



## 2019 The RSM Classic Broadcast Window & Pre-Tournament Notes



- 769<sup>th</sup>** Davis Love III is set to make his 769<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR start (4<sup>th</sup> most all-time)
- 852** Total FedExCup Points earned by Kevin Kisner at this event, marking the most of any player at the RSM Classic since the 2013-14 season
- 66.13** Stroke average of the 2017 RSM Classic champion Austin Cook in two appearances at this event, best of any player (min 8 rds)
- 63** Brendon Todd moved to **First** in the FedExCup with his victory last week, becoming the 63<sup>rd</sup> player to rank #1 in the history of the FedExCup
- 127** Lanto Griffin has made **127** total birdies or better so far this season, marking the most of any player entering this week
- 178** Zach Johnson finished T23 at last week's Mayakoba Golf Classic, marking his **178<sup>th</sup>** top-25 finish on TOUR since 2004 (3<sup>rd</sup> most of any player)
- 6** Total Players who have played in the RSM Classic in all nine seasons (since 2010)
- 2** Joaquin Niemann and Sebastian Munoz are the only two players ranked inside the top 10 of the FedExCup every week this season (9 total weeks)

## ShotLink Keys to Victory - Charles Howell III

Charles Howell III recorded his third PGA TOUR win in his 529<sup>th</sup> start and earned 500 FedExCup points.

Howell III moved from 62<sup>nd</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> in the FedExCup standings and for the first time since 2007.

Charles Howell III won on the second playoff hole, defeating Patrick Rodgers. After starting his round three-over par through his first four holes, Howell played his last 14 holes six-under par (in regulation).



**RSM Classic**  
**Charles Howell III**

Charles Howell III gained +0.717 strokes in SG: Putting on the Seaside Course, including gaining +1.91 strokes on his final 14 holes in regulation in the final round.

### Strokes Gained Statistics vs. The Field

	Rank	Average
Off-the-Tee	38 <sup>th</sup>	+0.207
Approach-the-Green	17 <sup>th</sup>	+0.786
Around-the-Green	40 <sup>th</sup>	+0.034
<b>Putting</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>+0.717</b>
Total	T13	+1.743

Charles Howell III opened the 2018 RSM Classic hitting every fairway and every green for the first time in his career on TOUR and failed to make a bogey through his first 39 holes. Howell III hit 64 total Greens in Regulation, marking his third most total greens hit in regulation in a four-round PGA TOUR event.

On his last 14 holes in regulation, Charles Howell III gained +1.43 strokes tee to green and +1.91 on the greens in strokes gained.

### First 4 Holes vs. Final 14 Holes in Regulation Final Round 2018 RSM Classic

	First 4	Final 14
Fairways Missed	2	1
Missed Green in Regulation	2	1
SG: Tee-to-Green	-1.71	<b>+1.43</b>
SG: Putting	-1.77	<b>+1.91</b>
Score to Par	+3	<b>-6</b>

### Most Greens Hit in Regulation PGA TOUR Career (4 Rd Event)

	Greens Hit
2010 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier	66
2018 CIMB Classic	65
<b>2018 RSM Classic</b>	<b>64</b>
2010 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open	63
2002 Disney	63

## Course & Hole Statistics Sea Island Resort (Seaside)

The Seaside course at Sea Island resort has statistically ranked as one of the Shortest Driving Distance - All Drive averages and lowest percentage of drives over 300 yards of any course on TOUR (Since 2010).

### Seaside Course Driving Distance - All Drives Ranks PGA TOUR Since 2010

	Rank on TOUR	Distance
<b>Last Season</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Shortest</b>	<b>274.5</b>
2017-18	6 <sup>th</sup> Shortest	278.8
2016-17	7 <sup>th</sup> Shortest	277.3
2015-16	3 <sup>rd</sup> Shortest	273.3
2014-15	7 <sup>th</sup> Shortest	276.4
2013-14	4 <sup>th</sup> Shortest	271.3
2012	6 <sup>th</sup> Shortest	273.6
2011	6 <sup>th</sup> Shortest	272.6
2010	7 <sup>th</sup> Shortest	273.7

### Seaside Course Driving Pct. Over 300+ Yds Ranks PGA TOUR Since 2010

	Rank on TOUR	PCT
<b>Last Season</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Lowest</b>	<b>13.62</b>
2017-18	6 <sup>th</sup> Lowest	18.56
2016-17	5 <sup>th</sup> Lowest	14.87
2015-16	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lowest	11.03
2014-15	7 <sup>th</sup> Lowest	12.12
2013-14	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lowest	8.63
2012	5 <sup>th</sup> Lowest	8.76
2011	4 <sup>th</sup> Lowest	10.05
2010	5 <sup>th</sup> Lowest	9.36

### Shortest Driving Distance (All Drives) PGA TOUR Last Season

	Distance
Pebble Beach GL	263.9
Pebble Beach Golf Links*	270.5
Harbour Town GL	274.0
<b>Sea Island Resort (Seaside)</b>	<b>274.5</b>
Pebble Beach GL	263.9

\*U.S. Open

Last season, the field averaged 274.5 yards off the tee on the Seaside course, marking the fourth shortest Driving Distance (All Drives) average of any course.

Last season, **593** of 4,354 (13.62) of the drives were over 300 yards at the Seaside course, ranking as the third lowest Driving Pct. Over 300+ of any course on TOUR.

### Lowest Percentage of Drives Over 300 Yards PGA TOUR Last Season

	PCT
Pebble Beach GL	6.78
Stadium Course	12.52
<b>Sea Island Resort (Seaside)</b>	<b>13.62</b>
PGA National (Champion)	13.86
Harbour Town GL	14.73

### Easiest Fairways to Hit PGA TOUR Last Season

	PCT
Trinity Forest Golf Club	82.25
Plantation Course at Kapalua	76.62
<b>Sea Island Resort (Seaside)</b>	<b>76.60</b>
Monterey Peninsula CC	74.49
Nine Bridges	74.18

Last season, the field hit an average of 76.60% of the fairways on the Seaside course, marking the third highest Driving Accuracy Percentage of any course.

## FedExCup Notes

Since the beginning of the wrap-around schedule in the 2013-14 PGA TOUR season, all six of the RSM Classic champions entered the new calendar year inside of the top five of the FedExCup standings. Four of the six winners qualified for the season ending, TOUR Championship.

### FedExCup Finishes The RSM Classic Champions Since 2013

	Rank after RSM	FEC Finish
2018 Charles Howell III	1 <sup>st</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>
2017 Austin Cook	3 <sup>rd</sup>	38 <sup>th</sup>
2016 Mackenzie Hughes	4 <sup>th</sup>	36 <sup>th</sup>
2015 Kevin Kisner	1 <sup>st</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>
2014 Robert Streb	1 <sup>st</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>
2013 Chris Kirk	4 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>

**852:** Since the start of the 2013-14 season, Kevin Kisner has earned 852 FedExCup points at the RSM Classic, marking the most of any player.

### Most FedExCup Points RSM Classic Since 2013-14

	Total
Kevin Kisner	852
Chris Kirk	777
Charles Howell III	659
Robert Streb	570
Austin Cook	563

### Most Weeks Ranked Inside Top 10 of FedExCup PGA TOUR This Season

	# of Weeks
Joaquin Niemann	9
Sebastian Munoz	9
Sungjae Im	8
Cameron Champ	7
Harris English	6
Kevin Na	6

Joaquin Niemann and Sebastian Munoz are the only two players ranked inside the top-10 every week this season.

Since the start of the 2013-14 PGA TOUR season, every FedExCup leader after the season opening events (fall events) has gone onto qualify for the TOUR Championship and finished the season inside the top 30 of the FedExCup standings.

### FedExCup Leader After Season Opening Events FedExCup Finish Since 2013-14

		FEC Finish
Last Season	Charles Howell III	28 <sup>th</sup>
2017-18	Patton Kizzire	30 <sup>th</sup>
2016-17	Hideki Matsuyama	8 <sup>th</sup>
2015-16	Kevin Kisner	23 <sup>rd</sup>
2014-15	Robert Streb	18 <sup>th</sup>
2013-14	Jimmy Walker	7 <sup>th</sup>

## Broadcast Window Notes

### 2019 The RSM Classic *(featured groups)*

#### Brendon Todd

Current FedExCup leader Brendon Todd recorded his third PGA TOUR win at the Mayakoba Golf Classic last week. Brendon is set to make his sixth start at the RSM Classic with his best finish coming in 2013, t-16.

Fast Facts about Brendon Todd:

- Bumped out Tiger Woods to claim a spot inside the PGA TOURs top-10
- Had his best FEC season in 2014 finishing 27<sup>th</sup>
- Became the 63<sup>rd</sup> player to rank #1 in the FedExCup standings
- Was his 11<sup>th</sup> week ranking inside top-10 of the FedExCup in any week
- First time inside top-10 since week #36 in the 2013-14 season (span of 229 weeks)
- Is the 13<sup>th</sup> player to move inside of the top-10 after the first week of the season
- Is the only ranked player who was outside of the top-100 after week 5 and is inside the top-10
- 50-under par in his last 9 rounds on TOUR

#### First 11 Rounds vs. Last 9 Rounds PGA TOUR This Season

	First	Last
Total Birdies	32	<b>59</b>
Bogeys+	29	<b>9</b>
Rounds Under Par	4	<b>9</b>
Rounds Over Par	5	<b>0</b>
Scoring Average	71.6	<b>65.5</b>
Score to Par	+2	<b>-50</b>

Brendon Todd has made a total of 59 birdies against only 9 holes over par in his last nine rounds on TOUR. His last nine round scoring average on TOUR is 65.5 and is a combined 50-under par compared to his first 11 rounds with a scoring average of 71.6 with a score to par of 2 over.

#### Lanto Griffin

Currently second in the FedExCup standings, Lanto Griffin is set to make his eighth start this season.

Fast Facts about Lanto Griffin:

- Seeking to regain #1 position in FedExCup standings (82 points behind Todd)
- Six players have a chance to overtake the #1 position in the FedExCup this week headed into the break
- One of seven players ranked inside the top-30 in every week of the FedExCup this season
- 127 birdies or better marking the most of any player on TOUR this season
- Had a streak of 259 holes without a 3-putt this season marking the best streak through the first 9 weeks of the 2019-20 PGA TOUR Season

#### Ranking Inside Top-30 of FEC Every Week PGA TOUR This Season

	Current Rank
<b>Lanto Griffin</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>
Sebastian Munoz	5 <sup>th</sup>
Sungjae Im	7 <sup>th</sup>
Joaquin Niemann	8 <sup>th</sup>
Harris English	13 <sup>th</sup>
Mark Hubbard	17 <sup>th</sup>
Tom Hoge	21 <sup>st</sup>

#### Best YTD-Streak Without a 3-Putt PGA TOUR This Season

	Best Streak	Current Streak
<b>Lanto Griffin</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>7</b>
Nick Taylor	238	2
Adam Hadwin	236	44
Patrick Rodgers	222	105
Byeong Hun An	220	39

### Keith Mitchell

Keith Mitchell is set to make his third start at the RSM Classic. Keith currently ranks 154<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings this season.

Fast Facts about Keith Mitchell:

- Ranked 64<sup>th</sup> entering the RSM Classic last season and is currently 154<sup>th</sup> this season
- Finished a career best 50<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings last season
- Ranks fifth in Driving Distance (All Drives) this season
- Is 13 yards longer in Driving Distance (All Drives) this season compared to last season

#### Driving Distance (All Drives) Leaders PGA TOUR This Season

	Average
Kurt Kitayama	315.6
Brooks Koepka	313.5
Patrick Cantlay	311.9
Ryan Brehm	311.4
<b>Keith Mitchell</b>	<b>310.7</b>

#### Driving Distance (All Drives) Last Season vs. This Season

	Last Season	This Season
Driving Distance (All)	297.5 (T12)	<b>310.7 (5<sup>th</sup>)</b>

### Kevin Kisner

Kevin Kisner is set to make his 214<sup>th</sup> career start and fourth this season. Winner of the RSM Classic in the 2015-16 PGA TOUR season, Kevin Kisner shot rounds of 64 in round three and four to capture his first career win.

Fast Facts about Kevin Kisner:

- Has made TOUR Championship four of last five PGA TOUR seasons
- Finished ninth in the final FedExCup standings last season (best career finish)
- **852** FedExCup points at the RSM Classic (Since 2013-14 season) most of any player
- Has the most rounds of 66 or better at this event with 10
- Combined 74-under par at the RSM Classic
- One of six players (7 times) to shoot 128 or lower in rounds 3 & 4 at the RSM Classic (2018 Patrick Rodgers (123), 2015 & 2018 Kevin Kisner (128), 2012 Tommy Gainey (128), 2017 J.J. Spaun (128), 2018 Webb Simpson (128) & 2018 Luke List (128).
- Only player to shoot 128 or better on the weekend twice (2015 & 2018)

#### Most Rounds of 66 or Better RSM Classic

	Total
<b>Kevin Kisner</b>	<b>10</b>
Charles Howell III	9
Chris Kirk	8
Brendon de Jonge	7
Brian Gay	7
Webb Simpson	7

#### Most Under Par RSM Classic

	Score to Par
<b>Kevin Kisner</b>	<b>-74</b>
Webb Simpson	-72
Charles Howell III	-72
Chris Kirk	-71

#### Most FedExCup Points RSM Classic Since 2013-14

	Total
<b>Kevin Kisner</b>	<b>852</b>
Chris Kirk	777
Charles Howell III	659
Robert Streb	570
Austin Cook	563

### Charles Howell III

Defending champion Charles Howell III is set to make his 10<sup>th</sup> start at this event.

Fast Facts about Charles Howell III:

- Par or better in eight of nine opening rounds at the RSM Classic
- One of nine players to make FedExCup Playoffs in every season
- One of six players Finishing inside top-100 in FedExCup standings in every season of the FEC
- **780** rounds in the 60's since 2000 PGA TOUR season (most of any player)

#### Most PGA TOUR Starts Before Third PGA TOUR Win

	# of Starts
Leonard Thompson	553
Howard Twitty	532
<b>Charles Howell III</b>	<b>529</b>
Steve Lowery	519
Mike Sullivan	457
Don Pooley	445
J.J. Henry	439

Charles Howell III recorded his third victory in his 529<sup>th</sup> event on TOUR at the 2018 RSM Classic. Howell III has the third most starts on TOUR to record his third victory.

#### Most Rounds in the 60's PGA TOUR Since 2000

	Total
<b>Charles Howell III</b>	<b>780</b>
Jim Furyk	671
Brian Gay	659
Phil Mickelson	654
Vijay Singh	647

Since the start of the 2000 PGA TOUR season, Charles Howell III has the most rounds in the 60's with **780**.

#### Rounds in the 60's Breakdown

Score	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69
# of Rounds	1	2	7	21	47	103	149	205	245

### Davis Love III

Davis Love III is set to make his 769<sup>th</sup> career start on TOUR. Love III has a total of 21 career PGA TOUR wins.

Fast Facts about Davis Love III:

- Fourth most starts of any player on TOUR with **768**
- One of 38 players with 20 or more career PGA TOUR wins
- Fourth most cuts made on TOUR of any player with **568**

#### Most Career Starts PGA TOUR History

	Total
Mark Brooks	803
Jay Haas	798
Dave Eichelberger	784
<b>Davis Love III</b>	<b>768</b>
Mark Calcavecchia	761

#### Career Most Cuts Made PGA TOUR History

	Total
Jay Haas	591
Tom Kite	590
Raymond Floyd	582
<b>Davis Love III</b>	<b>568</b>
Gene Littler	566

### Matt Kuchar

Matt Kuchar is set to make his eighth start at the RSM Classic.

Fast Facts about Matt Kuchar:

- Last season, Matt Kuchar was one of five players who ranked inside the top 10 of the FedExCup through the season opening events who finished inside the top 10 through the regular season.
- **196<sup>th</sup>** career Top-25 finish last week at the Mayakoba Golf Classic
- One of 9 Players to qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs in all 13 seasons
- Recorded 5<sup>th</sup> career hole-in-one en route to a final round 62 last week at the Mayakoba Golf Classic. One of seven players with five or more aces on TOUR since the 2005 season.

#### Ranked Inside Top 10 of FedExCup Last Season Thru Season Opening Events & Regular Season

	End of Fall	End of Reg
Xander Schauffele	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Brooks Koepka	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Matt Kuchar</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
Gary Woodland	9 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Patrick Cantlay	10 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>

#### Most Aces Since Start of 2005 PGA TOUR Season

	Total
Robert Allenby	7
Charles Howell III	6
Greg Chalmers	5
<b>Matt Kuchar</b>	<b>5</b>
Shawn Stefani	5
Scott Brown	5
Ryan Moore	5

### Zach Johnson

Zach Johnson is set to make his 10<sup>th</sup> start at The RSM Classic. Johnson is one of six players to play in each of the previous nine years of the RSM Classic.

Fast Facts about Zach Johnson:

- One of two players with consecutive top-10 finishes in each of the last two years at the RSM Classic (Kevin Kisner)
- Has played last 13 rounds at par or better at the RSM Classic
- Combined 32-under par in his last 13 rounds, 20 shots better than in his first 16 rounds at this event
- Finished T23 last week at the Mayakoba Golf Classic, marking his 178<sup>th</sup> Top-25 finish on the PGA TOUR since 2004 (third-most of any player)

#### Most Appearances The RSM Classic Since 2010

	Total
Charles Howell III	9
Chris Kirk	9
Chad Campbell	9
Brendon de Jonge	9
<b>Zach Johnson</b>	<b>9</b>
Davis Love III	9

#### Scoring Performance Career at The RSM Classic

	First 16 Rds	Last 13 Rds
Scoring Average	69.25	<b>68.00</b>
Rds Par or Better	13 of 16	<b>13 of 13</b>
Birdies/Better Avg	3.5	<b>4.2</b>
Score to Par	-12	<b>-32</b>

#### Most Top-25 Finishes PGA TOUR Since 2004

	Total
Phil Mickelson	186
Matt Kuchar	182
<b>Zach Johnson</b>	<b>178</b>
Jim Furyk	177
Justin Rose	176
Charles Howell III	170



## Billy Horschel

2014 FedExCup champion Billy Horschel is set to make his fourth start at the RSM Classic

Fast Facts about Billy Horschel:

- One of three FedExCup champions in the field this week (Bill Haas & Jim Furyk)
- Has four top-10 finishes in his last eight starts on TOUR (Dating back to the 2019 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational)

### FedExCup Champions in the Field This Week

	Year
<b>Billy Horschel</b>	<b>2014</b>
Bill Haas	2011
Jim Furyk	2010

### Performance in Last 8 Starts on PGA TOUR

Scoring Average	68.88
Score to Par	-68
Top-10 Finishes	4 of 8
Cuts Made	8

### Last 6 Players to Win Back-to-Back PGA TOUR Events

Events		
Brendon Todd	2019	Bermuda Championship & Mayakoba Golf Classic
Bryson DeChambeau	2018	THE NORTHERN TRUST & Dell Technologies
Justin Thomas	2017	Sentry TOC & Sony Open in Hawaii
Jason Day	2016	Arnold Palmer Invitational & WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play
Adam Scott	2016	The Honda Classic & WGC-Mexico Championship
<b>Billy Horschel</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>BMW Championship &amp; TOUR Championship</b>

## Webb Simpson

Webb Simpson is set to make his eighth start at The RSM Classic.

Fast Facts about Webb Simpson:

- Simpson has played 24 of 26 rounds at par or better at The RSM Classic (both courses)
- **61-under par** on the Seaside course, tied with Kevin Kisner for the best cumulative score to par of any player since 2010
- **67.46** Scoring Average at the RSM Classic, third best of any player (min 8 rds) since 2010
- One of Five players with multiple rounds of 63 or better at this event since 2010

### Best Scoring Average The RSM Classic Since 2010

	Avg.
Austin Cook	66.13
John Senden	67.25
<b>Webb Simpson</b>	<b>67.46</b>
Jim Furyk	67.64
Kevin Kisner	67.64

### Most Under Par Seaside Course Since 2010

	Score to Par
<b>Webb Simpson</b>	<b>-61</b>
Kevin Kisner	-61
Charles Howell III	-56
Chris Kirk	-53

### Most Rounds of 63 or Better The RSM Classic Since 2010

	# of Rds
Bud Cauley	2
Stewart Cink	2
Ben Crane	2
Patrick Rodgers	2
Webb Simpson	2

\*Min 8 Rds

### Patton Kizzire

Patton Kizzire is set to make his sixth start at the RSM Classic and 120<sup>th</sup> of his PGA TOUR career.

Fast Facts about Patton Kizzire:

- Improved 99 positions in SG: Putting from the 2017-18 season to the 2018-19 season (106<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>)
- Has spent 91.6% of the last 179 weeks ranked inside the top-125 of the FedExCup standings (164 of 179)
- Has qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs in each of the last four seasons

#### Putting Ranks Comparison Last 2 Seasons on TOUR

	2017-18	Last Season	Improvement
SG: Putting	106 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	+99
3-Putt Avoidance	T102	12 <sup>th</sup>	+90
Putting from 10-15'	168 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	+162
Avg Distance of Putts Made	T107	18 <sup>th</sup>	+89

#### Putting from 10-15 Feet Last 2 Seasons

2017-18	Last Season
26.5%	37.2%

#### FedExCup Career Breakdown Since 2015-16 Season

	PCT
Weeks Inside Top 125	91.6
Weeks Inside Top 70	63.1
Weeks Inside Top 30	34.6
Weeks Ranked No. 1	4.5

#### Career FedExCup Finishes

	Rank
Last Season	122 <sup>nd</sup>
2017-18	30 <sup>th</sup>
2016-17	99 <sup>th</sup>
2015-16	82 <sup>nd</sup>

*\*Currently 188<sup>th</sup> in Standings*

### Austin Cook

2017 RSM Classic champion Austin Cook is set to make his third appearance at this event.

- Finished **38<sup>th</sup>** in the final FedExCup standings in the 2017-18 season (won 2017 RSM Classic)
- **66.13**: Stroke average at this event, best of any player (min 8 rounds)
- **6** of last **8** rounds at this event have been 66 or better, two more than any other player over last two years at the RSM Classic
- **81.82%** in Scrambling (18 of 22) at the RSM Classic, marking the best Scrambling performance of any player (min 8 rds)
- Played the Par 4s in **11-under** en route to victory at this event in 2017, marking his career best Par 4 Performance in an event on TOUR.

#### Best Scrambling Percentage The RSM Classic Since 2010

	PCT
<b>Austin Cook</b>	<b>81.82</b>
Andrew Landry	78.05
Tim Wilkinson	75.61
Pat Perez	74.36
Zac Blair	73.24

#### Best Par 4 Performance PGA TOUR Career

	Score to Par	Evt Finish
<b>2017 The RSM Classic</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>WON</b>
2019 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier	-10	T14
2018 CIMB Classic	-8	T13
2018 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier	-7	T5
2018 John Deere Classic	-7	T34