



2018 Waste Management Phoenix Open
(The 13th of 48 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Scottsdale, Arizona **Feb. 1-4, 2018** **Purse: \$6,900,000 (\$1,242,000 winner)**
TPC Scottsdale **Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,266 yards** **500 FedExCup points to winner**

Second-Round Notes – Friday, February 2, 2018

Weather: Sunny, with a high of 80. Wind SW 4-8 mph.

36-hole cut: 72 players at 1-under 141 from a field of 132 professionals.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Score
T1	Rickie Fowler	66-66 —132 (-10)
T1	Bryson DeChambeau	66-66 —132 (-10)
T3	Daniel Berger	68-65 —133 (-9)
T3	Chez Reavie	68-65 —133 (-9)

Rickie Fowler

Rickie Fowler followed his opening round, 5-under 66 with another 66 in round two to post his 11th consecutive round in the 60s at the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

Fowler made 117 feet, 4 inches of putts on Friday, his ninth round of making over 100 feet of putts at TPC Scottsdale, dating to 2011. Fowler ranks first in Strokes Gained: Putting through two rounds (5.763).

Fowler is making his 10th start in the Waste Management Phoenix Open this week, where he has collected three top-10 finishes (2nd/2010, 2nd/2016 (playoff), T4/2017).

In his first four starts of the 2017-18 Season (official and unofficial), Fowler finished 2nd (OHL Classic at Mayakoba); Won (Hero World Challenge); T4 (Sentry Tournament of Champions); CUT (Farmers Insurance Open).

This marks the eighth time in Fowler’s career where he has held at least a share of the second-round lead, most recently at the 2017 OHL Classic at Mayakoba, where he went on to finish solo-2nd. He has yet to convert a 36-hole lead/co-lead into a victory.

Fowler is in search of his fifth win on TOUR and first since the 2017 The Honda Classic.

Bryson DeChambeau

Bryson DeChambeau played his first 31 holes of the tournament without a bogey before three-putting the par-4 14th. He then played his final four holes in 2-under-par—thanks to birdies at 17 and 18—to post a 66 and tie Rickie Fowler for the second-round lead.

DeChambeau, who collected his first PGA TOUR victory at the 2017 John Deere Classic, missed the cut at last week’s Farmers Insurance Open. Prior to that, he had not finished worse than 26th in his first four starts of the 2017-18 season.

The 24-year-old has now held at least a share of the lead twice in his PGA TOUR career. He was tied for the lead at the 2017 Puerto Rico Open, before finishing T2.

Second-Round Lead Notes

Since 2000, second-round leaders/co-leaders of the event have held on for the win five times: Tom Lehman (2000), Mark Calcavecchia (2001), Phil Mickelson (2005, 2013) and J.B. Holmes (2008).

Last year, Byeong Hun An and Brendan Steele shared the second-round lead at 10-under-par.

Through 12 events in the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season, four players have managed to convert a 36-hole lead/co-lead into victory, most recently Austin Cook at The RSM Classic.

10-under has been the leading score through 36 holes for each of the past four years at the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

Daniel Berger

Daniel Berger posted a bogey-free, 6-under 65, his ninth consecutive under-par round this season.

Berger, a two-time winner on TOUR (2016 and 2017 FedEx St. Jude Classic), is making his third start at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. His T7 finish last year is his best finish at this event.

Chez Reavie

Chez Reavie, the only player this week to post back-to-back bogey free rounds, carded a second-round 65 to sit T3 with Daniel Berger.

In 9 previous appearances at the Waste Management Phoenix Open, Reavie has missed the cut six times, including his past three starts at TPC Scottsdale. His best finish at this event is T45 in 2011.

Reavie is in search of his second PGA TOUR win and first since the 2008 RBC Canadian Open, a span of 209 starts.

Scott Stallings

Scott Stallings hit all 18 greens in regulation in his second round—despite only hitting eight of 14 fairways—to post a 6-under 65. His lone bogey of the day came at the par-4 15th.

This week marks the first time Stallings has made the cut at the Waste Management Phoenix Open in six starts. He entered this week on the heels of two consecutive missed cuts.

A three-time winner on the PGA TOUR, Stallings is in search of his first win since the 2014 Farmers Insurance Open.

Chesson Hadley

2017 Web.com Tour Player of the Year Chesson Hadley offset three bogeys on his front nine with three birdies en-route to a 3-under 68.

Hadley has yet to miss a cut in eight starts this season. He first three starts were all top-5 finishes (Safeway Open/T3, Sanderson Farms Championship/2, Shriners Hospitals for Children Open/T4).

In his only two previous starts at the Waste Management Phoenix Open, Hadley finished T60 in 2016 and missed the cut in 2015.

Hadley is in search of his second PGA TOUR victory. He won the 2014 Puerto Rico Open en route to being named the 2014 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year.

Phil Mickelson

Three-time Waste Management Phoenix Open winner Phil Mickelson (1996, 2005, 2013) made four consecutive birdies on holes 15-18 for the third time in 102 rounds at TPC Scottsdale. His second-round 65 is his lowest score on TOUR since the 64 he shot during the final round of the 2017 Greenbrier Classic.

This week marks Mickelson's 29th start in this event, a record he shares with Gene Littler, Jim Ferrier and Jerry Barber.

Miscellaneous Notes

2016 and 2017 Waste Management Phoenix Open champion Hideki Matsuyama withdrew before his second round due to a left wrist injury. He opened with a 2-under 69 and was T29 after round one.

After rounds of 72-70, Jordan Spieth missed his first cut in three Waste Management Phoenix Open appearances. He had not previously finished outside the top-10 (2017/T9, 2015/T7).

Reigning FedExCup champion Justin Thomas was 6-under par through 15 holes in round one before going double-bogey, bogey, par on holes 16-18. He bounced back in round two with a bogey-free 68 (T19). Thomas' worst finish in five starts this season is T22 at the Sentry Tournament of Champions.

Robert Garrigus made an eagle on the driveable par-4 No. 17 after hitting his tee shot to four inches. Andrew McGee aced this hole in 2001 and still holds the record for recording the only hole-in-one on a par-4 in TOUR history.

Even with a victory this week, Arizona State University grad and Phoenix resident Jon Rahm (T8) cannot move to No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking.

Ben Silverman won the Ford "Drive for Your Ride" competition, which awards a 2018 Ford Expedition to the player with the combined closet-to-the-pin tee shots on No. 16 in rounds one and two. Silverman combined distance was 15' feet, 8 inches.

191,400 people attended the second round of the Waste Management Phoenix Open, surpassing the previous second-round attendance record of 169,004, set in 2017.

Alex Cejka withdrew during R2 due to illness.

Scoring Averages

Round	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1	35.382	35.511	70.893	---
R2	34.62	35.43	70.047	70.470

Bogey-free rounds at TPC Scottsdale:

R1: Bill Haas (64), Bryson DeChambeau (66), Billy Horschel (66), Chez Reavie (68), Ben Martin (69).

R2: Daniel Berger (65), Adam Hadwin (65), C.T. Pan (68), Chez Reavie (65), Steve Stricker (67), Justin Thomas (66), Nick Watney (68), Bubba Watson (69).