



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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, December 1, 2018

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 82. Wind SE 10-15 mph, with gusts to 20 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Tony Finau	72-64-67—203 (-13)
Jon Rahm	71-63-69—203 (-13)
Henrik Stenson	68-66-69—203 (-13)
Gary Woodland	72-66-67—205 (-11)
Rickie Fowler	72-67-67—206 (-10)

Things to Know

- Making tournament debuts, Jon Rahm and Tony Finau are tied for the lead with two-time runner-up Henrik Stenson
- Stenson leads the field in birdies, fairways hit and greens in regulation
- Defending champion Rickie Fowler is three shots back entering the final round
- Tournament host and five-time champion Tiger Woods stands 18th
- Alex Noren recorded a hole-in-one at the par-3 17th

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 8 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win the event since it began in 2000
(Most recent: Hideki Matsuyama/2016)

Tony Finau (T1/-13)

- Made six birdies and one bogey for a 5-under 67 and a share of the lead (entered the round two shots back)
- Making first start at the Hero World Challenge
- Ranks No. 2 in the field in fairways hit (31/39) and greens in regulation (40/54)
- Has held the third-round lead/co-lead in two official PGA TOUR events: 2018 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions/P2, 2018 U.S. Open/5th
- Has advanced to the TOUR Championship in each of the last two seasons (final FedExCup positions: 19th/2016-17, 6th/2017-18) and currently stands 12th in the FedExCup
- Lost to Xander Schauffele in a playoff at the WGC-HSBC Champions in one of three official starts in 2018-19

Jon Rahm (T1/-13)

- Made five birdies and two bogeys for a 3-under 69 to maintain a share of the lead
- Along with Patrick Cantlay, 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 never held the third-round lead/co-lead in an official PGA TOUR event
- Has advanced to the TOUR Championship in each of the last two seasons (final FedExCup positions: 5th/2016-17, 23rd/2017-18) and currently stands 129th in the FedExCup
- Finished T22 at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions in only official start of the 2018-19 season

Henrik Stenson (T1/-13)

- Maintained a share of the lead by recording a 3-under 69 in the third round (five birdies, two bogeys)
- Leads the field in birdies (19), fairways hit (32/39) and greens in regulation (45/54)

- Has four top-fives in five prior starts at the Hero World Challenge, including runner-up results in 2014 and 2016
- Has held the third-round lead/co-lead in six official PGA TOUR events, converting three to victory (2017 Wyndham Championship, 2016 The Open Championship, 2013 TOUR Championship)
- Six-time PGA TOUR winner; most recent: 2017 Wyndham Championship

Miscellaneous Notes

- Defending champion **Rickie Fowler** recorded second consecutive 67 to move into fifth; Tiger Woods (2006, 2007) is the only player to successfully defend Hero World Challenge title
- **Gary Woodland** (4th) has hit the fewest putts in the field (26 per round)
- Tournament host and five-time champion **Tiger Woods** is in 18th; has recorded a double-bogey or worse in each round
- Albany resident and 2017-18 FedExCup champion **Justin Rose** (T8) recorded a third-round 68, including birdies on three of his final five holes (Nos. 14, 15 and 17)
- **Alex Noren** made two eagles and a triple-bogey in a three-hole stretch: eagle-3 at the 15th, triple-bogey-7 at the 16th, hole-in-one at the par-3 17th

Scoring averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.55	34.61	70.16	---
R2:	34.72	34.12	68.84	69.49
R3:	35.01	34.56	69.57	69.52

Bogey-free rounds

R1: Patrick Cantlay (65)

R2: Jon Rahm (63), Tony Finau (64)

R3: none