



**2018 The RSM Classic**

*(8th of 46 events in the PGA TOUR Season)*

**St. Simons Island, GA  
Seaside Course (Host)  
Plantation Course**

**November 15-18, 2018      Purse: \$6,400,000 (\$1,152,000)  
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,005    FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)  
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/6,907**

**Second-Round Notes – Friday, November 16, 2018**

*Weather: Sunny, breezy and cool. High of 59. Wind NW 10-15 mph.*

**Second-Round Leaderboard**

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Charles Howell III (SS) | 64-64 – 128 (-14) |
| Jason Gore (SS)         | 68-63 – 131 (-11) |
| Cameron Champ (SS)      | 68-63 – 131 (-11) |
| Nick Watney (PL)        | 69-64 – 133 (-9)  |

**36-hole cut:** 77 professionals and one amateur at 2-under 140 from a field of 155 professionals and one amateur.

**Things to Know**

- Charles Howell III played his first 36 holes without a bogey, marking the fifth time he has done so on TOUR, but first time he has led after going bogey-free for 36 holes.
- Howell’s 128 ties his low 36 on TOUR and ties the tournament-low 36, also posted by the last two RSM Classic winners (Austin Cook/2017, Mackenzie Hughes/2016).
- Sponsor invite Jason Gore fires 63, his lowest round on TOUR since a career-low 62 in the third round of the 2015 Wyndham Championship.
- With rounds of 67-71, tournament host Davis Love III makes the cut for the first time since 2015. Son Dru Love birdied two of his last three holes to make the cut on the number, marking the first time he plays the weekend in three starts at The RSM Classic.
- PGA TOUR rookie Cameron Champ fired eight birdies for a 63 on the Seaside Course, he moves to T2 in search of his second win of the 2018-19 season.

**Second-Round Lead Notes**

- 3 Second-round leaders/co-leaders at The RSM Classic to win: Austin Cook (2017), Mackenzie Hughes (2016) and Chris Kirk (2013)
- 3 Second-round leader/co-leaders to win this season: Marc Leishman (CIMB Classic), Cameron Champ (Sanderson Farms Championship) and Matt Kuchar (Mayakoba Golf Classic)
- 3 Marks the largest 36-hole lead at The RSM Classic

**Charles Howell III (-14/1)**

**Age:** 39 (June 20, 1979)

**Joined TOUR:** 2001

**Entering the week**

- #62 FedExCup
- #84 OWGR
- 8 The RSM Classic starts
- 3 Top-10s at The RSM Classic (2010/T6, 2012/T7, 2015/T9)
- 528 PGA TOUR starts
- 2 PGA TOUR wins (not since 2007)
- 89 Top-10s on PGA TOUR
- 3 PGA TOUR starts in 2018-19

- Played his first 36 holes without a bogey, marking the fifth time he has done so on TOUR, but first time he has led

| Year | Tournament                         | Position after 36 holes | Finish |
|------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| 2010 | Greenbrier Classic                 | T5                      | T9*    |
| 2010 | Children's Miracle Network Classic | T15                     | T9     |
| 2003 | Wachovia Championship              | T4                      | T7     |
| 2003 | Valero Texas Open                  | T4                      | T52    |

\*The 2010 Greenbrier Classic was the only tournament he went bogey-free for 72 holes

- Marks the eighth time with second-round lead/co-lead on TOUR and his largest after 36 holes. He has never gone on to win. Most recent second-round lead/co-lead was 2010 RBC Heritage (T22).
- His 128 ties his low 36 on TOUR (2003 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open).
- 128 ties the low 36 for the tournament (Austin Cook/2017, Mackenzie Hughes/2016, Billy Horschel/2011).
- In 2017-18, remained among a group of 10 players who qualified for a perfect 12 of 12 FedExCup Playoffs.

### Jason Gore (-11/T2)

**Age:** 44 (May 17, 1974)

**Joined TOUR:** 1997

#### Entering the week

4 The RSM Classic starts  
 287 PGA TOUR starts  
 1 PGA TOUR wins  
 16 Top-10s on PGA TOUR  
 0 PGA TOUR starts in 2018-19

- In his first start of the 2018-19 season, collected eight birdies, including four consecutive on Nos. 15-18 en route to an 11-under 63 on the Seaside Course.
- Fires 63 as a sponsor invite, his lowest round on TOUR since a career-low 62 in the third round of the 2015 Wyndham Championship.
- Hit 10/14 fairways, 14/18 greens in regulation and required 21 putts.
- In search of his second PGA TOUR win and first since the 84 LUMBER Classic in 2005.

### Cameron Champ (-11/T2)

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

**Joined TOUR:** 2019

#### Entering the week

#9 FedExCup  
 #107 OWGR  
 1 The RSM Classic starts  
 11 PGA TOUR starts  
 1 PGA TOUR wins  
 2 Top-10s on PGA TOUR  
 4 PGA TOUR starts in 2018-19

- Three weeks removed from his first career PGA TOUR win at the Sanderson Farms Championship, PGA TOUR rookie made eight birdies, including four in a row, en route to a 7-under 63.
- Through 36 holes, has made 13 birdies and one eagle against two bogeys and a double bogey.
- Hit 11/14 fairways, 15/18 greens in regulation and required 22 putts.

#### Miscellaneous Notes

- Nick Watney collected one eagle and seven birdies against one bogey en route to a 9-under 64 on the Plantation Course.
- Ryan Blaum (T5), with eight birdies against three bogeys, posted a 5-under 65 in round two on the Seaside Course and in search of his first career PGA TOUR win.
- Amateur Garrett Barber (T10) is the winner of the 2018 Jones Cup.
- The last four RSM Classic winners were first-time winners, the third longest streak of first-time winners in an event.

- With a full field of 156 players, The RSM Classic features two courses, Seaside and Plantation, and is just one of four events (Desert Classic, Farmers Insurance Open, AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am) contested on multiple courses.

#### Field Updates

- Nicholas Lindheim withdrew before the second round.

#### Bogey-free rounds:

**R1:** Plantation: Charles Howell III (64), J.J. Spaun (66), Austin Cook (66), Ted Potter Jr. (68)

**R1:** Seaside: Brady Schnell (67), Webb Simpson (68)

**R2:** Plantation: Graeme McDowell (68), Brice Garnett (65), Sean O’Hair (65), Anders Albertson (66), Troy Merrit (68), Peter Uihlein (71), D.A. Points (68), Lee Hodges (68), Wyndham Clark (66), Sam Burns (67), Seth Reeves (68)

**R2:** Seaside: Charles Howell (64), Brian Gay (67), Ernie Els (66), Denny McCarthy (67), Pdraig Harrington (66)

#### First-Round Scoring Averages

|            | Front 9 | Back 9 | Total  | Cumulative |
|------------|---------|--------|--------|------------|
| Seaside    | 35.782  | 35.359 | 71.141 | ---        |
| Plantation | 35.641  | 35.410 | 71.051 | ---        |

#### Second-Round Scoring Averages

|            | Front 9 | Back 9 | Total  | Cumulative |
|------------|---------|--------|--------|------------|
| Seaside    | 35.364  | 34.519 | 69.883 | 70.512     |
| Plantation | 35.039  | 34.792 | 69.831 | 70.441     |

#### Birdies Fore Love

New in 2018, The RSM Classic launched a new on-course competition over the first eight events of the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season. The top three players who accumulate the most birdies (or better), will earn \$300,000, \$150,000 and \$50,000, respectively, for children or family-based charitable organizations of each player’s choice. Here’s the leaderboard through the first round of The RSM Classic.

| In the field | Player          | # of Birdies/Eagles |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| X            | Cameron Champ   | 110                 |
| X            | J.J. Spaun      | 99                  |
|              | Gary Woodland   | 97                  |
| X            | Joel Dahmen     | 97                  |
| X            | Whee Kim        | 96                  |
|              | Emiliano Grillo | 94                  |
|              | Chez Reavie     | 93                  |
|              | Si Woo Kim      | 89                  |
|              | Scott Piercy    | 89                  |
| X            | Sam Ryder       | 86                  |
| X            | C.T. Pan        | 86                  |
| X            | Sungjae Im      | 84                  |
|              | Beau Hossler    | 83                  |
| X            | Brian Gay       | 83                  |
|              | Danny Lee       | 82                  |
| X            | Nick Watney     | 81                  |