



**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

**Second-Round Notes – Friday, October 26, 2018**

*Weather: Light drizzle and cloudy with a high of 61. Wind NW 10-15, with gusts to 20 mph.*

**36-Hole Cut:** 72 professionals at 1-under 143. Eighth consecutive under-par cut in tournament history.

**Second-Round Leaderboard**

Norman Xiong	68-67—135 (-9)
Cameron Champ	65-70—135 (-9)
Shawn Stefani	68-68—136 (-8)
Jonathan Byrd	68-68—136 (-8)

**Six Things to Know**

- PGA TOUR rookie Champ is one of nine players in top 14 on leaderboard seeking first TOUR title
- Xiong holds his first PGA TOUR lead/co-lead while making his first cut in his seventh start
- With a win, Xiong would become second-youngest PGA TOUR winner since 1932
- Monday qualifier Chad Ramey sits T5 at 7-under 137
- Alex Cejka aced No. 4 with a 6-iron, his fourth hole-in-one on TOUR, and the 18<sup>th</sup> in tournament history
- Preferred lies were not used in the second round after being utilized in the opening round

**Second-Round Lead Notes**

- 1 Second-round leader/co-leader to convert for the win on the PGA TOUR this season (Marc Leishman/CIMB Classic)
- 1 Second-round leader/co-leader to win Sanderson Farms Championship since 2014 when the event moved to CC of Jackson (Ryan Armour/2017)

Year	36-Hole Leader(s)	36-Hole Score	Margin	Finish
2018	Norman Xiong Cameron Champ	135 (-9)	N/A	TBD TBD
2017	Ryan Armour	134 (-10)	1 stroke	Won
2016	Grayson Murray	132 (-12)	2 strokes	T8
2015	Roberto Castro	129 (-15)	4 strokes	T4
2014	John Rollins David Toms	134 (-10)	N/A	T4 T9

**Norman Xiong (T1/-9)**

- Playing on a sponsor exemption this week, holds a PGA TOUR lead/co-lead for first time while making first cut on PGA TOUR in his seventh appearance
- Last sponsor exemption to win on TOUR: Billy Hurley III/2016 Quicken Loans National
- Required just 49 putts through 36 holes (25/R1, 24/R2)
- With a win, could avoid scheduled trip to Second Stage of Web.com Tour Q-School next week
- With a win, would become the second-youngest PGA TOUR winner since 1932 at 19 years, 11 months, 19 days – one day older than Jordan Spieth when Spieth won the 2013 John Deere Classic. Would also become sixth-youngest since 1900
- Missed the cut at the 2018 Farmers Insurance Open in his PGA TOUR debut (as an amateur)
- Made his first start as a professional at 2018 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier (MC)
- Played collegiately at the University of Oregon. In 2018, as an amateur, won the Jack Nicklaus Award as Division I golfer of the year and the Haskins Award as the most outstanding collegiate golfer
- Celebrates his 20<sup>th</sup> birthday November 9, 2018

- At age six, with his uncle, traveled from home country of Guam to California participate in the junior world golf tournament
- From age six to 12, competed in approximately 90 tournaments, winning nearly 80 percent of the events

#### **Cameron Champ (T1/-9)**

- PGA TOUR rookie shares lead with Norman Xiong at 9-under after bogey, bogey finish for 2-under 70
- Last rookie to win on TOUR: Aaron Wise/2018 AT&T Byron Nelson
- Best position after any round in eight previous starts on TOUR was T8 after second round of 2017 U.S. Open
- One of nine players in top 14 on leaderboard seeking first TOUR title
- Ranked third in PGA TOUR Driving Distance through THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES (328.4 yards/average). Hit 9/14 tee shots more than 300 yards for the second day in a row (longest Friday was 360 yards at No. 11)
- On the 2018 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
- Making his ninth start on the PGA TOUR this week and seventh as a professional. In only other 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)

#### **Shawn Stefani (T3/-8)**

- Notched six birdies for the second day in a row, including three on par-3 holes Friday, to shoot back-to-back 68s
- Making sixth start at Sanderson Farms Championship, T10 in 2017 is best result in five previous appearances. Last year's T10 was only top-10 of his 2017-18 season.
- Finished No. 147 in the FedExCup last season and returned to play the four Finals events on the Web.com Tour. Secured his 2018-19 TOUR card with a 13th-place finish on the Web.com Tour Finals money list. Was 22nd in final priority-ranking order
- In 14 rounds at Country Club of Jackson, now has four sub-70 rounds, including two this week
- Owns two runner-up results (2014 Quicken Loans National, 2014 Mayakoba Golf Classic) while seeking first PGA TOUR win in his 148<sup>th</sup> start. Defeated by Justin Rose in playoff at Congressional CC in Quicken Loans National.

#### **Jonathan Byrd (T3/-8)**

- Five-time PGA TOUR winner is making his 392<sup>nd</sup> start. Last TOUR victory was 2011 Sentry Tournament of Champions
- Claimed a four-stroke win (over Shawn Stefani and Sam Saunders) at 2017 Web.com Tour Championship
- Played front nine 6-under and back nine 2-under this week
- Making 10<sup>th</sup> start at Sanderson Farms Championship with three top-10s (T5/2002, T8/2004, T5/2010)

#### **Chad Ramey (T5/-7)**

- Shot 66 in Monday qualifier to be one of three players to advance out of a 10-man playoff and earn spot in field
- Last Monday qualifier to win on TOUR: Arjun Atwal/2010 Wyndham Championship
- Former Mississippi State golfer, born in Tupelo, Mississippi, has one TOUR start (MC/2015 FedEx St. Jude Classic) before this week
- Finished No. 80 on the 2018 Web.com Tour money list while posting five top-25 finishes in 23 starts
- In 2017, finished No. 16 on the Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada money list
- Three of the four Monday qualifiers made the 36-hole cut (Chad Ramey/T5, Dawson Armstrong/T50, Tim Wilkinson/T60, Garrett Osborn/MC)

#### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- Nine past Sanderson Farms Championship winners in the field: Ryan Armour/2017 (T60), Cody Gribble/2016 (MC), Peter Malnati/2015 (MC), Nick Taylor/2014 (T31), Scott Stallings/2012 (T5), Chris Kirk/2011 (MC), Bill Haas/2010 (T31), Chad Campbell/2007 (MC) and D.J. Trahan/2006 (T5)
- In just his second-ever start on the PGA TOUR, rookie Seth Reeves completed his first round Friday morning, making pars at Nos. 17 and 18 to open with a bogey-free 67. Followed with 2-under 70 to sit T5 at 7-under. In his first TOUR start, finished T69 at the 2018 Safeway Open
- Hudson Swafford (T5/-7) hit 13/18 greens in bogey-free, second-round 68, posting two birdies and an eagle at the par-5 11<sup>th</sup> hole (holed 13' 5" putt). Played with fellow Georgia Bulldog and 1982 Heisman Trophy winner Herschel Walker in Wednesday's Pro-Am
- Competing this week on a sponsor exemption, 2006 Sanderson Farms Championship winner D.J. Trahan (T5/-7) seeks first top-10 on TOUR since T10 at this event in 2015

- 2012 Sanderson Farms Championship winner Scott Stallings (T5/-7) is 7-under on back nine, even on the front this week
- Former University of Illinois standout Dylan Meyer, playing on a sponsor exemption, birdied four of his last six holes for a bogey-free 67 to sit T10. Posted two top-20 finishes in 2017-18 (T17/Quicken Loans National, T20/U.S. Open)
- In three starts in the event, Bill Haas (T31/-4) has never finished outside the top-5 at the Sanderson Farms Championship; 1<sup>st</sup>/2010, T4/2008, T3/2007. This marks Haas' last event remaining to earn 48 FedExCup points and fulfill his medical extension
- After a birdie-free opening-round 75, Canadian Ben Silverman notched nine birdies and two bogeys for a 10-stroke improvement. He finished T7 at Sanderson Farms Championship last year, his best result in 30 previous starts on TOUR
- Defending champion Ryan Armour (T60/-1) attempts to become just the third player to win the event more than once (Brian Henninger/1994, 1999 and Fred Funk/1998, 2004)
- Wyndham Clark, who was in a five-way tie for the first-round lead here last year, eventually finishing 17<sup>th</sup>, closed birdie, birdie to make the cut on the number
- Grayson Murray, the 36-hole leader at this event in 2016, withdrew during the second round

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

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

R2: Dylan Myer (67), Ryan Blaum (67), Hayden Buckley (67), Hudson Swafford (68), Corey Connors (68), Carlos Ortiz (69), Hunter Mahan (71)

#### **Hardest/Easiest Holes**

R1: Par-4 16<sup>th</sup> (4.379)/Par-5 11<sup>th</sup> (4.682)

R2: Par-4 12<sup>th</sup> (4.313)/Par-5 3<sup>rd</sup> (4.573)

#### **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	---
R2:	35.710	35.947	71.656	71.711