



**2018 Sanderson Farms Championship**  
*(5<sup>th</sup> of 46 events in the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season)*

Jackson, Mississippi  
Country Club of Jackson

**October 25-28, 2018**

**Purse: \$4,400,000**  
**Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,421**

**FINAL First-Round Notes – Friday, October 26, 2018**

*Weather: Mostly cloudy, with a high of 61. Wind NW 10-15, with gusts to 20 mph. Due to darkness, round one was suspended for the day at 6:13 p.m. CT Thursday and resume at 8:20 a.m. Friday (12 players). Round one concluded at 8:41 a.m., with round two beginning as scheduled at 7:20 a.m.*

**First-Round Leaderboard**

Cameron Champ	65 (-7)
Cameron Tringale	66 (-6)
Six players	67 (-5)

**Five Things to Know**

- PGA TOUR rookie Cameron Champ birdied three of his first four holes and four of his last six to open with 65
- Defending champion Ryan Armour opened with a 2-under 70 in his bid to become just the third player to win the event more than once (Brian Henninger/1994, 1999 and Fred Funk/1998, 2004)
- With one event remaining to earn 48 FedExCup points and fulfill his medical extension, 2010 Sanderson Farms Championship winner Bills Haas opened with a 2-under 70
- Brandon, Mississippi native Jonathan Randolph, needing 212 FedExCup points this week to fulfill his medical extension, opened with a 2-over 74
- A total of .55" of rain fell on Thursday

**First-Round Lead Notes**

- 5 First-round leaders/co-leaders at the Sanderson Farms Championship to win since 2000; Ryan Armour III/2017, Bill Haas/2010, D.J. Trahan/2006, John Huston/2003, Steve Lowery/2000.
- 0 No first-round leader has managed to convert for the win on the PGA TOUR so far this season

**Cameron Champ (65/-7)**

- PGA TOUR rookie followed a 2-under 34 on the front side with a 5-under 31 on his inward nine that included three straight birdies on Nos. 13-15
- Ranked third in PGA TOUR Driving Distance through THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES (328.4 yards/average), his tee shot at No. 18 measured 347 yards. From just 102 yards, hit his approach to 4'0" and sank the putt for his eighth birdie of the day. Nine of his drives registered at more than 300 yards, highlighted by 348 yards at No. 9
- On the 2018 season's Web.com Tour, set a record in the single-season driving distance category at 343.1 yards (average)
- Won the 2018 Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank on the Web.com Tour en route to an 11<sup>th</sup>-place finish on that Tour's priority list, good for his PGA TOUR rookie status
- Is making his ninth start on the PGA TOUR this week and seventh as a professional. In only TOUR start this season, finished T25 at the Safeway Open
- Received the 2018 Calvin Peete Foundation Award, given annually to a player who displays the spirit, humility and courage of the late Calvin Peete
- Eleven players have made the Sanderson Farms Championship their first TOUR win, including each of the last four: Ryan Armour (2017), Cody Gribble (2016), Peter Malnati (2015), Nick Taylor (2014), Chris Kirk (2011), D.J. Trahan (2006), Luke Donald (2002), Cameron Beckman (2001), Willie Wood (1996), Ed Dougherty (1995) and Brian Henninger (1994).

**Cameron Tringale (66/-6)**

- In third start at the Sanderson Farms Championship, birdied his first three holes, Nos. 1-3, en route to a 6-under 66
- Previous Sanderson Farms Championship finishes: T11/2010 (Annandale GC), T53/2018
- Makes a return to the TOUR for the 2018-19 season by virtue of a 42<sup>nd</sup>-place finish on the 2018 Web.com Tour priority list

- In only other start this season, finished T46 at the season-opening Safeway Open
- Remains in search of his first TOUR title in his 245<sup>th</sup> start
- Most recent of three runner-up finishes came at the 2015 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open

#### **D.J. Trahan (67/-5)**

- Competing this week on a sponsor invitation, 2006 Sanderson Farms Championship winner D.J. Trahan improved from a 1-under 35 on the outgoing nine with a 4-under 32 on the inward stretch
- Is making his 11<sup>th</sup> start in the event and fourth consecutive. In three prior starts since moving to the Country Club of Jackson, he finished T10 in 2015, but missed the cut in 2016 and 2017
- Dating to his one start as an amateur in 2001, is making his 294<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start this week

#### **Robert Streb (67/-5)**

- Making his third start in the Sanderson Farms Championship (8<sup>th</sup>/2015, MC/2013)
- Was one of just six players to play bogey-free in round one
- Following a 178<sup>th</sup>-place finish in the 2017-18 FedExCup standings, won the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship in the Web.com Tour Finals en route to a fourth-place finish on the Web.com Tour Finals money list and sixth-place showing on the Web.com Tour priority list, worthy of a full-time return to the PGA TOUR for the 2018-19 season
- Lone PGA TOUR victory came at the 2014 The RSM Classic
- In only previous start on TOUR this season, missed the cut at the season-opening Safeway Open

#### **Seth Reeves (67/-5)**

- In just his second-ever start on the PGA TOUR, rookie Seth Reeves was 5-under through No. 16 when play was suspended for the day. On Friday morning, he made pars at Nos. 17 and 18 to open with a bogey-free 67.
- Was one of just six players to play bogey-free in round one
- In his first TOUR start, finished T69 at the Safeway Open
- Two-time All-American at Georgia Tech finished 24<sup>th</sup> on the 2018 Web.com Tour priority list, thanks to five top-10 finishes
- Atlanta, Georgia native was among the starting four at Georgia Tech alongside PGA TOUR players Anders Albertson, Richy Werenski and Ollie Schniederjans

#### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- Nine past Sanderson Farms Championship winners in the field: Ryan Armour/2017 (70), Cody Gribble/2016 (77), Peter Malnati/2015 (75), Nick Taylor/2014 (69), Scott Stallings/2012 (70), Chris Kirk/2011 (74), Bill Haas/2010 (70), Chad Campbell/2007 (73) and D.J. Trahan/2006 (67)
- In three starts in the event, Bill Haas has never finished outside the top-5 at the Sanderson Farms Championship; 1<sup>st</sup>/2010, T4/2008, T3/2007. He opened with a 2-under 70

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

R1: Robert Streb (67), Rory Sabbatini (67), Seth Reeves (67), Lucas Glover (68), Adam Schenk (70), Josh Teater (71)

#### **Scoring Averages at the par-72 Country Club of Jackson:**

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>	
R1:	35.917	35.848	71.765	---	---