



2018 Wells Fargo Championship

(The 27th of 44 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Charlotte, North Carolina
Quail Hollow Club

May 3-6, 2018
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,554

FedExCup Points: 500 Purse: \$7,700,000

First-Round Notes – Thursday, May 3, 2018

Weather: Sunny with a high of 86. Wind SW 6-12 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

John Peterson	65 (-6)
Peter Malnati	67 (-4)
Tyrrell Hatton	67 (-4)
Johnson Wagner	67 (-4)
Keith Mitchell	67 (-4)
Kyle Stanley	67 (-4)
10 players	68 (-3)

First-Round Lead Notes

- 2 First-round leaders/co-leaders at the Wells Fargo Championship who went on to win (Jim Furyk/2006 and Derek Ernst (2013)
- 6 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2017-18 (through 25 stroke-play events)

John Peterson

Age: 29 (4/18/1989)

Joined TOUR: 2014

Entering this week

#209	FedExCup
#776	OWGR
88	PGA TOUR starts
0	PGA TOUR wins
5	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
0	Top-10s in 2017-18

Best TOUR result: T4, 2012 U.S. Open

John Peterson is currently playing on a Major Medical Extension (hand injury; had hand surgery in January 2016). He has 3 remaining starts to earn 237 FedExCup points or \$318,096 to remain exempt through the remainder of the season.

237 Points at Wells Fargo Championship

Two-way tie for 2nd
Solo-2nd
Win

\$318,096 at Wells Fargo Championship

Three-way tie for 4th or better

He started the season with 8 available starts. He has only missed 1 cut in 5 starts, but has yet to finish better than T34.

This marks Peterson’s first lead after any round on the PGA TOUR.

Peterson recorded back-to-back eagles on Nos. 7 and 8, only the second time in his career he has recorded 2 eagles in a round. Earlier in the day, Johnson Wagner posted consecutive eagles on Nos. 14 and 15. Wagner and Peterson became the second and third players, respectively, to make back-to-back eagles in a round this season. Webb Simpson eagled Nos. 7 and 8 in the final round of the Masters.

In 4 previous starts at the Wells Fargo Championship, Peterson has 2 missed cuts (2013, 2014), a T20 in 2015 and T36 in 2017 at Eagle Point.

Peterson is not qualified for next week's PLAYERS Championship, where he has only made one start (2014/T59). To qualify, he would have to win this week, or move into the top 10 in the FedExCup standings.

Peterson leads the field in several Strokes Gained categories: SG: Tee To Green (8.700), SG: Around The Green (3.064) and Strokes Gained: Total (7.883). He is 2nd in SG: Approach The Green.

Rory Mclroy (T7)

Entering this week

#32 FedExCup
#7 OWGR
138 PGA TOUR starts
14 PGA TOUR wins (most recently 2018 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard)

Mclroy, the only multiple winner of the Wells Fargo Championship, has played every Wells Fargo Championship since 2010, with the exception of 2017 at Eagle Point. He leads the money list in the event with a total of \$3,656,054.17 in 7 starts. The 2010 Wells Fargo Championship was his first victory on the PGA TOUR, closing with rounds of 66-62.

Mclroy is the second-most under par at Quail Hollow Club all-time (since 2003), including the 2017 PGA Championship when par values changed. The chart below includes today's first-round scores.

Player	Under Par
Phil Mickelson	-82
Rory Mclroy	-68
Jim Furyk	-42
Rickie Fowler	-38
Geoff Ogilvy	-38
Stewart Cink	-35
Tiger Woods	-25

Tiger Woods

Entering this week

#53 FedExCup
#93 OWGR
334 PGA TOUR starts
79 PGA TOUR wins (most recently 2013 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational)

In his first start since a T32 at the Masters, Tiger Woods opened with an even-par 71. Woods has two top-5s in his last 3 starts on TOUR: Valspar Championship (T2) and Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard (T5).

Woods is making his first start in the Wells Fargo Championship since 2012 (MC). The 2007 Wells Fargo Championship is his only TOUR win in the state of North Carolina.

Additional Player Notes

Peter Malnati (T2) closed his round with a 23'9" birdie putt on 18, his longest made putt of the day

Tyrrell Hatton (T2) is making his first start in the Wells Fargo Championship. In his only other start at Quail Hollow Club, he missed the cut at the 2017 PGA Championship after rounds of 77-72.

Born in Texas, Johnson Wagner (T2) calls Charlotte, North Carolina home. He is making his 12th start in the Wells Fargo Championship. Wagner made back-to-back eagles at Nos. 14 and 15. This is the third time Wagner has recorded two eagles in a round. He most recently did so at the 2017 Wyndham Championship (Rd. 2, albatross/eagle), held in Greensboro, North Carolina.

For the first time this season, Phil Mickelson (T59) (72/+1) did not open with a sub-par first round, breaking a streak of 12 consecutive events with under-par opening rounds (dating to 2017 Dell Technologies Championship).

Justin Thomas needs a solo-12th finish or better this week to claim the No. 1 spot in the Official World Golf Ranking from Dustin Johnson. Thomas opened with a 2-over 73 and is currently T79.

Geoff Ogilvy (T7) opened with a hole-out eagle on the first hole (194 yards, 6-iron) en route to a 3-under 68, his first sub-par score since the first round of the Houston Open. Ogilvy has missed cuts in 8 of his last 9 starts.

Kyle Stanley (T2) and Tom Lovelady (T7) both made 7 birdies, the most in round one.

Andrew Landry withdrew after the first round due to illness.

Course Statistics

The par-4 16th played the most difficult in round one at 4.429. The par-5 15th played the easiest at 4.622.

Scoring Averages at Quail Hollow Club:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	36.071	36.763	72.833	--

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Keegan Bradley (68), Sam Burns (69)