



2018 Sanderson Farms Championship
(5th 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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, October 27, 2018

Weather: Sunny, with a high of 70. W wind 5-10 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Cameron Champ	65-70-64—199 (-17)
Corey Connors	71-68-64—203 (-13)
D.J. Trahan	67-70-67—204 (-12)
Shawn Stefani	68-68-68—204 (-12)

Five Things to Know

- PGA TOUR rookie Cameron Champ makes nine birdies in round three, bringing his total to 22 through 54 holes
- Since moving to the Country Club of Jackson, the largest 54-hole lead of five strokes belongs to Ryan Armour (2017/1st)
- Corey Connors makes 114' 6" feet of putts, nearly 30 feet more than in rounds one and two combined
- 2011 Sanderson Farms Championship winner Bill Haas shoots 67 to move to T8. Needs solo-eighth finish or better to satisfy medical extension
- 2006 Sanderson Farms Championship winner D.J. Trahan holes out for eagle-two at No. 17 to put himself in contention at -12

Third-Round Lead Notes

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

Cameron Champ (1st/-17)

- PGA TOUR rookie birdied four of his first five holes, and nine for the day, en route to an 8-under 64
- The 64 ties Corey Connors for low round of the week through 54 holes
- Last rookie to win on TOUR: Aaron Wise/2018 AT&T Byron Nelson
- Ranked third in PGA TOUR Driving Distance through THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES (328.4 yards/average). Hit 10/14 tee shots more than 300 yards (longest Saturday was 349 yards at No. 14)
- 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 11th-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
- 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)

Corey Connors (2nd/-13)

- Making his second start in the Sanderson Farms Championship (T65/2017), reeled off five birdies on his outgoing nine, good for a bogey-free 31. Made four more birdies on the inward nine before tying Cameron Champ in round three for the lowest score of the week through three rounds (64/-8)
- In his rookie season on the PGA TOUR in 2017-18, claimed one top-10 finish (T8/Charles Schwab Cup Challenge) en route to a 130th-place finish in the FedExCup standings
- Was in the final pairing Sunday at the 2018 Valspar Championship, before a 6-over 77 Sunday resulted in a T16. A week later, entered the final round of the inaugural Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship in second place, before a 4-over 76 resulted in a T13 finish.

- Canadian played a mixed schedule in 2016 on the Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada and PGA TOUR Latinoamérica. In 2017, finished 41st on the Web.com Tour priority ranking to earn his rookie card for the PGA TOUR in 2017-18.
- In only other start on TOUR this season, missed the cut at the Safeway Open
- Got married last week (Malory)

Shawn Stefani (T3/-12)

- Notched six birdies for the third straight day, good for a third consecutive 4-under 68
- Is the only player in the field with all three rounds in the 60s
- 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 15 rounds at Country Club of Jackson, now has five sub-70 rounds, including three this week
- Owns two runner-up results (2014 Quicken Loans National, 2014 Mayakoba Golf Classic) while seeking first PGA TOUR win in his 148th start. Defeated by Justin Rose in playoff at Congressional CC in Quicken Loans National

D.J. Trahan (T3/-12)

- Competing this week on a sponsor invitation, 2006 Sanderson Farms Championship winner used a 9-iron to hole out from pine straw from 137 yards for an eagle-two
- Is making his 11th 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 294th PGA TOUR start this week
- In addition to Sanderson Farms Championship win in 2006, also won the 2008 CareerBuilder Challenge

Sam Burns (T5/-11)

- Following birdies at his opening three holes, made additional birdies at Nos. 9, 14 and 16, as well as an eagle-three at No. 11 to shoot a 6-under 66. His lone blemish of the day, a double-bogey-five, came at No. 13
- After finding just four fairways off the tee in round two, improved to 10 of 14 in round three
- PGA TOUR rookie made his way to the TOUR this season following a win at the Savannah Golf Championship and three additional top-three performances on the 2018 Web.com Tour. He finished seventh on the 2018 Web.com Tour priority list.
- In his only other start on TOUR this season, Shreveport, Louisiana native missed the cut at the Safeway Open

Bill Haas (T8/-9)

- Highlighted by an eagle-two at No. 15, played his last four holes in three-under par (birdie at No. 17, par at 18). Following a 287-yard drive to the front of the green on the short par-4 15th, made the 16' 4" putt for eagle
- In three starts in the Sanderson Farms Championship, 2011 FedExCup champion has never finished outside the top-5; 1st/2010, T4/2008, T3/2007
- This week is last event to earn 48 FedExCup points and fulfill his medical extension. He needs to finish solo-eighth or better
- At No. 152 in the 2017-18 FedExCup, did not advance to the Playoffs for the first time in history (dating to 2007)
- In only other start this season, finished T10 at the Safeway Open
- A six-time winner on the PGA TOUR, is in search of his first title since the 2015 CareerBuilder Challenge

Miscellaneous Notes

- Nine past Sanderson Farms Championship winners in the field: D.J. Trahan/2006 (-12/T3), Bill Haas/2010 (-9/T8), Scott Stallings/2012 (-7/T19), Nick Taylor/2014 (-5/T36), Ryan Armour/2017 (-2/T58), Chad Campbell/2007 (MC), Cody Gribble/2016 (MC), Peter Malnati/2015 (MC), Chris Kirk/2011 (MC).

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)

R3: Martin Laird (66), Anders Albertson (67), Lucas Glover (67), D.J. Trahan (67), Talor Gooch (68)

Hardest/Easiest Holes

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

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

R3: Par-4 12th (4.403)/Par-5 11th (4.403)

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

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.917	35.848	71.765	---
R2:	35.710	35.947	71.656	71.711
R3:	35.444	35.097	70.542	71.321