



**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-Round Notes – Sunday, October 28, 2018**

*Weather: Sunny, with a high of 83. SW wind 10-15 mph.*

**Final-Round Leaderboard**

Cameron Champ	65-70-64-68—267 (-21)
Corey Conners	71-68-64-68—271 (-17)
Carlos Ortiz	69-69-71-64—273 (-15)
Sam Burns	69-70-66-68—273 (-15)

**Six Things to Know**

- Champ birdied five of his last six holes to win his first TOUR title and moved from No. 81 to No. 6 in the FedExCup
- Champ's 267 (-21) marks lowest winning score since event moved to Country Club of Jackson (2014)
- Champ held at least a share of the lead after each round – the only first-round leader/co-leader to win this season
- Champ's driver head cracked on the range during his warm-up before the final round
- Runner-up finish by Conners marked career best in 40 PGA TOUR starts
- No player recorded four rounds in the 60s

**Third-Round Lead Notes**

- 3 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to convert for the win on the PGA TOUR this season
- 2 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win Sanderson Farms Championship since 2014 when the event moved to CC of Jackson (Ryan Armour/2017, Cameron Champ/2018)

- Champ's winning score was lowest at Sanderson Farms Championship since event moved to Country Club of Jackson in 2014

Year	SFC Champion	Winning Score	Margin
2018	Cameron Champ	267 (-21)	4 strokes
2017	Ryan Armour	269 (-19)	5 strokes
2016	Cody Gribble	268 (-20)	4 strokes
2015	Peter Malnati	270 (-18)	1 stroke
2014	Nick Taylor	272 (-16)	2 strokes

**Cameron Champ (1<sup>st</sup>/-21)**

**Age:** 23 (June 15, 1995)

**Joined TOUR:** 2018-19

**Following his win this week:**

6	FedExCup ranking
Top 130	OWGR (From No. 234)
1	Start at Sanderson Farms Championship
9	PGA TOUR starts
1	PGA TOUR win
4	Made cuts
1	Top-10s in career
2	PGA TOUR starts in 2018-19

- PGA TOUR rookie wins first PGA TOUR event in his ninth start at 23 years, 4 months, 13 days

- Earned 300 FedExCup points, exemption through 2020-21 season, starts in multiple events, including 2019 Sentry Tournament of Champions, 2019 PLAYERS Championship and 2019 PGA Championship, plus 600 points towards making U.S. Presidents Cup team
- Last rookie to win on TOUR: Aaron Wise/2018 AT&T Byron Nelson
- Driver head cracked on the range during his warm-up before a replacement head was found and used in final round
- Posted five birdies in last six holes, including one from 7-feet on No. 18 after spectacular recovery shot from trees left
- Played the par-5 holes in 12-under for the week
- Played back nine 16-under and front nine 5-under for the week
- Hit 39/56 tee shots more than 300 yards (longest for the week was 360 at No. 11 in R2)
- 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
- Becomes 12<sup>th</sup> player to have made the Sanderson Farms Championship their first TOUR win, including each of the last five: Cameron Champ (2018), 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)
- While representing The First Tee of Sacramento, was paired with Steve Pate, finishing T24 at the 2012 Pure Insurance Championship at Pebble Beach
- Grew up playing Foothill Golf Center, a par-3 facility the Cameron Champ Foundation now manages and operates

#### **Corey Conners (2<sup>nd</sup>/-17)**

- Playing in Sunday's final group, starting four back of leader Champ, tied the lead at the turn with a 3-under outward nine. Kept pace until Champ pulled one ahead at No. 14. Hit tee shot to 7-feet at par-4 15<sup>th</sup> but missed eagle putt. Bogeyed No. 18 to record his best finish on TOUR
- Played front nine 9-under for the week with just one bogey (No. 1/R1)
- Making his second start in the Sanderson Farms Championship (T65/2017)
- In his rookie season on the PGA TOUR in 2017-18, claimed one top-10 finish (T8/Charles Schwab Challenge) en route to a 130<sup>th</sup>-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 Latinoamerica. In 2017, finished 41<sup>st</sup> 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)

#### **Carlos Ortiz (T3/-15)**

- Began final round T19 and mixed seven birdies, including the first three holes, an eagle and a bogey to shoot 8-under 64 and finish T3 in his first appearance at the Sanderson Farms Championship
- Finished the 2018 Web.com Tour season with four top-10s, highlighted by a runner-up finish at The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic to secure his return to the PGA TOUR in 2018-19. Was 33<sup>rd</sup> in final priority-ranking order
- Finished T53 at Safeway Open, his only other start this season
- In 2014, won three Web.com Tour events and Player of the Year Award while earning exempt status on TOUR in 2014-15.
- One of four Mexican players with PGA TOUR status this season (Abraham Ancer, Roberto Diaz, Jose de Jesus Rodriguez)
- Became a father five months ago (daughter, Sofia)

#### **Sam Burns (T3/-15)**

- Played a flawless back nine, shooting 4-under 68 for T3 finish in his 17<sup>th</sup> TOUR start
- Recorded third top-10 on TOUR, second as a professional (T6/2017 Barbasol Championship (a), T8/2018 The Honda Classic)
- Hit 15 greens in regulation in opening round and 14 in each of last three rounds to rank 4<sup>th</sup> in Strokes Gained: Approach the Green
- Finished T43 in first Sanderson Farms Championship appearance last year
- 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

#### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- Nine past Sanderson Farms Championship winners in the field: D.J. Trahan/2006 (-13/T7), Bill Haas/2010 (-12/T14), Nick Taylor/2014 (-8/T26), Scott Stallings/2012 (-6/T39), Ryan Armour/2017 (-3/T54), Chad Campbell/2007 (MC), Cody Gribble/2016 (MC), Peter Malnati/2015 (MC), Chris Kirk/2011 (MC).
- Roberto Castro's 7-under 29 on the front nine matched the low nine for the season (Brooks Koepka, Ryan Palmer/both at CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES) and led to a final-round 65 and T5 finish, his first top-10 since 2016 BMW Championship/3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Anders Albertson's final-round 66 marked his career low, earning a T5 finish in his third TOUR start
- Former University of Illinois standout Dylan Meyer, playing on a sponsor exemption, finished T7 for his first top-10 in his 10<sup>th</sup> TOUR start. With the top-10 finish, Meyer earned a spot in the field at this week's Shriners Hospitals for Children Open
- Former Sanderson Farms Championship winner D.J. Trahan finished T7 to earn a spot in the field at next week's Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. It marked his 28<sup>th</sup> career top-10 in his 294<sup>th</sup> TOUR event, his most recent coming at this event in 2015 (T10).
- Bill Haas (T14), needing to earn 48 FedExCup points (solo 8<sup>th</sup>) to fulfill his medical extension, came up short, earning 30 points. Playing the final hole, Haas was T8 after five birdies on the back nine before finishing with a bogey
- Despite a double-bogey at the final hole, Robert Garrigus (T20) recorded two eagles (Nos. 3 and 11) in a final-round 68

#### **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)

R4: Jonathan Randolph (67), Adam Schenk (67), Alex Prugh (69)

#### **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)

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

R4: Par-3 7<sup>th</sup> (3.250)/Par-5 3<sup>rd</sup> (4.333)

Cumulative: Par-4 16<sup>th</sup> (4.260)/Par-5 3<sup>rd</sup> & Par-5 11<sup>th</sup> (4.565)

#### **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
R3:	35.444	35.097	70.542	71.321
R4:	35.431	34.819	70.250	71.246