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DUSTIN JOHNSON AND LUKE LIST LEAD RBC CANADIAN OPEN

*Canadian National Amateur Team member Jared du Toit shoots 67 for share of third;
Garrett Rank sits T11 at 3-under*

*Friday is Red & White Day with players, spectators and media encouraged to wear
Canada's colours in support of the Canadians in the field*

OAKVILLE, Ont. – Dustin Johnson and Luke List battled scorching conditions at Glen Abbey Golf Club to card matching 6-under 66s to take the opening round lead of the RBC Canadian Open.

An eagle on the iconic 18th hole propelled Johnson into a tie for the lead. Johnson added seven birdies on the day, despite the heat and humidity.

“My game feels good. I’ve got a lot of confidence in it. I feel like I’m swinging really well. I felt like I rolled the ball really nicely with the putter today. I’m definitely driving the ball nicely. I’ve got a lot of confidence in the driver. I feel like I can hit it in the fairway, so that’s a big help.”

Johnson, who finished T2 at the 2013 RBC Canadian Open at Glen Abbey, reflected positively on the historic Oakville course.

“I like this golf course. I think it sets up well for me. I like it off the tee. The conditions are really tough right now. The greens are really firm, but they are rolling really nicely. So if you get some good looks at it, you can hold some putts.”

Luke List carded a bogey-free round to earn his share of the lead at the 107th playing of Canada’s National Open Championship. Heading into the RBC Canadian Open, the Jupiter, Fla., resident had missed five of six cuts before registering a T20 result at last

week's Barbasol Championship.

"I think a couple of those missed cuts were pressing too much and just putting too much pressure on myself," noted List. "I've been playing well relatively all year. Missed a lot of cuts by one or two, and sometimes, that's the way it goes. I've been trying to work on my head a little and get a good frame of mind for the end of the year.

The 31-year-old, who started on the back nine, tallied six birdies and was able to take advantage of the historic Oakville course's four par-5s.

"In the back nine, you have three par-5s, so going in, I knew I would have some scoring opportunities and I was able to do that birdieing three of the par-5s on my first nine. Got off to a great start and hung on at the end and had a couple of good up-and-downs."

Among the quartet trailing the leaders by one stroke is Canadian Jared du Toit of Calgary. The member of Golf Canada's National Amateur Squad opened with four birdies across his first six holes to set the tone for his round. A double-bogey on the par-3 7th hole temporarily derailed his day, but the resilient Arizona State University Sun Devil finished eagle-birdie to move to 5-under.

"I think my start surprised me a bit," said the top-ranked amateur in Canada when asked about his expectations leading into the competition. "There's definitely birdie holes out there, but I was birdieing a couple holes that are, I think, kind of tougher around here. So yeah, had a really good start. Kind of fought hard all day and finished up with a couple nice ones."

The experience of playing in his first RBC Canadian Open is not lost on the No. 60-ranked player on the World Amateur Golf Ranking.

"It's the first time I've had to sign autographs after rounds. That was awesome, definitely a lot of fun. [This experience] is definitely in the top-three kind of rounds I've played my career, just kind of feeling-wise and atmosphere."

The 21-year-old du Toit is tied at 5-under 67 alongside former World No. 1 amateur Jon Rahm and Chesson Hadley of Raleigh, N.C., and Dallas's Kelly Kraft. Brandt Snedeker, who claimed victory in the 2013 RBC Canadian Open at Glen Abbey, is part

of a four-way tie for 7th. Defending champion Jason Day, who collected an eagle and four birdies, is part of a 10-way tie for 11th, which also includes amateur Garrett Rank of Elmira, Ont.

CANADIANS AT THE 2016 RBC CANADIAN OPEN

- T3 – Jared du Toit (a) – Calgary – 67, -5
- T11 – Garrett Rank (a) – Elmira, Ont. – 69, -3
- T41 – Adam Hadwin – Abbotsford, B.C. – 72, E
- T83 – David Hearn – Brantford, Ont. – 74, 2
- T97 – Nick Taylor – Abbotsford, B.C. – 75, 3
- T97 – Corey Conners – Listowel, Ont. – 75, 3
- T97 – Adam Cornelson – Langley, B.C. – 75, 3
- T128 – Blair Hamilton (a) – Burlington, Ont. – 77, 5
- T128 – Graham DeLaet – Weyburn, Sask. – 77, 5
- T128 – Brad Fritsch – Manotick, Ont. – 77, 5
- T139 – Mike Weir – Brights Grove, Ont. – 78, 6
- T139 – Branson Ferrier – Barrie, Ont. – 78, 6
- T152 – Hugo Bernard (a) – Mont-St-Hilaire, Que. – 81, 9
- 154 – Dave Levesque – Montréal – 85, 13

RED & WHITE DAY AT THE RBC CANADIAN OPEN

Friday, July 22 is Red & White Day at the RBC Canadian Open. Players, spectators and media members are encouraged to wear red and white to show their national pride in support of the 14 Canadians playing in Canada's National Open Championship. Canadian flags will be handed out at the main entrance while supplies last.

INTERVIEW VIDEO, AUDIO AND TRANSCRIPTS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 21

Interview video, audio and transcripts for the following players from Thursday, July 21 are available [here](#). Please note that the videos are unedited, uncut and in broadcast-quality.

- Cameron Tringale
- Greg Chalmers
- Chesson Hadley
- Kelly Kraft
- Steve Wheatcroft
- Adam Hadwin
- Luke List
- Matt Kuchar
- Jason Day
- David Hearn
- Brandt Snedeker

- Garrett Rank
- Jared du Toit
- Dustin Johnson
- Jon Rahm

2016 MEDIA GUIDE AND PLAYER PERFORMANCE BOOK:

In advance of next week's championship, media can also [download the 2016 RBC Canadian Open Media Guide](#) for complete stats, records and historical information. Media can also [download the 2016 RBC Canadian Open Player Performance Book](#) which details individual player statistics from 1904-2015.

TELEVISION COVERAGE:

Friday July 22 - Red & White Day

TSN4 & TSN5 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

TSN1 & TSN3 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Golf Channel 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Saturday July 23

Golf Channel 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Global TV Pre-Game Show 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

CBS & Global 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Sunday July 24

Golf Channel 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Global TV Pre-Game Show 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

CBS & Global 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

TICKETS:

Grounds tickets for all days of the 2016 RBC Canadian Open, as well as a limited number of premium ticket packages are still available. A full list of ticket packages and pricing is available online at www.rbccanadianopen.com. Golf Canada and RBC are also pleased to offer FREE admission to juniors 17-and-under – [click here to download a FREE Junior Pass](#).

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