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### **JHONATTAN VEGAS WINS THE 2017 RBC CANADIAN OPEN**

*Mackenzie Hughes finishes at 10 under par to claim Rivermead Trophy as low Canadian*

*Vegas becomes seventh back-to-back winner in RBC Canadian Open history*

**OAKVILLE, Ont.** – Jhonattan Vegas won the 2017 RBC Canadian Open, to defend his 2016 title by defeating Charley Hoffman in a playoff to claim his third career PGA TOUR victory.

The Venezuelan made a birdie on the first playoff hole, the par-5 18th, to become the seventh RBC Canadian Open winner to successfully defend his title.

J. Douglas Edgar (1919-20), Leo Diegel (1924-25, 1928-29), Sam Snead (1940-1941), Jim Ferrier (1950-1951), and Jim Furyk (2006-07) have all accomplished the feat.

“Obviously repeating is a big thing for the confidence,” said Vegas. “Obviously I want to win more and bigger tournaments, and this is a great step forward.”

Vegas recorded his lowest round of the championship, firing a 7-under-par 65 in Sunday’s final round with just one bogey on the par-3 15th.

Coming into the week, Vegas had missed five consecutive cuts.

“Obviously coming after five missed cuts is never positive,” said Vegas. But I've been playing good golf the whole year; that I just had to stay cool and hopefully things will turn around, and I'm glad they did.”

Hoffman, from Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., was the 54-hole leader at 17 under par. He carded a 4-under-par 68 in Sunday’s final round.

This is the fifth time Hoffman has failed to convert a 54-hole lead into a victory.

“Yeah, it's always tough after you don't close the deal after having the lead but obviously got some big tournaments coming up,” said Hoffman. “The playoffs, a major championship, and obviously got some good momentum going into those.”

Hoffman's previous best finish at the RBC Canadian Open was a T4 at St. Georges Golf and Country Club in 2010.

Englishman Ian Poulter charged up the leaderboard Sunday, carding an 8-under-par 64 to finish third at 20 under par in his first RBC Canadian Open appearance.

After a tumultuous start to his season in which he nearly lost his PGA TOUR card, Poulter now has two top-5 finishes in 2017.

"I've done everything I needed to do today. I played very solid. I gave myself lots of opportunities," said Poulter after his round. "I've had a nice summer in Europe with the family and kids. Life's all good."

Gary Woodland of Topeka, Kans., finished fourth at 19 under par - his fifth top-10 of the season and best-ever finish at the RBC Canadian Open.

Dundas, Ont., native Mackenzie Hughes won the Rivermead Trophy as the low Canadian, finishing in a tie for 32nd at 10 under par in his first RBC Canadian Open as a professional.

Hughes finished strong with a 4-under-par 68 on Sunday to climb 23 spots after struggling with a 2 over par 74 in the third round.

"The week as a whole was a lot of fun," said Hughes. "So many people out supporting me from Dundas and all over Canada. I could feel that support all the way around. All the Canadian fans listening, thank you for the support."

Graham DeLaet from Weyburn, Sask., finished T48 at 8 under par, closing with a 1-under-par 71 on Sunday.

World No. 1 Dustin Johnson tried to make a charge after starting the day five shots back of Hoffman at 12 under par. The Jupiter, Fla., resident finished with a 5-under-par 67, ending tied for eighth.

"The golf game is moving in the right direction," said Johnson. "I felt like I played really good every day this week. I hit really good putts. They just weren't going in the hole."

[Click here](#) to view the full leaderboard for the 2017 RBC Canadian Open.

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

- T32 Mackenzie Hughes – Dundas, Ont. – 67-69-74-68 -10
- T48 Graham DeLaet – Weyburn, Ont. – 68-68-73-71 -8
- --- 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

### **INTERVIEW VIDEO, AUDIO AND TRANSCRIPTS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 30**

Interview, audio and transcripts for the following players and events from Sunday, July 30 are available [here](#) and video is available [here](#). Please note the videos are unedited, uncut and broadcast-quality.

- Mackenzie Hughes
- Graham DeLaet
- Dustin Johnson
- Ian Poulter
- Sam Saunders
- Charley Hoffman
- Brandon Hagy
- Jhonattan Vegas

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