



2018 Safeway Open
(1st 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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, October 6, 2018

Weather: Sunny. High of 78. Wind NW 6-12 mph.

54-Hole Cut: With more than 78 players (86) making the 36-hole cut Friday, a 54-hole cut at 3-under 213 reduced the field to 74 players (low 70 and ties).

Third-Round Leaderboard

Brandt Snedeker	66-65-69—200 (-16)
Kevin Tway	68-67-68—203 (-13)
Sungjae Im	66-69-69—204 (-12)
Bill Haas	70-68-67—205 (-11)

Seven Things to Know

- Snedeker seeks to win back-to-back Regular Season events
- Snedeker seeks to become first player to win final Regular Season event followed by opening event the next season in FedExCup era (2007)
- Saturday's final group was a combined even-par in third round (Brandt Snedeker/69, Ryan Moore/73, Phil Mickelson/74)
- Top three players on leaderboard are the only players in the field with three sub-70 rounds
- Highlight of Fred Couples third-round 70 was eagle at No. 9, his first eagle on the PGA TOUR since 2013
- Ricky Barnes posted rounds of 75-61-76, with the second-round 61 matching the tournament and course record
- Bud Cauley, making his first start since recovering from a car accident at the Memorial Tournament in June, sits T15 at 8-under

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 3 Third-round leaders/co-leaders at the Safeway Open to win (Troy Matteson/2009, Rocco Mediate/2010, Sangmoon Bae/2015)
- 14 Score in relation to par for third-round leader Tyler Duncan at the 2017 Safeway Open (Steele was two back/T3)
- 194 54-hole record at Safeway Open (Troy Matteson/2009)
- 4 Largest 54-hole lead at Safeway Open (Sangmoon Bae/2015)
- 4 Largest come-from-behind victory at Safeway Open (Brendan Steele/2016)

Brandt Snedeker (-16/1)

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
4/10	Wins with 54-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 posted 3-under 69 to maintain three-stroke lead into final round
- Marks 11th time with 54-hole lead/co-lead, winning four of previous 10 (most recent: 2018 Wyndham Championship/Won)

- Leads field with most birdies (20) through 54 holes, three ahead of Sungjae Im (17)
- Among four top-10 finishes in the 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season was his ninth TOUR victory at the Wyndham Championship
- A win Sunday would mark his 10th PGA TOUR title at age 37 years, 9 months, 29 days. Most recent player to notch 10th PGA TOUR victory was Bubba Watson at 2018 Genesis Open (added 11th/WGC-Dell Match Play and 12th/Travelers Championship)
- En route to winning the 2018 Wyndham Championship, recorded the 10th sub-60 score in PGA TOUR history (ninth player)
- Seeking to win back-to-back Regular Season events (Wyndham Championship)
- With a win, would become first player to win final Regular Season event and opening event the next season in FedExCup era (began 2007). The last time American players won season ending/season opening combination was Patrick Reed (2013 Wyndham Championship) and Jimmy Walker (2013 Safeway Open)
- Following a 67th-place finish at the 2018 BMW Championship, ended his season ranked 40th 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)
- One of 10 players to have qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs in every season since it was established (2007)

Kevin Tway (-13/2)

- Closed his bogey-free round of 68 with two birdies in last three holes after finishing with three consecutive birdies in each of his first two rounds (Nos. 7-9 in round one and Nos. 16-18 in round two)
- One of three players with bogey-free round in third round (Jim Knous/69, Brett Drewitt/69)
- Putts per round this week (28/R1, 29/R2, 26/R3)
- 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)

Sungjae Im (-12/3)

- Mixed six birdies with three bogeys while hitting 7/14 fairways and 12/18 greens in round three
- Seeking to win his first PGA TOUR start as a full member. Only previous PGA TOUR starts were 2018 U.S. Open (MC) and 2018 PGA Championship (T42)
- Won his first start on the Web.com Tour (2018 The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay) and went on to lead the money list wire-to-wire for the entire year – the first person in Web.com Tour history to achieve the feat.
- Web.com Tour season earnings (\$534,326) were fourth-most in Tour history. Finished the year with eight top-10s, including two wins and three runner-ups
- 20-year-old from Jeju, South Korea grew up playing CJ Nine Bridges Golf Club, which now hosts the PGA TOUR's THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES
- Recorded nine top-10 finishes in 23 starts on Japan Golf Tour in 2017 to finish No. 12 on that money list

Bill Haas (-11/4)

- Closed with four birdies in his last six holes for 5-under 67, his seventh consecutive sub-par round on TOUR. Posted four sub-70 rounds in most recent start (69-68-68-67) for T45 at 2018 Wyndham Championship
- Recorded one bogey (No. 4/R3) in his last 41 holes
- Finished top-20 in three of four appearances at Safeway Open (T17/2017, T20/2016, T20/2008, T51/2007)
- Former FedExCup champion (2011) finished the 2017-18 season No. 152 in the FedExCup, failing to advance to the FedExCup Playoffs for the first time in his career
- Lone top-10 finish in 25 starts in 2017-18 season was T7 at RBC Heritage
- Six-time PGA TOUR winner is seeking first victory since 2015 CareerBuilder Challenge

Sam Ryder (-10/T5)

- Began on No. 10 tee, making six birdies in an eight-hole stretch (Nos. 16-5) before closing bogey, bogey, birdie for 5-under 67
- Missed the cut last year with 72-73 in his only other Safeway Open start
- Posted three top-10s, including a T2 at the 2018 John Deere Classic, to reach the FedExCup Playoffs and end his rookie season No. 101 in the FedExCup
- Completed four of 26 tournaments last season with four under-par rounds (CareerBuilder Challenge, Houston Open, John Deere Classic, Barbasol Championship)

Aaron Baddeley (-10/T5)

- Finished No. 132 in the 2017-18 FedExCup, forcing him to Monday qualify to earn start at Safeway Open. Was medalist with 7-under 65 at Coyote Creek CC on Monday before posting 70-67-69 at Silverado Resort & Spa North Course
- Last Monday qualifier to win on TOUR: Arjun Atwal/2010 Wyndham Championship
- Seeking first top-10 at Safeway Open in 11th appearance (T11/2008 is best result)

- Ranked No. 1 in Strokes Gained: Approach The Green (7.117)
- Former Presidents Cup International Team member owns four PGA TOUR victories among 46 top-10 finishes in 406 career starts. Australian also owns four victories 'down under'.

Chase Wright (-10/T5)

- 29-year-old PGA TOUR rookie played front nine 1-under and back nine 9-under through 54 holes
- In only other start on the PGA TOUR, finished T64 at The RSM Classic in 2012
- Among five top-10 finishes in 25 starts on the Web.com Tour in 2018 was a playoff victory at the Rust-Oleum Championship
- Recently got engaged to Fuzzy Zoeller's daughter, Gretchen
- Played collegiately at Indiana University

Adam Schenk (-10/T5)

- Seeking to improve his career-best PGA TOUR finish of T7 at the 2018 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, where he teamed with Tyler Duncan, who held the 18-, 36- and 54-hole lead/co-lead at Safeway Open last year
- Best result as an individual on TOUR is T20 at 2017 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open
- Ended last season No. 157 in the FedExCup before returning to the Web.com Tour Finals, finishing 7th on the money list to secure his card for the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season. Was 12th in the final priority-ranking order

Miscellaneous Notes

- Highlight of Fred Couples third-round 70 was eagle at No. 9, his first eagle on the PGA TOUR since 2013 (17th hole/R1/2013 The Open Championship). Couples, T116 after a first-round 73, sits T15 at 8-under through 54 holes
- 2016 and 2017 Safeway Open winner Brendan Steele sits T35 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)
- 11 of the 21 2018-19 PGA TOUR rookies advanced to the final round this week: Sungjae Im (3rd), Chase Wright (T5), Jim Knous (T24), Wyndham Clark (T35), Adam Long (T56), Cameron Davis (T56), Martin Trainer (T56), Seth Reeves (T56), Adam Svensson (T66), Cameron Champ (T66), Sepp Straka (T66), Kyle Jones (MDF), 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)

R3: Kevin Tway (68), Brett Drewitt (69), Jim Knous (69)

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

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.181	35.243	70.424	---
R2:	35.549	35.063	70.611	70.517
R3:	35.802	35.849	71.651	70.778