



## Media Release



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### **NESBITT, WHEELDON, MCCOY AND HACK SECURE FINAL FOUR SPOTS INTO 2017 RBC CANADIAN OPEN**

*17 Canadians will compete this week at Glen Abbey Golf Club*

**ANCASTER, Ont.** – Drew Nesbitt of Shanty Bay, Ont., Riley Wheeldon of Comox, B.C., Lee McCoy of Tampa, Fla. and Jhared Hack of Homestead, Fla. have all earned entry into the 2017 RBC Canadian Open through today's Final Qualifier at Heron Point Golf Links.

Nesbitt and Wheeldon carded matching rounds of 5-under-par 66 to share medallist honours.

Nesbitt, who will make his PGA TOUR debut at the 2017 RBC Canadian Open, is thankful Canada's National Championship is truly an open event.

"That's the nature of the game that they have these open qualifying events. It allows amateurs and pros that aren't full status and mini tour players like myself, to get to the next level," said Nesbitt. "It will be a good experience to test my game against the best players in the world."

Wheeldon will be playing in his third PGA TOUR event. He played in the 2013 RBC Canadian Open and advanced through Monday Qualifying into the 2014 Farmers Insurance Open.

"I feel lucky as a Canadian that I get to play in our National Championship," added Wheeldon. "It's great to be one round away and know that you have that opportunity to get into that tournament."

Six players shot 67, which forced a playoff that decided the last two spots. McCoy advanced on the second playoff hole while Hack outlasted Team Canada's Stuart MacDonald from Vancouver on the sixth playoff hole.

Team Canada graduate Blair Hamilton (Burlington, Ont.), Nyasha Mauchaza (Port Saint Lucie, Fla.) and Hunter Stuart (Lexington, Ky.) were the other playoff participants who failed to qualify.

Below are full qualifier results from the 2017 RBC Canadian Open Final Qualifying.

1. Drew Nesbitt, Shanty Bay, ON, \*33-33-66 -5
1. Riley Wheeldon, Comox, BC, \*33-33-66 -5
3. Jhared Hack, Homestead, FL \*34-33-67 -4

3. Lee McCoy, Tampa, FL \*33-34-67 -4  
--- DID NOT QUALIFY ---  
3. Stuart MacDonald, Vancouver, BC, \*35-32-67 -4  
3. Blair Hamilton, Burlington, ON, \*33-34-67 -4  
3. Nyasha Mauchaza, Port Saint Lucie, FL, \*35-32-67 -4  
3. Hunter Stewart, Lexington, KY, \*35-32-67 -4  
9. Stephane Dubois, Brantford, ON, \*35-33-68 -3  
9. Vincent Blanchette, Boucherville, QC, \*35-33-68 -3  
9. Eric Banks, Truro, NS, \*35-33-68 -3  
12. Brendan Leonard, Cambridge, ON, \*34-35-69 -2  
12. Brad Kerfoot, Toronto, ON, \*37-32-69 -2  
12. Danny Sahl, Sherwood Park, AB, \*35-34-69 -2  
15. Jesse Smith, Ohsweken, ON, \*37-33-70 -1  
15. Philip Arci (a), Vaughan, ON, \*37-33-70 -1  
15. Eddie Maunder, Oakville, ON, \*35-35-70 -1  
15. Russell Budd, Toronto, ON, \*36-34-70 -1  
15. Jordan Niebrugge, Oakville, MT, \*37-33-70 -1  
20. Cole Nead (a), Toronto, SC, \*39-32-71 E  
20. Marc Casullo (a), Aurora, ON, \*36-35-71 E  
20. Benoit Boudreau, Longueuil, QC, \*36-35-71 E  
20. Griffin Jones (a), Manotick, ON, \*38-33-71 E  
20. Joshua Montgomery (a), Ancaster, ON, \*37-34-71 E  
20. Peyton Callens (a), Langton, ON, \*38-33-71 E  
20. Marc-Étienne Bussi eres, Sherbrooke QC, \*37-34-71 E  
27. Horacio Leon, Jupiter, FL, \*35-37-72 +1  
27. Andrew Ledger, Toronto, ON, \*37-35-72 +1  
27. Adrian Cord, Toronto, ON, \*33-39-72 +1  
27. Derek Barron, Lakewood, WA, \*34-38-72 +1  
31. Chase Komaromi (a), London, ON, \*35-38-73 +2  
31. Sebastian Szirmak, Toronto, ON, \*35-38-73 +2  
31. Peter Campbell, Windermere, FL, \*37-36-73 +2  
31. Keith Martin, Kelowna, BC, \*38-35-73 +2  
31. James Skrypec, Kitchener, ON, \*39-34-73 +2  
31. Bill Walsh, Markham, ON, \*38-35-73 +2  
37. Nic Mazze (a), Caledon East, ON, \*38-36-74 +3  
37. Joseph D'Alfonso, Caledon, Ontario, \*36-38-74 +3  
37. Marc Bourgeois, Dieppe, NB, \*36-38-74 +3  
40. Victor Ciesielski, Cambridge, ON, \*38-37-75 +4  
40. Lucas Kim, Toronto, ON, \*37-29-66 +4  
42. Mandeo Singh Pathania, Toronto, ON, \*40-36-76 +5  
42. Jean-Philip Cornellier, St-C esaire, QC, \*39-37-76 +5  
42. Wes Homan, Cincinnati, OH, \*37-39-76 +5  
42. Jay Delsing, St. Louis, MO, \*39-37-76 +5  
46. Mike Currie (a), Milton, ON, \*39-38-77 +6  
46. Gabriel Gingras (a), Chelsea, QC, \*39-38-77 +6  
46. J.J. Regan, Burlington, ON, \*40-37-77 +6

46. Dan Bowling, Brights Grove, ON, \*38-39-77 +6  
50. Mack Duke, Rockport, ME, \*40-38-78 +7  
51. Yanik Laforest, Mirabel, QC, \*41-38-79 +8  
51. Louis-Alexandre Pitre, Quebec, QC, \*42-37-79 +8  
53. Elliott Whitley, Hamilton, ON, \*38-43-81 +10  
--- DID NOT FINISH ---  
WD. Tom Hoge, Fort Worth, TX, \*30-0-30 +1  
WD. David Iaderosa (a), Ottawa, ON, \*31-0-31 +2  
WD. Francis Berthiaume, Valleyfield, QC, \*33-0-33 +4  
WD. Matthew Jones, Scottsdale, AZ, \*

### **CANADIANS IN THE FIELD:**

The following 17 Canadians will compete in the 2017 RBC Canadian Open.

- Adam Hadwin, Abbotsford, B.C.
- Graham DeLaet, Weyburn, Sask.
- Mackenzie Hughes, Dundas, Ont.
- David Hearn, Brantford, Ont.
- Nick Taylor, Abbotsford, B.C.
- Brad Fritsch, Manotick, Ont.
- Mike Weir, Brights Grove, Ont.
- Jared du Toit, Calgary, Alta.
- Hugo Bernard, Mont St-Hilaire, Que.
- Austin James, Bath, Ont.
- Garrett Rank, Elmira, Ont.
- Bryn Parry, Vancouver, B.C.
- Matt Hill, Brights Grove, Ont.
- Ryan Williams, Surrey, B.C.
- Riley Wheeldon, Comox, B.C.
- Drew Nesbitt, Shanty Bay, Ont.
- Daniel Kim, Toronto, Ont.

### **PLAYER AVAILABILITY/ INTERVIEWS SCHEDULE:**

The following interviews will take place onsite at the Shaw Media Centre:

#### Tuesday, July 25

Graham DeLaet – 1 p.m.

Jhonattan Vegas – 2 p.m.

#### Wednesday, July 26

Matt Kuchar – 11 a.m.

Ian Poulter – 11:30 a.m.

Dustin Johnson – after 7 a.m. pro-am

Jim Furyk – after 8:30 a.m. pro-am

Andrew Gyba (Superintendent) – 1 p.m.  
Adam Hadwin – 2 p.m.

*\* Times subject to change*

### **2017 MEDIA GUIDE AND PLAYER PERFORMANCE BOOK:**

In advance of next week's championship, media can also [download the 2017 RBC Canadian Open Media Guide](#) for complete stats, records and historical information. Media can also [download the 2017 RBC Canadian Open Player Performance Book](#) which details individual player statistics from 1904-2016.

### **TELEVISION COVERAGE:**

The following are television times for the 2017 RBC Canadian Open:

#### **Thursday July 27**

TSN 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Golf Channel 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

#### **Friday July 28 - Red & White Day**

TSN 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Golf Channel 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

#### **Saturday July 29**

Golf Channel 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

CBS & Global 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

#### **Sunday July 30**

Golf Channel 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

CBS & Global 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### **TICKETS:**

Grounds tickets for all days of the 2017 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](http://www.rbccanadianopen.com). Golf Canada and RBC are also pleased to offer FREE admission to juniors 17 and younger—[Click here](#) to download a FREE Junior Pass.

### **GOLF CANADA – LOVE THE GAME. GROW THE GAME.**

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## **ABOUT THE 2017 RBC CANADIAN OPEN**

Part of the FedExCup, stars of the PGA TOUR will compete for \$6 million (US) at the RBC Canadian Open, July 24-30, 2017 at Glen Abbey Golf Club in Oakville, Ont. Conducted by Golf Canada for more than a century, the RBC Canadian Open provides an opportunity for Canada's top talents to compete against the world's best golfers while also leaving a significant impact in the event's host community. The RBC Canadian Open is proud to support Ronald McDonald House Charities Canada as the event's official charity partner. Established in 1904, Canada's national open golf championship is the third-oldest national open golf championship worldwide next to the British Open and the U.S. Open. The RBC Canadian Open is proudly sponsored by RBC, Shaw, BMW Group Canada, Coors Light, ZTE, WestJet, Levelwear, Boston Pizza, Ballantine's, Toronto Star, FootJoy, Coca-Cola, Metrolinx, Commissionaires, the Government of Canada, the Government of Ontario and Ontario 150. For tickets or tournament information, please visit [www.rbccanadianopen.com](http://www.rbccanadianopen.com) or call [1-800-571-6736](tel:1-800-571-6736). Follow the RBC Canadian Open on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram

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