Mickelson

#### Scoring Breakdown by Par TPC Scottsdale

	3	4	5	Tot. Score to Par
Mickelson, Phil	+20	-51	-146	-177

In 28 starts, Phil Mickelson is a combined 177-under par at TPC Scottsdale, 20 shots better than the next best player (Calcavecchia, -157).

### Most Under Par at TPC Scottsdale

Player	Score to Par
<b>Mickelson, Phil</b>	<b>-177</b>
Calcavecchia, Mark	-157
Perry, Kenny	-127
Singh, Vijay	-124
Lehman, Tom	-122

### Most Rounds of 66 or Better PGA TOUR Since 1980

Player	# of Rds
<b>Mickelson, Phil</b>	<b>223</b>
Woods, Tiger	201
Love III, Davis	201
Furyk, Jim	198
Singh, Vijay	190

Since 1980 there have been 34,345 rounds of 66 or better on the PGA TOUR. Of those 34,345 rounds, Phil Mickelson has the most rounds of 66 or better with 223.

Mickelson has a total of 2,000 career rounds on the PGA TOUR and 223 of them are 66 or better (11%).

**25-Over Par:** Phil Mickelson is a combined 25-over par on the 12<sup>th</sup> hole at TPC Scottsdale, marking his third toughest hole on TOUR.

**107-Under Par:** Phil Mickelson is a combined 62-under par on the 13<sup>th</sup> hole at TPC Scottsdale, marking his second easiest hole played on TOUR. Mickelson in 100 rounds at TPC Scottsdale, Mickelson is 45-under par on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole, marking his sixth easiest hole on TOUR. Combined, Mickelson is 107-under par on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> hole at TPC Scottsdale.

**Phil Mickelson  
Toughest Holes on TOUR**

Course	Hole	# of Rds	Score to Par
TPC Sawgrass	18 <sup>th</sup>	80	+29
Firestone CC (South)	13 <sup>th</sup>	92	+29
<b>TPC Scottsdale</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>100</b>	<b>+25</b>
Augusta National GC	11 <sup>th</sup>	94	+23
Torrey Pines (South)	7 <sup>th</sup>	70	+23

**Phil Mickelson  
Easiest Holes on TOUR**

Course	Hole	Par	Score to Par
Augusta National GC	13 <sup>th</sup>	5	-73
<b>TPC Scottsdale</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-62</b>
Firestone CC (South)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	5	-50
TPC Sawgrass	16 <sup>th</sup>	5	-49
Augusta National GC	2 <sup>nd</sup>	5	-46
<b>TPC Scottsdale</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-45</b>

*\*Combined 107-under par on holes 13 & 15*

### Jon Rahm

Currently ranked second in the FedExCup standings, Jon Rahm is set to make his third start at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. Rahm is one of 10 players who ranked outside the top-30 of the FedExCup standings after the 2017 WGC-HSBC Champions and currently rank inside the top-30 of the standings.

#### Jon Rahm

##### FedExCup Movement Since 2017 WGC-HSBC Champions

Event	Evt Finish	FedExCup Rank
WGC-HSBC Champions	T36	<b>113<sup>th</sup></b>
Sentry TOC	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>
CareerBuilder Challenge	WIN	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>
Farmers Insurance Open	T29	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>

Rahm has improved 111 positions in the FedExCup standings since the 2017 WGC-HSBC Champions in part to a second (Sentry TOC) and a win at the 2018 CareerBuilder Challenge.

#### Jon Rahm

##### Highest Any 36-hole Score to Par in an Event PGA TOUR Career

**Eight-Over Par:** Rahm played the final two rounds of the 2018 Farmers Insurance Open in a combined eight-over par marking his second-highest consecutive two-round score to par in an event on TOUR.

Year	Event	Score to Par	Rds
2017	THE PLAYERS Championship	+10	2 & 3
<b>2018</b>	<b>Farmers Insurance Open</b>	<b>+8</b>	<b>3 &amp; 4</b>
2016	The Open Championship	+6	3 & 4
2016	U.S. Open	+5	1 & 2

### Xander Schauffele

Xander Schauffele is set to make his tournament debut at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. Schauffele (2017 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year) is making his 37<sup>th</sup> career start on TOUR. In his last 14 starts on TOUR, Schauffele has recorded two wins (2017 Greenbrier Classic & 2017 TOUR Championship) and one top-five (2017 CIMB Classic).

#### Xander Schauffele

##### First 22 vs. Last 14 PGA TOUR Results Stats

Category	First 22	Last 14
Highest FedExCup Rank	<b>40<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
Wins	0	<b>2</b>
Top 5s	2	<b>3</b>
Missed Cuts	9	<b>2</b>

In this span, Schauffele's highest FedExCup rank was third after the 2017 TOUR Championship compared to his highest FEC rank of 40<sup>th</sup> (2016 Sanderson Farms) in his first 22 events on TOUR.

### Hideki Matsuyama

Two-time winner of the Waste Management Phoenix Open (2016 & 2017), Hideki Matsuyama is set to make his fifth start at this event.

#### Most FedExCup Points Earned at Waste Management Phoenix Open Since 2009

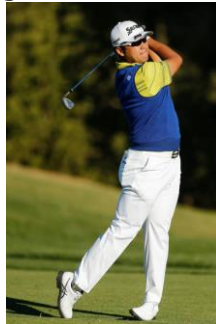
Player	# of Points
<b>Matsuyama, Hideki</b>	<b>1,331</b>
Fowler, Rickie	843
Mahan, Hunter	788

Since 2009, Matsuyama has earned 1,331 total FedExCup Points at this event, 488 more points than the next best player (Fowler, 843 pts).

#### Most Top 5 Finishes at Waste Management Phoenix Open Since 2014

Since the 2014 Waste Management Phoenix Open, Hideki Matsuyama has four top-five finishes, most of any player.

Matsuyama is one of three players with multiple top-five finishes at this event in this timeframe.



	Matsuyama, Hideki	Fowler, Rickie	Watson, Bubba
# of Top 5s	4	2	2

#### Lowest Scoring Average Waste Management Phoenix Open Since 2014 (Min 8 Rds)

Player	Scoring Avg.
<b>Matsuyama, Hideki</b>	<b>67.31</b>
Simpson, Webb	68.08
Spieth, Jordan	68.13
Rahm, Jon	68.25
Watson, Bubba	68.50

\*Field Avg: 70.65

**67.31:** Since 2014, Hideki Matsuyama has a 67.31 scoring average at the Waste Management Phoenix Open, best scoring average of any player (min 8 rds played). Matsuyama's 67.31 scoring average at this event is over three shots better than the field average over the last four years (70.65).

#### Players with 100% Par or Better Rounds TPC Scottsdale (min 8 Rds)

Hideki Matsuyama has played 16 total rounds at TPC Scottsdale and has yet to post a round over par.

Matsuyama is one of five players to play all rounds at this event at par or better (of players with at least 8 rds).

Player	%	# Rds Par or Better	# of Rds
<b>Matsuyama, Hideki</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>
Rahm, Jon	100%	8	8
Spieth, Jordan	100%	8	8
Knost, Colt	100%	8	8
Letzig, Michael	100%	8	8

#### Best Score to Par Final 2 Rounds Waste Management Phoenix Open Since 2013

Player	Rounds 3 & 4
<b>Matsuyama, Hideki</b>	<b>-32</b>
Moore, Ryan	-27
Steele, Brendan	-26
Simpson, Webb	-26
Palmer, Ryan	-25
Horschel, Billy	-25

Since 2013, Hideki Matsuyama is a combined 32-under par in the third and final rounds at the Waste Management Open, marking the best cumulative score to par on the weekend at this event.

### Rickie Fowler

Rickie Fowler is set to make his 10<sup>th</sup> start at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. Fowler currently ranks 19<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings on the strength of one second (OHL Classic) and a T4 finish at the Sentry Tournament of Champions. Rickie Fowler has ranked inside the top-30 of the standings since week #14 of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR season.

Fowler is the only player to rank inside the top-five in Scrambling in each of the last two Waste Management Phoenix Open's. Last season, Fowler led the field in this category managing to salvage par on 16 of 17 (94.12%) attempts when missing the green at TPC Scottsdale, marking his career best Scrambling performance in an event on the PGA TOUR.

#### Scrambling

##### Rickie Fowler vs. WMPO Field Last 2 Seasons

Player	Rank	Value	Field Avg.
Last Season	1 <sup>st</sup>	94.12%	57.14%
2015-16	4 <sup>th</sup>	76.19%	58.47%

#### Rickie Fowler Around the Green

##### 2017 Waste Management Phoenix Open

Stat	Rank	Fowler	Evt Avg.
SG: Around-the-Green	3 <sup>rd</sup>	+0.879	- - -
Sand Save Percentage	T3	83.33%	49.79
<b>Scrambling</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>94.12%</b>	<b>57.14</b>

#### Rickie Fowler Weekend Performance

##### First 5 Starts vs. Last 4 Starts - WMPO

Category	First 5	Last 4
Scoring Average	70.25	<b>68.33</b>
Score to Par	-6	<b>-16</b>
Lowest Round	68	<b>65</b>

Rickie Fowler has made the cut in three of his last four starts at this event. In his last four starts, Fowler has a weekend scoring average of 68.33 and is a combined 16-under par, 10 shots better on the weekend than in his first five starts at this event.

**8:** Since 2003, Rickie Fowler, Rory Sabbatini & Nick Watney have each found the water off the tee eight times on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole (most of any player).

#### Most Tee Shots in Water - 17<sup>th</sup> Hole TPC Scottsdale Since 2003

Player	# of Tee Shots
<b>Fowler, Rickie*</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Sabbatini, Rory</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Watney, Nick</b>	<b>8</b>

*\*Fowler hit 1 in water during 2016 playoff (not included)*

### Webb Simpson

Webb Simpson currently ranks 55<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings and is set to make his eighth appearance at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. Since 2011, Simpson has recorded four top-10s at this event, marking the most top-10s by a player without a victory at the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

#### Webb Simpson

##### Approach and Around the Green Stats - 2017 WMPO

Stat	Rank	Value
<b>SG: Approach-the-Green</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>+1.314</b>
Greens in Regulation PCT.	T17	73.61%
Approaches from 50-125 yds.	4 <sup>th</sup>	11' 3"
SG: Around-the-Green	7 <sup>th</sup>	+0.758
Sand Save Percentage	T14	66.67%
<b>Scrambling</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>84.21%</b>

Webb Simpson ranked inside the top-17 in several key categories at this event last season. Simpson ranked eighth in SG: Approach-the-Green, outperforming the field by +1.314 strokes per round on all approach shots.

Webb ranked fourth in Scrambling, managing to salvage par on 16 of 19 (84.21%) attempts when missing the green at TPC Scottsdale.