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GARRIGUS LEADS AT RAIN-DELAYED RBC CANADIAN OPEN

David Hearn and Nick Taylor are top Canadians at 4-under par; 55 golfers still to complete their opening round

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

OAKVILLE, Ont. — Robert Garrigus carded a scorching 63 to grab the clubhouse lead at 9-under par during the rain-delayed opening round of the RBC Canadian Open.

Play on Thursday was halted at 4:30 p.m. due to high winds and potential lightning strikes that made it unsafe to keep golfing. Play resumed at 6:44 p.m. after a two-hour and 14-minute delay. Fifty-five golfers were unable to finish their first round when play was officially suspended for the day due to a dangerous weather situation at 8:04 p.m.

Garrigus, who finished T5 in 2017, was one shot ahead of fellow American Adam Schenk at 9-under 63 when inclement weather suspended play in the afternoon at Glen Abbey Golf Club.

“Could have been 59 there if a couple putts didn’t lip out,” said Garrigus, who had birdie putts lip out on Nos. 10 and 17. “Got lucky on the par 5, on 13, hit it right in the middle of the water, and it hit a rock and bounced over the thing and I made birdie.

Garrigus shot a 10-under 62 in the third round in last year’s tournament to match the course record.

“I love this place. I’ve always played well in Canada. There’s a lot of good vibes here. And the golf course is absolutely pure,” said Garrigus, who also finished T2 in 2012, the last time Canada’s National Open was played at Hamilton Golf and Country Club, host of both the 2019 and 2023 RBC Canadian Open. “I mean, I was walking on the fairway on No. 8, and it just felt like you were walking on carpet, and you get up on the green, and it’s like grass. The conditions are absolutely perfect.”

Schenk made the most of the conditions closed out his round in the rain with three straight birdies to sit in second place at 8-under.

“If you were in the fairway, it was much easier to attack, but you could still play from the rough, so I did that too often today but was fortunate to get away with it,” said Schenk, a PGA TOUR rookie who is fighting to keep his card with a handful of tournaments left on the schedule. “But if you can get within 20 feet of the hole, you’re going to make some putts, especially in the morning. The greens are very smooth.”

American Chris Stroud was able to complete his round to finish his day in solo-third.

Brantford, Ont, native David Hearn and Nick Taylor of Abbotsford, B.C. are the leading Canadians sitting T22 after a 4-under-par 68. Teeing off on hole No.10, Hearn started strong on the back nine and stayed consistent throughout the day, recording only a single bogey on hole No.7.

“I feel great today. I hit the ball really, really nicely to green and gave myself lots of chances for birdie,” said Hearn. “Four-under was a good round. I left a few out there today but overall, I feel really positive about the way I played and am looking forward to tomorrow.”

Taylor’s bogey-free round included a birdie from 6 feet on his final hole to grab a share of low Canadian alongside Hearn.

“Being the low Canadian would be nice, but that’s not really my focus,” said Hearn. “It’s nice to have a solid round to start the tournament, and hopefully I can have a good one tomorrow morning.”

Four Canadians – Michael Gligic (Kitchener, Ont.), Mackenzie Hughes (Dundas, Ont.), amateur Chris Crisologo (Richmond, B.C.) and Roger Sloan (Merritt) – hold a share 41st position at 3-under.

Crisologo’s Team Canada Amateur Squad teammates Joey Savoie and Hugo Bernard sit at 1-under and 1-over, respectively. Bernard will play his final five holes when round one resumes on Friday.

Round-one play resumes at 7:00 a.m. on Friday with second-round tee times set to begin at 7:30 a.m.

CANADIANS AT THE 2018 RBC CANADIAN OPEN

T22 David Hearn – Brantford – 68 -4
T22 Nick Taylor – Abbotsford – 68 -4
T41 Michael Gligic – Kitchener – 69 -3
T41 Mackenzie Hughes – Dundas – 71 -3
T41 Chris Crisologo (a) – Richmond -3 (14)
T41 Roger Sloan – Merritt -3 (12)
T63 Adam Hadwin – Abbotsford – 70 -2

T83 Joey Savoie (a) – La Prairie – 71 -1
T83 Ryan Yip – Calgary -1 (12)
T97 Jared du Toit – Calgary – 72 E
T97 Corey Conners – Listowel – 72 E
T97 Ben Silverman – Thornhill – E (12)
T123 Hugo Bernard (a) – Mont-Saint-Hilaire – +1(13)
T135 Mitchell Sutton – London – 74 +2
T135 Adam Svensson – Surrey – +2 (13)
T141 Mike Weir – Bright’s Grove – 75 +3
T141 Marc-Etienne Bussieres – Gatineau – 75 +3
T141 Russell Budd – Toronto – 75 +3
T141 Austin Connelly – Church Point / Irving – +3 (12)
T152 Todd Fanning (a) – Winnipeg – 77 +5
154 Justin YW Kim – Hamilton – +7 (13)

PAIRINGS FOR ROUND 2

Pairings and start times for the second round of the 109th playing of Canada’s National Open Championship on Friday, July 27 are now available online [here](#).

INTERVIEW VIDEO, AUDIO AND TRANSCRIPTS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 26

Interview, audio and transcripts for the following players and events from Thursday, July 26 are available [here](#) and video is available [here](#). Please note the videos are unedited, uncut and broadcast-quality.

- Nick Tayler
- Michael Gligic
- Adam Schenk
- Adam Hadwin
- Jim Furyk
- Dustin Johnson
- Ian Poulter
- Chris Stroud
- David Hearn
- Robert Garrigus
- Ben Crane

RED AND WHITE DAY:

On Friday, July 27, we invite you to wear your brightest reds and your whitest whites to celebrate Canada and show your support for the Canadian players competing in our National Open. Canadian flags will be handed out at the main entrance while supplies last.

2018 MEDIA GUIDE AND PLAYER PERFORMANCE BOOK:

Media can also [download the 2018 RBC Canadian Open Media Guide](#) for complete stats, records and historical information. Media can also download the [2018 RBC Canadian Open Player Performance Book](#) which details individual player statistics from 1904-2017.

TELEVISION COVERAGE:

The following are television times for the 2018 RBC Canadian Open:

Thursday July 26

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

Friday July 27

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

Saturday July 28

- Golf Channel 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- CBS & Global 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday July 29

- 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 2018 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 <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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