



## Media Release



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### CHARLEY HOFFMAN LEADS HEADING INTO FINAL ROUND OF 2017 RBC CANADIAN OPEN

*Graham DeLaet is the top Canadian at 7-under-par, 10 strokes off the pace*

*Robert Garrigus shoots a 62 to tie the Glen Abbey Golf Club course record*

**OAKVILLE, Ont.** – Charley Hoffman of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., is the 54-hole leader at the RBC Canadian Open after carding a 7-under-par 65 in Saturday's third round at Glen Abbey Golf Club.

Hoffman recorded eight birdies and just one bogey on the day, building a one-shot lead over fellow American Kevin Chappell.

"You know the birdies are out there," said Hoffman. "A perfect day here to make some birdies and have some fun in front of the fans."

A four-time winner on the PGA TOUR, Hoffman's last victory came at the 2016 Valero Texas Open.

Starting the day in a tie for fourth, Chappell, from in Fresno, Calif., posted a 6-under-par 66 in round three to enter the final grouping with Hoffman.

"We are good friends. Our caddies are staying together," said Chappell. "We'll have some laughs and it will be a comfortable pairing, that's for sure."

Chappell has three top-10 finishes on the PGA TOUR this season, including a win at the Valero Texas Open. He came to Glen Abbey ranked 32nd in the Official World Golf Rankings.

Robert Garrigus, from Scottsdale Ariz., tied the Glen Abbey course record with a 10-under-par 62 in the morning wave, moving him to 15 under par for the tournament — a 43 spot climb up the leaderboard into a tie for third place with Gary Woodland.

It's a great confidence builder," said Garrigus. "I know it's hard to follow up a good round with a really good one but I've done it before, so hopefully I can do it again."

Woodland, from Topeka, Kans., had seven birdies on Saturday but carded a 4-under-par 68 due to a double-bogey on the par-4 third. He is searching for his third career PGA TOUR victory.

Defending champion Jhonattan Vegas is part of a group of six players tied for fifth at 14 under par. Vegas carded a 5-under-par 67 in round three and knows he'll have to go low against tomorrow to defend his title.

"You have to stay super aggressive. There's nothing else you have to be thinking of," said Vegas. "There's a lot of birdies out here. We have to find a way to make a few more birdies than everyone tomorrow and see what happens."

World No. 1 Dustin Johnson was 5-under-par on the front nine Saturday but a double bogey on No. 11 derailed his round, and he posted a 4-under-par 68 in round three to finish at 12 under par.

Johnson is seeking his PGA TOUR leading fourth win of 2017.

After 54 holes, Graham DeLaet is the top Canadian at 7 under par in a share of 41st place.

The Weyburn, Sask., native made the turn at 1 under par and went on to post a 1-over-par 73.

"I turned it under par which is solid play without making any putts and I just hit four bad tee shots in a row on 11, 12, 13, 14," said DeLaet. "All of a sudden I'm a couple over par and 50th place or whatever it was."

Mackenzie Hughes – the other Canadian playing the weekend at Glen Abbey – posted a 2-over-par 74 in round three to sit T55.

Tee times for the final round can be found [here](#).

## **CANADIANS AT THE 2017 RBC CANADIAN OPEN**

- T41 Graham DeLaet – Weyburn, Ont. – 68-68-73 -7
- T55 Mackenzie Hughes – Dundas, Ont. – 67-69-74 -6  
--- DID NOT ADVANCE ---
- MC Nick Taylor – Abbotsford, B.C. – 69-72 -3
- MC David Hearn – Brantford, Ont. 69-72 -3
- MC Bryn Parry – Vancouver, B.C. 70-71 -3
- MC Drew Nesbitt – Shanty Bay, Ont. – 72-69 -3
- MC Hugo Bernard (a) – Mont-Saint-Hilaire, Que. – 71-70 -3
- MC Austin James (a) – Bath, Ont. – 71-72 -1
- MC Adam Hadwin – Abbotsford, B.C. – 75-69 E
- MC Mike Weir – Brights Grove, Ont. – 72-73 +1
- MC Daniel Kim – Toronto, Ont. – 73-72 +1
- MC Riley Wheeldon – Comox, B.C. – 74-72 +2
- MC Matt Hill – Brights Grove, Ont. – 71-76 +3
- MC Brad Fritsch – Manotick, Ont. – 72-75 +3
- MC Jared du Toit – Kimberley, B.C. – 71-79 +6
- MC Ryan Williams – Surrey, Ont. – 78-77 +11

- MC Garrett Rank – Elmira, Ont. – 74-81 +11

### **ARNOLD PALMER DAY**

Sunday is Arnold Palmer Day at the RBC Canadian Open. Help us keep the King's memory alive by taking part in Arnold Palmer Day. We'll be handing out special AP55 buttons to the first 5,000 fans onsite and players will be gifted an AP55 button. Visit the 1st tee to catch a glimpse of the Seagram Gold Cup – the trophy he won for his first PGA TOUR victory in 1955. Or, visit the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame & Museum's Arnold Palmer exhibit which will include game worn clothing, equipment and more.

### **INTERVIEW VIDEO, AUDIO AND TRANSCRIPTS FOR SATURDAY, JULY 29**

Interview, audio and transcripts for the following players and events from Saturday, July 29 are available [here](#) and video is available [here](#). Please note the videos are unedited, uncut and broadcast-quality.

- Golf Canada CEO, Laurence Applebaum
- Robert Garrigus
- Mackenzie Hughes
- Jhonattan Vegas
- Graham DeLaet
- Dustin Johnson
- Tony Finau
- Andres Gonzales
- Ryan Ruffels
- Charley Hoffman
- Kevin Chappell
- Sam Saunders

### **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 final round of the 2017 RBC Canadian Open:

#### **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.

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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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