



## **2018 World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play**

*(The 20<sup>th</sup> of 44 events in the PGA TOUR Season)*

**Austin, Texas**

**Austin County Club**

**March 21-25, 2018**

**Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,108**

**Purse: \$10,000,000 (\$1,700,000 to the winner)**

### **Second-Round Notes – Thursday, March 22, 2018**

#### **Thursday Weather**

Partly cloudy and breezy, high of 82 with a low of 48. Wind S 15-25 mph.

#### **Group format**

The 64-player Dell Technologies Match Play field is divided into 16 four-player groups. Each group will play round-robin matches within their group on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Players receive one point for a victory, ½ point for a draw and zero points for a loss.

The player with the best record in each of the four-player groups advances to the Round of 16 for single-elimination match play. In the event two players are tied in points following the completion of group play, those players will have a sudden-death hole-by-hole-playoff starting on No. 1. If three or more players are involved, it will be a stroke-play hole-by-hole playoff. The Round of 16 will be played Saturday morning, followed by the Quarterfinals on Saturday afternoon. The Semifinals will be Sunday morning, followed by the Championship Match and Consolation Match on Sunday afternoon.

The top seed for each of the 16 four-player groups are the top 16 players in order of their position in the Official World Golf Ranking. The remaining three players in each group were determined by a blind draw from each of three pools depending on their standing in the OWGR.

#### **Miscellaneous Notes**

Four matches Friday will act as an early knockout stage of sorts, with those matches Friday pitting two players that are 2-0 and need a win to advance out of the group stage:

- Jordan Spieth (2-0) vs Patrick Reed (2-0)
- Justin Thomas (2-0) vs Francesco Molinari (2-0)
- Sergio Garcia (2-0) vs Xander Schauffele (2-0)
- Alex Noren (2-0) vs Tony Finau (2-0)

With a victory, Thomas could potentially move to No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking. The last three winners of the Dell Technologies Match Play have either been No. 1 in the world (Dustin Johnson-2017/Rory McIlroy-2015) or moved to No. 1 in the world by winning the event (Jason Day-2016).

Ian Poulter, Sergio Garcia and Paul Casey each played in their 39<sup>th</sup> match in their history at this event, passing Jim Furyk for the second-most matches played. Tiger Woods has played the most matches with 43.

Top seeds from the 16 groups have a record of 18-11-3 through two rounds. The top seeds were 10-6 on Thursday.

Of the 15 players making their first appearance at the Dell Technologies Match Play, only Xander Schauffele and Cam Smith are undefeated thus far.

In total, 15 players are currently 2-0 this week: Paul Casey, Bubba Watson, Tyrrell Hatton, Tony Finau, Alex Noren, Charles Howell III, Justin Thomas, Francesco Molinari, Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Jordan Spieth, Patrick Reed, Sergio Garcia, Xander Schauffele, Ian Poulter, and Cam Smith.

The 2017 champion and runner-up Dustin Johnson and Jon Rahm both will not advance beyond group play after dropping matches in the second round.

Among the 32 matches Thursday, there was not a single halve.

### **GROUP 1**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Seed</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Career Dell Tech Match Play Record</b>
Kevin Kisner	(32)	1-0-1	1.5	4-3-1
Adam Hadwin	(38)	1-0-1	1.5	1-0-1
Bernd Wiesberger	(52)	1-1-0	1	4-7-1
Dustin Johnson	(1)	0-2-0	0	14-11-0

#### **Group 1, round-by-round**

RD. 1 - Wiesberger defeated Johnson, 3 and 1; Kisner halved with Hadwin

RD. 2 – Hadwin defeated Johnson, 4 and 3; Kisner defeated Wiesberger, 5 and 4

RD. 3 – Johnson vs. Kisner, Hadwin vs. Wiesberger

For the second consecutive year, the defending champion did not advance beyond the group stage with 2017 champion Dustin Johnson falling 4 and 3 to Adam Hadwin in the second round. Tiger Woods will remain the only player in Dell Technologies Match Play history to win in back-to-back years with his wins in 2003 and 2004.

### **GROUP 2**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Seed</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Career Dell Tech Match Play Record</b>
Justin Thomas	(2)	2-0-0	2	3-5-0
Francesco Molinari	(21)	2-0-0	2	4-10-0
Patton Kizzire	(48)	0-2-0	0	1-3-2
Luke List	(60)	0-2-0	0	0-2-0

#### **Group 2 round-by-round**

RD. 1 – Justin Thomas defeated Luke List, 2 up; Francesco Molinari defeated Patton Kizzire, 3 and 1

RD. 2 – Thomas defeated Kizzire, 3 and 1; Molinari defeated List, 3 and 2

RD. 3 – Thomas vs. Molinari, Kizzire vs. List

In a match between the No. 1 and No. 2 players in the current FedExCup standings, Justin Thomas won 3 and 1 versus Patton Kizzire. Thomas first took the lead in the match with an eagle on the par-5 sixth.

With a victory this week, Thomas could move to No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking. The 2-0 start in this format is a departure from his first two years after going 0-3-0 in 2016 and 1-2-0 in last year's event.

Thomas will face off Friday for the right to advance to the knockout stage against Francesco Molinari, who defeated Luke List 3 and 2 for his second consecutive victory.

Thomas has won seven of his last 32 starts on the PGA TOUR, including two victories during the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season. The reigning FedExCup champion has eight top-25s in eight starts this year, including two victories and two additional top-10s. At the recent WGC-Mexico Championship, Thomas holed a 120-yard wedge on the 72nd hole to force a playoff with Phil Mickelson before falling in the playoff with a bogey. Thomas' weekend total of 16-under par in Mexico tied the all-time weekend record on the PGA TOUR after he went 62-64 to close.

Molinari has struggled in the event in the past with a 2-10-0 record entering this week, but is 2-0 this week. The Italian is a four-time winner on the European Tour, most recently at the 2016 Italian Open.

Kizzire and List will not advance beyond group play.

### **GROUP 3**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Seed</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Career Dell Tech Match Play Record</b>
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	(28)	2-0-0	2	3-2-0
Chez Reavie	(43)	1-1-0	1	1-1-0
Jon Rahm	(3)	0-1-1	½	6-2-1
Keegan Bradley	(63)	0-1-1	½	1-7-0

### **Group 3 round-by-round**

RD. 1 – Rahm and Bradley halved; Aphibarnrat defeated Reavie, 3 and 2  
RD. 2 – Reavie defeated Rahm, 1-up; Aphibarnrat defeated Bradley, 1-up  
RD. 3 – Rahm vs. Aphibarnrat; Reavie vs. Bradley

Thailand's Kiradech Aphibarnrat, winner of the European Tour's Saltire Energy Paul Lawrie Match Play in 2015 and the 2018 ISPS HANDA World Super 6 Perth which includes the match-play format, defeated Keegan Bradley 1-up to take the Group 3 lead. Aphibarnrat could advance to the knockout rounds with a win or a halve against Rahm on Friday.

Last year's runner-up Jon Rahm lost 1-up to Chez Reavie. Rahm and Keegan Bradley will not advance beyond group play.

### **GROUP 4**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Seed</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Career Dell Tech Match Play Record</b>
Jordan Spieth	(4)	2-0-0	2	11-4-1
Patrick Reed	(19)	2-0-0	2	8-5-1
Hao Tong Li	(34)	0-2-0	0	0-2-0
Charl Schwartzel	(49)	0-2-0	0	13-11-0

### **Group 4 round-by-round**

RD. 1 – Jordan Spieth defeated Charl Schwartzel, 2 and 1; Patrick Reed defeated Hao Tong Li, 3 and 2  
RD. 2 – Spieth defeated Li, 4 and 2; Reed defeated Schwartzel, 1-up  
RD. 3 – Spieth vs. Reed; Li vs. Schwartzel

Fourth-seeded Jordan Spieth defeated China's HaoTong Li, 4 and 2. Spieth and Patrick Reed, who are both 2-0, will play on Friday at 1:32 PM for the right to advance out of Group 4.

In four prior appearances at the Dell Technologies Match Play, Spieth is yet to advance beyond the quarterfinals. His best appearance came in his inaugural effort in 2014 with a loss in the quarterfinals. Spieth played collegiately at the University of Texas and the 11-time PGA TOUR winner is still searching for his first World Golf Championships victory.

Reed, who became the youngest player to win a World Golf Championships event when he won what is now the Mexico Championship in 2014, defeated Charl Schwartzel, 1-up. Reed has only advanced beyond the group stage in one of the past three Dell Technologies Match Play appearances.

Spieth and Reed have been paired together 12 times between the Presidents Cup and Ryder Cup:

- 2015, 2017 Presidents Cup: 5
- 2014, 2016 Ryder Cup: 7

Their record as a pairing: 8-1-3

- 2017 Presidents Cup: 3-0-1
- 2016 Ryder Cup: 2-1-1
- 2015 Presidents Cup: 1-0-0
- 2014 Ryder Cup: 2-0-1

### **GROUP 5**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Seed</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Career Dell Tech Match Play Record</b>
Cameron Smith	(46)	2-0-0	2	2-0-0
Hideki Matsuyama	(5)	1-1-0	1	7-6-1
Patrick Cantlay	(30)	1-1-0	1	1-1-0
Yusaku Miyazato	(53)	0-2-0	0	0-2-0

### **Group 5 round-by-round**

RD. 1- Hideki Matsuyama defeated Yusaku Miyazato, 2 and 1; Cameron Smith defeated Patrick Cantlay, 2 up  
RD. 2 –Smith defeated Matsuyama, 1-up, Cantlay defeated Miyazato, 1-up  
RD. 3 – Matsuyama vs. Cantlay, Smith vs. Miyazato

In his first start at the Dell Technologies Match Play, Cameron Smith is 2-0 after defeating fifth-seeded Hideki Matsuyama, 1-up. Smith defeated Japan's Hideki Matsuyama 1-up with an eagle on the par-5 16<sup>th</sup> to take the lead, which he held on to.

Smith recorded his first PGA TOUR victory last year and in the team event, the Zurich Classic of New Orleans, with partner Jonas Blixt.

Smith currently ranks No. 26 in the FedExCup standings with only one missed cut in nine events this year including six top-25 finishes and two top-five finishes. His best finish came at the CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES where he finished third just outside of a playoff with Marc Leishman and Justin Thomas.

Matsuyama has only advanced from the group stage once in his three previous attempts where he lost to eventual champion Rory McIlroy in 2015. He will need help from his fellow countryman Yusaku Miyazato, who needs to beat Cameron Smith to give Matsuyama a chance to advance to the knockout stage.

A five-time PGA TOUR winner, Matsuyama has two World Golf Championships victories at the 2017 Bridgestone Invitational and the 2016 HSBC Champions. With a win, Matsuyama would join Tiger Woods (18), Dustin Johnson (5), Geoff Ogilvy (3) and Phil Mickelson (3) as the only players with three or more WGC career victories.

Patrick Cantlay won the 18<sup>th</sup> hole for a 1-up victory over Miyazato.

Miyazato will not advance beyond the group stage after falling to Patrick Cantlay.

#### **GROUP 6**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Seed</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Career Dell Tech Match Play Record</b>
Brian Harman	(18)	1-0-1	1.5	1-0-1
Peter Uihlein	(57)	1-1-0	1	1-1-0
Rory McIlroy	(6)	1-1-0	1	24-10-2
Jhonattan Vegas	(44)	0-1-1	½	2-2-1

#### **Group 6 round-by-round**

RD. 1 – Peter Uihlein defeated Rory McIlroy, 2 and 1; Brian Harman and Jhonattan Vegas halved

RD. 2 – McIlroy defeated Vegas, 2 and 1; Harman defeated Uihlein, 3 and 2

RD. 3 – McIlroy vs. Harman; Vegas vs. Uihlein

Brian Harman leads Group 6 after defeating Peter Uihlein, 3 and 2, on Friday.

A week after winning the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, McIlroy won his match 2 and 1 against former Longhorn Jhonattan Vegas, but he'll need to beat Harman Friday to have any shot at advancing to the knockout stage. McIlroy, the 2015 champion, posted four birdies in his victory over Vegas and has now birdied 10 of the last 23 holes he's played.

#### **GROUP 7**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Seed</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Career Dell Tech Match Play Record</b>
Sergio Garcia	(7)	2-0-0	2	21-17-1
Xander Schauffele	(20)	2-0-0	2	2-0-0
Dylan Frittelli	(41)	0-2-0	0	0-2-0
Shubhankar Sharma	(62)	0-2-0	0	0-2-0

#### **Group 7 round-by-round**

RD. 1 – Sergio Garcia defeated Shubhankar Sharma, 1 up; Xander Schauffele defeated Dylan Frittelli, 1 up

RD. 2 – Garcia defeated Frittelli, 2-up; Schauffele defeated Sharma, 3 and 1

RD. 3 – Garcia vs. Schauffele, Frittelli vs. Sharma

Spain's Sergio Garcia, playing for the first time since the birth of his daughter last week, drove the 18<sup>th</sup> green to win the hole and the match 2-up over Dylan Frittelli. Garcia, who spends a lot of time in Austin as his wife, Angela, is from the area, has yet to advance from the group stage since the event moved to the group format in 2015 but will play 2017 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year Xander Schauffele for the chance to advance to the knockout round.

Schauffele posted four birdies and zero bogeys on his way to a 3 and 1 victory over Shubhankar Sharma. Schauffele, who won the TOUR Championship to finish third in the FedExCup standings a year ago, is making his first appearance in the Dell Technologies Match Play.

Sharma and former Texas Longhorn Dylan Frittelli, who were both making their first start in the event, will not advance beyond group play.

#### **GROUP 8**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Seed</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Career Dell Tech Match Play Record</b>
Jason Day	(8)	1-1-0	1	22-10-0
Louis Oosthuizen	(25)	1-1-0	1	18-9-0
Jason Dufner	(42)	1-1-0	1	5-10-1
James Hahn	(56)	1-1-0	1	1-1-0

#### **Group 8 round-by-round**

RD. 1 – Jason Day defeated James Hahn, 4 and 2; Louis Oosthuizen defeated Jason Dufner, 1 up

RD. 2 – Dufner defeated Day, 3 and 1; Hahn defeated Oosthuizen, 3 and 1

RD. 3 – Day vs. Oosthuizen; Dufner vs. Hahn

All four members of Group 8 are tied with one point a piece after Jason Dufner defeated Jason Day, 3 and 1, and James Hahn defeated Louis Oosthuizen, 3 and 1.

Day, the 2014 and 2016 champion, is looking to join Tiger Woods as the only three-time winner of the event. Day's match Friday against Louis Oosthuizen will be a rematch of the 2016 Championship Match at Austin Country Club, which Day won 5 and 4.

Day is one of three players with multiple Dell Technologies Match Play victories with wins in 2014 & 2016. Geoff Ogilvy (2006, 2009) and Tiger Woods (2003, 2004, 2008) are the only other players with multiple victories.

Hahn, who is making his first career start at the Dell Technologies Match Play, birdied three of his first six holes en route to a 3 and 1 victory over Louis Oosthuizen.

#### **GROUP 9**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Seed</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Career Dell Tech Match Play Record</b>
Ian Poulter	(58)	2-0-0	2	25-14-0
Kevin Chappell	(33)	1-1-0	1	2-3-0
Tommy Fleetwood	(9)	1-1-0	1	5-5-0
Daniel Berger	(26)	0-2-0	0	1-7-0

#### **Group 9 round-by-round**

RD. 1 – Ian Poulter defeated Tommy Fleetwood, 3 and 2; Kevin Chappell defeated Daniel Berger, 3 and 2

RD. 2 – Fleetwood defeated Chappell, 7 and 6; Poulter defeated Berger, 2 and 1

RD. 3 – Fleetwood vs. Berger; Chappell vs. Poulter

England's Tommy Fleetwood posted the largest margin of victory of the tournament thus far and tied the seventh largest in tournament history with a 7 and 6 victory over Kevin Chappell.

Poulter, the 2010 Dell Technologies Match Play champion, is the only player at 2-0 in his group and can advance with a win or halve in his Friday match with Kevin Chappell.

Poulter improved his career record in the event to 25-14, tying David Toms and Paul Casey with the second-most matches won in tournament history. This is Poulter's 13<sup>th</sup> appearance at the event but his first since 2015 after missing the last two events.

#### **GROUP 10**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Seed</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Career Dell Tech Match Play Record</b>
Paul Casey	(10)	2-0-0	2	25-13-1
Kyle Stanley	(45)	1-1-0	1	2-2-0
Russell Henley	(51)	1-1-0	1	3-4-0
Matthew Fitzpatrick	(31)	0-2-0	0	3-5-0

#### **Group 10 round-by-round**

RD. 1 – Paul Casey defeated Russell Henley, 1 up; Kyle Stanley defeated Matthew Fitzpatrick, 1 up

RD. 2 – Casey defeated Stanley, 4 and 2; Henley defeated Fitzpatrick, 2 and 1

RD. 3 – Casey vs. Fitzpatrick; Stanley vs. Henley

Paul Casey tied David Toms and Ian Poulter, who has also won his first two matches, for most career matches won at the Dell Technologies Match Play with a victory over Kyle Stanley. Casey is now 2-0 and would ensure he advances to the knockout round with a halve or victory against Matthew Fitzpatrick Friday.

Casey, a two-time runner-up at the event, has advanced out of the group stage two of the last three years with a fourth-round loss to Hideto Tanihara last year and a quarterfinal loss to Rory McIlroy in 2015, which went 22 holes.

Henley bogeyed two of his first four holes but came back with five birdies and zero bogeys his last 13 holes for a 2 and 1 victory over Fitzpatrick.

#### **GROUP 11**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Seed</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Career Dell Tech Match Play Record</b>
Bubba Watson	(35)	2-0-0	2	16-8-2
Branden Grace	(23)	1-1-0	1	6-8-0
Julian Suri	(64)	1-1-0	1	1-1-0
Marc Leishman	(11)	0-2-0	0	5-8-1

#### **Group 11 round-by-round**

RD. 1 – Julian Suri defeated Marc Leishman, 3 and 2; Bubba Watson defeated Branden Grace, 5 and 3

RD. 2 – Watson defeated Leishman, 3 and 2; Grace defeated Suri, 2 and 1

RD. 3 – Leishman vs. Grace; Watson vs. Suri

Bubba Watson controls his own destiny in Group 11 after a victory over Marc Leishman. Watson was all square with Leishman with seven holes to play but won the par-5 12<sup>th</sup> with a par and the 13<sup>th</sup> with a bogey. He added a birdie at the 16<sup>th</sup> to win the hole and take his second victory in a row.

Watson will play Suri, who he was paired with in the final round of this year's AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. Watson's best finish in this event came in his first appearance in 2011 when he reached the consolation match and finished fourth.

Watson is coming off his worst season on the PGA TOUR, finishing 75<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup and recording just six top-25s. Watson returned to the winner's circle with his 10<sup>th</sup> career victory earlier this year at the Genesis Open. The win, in addition to three other top-25 finishes has him back in the top 30, currently at No. 21 in the FedExCup standings.

Branden Grace trailed by one hole after six, but won the next three holes to take a 2-up lead he never relinquished, winning 2 and 1 over Julian Suri.

Suri, who started the week as the first alternate, officially joined the field when Joost Luiten withdrew on Monday and will need a win over Watson to have any shot at advancing. Marc Leishman, the top seed in the group, will not advance beyond group play.

#### **GROUP 12**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Seed</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Career Dell Tech Match Play Record</b>
Tyrrell Hatton	(12)	2-0-0	2	4-1-0
Brendan Steele	(36)	1-1-0	1	2-2-1
Alexander Levy	(55)	1-1-0	1	1-4-0
Charley Hoffman	(22)	0-2-0	0	3-6-0

#### **Group 12 round-by-round**

RD. 1- Tyrrell Hatton defeated Alexander Levy, 3 and 2; Brendan Steele defeated Charley Hoffman, 1 up

RD. 2 – Hatton defeated Steele, 3 and 2; Levy defeated Hoffman, 1-up

RD. 3 – Hatton vs. Hoffman; Steele vs. Levy

Hatton is 2-0 in his opening matches for the second year in a row after defeating Brendan Steele, 3 and 2, in the second round Thursday. Hatton won the first two matches in group play in his Dell Technologies Match Play debut last year, but fell 2 and 1 in the deciding Friday match last year against Rafa Cabrera Bello, 2 and 1. With either a win or a halve Friday against Hoffman, Hatton will guarantee he advances to the knockout stage.

England's Tyrrell Hatton is coming off his best finish in a World Golf Championships event having missed a playoff with Phil Mickelson and Justin Thomas by one stroke to finish third at the Mexico Championship earlier this month.

After dropping his first four career matches at the Dell Technologies Match Play, Alexander Levy won his first match in the event with a 1-up victory over Charley Hoffman. Hoffman will not advance beyond group play.

### **GROUP 13**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Seed</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Career Dell Tech Match Play Record</b>
Alex Noren	(13)	2-0-0	2	7-3-0
Tony Finau	(29)	2-0-0	2	2-0-0
Thomas Pieters	(39)	0-2-0	0	2-4-2
Kevin Na	(61)	0-2-0	0	5-8-1

#### **Group 13 round-by-round**

RD. 1 – Alex Noren defeated Kevin Na, 4 and 2; Tony Finau defeated Thomas Pieters, 2 and 1

RD. 2 – Noren defeated Pieters, 5 and 4; Finau defeated Na, 3 and 2

RD. 3 – Noren vs. Finau; Pieters vs. Na

Sweden's Alex Noren moved to 2-0 with a victory over Thomas Pieters. Noren will face Tony Finau Friday, who is also 2-0, for the right to advance to the knockout stage.

Noren lost to eventual champion Dustin Johnson in last year's quarterfinal, 5 and 3, to finish T5. Noren is playing for the first time as a full-time member of the PGA TOUR this season. Noren is looking to become the second player from Sweden to win a World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play, joining 2007 champion Henrik Stenson.

American Tony Finau defeated Kevin Na, 3 and 2, and is now 2-0 in his first appearance at the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play. Finau will play Noren on Friday for the right to advance out of group play. Kevin Na will not advance beyond group play.

Finau could become the first player since Geoff Ogilvy in 2006 to win the Dell Technologies Match Play in his first try. The 28-year-old has two runner-up finishes so far this season, including the season-opening Safeway Open and later at the Genesis Open.

Thomas Pieters will not advance beyond group play.

### **GROUP 14**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Seed</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Career Dell Tech Match Play Record</b>
Charles Howell III	(59)	2-0-0	2	9-10-0
Rafa Cabrera Bello	(17)	1-1-0	1	9-5-1
Phil Mickelson	(14)	1-1-0	1	23-14-0
Satoshi Kodaira	(40)	0-2-0	0	0-2-0

#### **Group 14 round-by-round**

RD. 1 – Charles Howell III defeated Phil Mickelson, 3 and 2; Rafa Cabrera Bello defeated Satoshi Kodaira, 2 and 1

RD. 2 – Mickelson defeated Kodaira, 1-up; Howell III defeated Cabrera Bello, 3 and 1

RD. 3 – Mickelson vs. Cabrera Bello; Kodaira vs. Howell

No. 59 seed Charles Howell III could advance out of group play for the second consecutive year after winning each of his first two matches. In the second-round match, Howell III made just two birdies but only one bogey and was able to squeeze out a 3 and 1 victory with Cabrera Bello making five bogeys on the day. It was the second consecutive year Howell defeated Cabrera Bello in the second round. Howell advanced from his group last year by winning a three-man playoff against Tyrrell Hatton and Rafa Cabrera Bello on the fifth playoff hole, but he went on to lose to Jon Rahm 6 and 4 in the quarterfinals.

Satoshi Kodaira made four birdies in his first seven holes against Phil Mickelson to take a 4-up lead, but Mickelson birdied five holes on the back nine and won the last three holes to take a 1-up win. Although Mickelson has a career 23-14 record in the Dell Technologies Match Play, he has never advanced past the quarterfinals in 13 prior appearances.

### **GROUP 15**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Seed</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Career Dell Tech Match Play Record</b>
Webb Simpson	(37)	1-0-1	1.5	8-7-0

Si Woo Kim	(50)	1-0-1	1.5	2-1-2
Pat Perez	(15)	0-1-1	½	3-4-1
Gary Woodland	(24)	0-1-1	½	7-6-1

#### **Group 15 round-by-round**

RD. 1 – Pat Perez and Si Woo Kim halved; Gary Woodland and Webb Simpson halved.

RD. 2 – Simpson defeated Perez, 2 and 1; Kim defeated Woodland, 5 and 3

RD. 3 – Perez vs. Woodland; Simpson vs. Kim

After losing two of the final three holes for a halve against Pat Perez in the first round, 2017 PLAYERS Championship winner Si Woo Kim returned with a bogey-free day that included five birdies en route to a victory over Gary Woodland. The winner of the Kim-Webb Simpson match Friday will advance out of Group 15.

Woodland, the runner-up at the 2015 World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play, and Pat Perez will not advance beyond group play.

#### **GROUP 16**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Seed</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Career Dell Tech Match Play Record</b>
Matt Kuchar	(16)	1-0-1	1.5	22-8-3
Yuta Ikeda	(47)	1-1-0	1	1-1-0
Ross Fisher	(27)	1-1-0	1	9-6-0
Zach Johnson	(54)	0-1-1	½	14-15-1

#### **Group 16 round-by-round**

RD. 1 – Matt Kuchar and Zach Johnson halved; Yuta Ikeda defeated Ross Fisher, 2 and 1

RD. 2 – Kuchar defeated Ikeda, 1-up; Fisher defeated Johnson, 2-up

RD. 3 – Kuchar vs. Fisher; Ikeda vs. Johnson

Kuchar, the 2013 champion of the event, posted only one bogey en route to a 1-up victory over Yuta Ikeda. Kuchar, a seven-time PGA TOUR winner, is in search of his first PGA TOUR victory since 2014.

Zach Johnson, who has advanced beyond group stage in each of the two past events at Austin Country Club, will not advance out of the group stage this year.

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