



**2018 Wells Fargo Championship**  
*(The 27<sup>th</sup> of 44 events in the PGA TOUR Season)*

**Charlotte, North Carolina**      **May 3-6, 2018**      **FedExCup Points: 500**    **Purse: \$7,700,000**  
**Quail Hollow Club**              **Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,554**

**Third-Round Notes – Saturday, May 5, 2018**

*Weather: Mostly cloudy with a high of 83. Wind S 6-12 mph.*

**54-Hole Cut:** With more than 78 players (87) making the 36-hole cut, a 54-hole cut took place Saturday reducing the field to 75 players at 3-over 216 (low 70 and ties).

**Third-Round Leaderboard**

Jason Day	69-67-67—203 (-10)
Nick Watney	72-67-66—205 (-8)
Aaron Wise	68-68-70—206 (-7)
Peter Uihlein	72-72-62—206 (-7)
Bryson DeChambeau	75-65-66—206 (-7)
Paul Casey	69-68-69—206 (-7)

**Third-Round Lead Notes**

- 5      Third-round leaders/co-leaders who went on to win the Wells Fargo Championship (David Toms/2003, Jim Furyk/2006, Anthony Kim/2008, J.B. Holmes/2014 and Rory McIlroy/2015).
- 12     Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2017-18 (through 25 stroke-play events)

**Jason Day**

**Age:** 30 (November 12, 1987)

**Joined TOUR:** 2008

**Entering this week**

- #16    FedExCup
- 14     OWGR
- 219    PGA TOUR starts
- 11     PGA TOUR wins (most recent at the 2018 Farmers Insurance Open)
- 8      PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
- 2      Top-10s in 2017-18

Since his last start at the Wells Fargo Championship in 2012, Day has won 10 times on the PGA TOUR.

Day has one win this season (2018 Farmers Insurance Open). There are three multiple winners on TOUR this season: Justin Thomas, Patton Kizzire and Bubba Watson.

In three starts at Quail Hollow Club:

- T9      2017 PGA Championship
- T9      2012 Wells Fargo Championship
- T22     2010 Wells Fargo Championship

This is the 14<sup>th</sup> time that Day has held a lead/co-lead through 54 holes. He has converted six of those instances into victories. (2010 AT&T Byron Nelson, 2015 PGA Championship, 2015 THE NORTHERN TRUST, 2015 BMW Championship, 2016 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard and 2016 THE PLAYERS Championship).

Day has only three bogeys through 54-holes, the fewest in the field.

Short-game Statistics: Strokes Gained: Around the Green (5.623/1st), Sand Saves (12/12), Scrambling (18/21).

Day is one of seven former PLAYERS champions in the field, and the most recent: Jason Day (2016), Rickie Fowler (2015), Martin Kaymer (2014), Tiger Woods (2001, 2013), Phil Mickelson (2007), Adam Scott (2004) and Davis Love III (1992, 2003).

**Nick Watney (2nd)**

**Age:** 37 (April 25, 1981)

**Joined TOUR:** 2005

**Entering this week**

#134	FedExCup
261	OWGR
338	PGA TOUR starts
5	PGA TOUR wins
13	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
0	Top-10s in 2017-18

Watney is making his 13th appearance at the Wells Fargo Championship, where he has two previous top-10s (T10/2013, 8th/2012). Most recently, Watney finished T59 in 2017 at Eagle Point.

Watney has recorded only one top-25 this season (Valero Texas Open/T20).

Watney is seeking his sixth official PGA TOUR win. His most recent victory came five years, eight months and 10 days ago at the 2012 THE NORTHERN TRUST. He also won the unofficial (at the time) CIMB classic in 2012.

**Aaron Wise (T3)**

**Age:** 21 (June 21, 1996)

**Joined TOUR:** 2018- PGA TOUR Rookie

**Entering this week**

#105	FedExCup
206	OWGR
24	PGA TOUR starts
0	PGA TOUR wins
16	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18
0	Top-10s in 2017-18

**Best TOUR result:** T10, 2016 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open

Wise chipped in from 40'5" on the par-4 18<sup>th</sup> hole to save bogey and sits in a four-way tie for third, three shots back of leader Jason Day.

Wise owns four top-25s in his last 15 PGA TOUR starts, his best showing a T13 at The RSM Classic.

Wise hopes to join David Toms (2003, inaugural champion), Rory McIlroy (2010) and Derek Ernst (2013) as players who won in their first appearance at the Wells Fargo Championship.

Wise needs a win this week to qualify for the first time to THE PLAYERS Championship.

Wise became the first player since UCLA's Kevin Chappell to win the NCAA Men's Individual title and team championship in the same year when he played collegiately for the University of Oregon (2016). He turned professional immediately following the 2016 NCAA Championship and secured his PGA TOUR card by winning the 2017 Air Capital Classic on the Web.com Tour.

**Peter Uihlein (T3)**

**Age:** 28 (August 29, 1989)

**Joined TOUR:** 2018 – PGA TOUR Rookie.

**Entering this week**

#86	FedExCup
66	OWGR
45	PGA TOUR starts
0	PGA TOUR wins
15	PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18

**Best TOUR result:** T4, 2014 Sanderson Farms Championship

Uihlein is making his first appearance at the Wells Fargo Championship.

Uihlein's bogey-free round of 9-under 62 was highlighted by five consecutive birdies on holes Nos. 5-9 followed by an eagle on the par-5 10<sup>th</sup> hole. It was his career-best round on the PGA TOUR and came one shot shy of tying the tournament course record set by Rory McIlroy in 2015 (11-under 61).

Uihlein was over five shots better in Strokes Gained: Approach-the-Green in his third round compared to his first two rounds combined and moved up 45 spots today.

Uihlein won the 2017 Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship on the Web.com Tour, which secured him a PGA TOUR card for the 2017-18 season. In 15 previous starts this season, he owns two top-10s (CIMB Classic/T10 and WGC-HSBC Champions/T5).

**Bryson DeChambeau (T3)**

**Age:** 24 (September 16, 1993)

**Joined TOUR:** 2016

**Entering this week**

#22	<b>FedExCup</b>
49	<b>OWGR</b>
58	<b>PGA TOUR starts</b>
1	<b>PGA TOUR wins</b>
12	<b>PGA TOUR starts in 2017-18</b>
4	<b>Top-10s in 2017-18</b>

DeChambeau is seeking his second PGA TOUR victory (2017 John Deere Classic). En route to his victory at TPC Deere Run, DeChambeau began the final round four strokes back but birdied his final two holes to win by one stroke over Patrick Rodgers.

Dechambeau owns six top-25s and four top-10 finishes in 12 previous starts this season, with his best finish a runner-up at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard.

**Paul Casey (T3)**

Paul Casey's best finish in four previous starts at Quail Hollow Club was his T13 at the 2017 PGA Championship. In three previous starts at Quail Hollow Club during the Wells Fargo Championship, he had two missed cuts and a T41.

Casey earned his second PGA TOUR victory earlier this year at the Valspar Championship beating Tiger Woods and Patrick Reed by one stroke.

**Phil Mickelson (10th)**

Mickelson carded a bogey-free 7-under 64, his second-lowest round posted at the Wells Fargo Championship. His lowest round at this event came in 2014, where he carded a third-round 9-under 63. In 14 previous starts at the Wells Fargo Championship, he owns seven top-five results, the most of any player in the history of this event.

Mickelson is making his 582<sup>nd</sup> official start on the PGA TOUR and is searching for his 44<sup>th</sup> win. Should he go on to win, Mickelson would become the oldest champion of the Wells Fargo Championship at 47 year, 10 months and 26 days.

**Rory McIlroy (T16)**

McIlroy shot a 5-under 66 in his third round and finds himself seven shots back, including a 5-over 76 in the second round. His largest come-from-behind final round win came at the 2016 Dell Technologies Championship where he overcame a six shot deficit.

McIlroy is the only multiple winner of the Wells Fargo Championship and leads the tournament money list (\$3,656,054.17).

**Tiger Woods (T31)**

In his first start since a T32 at the Masters, Tiger Woods recorded six birdies and three bogeys en route to a 3-under 68 in the third round. He hit 15/18 greens in regulation but needed 31 putts to close out his round.

Putts per round: R1 (31), R2 (33), R3 (31)

Putts made between 10 and 15 feet: R1 (0/3), R2 (1/5), R3 (1/5)

### **Additional Player Notes**

Born in Texas, Johnson Wagner (T7) calls Charlotte, North Carolina home. Making his 12<sup>th</sup> start in the Wells Fargo Championship, Wagner carded a 2-under 69 Saturday and will enter the final round four strokes off the lead. Despite being a member of Quail Hollow Club, a T28 in 2016 represents Wagner's best finish among five prior made cuts.

Sam Saunders (T7) drained a birdie putt from 37 feet on the par 3-17<sup>th</sup> hole and carded a 3-under 68. He's searching for his first win in 112 PGA TOUR starts. He enters the final round four shots back.

Justin Thomas needs a solo-12<sup>th</sup> finish or better this week to claim the No. 1 spot in the Official World Golf Ranking from Dustin Johnson, who has held the top spot for the last 62 consecutive weeks. Thomas carded a 1-under 70 in the third round and sits T31.

### **Course Statistics**

#### **Toughest Hole**

**R1:** The par-4 16<sup>th</sup> at 4.429

**R2:** The par-4 11<sup>th</sup> at 4.355

**R3:** The par-4 18<sup>th</sup> at 4.264

#### **Easiest Hole**

**R1:** The par-5 15<sup>th</sup> at 4.622

**R2:** The par-5 15<sup>th</sup> at 4.678

**R3:** The par-4, 14<sup>th</sup> at 3.506

### **Scoring Averages at Quail Hollow Club**

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
<b>R1:</b>	36.071	36.763	72.833	--
<b>R2:</b>	35.599	36.900	72.500	72.667
<b>R3:</b>	34.874	35.494	70.368	72.162

### **Bogey-free rounds**

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

**R2:** Shawn Stefani (69), Nick Taylor (70), Vaughn Taylor (68), Nick Watney (67)

**R3:** Talor Gooch (66), Luke List (67), Phil Mickelson (64), Peter Uihlein (62)