



**2018 Safeway Open**  
*(1<sup>st</sup> of 46 events in the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season)*

**Napa, California**  
**Silverado Resort and Spa (North)**

**October 4-7, 2018**

**Purse: \$6,400,000**  
**Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,166**

**Second-Round Notes – Friday, October 5, 2018**

*Weather: Sunny. High of 74. Wind SW 8-15 mph.*

*36-Hole Cut: 86 professionals at 3-under 141 from a field of 144 professionals. With more than 78 players making the 36-hole cut, a 54-hole cut will take place Saturday (low 70 and ties).*

**Second-Round Leaderboard**

Brandt Snedeker	66-65—131 (-13)
Ryan Moore	67-67—134 (-10)
Phil Mickelson	65-69—134 (-10)
Michael Thompson	69-65—134 (-10)

**Six Things to Know**

- 59-year-old and sponsor invite Fred Couples records his 500<sup>th</sup> made cut on the PGA TOUR (492 official, combined with eight at The Open Championship prior to 1995 when the TOUR started counting The Open as an official event)
- Brandt Snedeker moves into the lead as he seeks to win back-to-back Regular Season events
- Ricky Barnes ties Safeway Open and current course record with 11-under 61
- 2016 and 2017 Safeway Open winner Brendan Steele sits T24 as he seeks to become the first player to win an event three consecutive years since Steve Stricker at the John Deere Classic (2009-11)
- Safeway Open record 86 players made the cut (previous high was 82 in 2015)
- Former Oakland As and St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Mark Mulder, playing on a sponsor invitation, missed the cut (75-74)

**Second-Round Lead Notes**

- 1 Second-round leaders/co-leaders at the Safeway Open to win since 2007 (Rocco Mediate/2010)
- 13 Score in relation to par for second-round leader Tyler Duncan at the 2017 Safeway Open (Steele was one back)

**Brandt Snedeker (-13/1)**

**Age:** 37 (December 8, 1980)

**Joined TOUR:** 2007

**Entering the week:**

#51	OWGR
2	Previous starts at Safeway Open (T17/2015, T57/2014)
308	PGA TOUR starts
224	Made cuts
70	Top-10s in career
3/11	Wins with 36-hole lead/co-lead

**Wins (9):** 2018 Wyndham Championship, 2016 Farmers Insurance Open, 2015 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, 2013 RBC Canadian Open, 2013 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, 2012 TOUR Championship, 2012 Farmers Insurance Open, 2011 RBC Heritage, 2007 Wyndham Championship

- Making his third start in the Safeway Open and first since 2015 (T17), 2012 FedExCup champion followed a 6-under 66 with a 7-under 65 to move into the top spot on the leaderboard
- 12<sup>th</sup> career 36-hole lead/co-lead, with three wins: 2013 and 2015 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, 2018 Wyndham Championship
- Three-stroke 36-hole lead falls one shy of the Safeway Open record (4, John Mallinger, 2012)
- 131 total falls three shy of the best 36-hole mark at the Safeway Open (128, John Mallinger, 2012)
- Career-low 36-hole score (126, 2018 Wyndham Championship)
- Among four top-10 finishes in the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season was his ninth TOUR victory at the Wyndham Championship

- En route to winning the 2018 Wyndham Championship, recorded the 10<sup>th</sup> sub-60 score in PGA TOUR history (ninth player)
- Seeking to win back-to-back Regular Season events (Wyndham Championship)
- Following a 67<sup>th</sup>-place finish at the BMW Championship, ended his season ranked 40<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup
- Four of nine TOUR wins have come in California (2012/2016 Farmers Insurance Open; 2013/2015 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am)

#### **Ryan Moore (-10/T2)**

- Has just two bogeys through 36 holes (No. 16/R1, No. 6/R2)
- Four top-20 finishes, including three top-10s, in five starts at this event (T6/2007, MC/2008, T8/2009, T10/2015, T17/2017)
- Coming off of a 71<sup>st</sup> place FedExCup finish, the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive season he has advanced at least to the second Playoffs event
- Seeking sixth TOUR win, with his most recent coming at the 2016 John Deere Classic

#### **Phil Mickelson (-10/T2)**

- World Golf Hall of Fame Member followed opening 7-under 65 with a 3-under 69 to move to T2
- Managed sub-70 score despite three bogeys (Nos. 13, 14, 17)
- Now has nine of 10 rounds in the 60s at Silverado Resort and Spa (2-under 70 in final round a year ago)
- Making his fourth start in the Safeway Open (MC/2007, T8/2016, T3/2017)
- Of 43 career PGA TOUR wins, 11 have come in the state of California
- Collected six top-10 finishes last season, highlighted by 43<sup>rd</sup> TOUR win (World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship)
- Should he win this week, coupled with Tiger Woods' victory at the TOUR Championship, would mark the first time the two players won back-to-back events since 2013 (Tiger/Farmers Insurance Open, Phil/Waste Management Phoenix Open)

#### **Michael Thompson (-10/T2)**

- Moves to T2 with bogey-free 7-under 65, having played his last 29 holes without a bogey
- Making fifth start at the Safeway Open (T36/2011, MC/2014, T74/2015, MC/2016)
- After making the FedExCup Playoffs his first four seasons, has missed in his last four tries (most recent: 142<sup>nd</sup> in 2017-18)
- Has one victory in 190 PGA TOUR starts (2013 Honda Classic)

#### **Sepp Straka (-9/T5)**

- Making his first-ever start on the PGA TOUR, the first-round leader added an even-par 72 Friday to fall to T5
- After a bogey-free round with nine birdies on day one, second round included four birdies and four bogeys
- 25-year-old former Georgia Bulldog won the KC Golf Classic earlier this year on the Web.com Tour
- Austria native earned his PGA TOUR rookie card this season after finishing 40<sup>th</sup> on the 2018 Web.com Tour priority list
- Was part of the 2016 SEC Championship winning team at Georgia

#### **Kevin Tway (-9/T5)**

- Closed his round (68-67) with three birdies for the second straight day (Nos. 7-9 in round one and Nos. 16-18 in round two)
- Four prior starts at the Safeway Open (MC/2011, T40/2013, T62/2016, T52/2017)
- Finished No. 87 in the FedExCup last season (second straight season he has advanced at least to the second Playoffs event)
- Back-to-back third-place finishes in 2017 are best outings in 90 starts (T3/Valero Texas Open, 3/Zurich Classic of New Orleans)

#### **Ricky Barnes (-8/T8)**

- Tied the Safeway Open (six players) and Silverado course record (Chesson Hadley/2017) with a bogey-free 11-under 61
- Round one – 0 birdies, 3 bogeys; Round two – 11 birdies, 0 bogeys
- Most birdies in a round prior to this week: 8 (11 times and most recently in round two at the 2018 CareerBuilder Challenge)
- Playing on a sponsor invite this week as he seeks to better his best finish in nine prior starts at this event (T33 in 2013)
- Feet of putts made: R1 (43'9") vs. R2 (161'4")

#### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- 12 of the 21 2018-19 PGA TOUR rookies made the cut this week: Sepp Straka (T5), Sungjae Im (T5), Chase Wright (T8), Wyndham Clark (T24), Adam Svensson (T24), Adam Long (T24), Cameron Davis (T49), Jim Knous (T49), Kyle Jones (T68), Martin Trainer (T68), Seth Reeves (T68), Cameron Champ (T68), Jose de Jesus Rodriguez (MC/-2), Chris Thompson (MC/-1), Brady Schnell (MC/-1), Kramer Hickok (MC/-1), Anders Albertson (MC/+1), K.H. Lee (MC/+1), John Chin (MC/+2), Hank Lebioda (MC/+3), Joey Garber (MC/+5)

#### **Bogey-free rounds:**

R1: Sepp Straka (63), Chase Wright (64), Phil Mickelson (65), Mackenzie Hughes (66), Sungjae Im (66), Wyndham Clark (66), J.T. Poston (66), Sam Saunders (66), Troy Merritt (67), Jonathan Byrd (67), Roger Sloan (67), Julian Etulain (68), James Hahn (69), Kramer Hickok (69).

R2: Ricky Barnes (61), Michael Thompson (65), Harris English (65), J.J. Spaun (66), Nick Taylor (67), Johnson Wagner (67), Andres Gonzales (68), Bill Haas (68), Jamie Lovemark (68), Tyrone Van Aswegen (69), Harold Varner III (69)

Scoring Averages at the par-72 Silverado Resort and Spa (North):

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
R1:	35.181	35.243	70.424	---
R2:	35.549	35.063	70.611	70.517

Morning Scoring Average: R1 (69.86), R2 (70.82)

Afternoon Scoring Average: R1 (70.99), R2 (70.40)