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## **GLIGIC, BUDD, KIM AND SUTTON SECURE FINAL FOUR SPOTS INTO 2018 RBC CANADIAN OPEN**

*Four Canadians earn final exemptions into the RBC Canadian Open via Monday qualifying at Heron Point Golf Links; 21 Canadians to compete at 2018 RBC Canadian Open*

**OAKVILLE, Ont. (Golf Canada)** — Michael Gligic of Burlington, Ont., Russell Budd of Toronto, Justin Yong Woo Kim of Hamilton and Mitch Sutton of London, Ont., have all earned entry into the 2018 RBC Canadian Open through Final Qualifying at Heron Point Golf Links in Alberton, Ont.

Gligic and Budd carded matching 4-under-par 67s to share medallist honours.

“It’ll be my first one at Glen Abbey,” said 28-year-old Gligic, who will make his third appearance at the RBC Canadian Open. “I’ve been looking forward to playing one there, so it’s nice to finally punch my ticket. I definitely feel the best I ever have going into a RBC Canadian Open. My nerves got to me in my first one and in the second one my game wasn’t that great. But now I feel like my game is in a really good spot, so hopefully I’ll play well.”

Gligic’s co-medallist Russell Budd secured a spot into his first RBC Canadian Open. The 27-year-old is currently playing on the PGA TOUR Latinoamérica.

Five players shot 68, which forced a playoff to decide the two final spots. Kim advanced on the first playoff hole thanks to a birdie, while Team Canada alumni Mitch Sutton birdied the second playoff hole to earn his exemption.

“Wow, that was pretty exciting coming down the last few holes and into the playoff,” said Sutton, who won back-to-back Canadian Junior Boy Championships in 2008 and 2009. “I’m pretty pumped up right now and looking forward to playing in my first RBC Canadian Open. I’ve played Glen Abbey a couple of times, but not in a while. I’m excited to go back.”

Seung-su Han of Las Vegas, Blake Olsen of Pensacola, Fla., and Tyler McCumber of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., were the playoff participants who failed to qualify.

Below are full qualifier results from the 2018 RBC Canadian Open Final Qualifying.

1. Michael Gligic, Kitchener, ON, \*36-31-67 -4
1. Russell Budd, Toronto, ON, \*35-32-67 -4
3. Justin Yong Woo Kim, Hamilton, ON, \*34-34-68 -3
3. Mitchell Sutton, London, ON, \*34-34-68 -3

-- DID NOT QUALIFY --

3. Blake Olsen, Pensacola, Florida, \*37-31-68 -3
3. Seung-su Han, Las Vegas, NV, \*33-35-68 -3
3. Tyler McCumber, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, \*35-33-68 -3
8. Raoul Menard, Ange-Gardien, QC, \*33-36-69 -2
8. Étienne Papineau (a), St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC, \*34-35-69 -2
8. Riley Wheeldon, Comox, [BC, \\*33-36-69 -2](#)
8. Taylor Penrith, Richmond Hill, ON, \*36-33-69 -2
12. Keith Martin, Kelowna, BC, \*37-33-70 -1
12. Keven Fortin-Simard, Chicoutimi, QC, \*35-35-70 -1
12. Adrian Cord, Toronto, ON, \*36-34-70 -1
12. Kevin Stinson, Mission BC, \*37-33-70 -1
12. Devin Carrey, White Rock, BC, \*36-34-70 -1
12. Jake Scott, Strongsville, OH, \*37-33-70 -1
12. Sonny Michaud, Neuville, QC, \*35-35-70 -1
12. Michael McGowan, Pinehurst, NC, \*36-34-70 -1
12. MJ Dauffee, Kingwood, Texas, \*37-33-70 -1
12. Chase Seifert, Panama City Beach, FL, \*34-36-70 -1
12. David Mathis, Wakeforest, NC, \*36-34-70 -1
12. Christopher Vendetta (a), Beaconsfield, QC, \*34-36-70 -1
12. Domenico Geminiani, Bradenton, FL, \*35-35-70 -1
12. Joseph Harrison, Boulder City, NV, \*36-34-70 -1
26. Drew Nesbitt, Shanty Bay, ON, \*34-37-71 E
26. David Iaderosa (a), Ottawa, ON, \*36-35-71 E
26. Ken Duke, Stuart, FL, \*36-35-71 E
26. Greyson Sigg, Augusta, GA, \*35-36-71 E
26. Johnny Travale (a), Stoney Creek, ON, \*37-34-71 E
26. Peyton Callens (a), Langton, ON, \*35-36-71 E
32. Brendan Seys (a), Port Lambton, ON, \*33-39-72 +1
32. Nick Kenney, Mississauga, ON, \*36-36-72 +1
32. Éric Laporte, St-Liguori, QC, \*36-36-72 +1
32. James Seymour, Aurora, ON, \*37-35-72 +1
32. Bennett Ruby (a), Waterloo, ON, \*35-37-72 +1
32. Pierre-Alexandre Bédard, Chibougamau, QC, \*39-33-72 +1
38. Dom Lalonde, Châteauguay, QC, \*39-34-73 +2
38. Brian Churchill-Smith, Oakville, ON, \*36-37-73 +2
38. Tim Alarie, St-Jérôme, QC, \*37-36-73 +2
38. Vincent Blanchette, Boucherville, QC, \*42-31-73 +2
38. T.J. Vogel, Pembroke Pines, FL, \*36-37-73 +2

- 43. Terry O'Brien, Barrie, ON, \*39-35-74 +3
- 43. Zach Zaback, Cromwell, CT, \*36-38-74 +3
- 43. Ben Griffin, Chapel Hill, NC, \*40-34-74 +3
- 46. Matt Lemay (a), Waterloo, ON, \*38-37-75 +4
- 46. Gordon Burns, Holland Landing, ON, \*37-38-75 +4
- 46. Chris Wilson, Toronto, ON, \*38-37-75 +4
- 46. Philip Arci (a), Vaughan, ON, \*38-37-75 +4
- 46. Khan Lee (a), Langley, BC, \*39-36-75 +4
- 46. Jay Delsing, St. Louis, MO, \*37-38-75 +4
- 46. Scott Strohmeyer, Auburn, AL, \*39-36-75 +4
- 46. Bill Walsh, Markham, ON, \*40-35-75 +4
- 54. Jacob Presutti (a), Brampton, ON, \*39-37-76 +5
- 54. Sebastian Szirmak, Toronto, ON, \*38-38-76 +5
- 54. Derek Gillespie, Oshawa, ON, \*38-38-76 +5
- 54. Matt Matheson (a), West Vancouver, BC, \*37-39-76 +5
- 54. Ted Purdy, Phoenix, AZ, \*40-36-76 +5
- 59. Blair Hamilton, Burlington, ON, \*43-34-77 +6
- 59. G.W. King, Thornbury, ON, \*40-37-77 +6
- 59. Branson Ferrier, Barrie, ON, \*38-39-77 +6
- 59. Robert Wilkinson (a), Dundas, ON, \*37-40-77 +6
- 59. Nigel Sinnott, Chilliwack, BC, \*41-36-77 +6
- 59. Yank Laforest, Mirabel, QC, \*41-36-77 +6
- 59. Thomas Critch (a), Hamilton, ON, \*43-34-77 +6
- 66. Greg Lewis, Dundas, ON, \*41-37-78 +7
- 66. Freddy D'Angelo (a), Fonthill, ON, \*43-35-78 +7
- 66. Luke Ovenden, Georgetown, ON, \*40-38-78 +7
- 66. Griffin Jones (a), Mantic, ON, \*41-37-78 +7
- 70. Riley Davenport, Saint Simons Island, GA, \*37-43-80 +9
- 71. Jake Montemurro, Toronto, ON, \*45-39-84 +13
- 72. Jake McNulty, Port Perry, ON, \*44-42-86 +15

--- DID NOT FINISH ---

- WD. Brett Cairns, Cortland, ON, \*
- WD. David Morland, Palm Coast, FL, \*
- WD. Brian Davis, Windermere, FL, \*

### **Twenty-one Canadians to compete at 2018 RBC Canadian Open**

With the addition of the four Monday qualifiers, there are now 21 Canadians scheduled to compete as part of the 2018 RBC Canadian Open. They are:

- Hugo Bernard (Mont-Saint-Hilaire, Que.)
- Russell Budd (Toronto, Ont.)
- Marc-Etienne Bussieres (Gatineau, Que.)
- Chris Crisologo (Richmond, B.C.)
- Austin Connelly (Church Point, N.S./ Irving, Texas)
- Corey Connors (Listowel, Ont.)

- Jared du Toit (Calgary, Alta. )
- Todd Fanning (Winnipeg, Man.)
- Michael Gligic (Kitchener, Ont.)
- Adam Hadwin (Abbotsford, B.C.)
- David Hearn (Brantford, Ont.)
- Mackenzie Hughes (Dundas, Ont. )
- Justin Yong Woo Kim (Hamilton, Ont.)
- Joey Savoie (La Prairie, Que.)
- Ben Silverman (Thornhill, Ont.)
- Roger Sloan (Merritt, B.C.)
- Mitch Sutton (London, Ont.)
- Adam Svensson (Surrey, B.C.)
- Nick Taylor (Abbotsford, B.C.)
- Ryan Yip (Calgary, Alta.)
- Mike Weir (Bright's Grove, Ont. )

The 2018 RBC Canadian Open takes place at Glen Abbey Golf Club in Oakville, Ont., from July 23-29, 2018. Ticket and corporate hospitality info is available online at [www.rbccanadianopen.com](http://www.rbccanadianopen.com).

#### **ABOUT 2018 RBC CANADIAN OPEN**

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