



2018 Zurich Classic of New Orleans
(The 26th of 44 events in the PGA TOUR season)

Avondale, La.
TPC Louisiana

April 26-29, 2018
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,425

FedExCup Points: 400 (each)
Purse: \$7,200,000/\$1,036,800

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, April 28, 2018

Rounds one and three: Four-ball (best ball)
Rounds two and four: Foursomes (alternate shot)

The Zurich Classic awards FedExCup points, official money and counts as an official victory for the winning team. Official World Ranking points are not issued this week.

Weather: Mostly sunny, with a high of 81. Wind WNW 4-8 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard (Four-ball)

Kevin Kisner/Scott Brown	62-70-64—196 (-20)
Tony Finau/Daniel Summerhays	62-72-63—197 (-19)
Michael Kim/Andrew Putnam	62-69-66—197 (-19)

Kevin Kisner/Scott Brown

Kevin Kisner and Scott Brown, who lost in a Monday playoff in the 2017 Zurich Classic, birdied four of their first five holes in round three on the way to an 8-under 64. The team took bogeys at the par-4 12th and par-4 15th. After 54 holes last year, Kisner and Brown at 15-under 201 and four back of eventual champions Jonas Blixt/Cameron Smith.

The last time the loser of a playoff won the same event the following year was Ryuji Imada at the AT&T Classic in 2008 (lost to Zach Johnson in a playoff in 2007).

Kisner is in search of his third PGA TOUR title (2017 Forth Worth Invitational, 2015 The RSM Classic) while Brown is angling for his second victory (2013 Puerto Rico Open).

Kisner lost the championship match to Bubba Watson (7 and 6) at the World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play last month, one of three top-10s this season.

After two top-10 results in his first five starts this season (T5/THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, T6/OHL Classic at Mayakoba), Brown has not posted a top-45 finish since.

Tony Finau/Daniel Summerhays

Utah natives Tony Finau and Daniel Summerhays improved on an even-par 72 in round two (Foursomes) with a 9-under 63 in round three (Four-ball). The team birdied four of their last five holes of the day, Nos. 14-17, to post the 63. They made additional birdies at Nos. 1, 4, 7, 8 and 10.

Finau missed the cut in his only two prior starts in New Orleans (2015, 2017/with Summerhays as partner).

In his most recent PGA TOUR start, Finau finished T10 at the Masters Tournament.

Finau sits at No. 10 in FedExCup standings with four top-10 results this season (2nd/Safeway Open, T6/Farmers Insurance Open, T2/Genesis Open, T10/Masters Tournament).

Finau won the 2014 Ellie Mae Classic on the Web.com Tour, which helped him earn PGA TOUR status the following year. In 2016, he claimed his first TOUR title at the Puerto Rico Open.

Summerhays, who joined the PGA TOUR in 2011, remains in search of his first TOUR victory in his 204th start.

Making his sixth appearance at the Zurich Classic, Summerhays' best result is T21 in 2014. He missed the cut in 2017 with Finau as his partner.

Michael Kim/Andrew Putnam

Michael Kim and Andrew Putnam made three birdies on each nine and no bogeys in round three, good for a 66.

By virtue of his 100th-place finish in the final 2016-17 FedExCup standings, Michael Kim is qualified for THE PLAYERS Championship, while Andrew Putnam is not. Putnam would qualify with a win.

Kim and Putnam made a double bogey at the par-4 fifth in the second round, the pair's only score of bogey-or-worse through three rounds.

Kim has one top-25 this season, a T23 at the Farmers Insurance Open. His best career PGA TOUR result is a T3 at the 2016 Safeway Open. Kim played with Brandon Hagy in the 2017 Zurich Classic, finishing 36th.

Putnam has top-10s in two of his last three events (T5/Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, T8/Valero Texas Open), his first two career top-10s. He is making his 40th PGA TOUR start and second at the Zurich Classic (MC/2015).

Brice Garnett/Chesson Hadley

Following a triple-bogey eight at the par-5 18th en route to a 1-over 73 in round two (Foursomes), Brice Garnett and Chesson Hadley birdied the last hole in round three (Four-ball) to turn in an 11-under 61 and move to 18-under 198. They birdied all but Nos. 3 and 5 on the outgoing nine and added four more on the inward nine.

Garnett, who claimed his first career PGA TOUR title last month at the Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, is making his fourth start at the Zurich Classic. After missing the 54-hole cut in 2014, he missed the 36-hole cuts in 2015 and 2016.

Hadley, winner of the 2014 Puerto Rico Open, has previously competed in the Zurich Classic twice; T8/2015, T20/2016.

In Hadley's first three starts of the season, he finished T3 (Safeway Open), 2nd (Sanderson Farms Championship) and T4 (Shriners Hospitals for Children Open). He added top-10 finishes at the Waste Management Phoenix Open (T5) and RBC Heritage (T7). He comes into the week ranked 24th in the FedExCup standings.

Hadley and Garnett finished Nos. 1 and 2 on the 2017 Web.com Tour combined Regular Season and Finals money list. Both players are in the field at the PLAYERS Championship in two weeks.

Miscellaneous Notes

Justin Rose and Henrik Stenson, who birdied seven of their first nine holes (Nos. 1, 2 and 5-9), made nine consecutive pars on the back nine to post a 65. At 15-under 201, they will begin the final round five strokes back.

The team of Bubba Watson/Matt Kuchar will begin the final round at 13-under 203. Their 5-under 67 in round two (Foursomes) was lower than both of their Four-ball scores in rounds one (68) and three (68).

The Zurich Classic is the penultimate PGA TOUR event for players, not previously eligible, to earn a start in THE PLAYERS in one of three ways: move into the top 10 in the 2017-18 FedExCup standings, move into the top 50 in the Official World Golf Ranking or win the Zurich Classic.

Six Zurich Ambassadors are in the field (in bold): **Jason Day**/Ryan Ruffels (-11/T33), **Billy Horschel**/Scott Piercy (-17/T5), **Justin Rose**/Henrik Stenson (-15/T14), **Tommy Fleetwood**/Chris Paisley (-16/T8), **Sergio Garcia**/Rafa Cabrera Bello (MC) and **Jamie Donaldson**/Ross Fisher (MC).

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: 49 teams.

R2: Nate Lashley/Rob Oppenheim (69).

R3: 18 teams (of 36).

Scoring Averages:	Front	Back	Total	Format
R1:	32.875	33.013	65.887	Four-ball
R2:	36.087	37.775	73.863	Foursomes
R3:	32.500	32.722	65.222	Four-ball