

2018 Sanderson Farms Championship Broadcast Window & Pre-Tournament Notes



ShotLink Keys to Victory for Ryan Armour

Ryan Armour earned 300 points moving to the ninth position in the FedExCup standings with his first career victory on the PGA TOUR at the 2017 Sanderson Farms Championship.

Strokes Gained Statistics vs. The Field

	Rank	Average
Off-the-Tee	39 th	+0.039
Approach-the-Green	3rd	+2.012
Around-the-Green	13 th	+0.691
Putting	2nd	+1.920
Total	1 st	+4.662

84.3% of Ryan's total strokes gained for the week were a result of both his approach the green and putting performances at the CC of Jackson.

Ryan Armour became the 28th winner (since 2004) to rank inside the top-three in SG: Approach-the-Green & Putting en route to victory.

Armour's performance on the back 9 was phenomenal making 273' 10" in total putts and outperformed the field by +7.05 in SG: Putting. Armour's 441' 3" total feet of putts made was the 12th most by a winner in the ShotLink era.

Ryan Armour Front 9 vs. Back 9 2017 Sanderson Farms Championship

	Front	Back
Score to Par	-5	-14
Birdies or Better	11	17
Strokes Gained: Putting	+0.63	+7.05
Feet of Putts Made	167'5"	273'10"

264 Yards from the Tee: Ryan Armour ranked 74th (out of 75 players) for driving distance (all drives) en route to his victory at the Sanderson Farms Championship. His 264.0 average drive from the tee is the shortest ever recorded by a winner at the Sanderson Farms Championship since 2003. Ryan Armour chose to lay-up on 17 of 20 (85%) going for it holes at CC of Jackson, marking the 3rd highest lay-up percentage among winners on TOUR since 2003.

Highest Percentage of Lay-ups on *Reachable Holes by a Winner PGA TOUR Non-Majors Since 2003 (min of 17 going for it holes played)

		Layup %	Lay-ups	Going for it Holes
2012 Valero Texas Open	Ben Curtis	90.5%	19	21
2016 Houston Open	Jim Herman	88.2%	15	17
2018 Sanderson Farms Champ.	Ryan Armour	85.0%	17	20
2009 Zurich Classic of New Orleans	Jerry Kelly	81.8%	18	22
2010 the Memorial Tournament	Justin Rose	76.5%	13	17
2016 Sanderson Farms Champ.	Peter Malnati	75.0%	15	20

**Holes where at least 1 player attempts to go for it on a reachable par 4 or par 5 in a round.*

Importance of Playing Fall Events Since 2013-14 PGA TOUR Season

Last season all eight of the winners from the first eight PGA TOUR events of the season qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs. Four of the eight players qualified for the TOUR Championship.

First Eight Winners 2017-18 PGA TOUR Season

		FEC Finish
Safeway Open	Brendan Steele	56 th
CIMB Classic	Pat Perez	39 th
THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES	Justin Thomas	7th
WGC-HSBC Champions	Justin Rose	WON
Sanderson Farms Championship	Ryan Armour	49 th
Shriners Hospitals for Children Open	Patrick Cantlay	20th
Mayakoba Golf Classic	Patton Kizzire	30th
The RSM Classic	Austin Cook	38 th

2013-14 Wrap-Around: 186 players earned FedExCup points before the start of the new calendar year in the 2013-14 PGA TOUR season. Of those 186 players, 115 made the 2014 FedExCup Playoffs, 92 made it to the Dell Technologies Championship, 63 made it to the BMW Championship and 26 made it to the TOUR Championship.

2014-15 Wrap-Around: 206 players earned FedExCup points before the start of the new calendar year in the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season. Of those 206 players, 118 made the 2015 FedExCup Playoffs, 94 made it to the Dell Technologies Championship, 64 made it to the BMW Championship and 25 made it to the TOUR Championship.

2015-16 Wrap-Around: 209 players earned FedExCup points before the start of the new calendar year in the 2015-16 PGA TOUR season. Of those 209 players, 116 made the 2016 FedExCup Playoffs, 92 made it to the Dell Technologies Championship, 65 made it to the BMW Championship and 27 made it to the TOUR Championship.

2016-17 Wrap-Around: 213 players earned FedExCup points before the start of the new calendar year in the 2016-17 PGA TOUR season. Of those 213 players, 117 made the 2017 FedExCup Playoffs, 93 made it to the Dell Technologies Championship, 63 made it to the BMW Championship and 24 made it to the TOUR Championship.

2017-18 Wrap-Around: 206 players earned FedExCup points before the start of the new calendar year in the 2017-18 PGA TOUR season. Of those 206 players, 115 (55.8%) made the 2018 FedExCup Playoffs, 92 (44.7%) made it to the Dell Technologies Championship, 64 (31.1%) made it to the BMW Championship and 27 (13.1%) made it to the TOUR Championship.

Players who Earned at Least 1 FedExCup Point During the Wrap-Around Season (Last 5 Seasons)

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Earned FEC Points before Calendar Year	186	206	209	213	206
Qualified for FedExCup Playoffs	115	118	116	117	115
Qualified for BMW Championship	63	64	65	63	64
Qualified for TOUR Championship	26	25	27	24	27

Total FedExCup Season Points Earned During Opening Events Since 2013-14

Season	Total Points	# of Events
Last Season	21,603	8
2016-17	18,539	7
2015-16	21,499	7
2014-15	21,627	7
2013-14	19,346	6
Total Since 2013-14	102,614	35

Since 2013-14, there have been 102,614 total FedExCup points earned during the season opening events (35 total events). From the 2014-15 PGA TOUR season to the 2016-17 season, the average total FEC points earned during the season opening events was 20,555. Last season, there were 21,603 total FedExCup points earned by 206 players.

Course & Hole Stats Country Club of Jackson

Lowest Hit Green PCT. When Going for It PGA TOUR Last Season

	PCT.
Ridgewood CC	10.46
TPC San Antonio - AT&T Oaks	10.80
CC of Jackson	11.74
Stadium Course	11.84
PGA National (Champion)	11.86

11.74%: Last season, 11.74% (103 of 877) of the field hit the green when going for it at the CC of Jackson, marking the third-lowest Going for Green - Hit Green Percentage of any course.

Toughest Holes PGA TOUR Last Season (Non-Majors)

+0.348: Last season, the 16th hole at CC of Jackson played as the seventh toughest hole on the PGA TOUR (non-majors). The par-4 16th hole played to a scoring average of +0.348-over par and the field combined for 25 total birdies and 28 double bogeys or worse at the 2017 Sanderson Farms Championship.

	Hole	Par	Avg. Over Par
PGA National (Champion)	17 th	3	+0.533
PGA National (Champion)	6 th	4	+0.416
Torrey Pines GC (South)	12 th	4	+0.410
PGA National (Champion)	15 th	3	+0.391
El Camaleon GC	14 th	4	+0.373
Riviera CC	12 th	4	+0.362
CC of Jackson	16th	4	+0.348
Torrey Pines GC (South)	4 th	4	+0.329
TPC Summerlin	3 rd	4	+0.324
TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm	11 th	4	+0.314

235: Last season, the field combined for 235 total three-putts at the CC of Jackson, marking the second-most total three-putts at this course since 2014. The par-3 fourth hole has produced 70 total-three putts marking the most of any hole at this course in this timeframe.

Total 3-Putts by Year CC of Jackson Since 2014

	# of 3-Putts
2014	265
2017	235
2016	194
2015	188
Total	882

Holes with the Most 3-Putts CC of Jackson Since 2014

	# of 3-Putts
4th	70
7 th	69
8 th	68
6 th	67
12 th	62

Broadcast Window Notes

2018 Sanderson Farms Championship *(featured groups)*

Ryan Armour

Defending Sanderson Farms champion Ryan Armour is set to make his sixth start at this event. Armour became the fourth consecutive player to capture their first PGA TOUR victory at the Sanderson Farms Championship. Since the start of the ShotLink era (2003), the longest streak of First-Time winners at an event is six (Shriners Hospitals) and six total events have been won by four or more first-time winners in this timeframe. The Sanderson Farms Championship and The RSM Classic have the longest current streak with four.

Last 4 Winners Sanderson Farms Championship



Yr	2017	2016	2015	2014
Plyr	Ryan Armour	Cody Gribble	Peter Malnati	Nick Taylor
Age	41 08 02	26 01 10	28 04 26	26 06 26
Win	1st Win	1st Win	1st Win	1st Win

Longest Streak of First-Time Winners PGA TOUR Since 2003

	Streak	Years
Shriners Hospitals for Children Open	6	2004 to 2009
Sanderson Farms Championship*	4	2014-15 to Current
The RSM Classic*	4	2014-15 to Current
Puerto Rico Open	4	2013 to 2015-16
Travelers Championship	4	2010 to 2013
Zurich Classic of New Orleans	4	2005 to 2008

*Active Streaks

Since 2011, six of the seven winners at this event have qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs.

Best FedExCup Finishes Past Winners - Sanderson Farms Championship

Ryan Armour is coming off his career-best finish in the FedExCup standings (49th). Armour's 49th place finish in the final 2017-18 FedExCup standings, marked the second-best FEC finish by the winner of the Sanderson Farms Championship since 2011.

	Year	FEC Finish
Chris Kirk	2011	42 nd
Ryan Armour	Last Season	49th
Scott Stallings	2012	75 th
Cody Gribble	2016-17	87 th
Nick Taylor	2014-15	101 st
Peter Malnati	2015-16	104 th
Woody Austin	2013	137 th

Cody Gribble

2016 Sanderson Farms champion Cody Gribble is set to make his third start at this event and 61st of his PGA TOUR career.

Since 2014, Cody Gribble has the lowest stroke average of any player at the Country Club of Jackson (68.67). Four of Gribble's six rounds played at this course have been in the 60s.

Lowest Scoring Average Country Club of Jackson Since 2014

	Avg
Cody Gribble	68.67
Luke List	68.75
Nick Taylor	69.00
Seung-Yul Noh	69.00
Greg Owen	69.13

**Min 5 Rounds Played*

Best SG: Putting Performance PGA TOUR Career

	Finish	Avg
2016 Sanderson Farms Champ.	WIN	+2.200
2017 Sentry TOC	T14	+1.938
2016 Safeway Open	T8	+1.420
2016 Shriners Hospitals	T65	+1.399
2018 PLAYERS Championship	T30	+1.309

**4 Measured Rounds*

En route to victory in 2016, Cody Gribble outperformed the field by +2.200 strokes per round on the greens, marking his career-best SG: Putting performance on TOUR. The last four consecutive winners at this event have ranked inside the top 10 in SG: Putting.

Cody Gribble vs. the Field 2016 Sanderson Farms Championship

	Gribble	Field
SG: Off-the-Tee	+0.787 (9th)	---
Going for Green Birdie or Better %	84.6% (5th)	52.2%
Scrambling	80.0% (1st)	59.0%
Sand Save Percentage	100.0% (T1)	50.9%
Putting From 4-8 Feet	100.0% (1st)	66.9%
Putting Outside 25 Feet	20.0% (T3)	5.61%

Putting 4-8 Feet: Cody was a perfect 9 of 9 from 4-8 feet for the week marking the 17th winner since 2003 to go perfect from this distance. The last player to accomplish this feat was Brian Stuard at the 2016 Zurich Classic of New Orleans where he went 7 of 7 (3 round event).

Final Round Performance vs. the Field 2016 Sanderson Farms Championship

	Gribble	Field
Total Birdies	7 (1st)	3.21
Fairway Proximity	22' 0" (1st)	32' 9"
SG: Putting	+3.536 (3rd)	---
Back 9 Scoring	31.0 (1st)	35.75
Scoring Average	65 (1st)	71.57

Cody Gribble had a fantastic final round at the Sanderson Farms Championship. Cody outperformed the field by over 6 strokes shooting a final round 65. Gribble had nearly 4 birdies more than the field in round 4 and averaged 10 feet closer on approach shots.

Wesley Bryan

Wesley Bryan is set to make his tournament debut at the Sanderson Farms Championship. Last season, Bryan spent 13 total weeks ranked inside the top 125 and two weeks ranked inside the top 70 with highest rank in the FedExCup standings was 64th (week #3) before finishing the season 163rd in the final standings. In the 2016-17 PGA TOUR season, Bryan spent 22 more weeks inside the top 125, 29 more weeks ranked inside the top 70 and finished 41st in the final season standings.

FedExCup Ranks Breakdown 2016-17 vs. Last Season

	2016-17	Last Season	Difference
Highest Rank	14 th	64 th	-50
Weeks Inside Top 125	35	13	-22
Weeks Inside Top 70	31	2	-29
Weeks Inside Top 30	19	0	-19
Final FEC Rank	41 st	163 rd	-122

PGA TOUR Career Breakdown First 32 Starts vs. Last 24 Starts

	First 32	Last 24
Wins	1	0
Top 5s	4	0
Top 10s	6	0
Cuts Missed	10	11
Scoring Avg*	70.8	71.3

*Stroke-Play Events

Wesley Bryan has struggled in his last 24 PGA TOUR starts, missing the cut in 11 of these events. In his first 32 starts, Bryan missed the cut in 10 events.

Retief Goosen

Retief Goosen is set to make his third start at the Sanderson Farms Championship and 343rd career PGA TOUR start. Retief has finished inside the top 10 in 20.47% of his TOUR starts (70 of 342).

PGA TOUR Career Results

	Value	PCT.
Starts	342	---
Wins	7	2.05
Top 5s	42	12.28
Top 10s	70	20.47
Cuts Made	256	74.85

Last season, Retief Goosen gained +15.573 total strokes in SG: Approach-the-Green. Retief gained more than one stroke in 40% of his measured rounds (16 of 40).

SG: Approach-the-Green Performance PGA TOUR Last Season

	Last Season
Total Strokes Gained	+15.573
Rds Gaining More than 1 Stroke	16 (40%)
Rds Losing More than 1 Stroke	9 (23%)
Total Measured Rounds	40

Jhonattan Vegas

Jhonattan Vegas is set to make his second appearance at the Sanderson Farms Championship. Vegas started the 2015 Sanderson Farms Championship with a six-under par 66 en route to a T4 place finish. Jhonattan Vegas has finished inside the top five in 31.6% of PGA TOUR events when opening with a 66 or lower (6 of 19).

Event Results When Opening with a 66 or Lower PGA TOUR Career

	Value	PCT.
Total Events	19	---
Wins	2	10.5
Top 5s	6	31.6
Top 10s	7	36.8
Top 25s	10	52.6
Cuts Made	19	100.0

Jonas Blixt

Jonas Blixt is making his second start of the 2018-19 PGA TOUR season and coming off the first year to not qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs. This season, Jonas Blixt has ranked inside the top 125 in each of the first three weeks of the season equaling his total number of weeks ranked inside the top 125 all last season.

Total Weeks Ranked Inside Top 125 of FedExCup Last Season vs. This Season

Last Season	This Season
3	3

Last 8 Rounds on TOUR

	Value
Rds Par or Better	8
Scoring Average	69.0
Total Birdies/Better	30
Score to Par	-16
SG: Putting	+0.574

Jonas Blixt has played his last eight rounds on the PGA TOUR par or better with a 69.0 stroke average in this stretch. Blixt has outperformed the field by +0.574 strokes in SG: Putting in his last eight rounds.

At the 2018 Safeway Open, Blixt outperformed the field by +1.011 strokes per round in SG: Putting, marking the 22nd PGA TOUR event of his career gaining over a stroke on the greens (4 measured round events). Blixt finishes inside the top-35 in 68% of his starts when gaining over a stroke per round in this category.

On the Green Performance 2018 Safeway Open

	Rank	Value
SG: Putting	14th	+1.011
Putting from 4-8'	T5	82.4%
Putting Inside 10'	6 th	90.5%
Longest Putt Made	6th	56' 7"

Jonas Blixt made his 14th career putt over 50 feet at the 2018 Safeway Open. Since 2012, Blixt has the fourth most total putts made over this distance of any player (14).

Most Putts Made Over 50' PGA TOUR Since 2012

	Total
Charles Howell III	17
Matt Jones	15
Marc Leishman	15
Jonas Blixt	14