



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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, November 17, 2018

Weather: Sunny and warmer. High of 67. Wind NE 5-10 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Charles Howell III	64-64-68—196 (-16)
Jason Gore	68-63-66—197 (-15)
Cameron Champ	68-63-66—197 (-15)
Webb Simpson	68-68-63—199 (-13)
Ryan Blaum	69-65-65—199 (-13)

Things to Know

- Charles Howell III has played in 528 events on TOUR and would have the 3rd-most starts of a player before his 3rd career win
- Howell's 196 falls two shy of the 54-hole tournament record (194/Austin Cook/2017)
- In his last 15 rounds on TOUR, PGA TOUR rookie Cameron Champ has ranked inside the top 10 12 times
- Jason Gore is seeking to become the first player since Billy Hurley III (2016 Quicken Loans National) to win while playing on a sponsor exemption
- Patrick Rodgers' 61 (one shy of the tournament record) led a group of six scores of 63 or better in round three
- Tournament host Davis Love III and his son, Dru, sit T61 and T22, respectively
- Cameron Champ owns a commanding 12-birdie lead over J.J. Spaun in the Birdies Fore Love contest

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 5 Third-round leaders/co-leaders at The RSM Classic to win: Austin Cook (2017), Mackenzie Hughes (2016), Kevin Kisner (2015), Chris Kirk (2013), Heath Slocum (2010).
- 5 Third-round leader/co-leaders to win this season; most recent, Matt Kuchar (Mayakoba Golf Classic)

Charles Howell III (-16/1)

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

- With 528 starts entering the week, would have the third-most starts before his third PGA TOUR victory: Leonard Thompson (553), Howard Twitty (532), Steve Lowery (519), Mike Sullivan (457), Don Pooley (445), J.J. Henry (439)
- Played his first 39 holes without a bogey
- Hit 36/42 fairways, 49/54 greens in regulation and had 90 putts through round three
- Marks the sixth time with third-round lead/co-lead on TOUR, but has never gone on to win. Most recent third-round lead/co-lead was 2008 Turning Stone Resort Championship (T3)

- With 196 through three rounds, sets personal-best 54-hole score on TOUR; previous-best was 197 at the 2007 (T2) and 2013 (T3) Sony Open in Hawaii
- 128 tied 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 (-15/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, with rounds of 68-63-66, enters the final round one shy of Charles Howell III
- Seeking to become the first sponsor exemption to win since Billy Hurley III at the 2016 Quicken Loans National
- Week highlighted by second-round 63 on the Seaside Course, his lowest round on TOUR since a career-low 62 in the third round of the 2015 Wyndham Championship
- In search of his second PGA TOUR win and first since the 84 LUMBER Classic in 2005
- Hit 31/42 fairways, 40/54 greens in regulation and required 81 putts through round three

Cameron Champ (-15/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 followed second-round 7-under 63 with a 66 to pull within one stroke of Charles Howell III
- Leads the field with 20 birdies
- Hit 33/42 fairways, 43/54 greens in regulation and has 81 putts through three rounds
- Has now ranked inside the top 10 in 12 of his last 15 rounds on TOUR: Sanderson Farms Championship (1-T1-1-1), Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (T32-T8-6-T28), Mayakoba Golf Classic (T42-2-T5-T10), The RSM Classic (T7-T2-T2)

Miscellaneous Notes

- Along with rounds of 68-69-68-66 en route to a T15 at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, 2018 PLAYERS Championship winner Webb Simpson (T4) extended his streak of rounds in the 60s this season to seven with a third-round 7-under 63. His 63 Saturday tied his best score in 25 rounds at The RSM Classic (R1-2011).
- Tournament host Davis Love III (T61) posted an even-par 70, while his son, Dru (T22), recorded a 6-under 64, his best score in 30 rounds on the PGA TOUR.
- Luke List (6) had a bogey-free, career-low 63; had four prior 64s, including in round two of The RSM Classic in 2016.
- Amateur Garrett Barber (T56) won 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.

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 Merritt (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), Padraig Harrington (66)

R3: Seaside: Patrick Rodgers (61), Webb Simpson (63), Luke List (63), Patton Kizzire (63), Richy Werenski (63), Kevin Kisner (63), Dru Love (64), Ryan Blaum (65), Dominic Bozzelli (65), Kyle Jones (65), Ben Silverman (65), Austin Cook (65), Brian Gay (65), Derek Fathauer (67), Lucas Glover (67), David Hearn (67), Hunter Mahan (67)

First-Round Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total
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

Third-Round Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
Seaside	33.808	33.692	67.500	69.506

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 third round of The RSM Classic.

In the field	Player	# of Birdies/Eagles
X	Cameron Champ	117
X	J.J. Spaun	105
X	Joel Dahmen	100
	Gary Woodland	97
X/MC	Whee Kim	96
	Emiliano Grillo	94