



2018 Hero World Challenge

New Providence, The Bahamas
Albany, Bahamas

November 29-December 2, 2018
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,309

Purse: \$3,500,000
Winner: \$1,000,000

First-Round Notes – Thursday, November 29, 2018

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 77. Wind NNE 5-10 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Patrick Cantlay	65 (-7)
Patrick Reed	65 (-7)
Dustin Johnson	68 (-4)
Henrik Stenson	68 (-4)

Things to Know

- Co-leader Patrick Cantlay made seven birdies and is donating \$500 for each birdie this week to California Strong
- Patrick Reed led the field in birdies to tie Cantlay at 7-under
- Alex Noren played a four-hole stretch in 5-under
- Tournament host and five-time champion Tiger Woods stands T16; defending champion Rickie Fowler is T13

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 4 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win the event since it began in 2000
(Most recent: Jordan Spieth/2014)

Patrick Cantlay (T1/-7)

- Made seven birdies and no bogeys for a 7-under 65, including five birdies on his final six holes (Nos. 13, 14, 15, 17 and 18)
- Along with Jon Rahm, is donating \$500 per birdie this week to California Strong; 100-percent of donations go directly to those affected by the recent California wildfires (@CAstrongfund on Twitter)
- Making first start at the Hero World Challenge
- Has held the first-round lead/co-lead in two official PGA TOUR events: 2018 Genesis Open/T4, 2018 THE PLAYERS Championship/T23
- Has advanced to the TOUR Championship in each of the last two seasons (final FedExCup positions: 29th/2016-17, 20th/2017-18) and currently stands 10th in the FedExCup
- Made a career-best 26 birdies during the 2018 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (most recent PGA TOUR start)

Patrick Reed (T1/-7)

- Recorded a field-best eight birdies and one bogey (No. 8) to tie Patrick Cantlay for the lead at 7-under
- Has three top-fives in four previous starts at the event (T3/2014, 2nd/2015, T5/2017)
- In official PGA TOUR events, has converted three of five first-round leads/co-leads to victories (Won/2014 Desert Classic, Won/2014 World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship, Won/2016 THE NORTHERN TRUST, 2nd/2016 Sentry Tournament of Champions, T7/2018 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions)
- In only PGA TOUR start during 2018-19 season to date, opened with a 64 at the WGC-HSBC Champions to hold the solo-lead; finished T7

Tiger Woods (T16/+1)

- Birdied two of his final four holes (Nos. 15 and 18); moved to 3-over for the day after a triple-bogey 6 at No. 12
- Hit 12 of 13 fairways for the round; played one round on the PGA TOUR in 2017-18 season missing one-or-fewer fairways (13 of 14/BMW Championship/R4)

- Serves as tournament host and is a five-time champion of the event (most recent: 2011)
- Won 80th PGA TOUR title at the 2018 TOUR Championship

Miscellaneous Notes

- **Dustin Johnson** and **Henrik Stenson** are tied for third at 4-under; Johnson was at even-par through 10 holes before birdies at Nos. 11, 12, 13 and 15
- **Alex Noren** (T5) played holes 12-15 in 5-under (birdie-birdie-birdie-eagle); best career birdie-eagle streak on the PGA TOUR is two (2017 U.S. Open/R2)
- Defending champion **Rickie Fowler** stands T13 after an even-par 72
- Albany resident and 2017-18 FedExCup champion **Justin Rose** (T7) opened with a bogey-free 2-under 70

Scoring averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.55	34.61	70.16	---

Bogey-free rounds

R1: Patrick Cantlay (65), Bubba Watson (69), Justin Rose (70)