



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
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,005
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Purse: \$6,400,000 (\$1,152,000)
FedExCup Points: 500 (winner)

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, November 18, 2018

Weather: Mostly Cloudy. High of 71. Wind ENE 5-10 mph.

Final-Round Leaderboard

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| Charles Howell III* | 64-64-68-67—263 (-19) |
| Patrick Rodgers | 70-70-61-62—263 (-19) |
| Webb Simpson | 68-68-63-65—264 (-18) |
| Ryan Blaum | 69-65-65-66—265 (-17) |
| Luke List | 69-68-63-65—265 (-17) |

*Won with a birdie-3 on the second playoff hole

Things to Know

- Charles Howell III notched his third career PGA TOUR victory and first since 2007, a span of 11 years, 9 months and 333 starts, coming in his 529th start (third-most before third victory)
- Charles Howell III took over the lead in the FedExCup for the first time since 2007. He moved from 62 to No. 1, a significant jump in the Wyndham Rewards Top 10, a new \$10 million bonus for the top-10 finishers in the Regular Season.
- With a 61-62—123, Patrick Rodgers recorded the best closing 36-hole score in TOUR history.
- Was the fourth playoff in The RSM Classic history
- With 120 birdies during fall events, Cameron Champ won the Birdies Fore Love charity competition and will receive \$300,000 from RSM to donate to The Cameron Champ Foundation

Charles Howell III (-19/Won)

Age: 39 (June 20, 1979)

Joined TOUR: 2001

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| #1 | FedExCup |
| 9 | The RSM Classic starts |
| 4 | Top-10s at The RSM Classic (2010/T6, 2012/T7, 2015/T9, 2018/P1) |
| 529 | PGA TOUR starts |
| 3 | PGA TOUR wins |
| 90 | Top-10s on PGA TOUR |
| 4 | PGA TOUR starts in 2018-19 |

PGA TOUR Wins: (3): 2002 Michelob Championship at Kingsmill. 2007 Genesis Open. 2018 The RSM Classic.

- Wins his third career PGA TOUR victory in his 529th career start at the age 39 years, 4 months, 30 days
- Has the third-most starts before his third PGA TOUR victory: Leonard Thompson (553), Howard Twitty (532), Charles Howell III (529), Steve Lowery (519), Mike Sullivan (457), Don Pooley (445), J.J. Henry (439)
- Marks his first time in six attempts converting a third-round lead/co-lead on TOUR
- Held the solo 18-, 36- and 54-hole lead

- Improved his playoff record to 2-4; most recently lost to Kyle Stanley at the 2016 Quicken Loans National
- Set personal-best 54-hole score on TOUR (196); 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)
- Earned 500 FedExCup points to take the lead in the FedExCup for the first time since 2007. Remains among a group of 10 players who qualified for a perfect 12 of 12 FedExCup Playoffs
- Earned a spot in the field at the Sentry Tournament of Champions for the first time since 2008 and the Masters Tournament for the first time since 2012
- Ends a streak of four consecutive first-time winners at The RSM Classic.

Patrick Rodgers (-19/P2)

- Was his first playoff appearance on TOUR
- Marked his third runner-up in 117 starts and his first since the 2017 John Deere Classic
- Recorded the best closing 36-hole score in TOUR history with a 61-62—123
- Made the longest putt of the season with an 85-foot, 5-inch birdie putt on No. 12, and the longest of the tournament, by 26 feet.
- Led the field with 26 birdies
- Posted his career-low round on TOUR in the third round (61), tying his career-best birdie total in a round (9)

Webb Simpson (3rd)

- Third top-10 in seven starts at The RSM Classic
- Fourth top-six finish in last seven starts on TOUR, dating to the 2018 Wyndham Championship
- Withdrew after two rounds in 2017 to be with his father who passed away nearly a year ago

Cameron Champ (6th)

- Records his third top-10 of the fall, tied for most of the season (Scott Piercy and Gary Woodland)
- Has now ranked inside the top 10 in 13 of his last 16 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-T2-6)

Miscellaneous Notes

- In his first title defense on TOUR, 2017 RSM Classic winner Austin Cook finished T11. The best finish by a defending champion at The RSM Classic remains Chris Kirk (T4) in 2014.
- Peter Uihlein (T7) made six consecutive birdies (Nos. 5-10) en route to his second 63 of the season (Shriners Hospitals for Children Open/R1).
- This marks the second time father and son Davis (T65) and Dru Love (T54) have made the cut in the same event (previously 2017 Wyndham Championship).
- With a T7 finish, Chase Wright became the second rookie of the season to record multiple top-10s.
- Seeking to become the first sponsor exemption to win on TOUR since 2016 (Billy Hurley/Quicken Loans National), Jason Gore closed with a 2-over 72 to finish T15.

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)

R4: Seaside: Anders Albertson (67), Jonathan Byrd (65), Corey Connors (64), Austin Cook (64), Ernie Els (64), Kyle Jones (66), Andrew Landry (67), Hunter Mahan (64), Patrick Rodgers (62), Roger Sloan (66), Peter Uihlein (63), Nick Watney (65), Richy Werenski (66), Chase Wright (64)

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 |

Final-Round Scoring Averages

| | Front 9 | Back 9 | Total | Cumulative |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Seaside | 33.397 | 33.449 | 66.846 | 68.843 |

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 accumulated the most birdies (or better), earned \$300,000, \$150,000 and \$50,000, respectively, for children or family-based charitable organizations of each player's choice. Here's the final leaderboard for the fall.

| Player | # of Birdies/Eagles |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Cameron Champ | 120 |
| J.J. Spaun | 110 |
| Joel Dahmen | 105 |
| Gary Woodland | 97 |
| Whee Kim | 96 |
| Emiliano Grillo | 94 |