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## KEVIN TWAY LEADS THROUGH 36 HOLES AT THE RBC CANADIAN OPEN

*Canadian Nick Taylor cracks the top-ten at 9 under heading into the weekend; seven Canadians make the cut at Glen Abbey*

*Ben Silverman shoots 63; ties for lowest Canadian round at Canada's National Open*

**OAKVILLE, Ont.** — Edmond, Okla., product Kevin Tway shot a 7-under 65 at Glen Abbey Golf Club on Friday to move to 13-under-par and take the 36-hole lead at the RBC Canadian Open.

Tway, who is looking for his first PGA TOUR title, recorded one bogey and eight birdies on Friday to build a one-shot advantage.

"It's always nice to make a bunch of birdies," said Tway, looking for his first career PGA TOUR victory. "Being near the top is what you practice for, so I'll just keep trying to do the same thing the next two days."

The 30-year-old is also hoping to follow in the footsteps of his father Bob, who won the 2003 edition of the tournament. A victory here would make for a great historical moment at Canada's National Open, as no father-son duo has ever won the Canadian Open.

"He did it in '03, actually, so that was 15 years ago," said Tway when asked about his father's run at Hamilton Golf and Country Club, host of the 2019 and 2013 RBC Canadian Open. "It would be great to match with that."

Keegan Bradley is also charging into the weekend with a share of second at 12-under. The Woodstock, Vt. came in hot with an eagle on the 2nd hole and finished even stronger, going birdie-eagle-birdie-eagle across his final four holes.

"Yeah that was wild. It turned kind of an average day out here into something really special," said Bradley. "There's not many courses you can do that on like you can out here. That's what makes it such a great event."

South Korea's Whee Kim is tied with Bradley after making a similar impressive run with two birdies out the gate on the back-nine at Glen Abbey followed by an eagle and two consecutive birdies across his final three holes.

"You know, you don't really need to think about missing the cut or just making a bogey or double bogey," said Kim. "Everything is great. It feels very positive, you know."

Seven Canadians survived the 36-hole cut at Glen Abbey led by Nick Taylor who carded a 5-under-par 68 to sit T10.

"I hit a lot better today. I drove it way better today too," said Taylor. "If I play well and I'm the low Canadian, that's great but I'm trying to win a golf tournament. That could take care of that."

The Abbotsford, B.C., native heads into the weekend four shots off the lead and will look for his best RBC Canadian Open finish since he placed T53 in 2008.

Ben Silverman made the biggest move at the tournament, catapulting 106 spots up the leaderboard into a tie for 15th. The Thornhill, Ont., native poured in nine birdies in his bogey-free second round, coming within one shot of tying the course record.

"Couldn't have scripted it better really," said the PGA TOUR rookie when asked about how it felt to play in front of the hometown crowd. "I've got the Canadian shoes on, red and white, and got to play 40 minutes from where I grew up, so it was awesome."

Team Canada Amateur Squad rookie Chris Crisologo of Richmond, B.C. continued to make waves at the tournament, posting a 7-under-par 137 to add his name to the list of Canadians advancing to the weekend.

"You never know what to expect out of these things," said the 22-year-old amateur. "Obviously it's my first (RBC) Canadian Open, so really I'm just out here to enjoy the moment and make the most out of this opportunity."

Roger Sloan (Merritt, B.C.), Mackenzie Hughes (Dundas, Ont.), Ryan Yip (Calgary, Alta.) and David Hearn (Brantford, Ont.) round out the Canadians making the cut.

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

#### **CANADIANS AT THE 2018 RBC CANADIAN OPEN**

T10 Nick Taylor – Abbotsford – 68-67 -9

T15 Ben Silverman – Thornhill – 73-63 -8

T23 Chris Crisologo (a) – Richmond 68-69 -7

T23 Roger Sloan – Merritt – 68-69 -7

T37 Mackenzie Hughes – Dundas – 69-69 -6

T61 Ryan Yip – Calgary – 68-62 -4

T61 David Hearn – Brantford – 68-72 -4

**--- DID NOT ADVANCE ---**

MC Adam Hadwin – Abbotsford – 70-71 -3  
MC Jared Du Toit – Kimberley – 72-69 -3  
MC Corey Conners – Listowel – 72-70 -2  
MC Joey Savoie (a) – La Prairie – 71-72 -1  
MC Adam Svensson – Surrey – 72-71 -1  
MC Mike Weir – Bright’s Grove – 75-71 +2  
MC Michael Gligic – Kitchener – 69-77 +2  
MC Russell Budd – Toronto – 75-72 +3  
MC Austin Connelly – Church Point / Irving – 77-71 +4  
MC Marc-Etienne Bussieres – Gatineau – 75-74 +5  
MC Todd Fanning (a) – Winnipeg – 77-76 +9  
MC Hugo Bernard (a) – Mont-Saint-Hilaire – 76-74 +6  
MC Mitchell Sutton – London – 74-80 +10  
MC Justin YW Kim – Hamilton – 81-76 +13

**PAIRINGS FOR ROUND 3**

Pairings and start times for the second round of the 109th playing of Canada’s National Open Championship on Saturday, July 28 are now available online [here](#).

**INTERVIEW VIDEO, AUDIO AND TRANSCRIPTS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 27**

Interview, audio and transcripts for the following players and events from Friday, July 27 are available [here](#) and video is available [here](#). Please note the videos are unedited, uncut and broadcast-quality.

- David Hearn
- Dustin Johnson
- Ben Silverman
- Chris Crisologo
- Kevin Tway
- Keegan Bradley
- Tommy Fleetwood
- Jhonattan Vegas
- Mackenzie Hughes
- Whee Kim
- Corey Conners

**CANADIAN ARMED FORCES DAY PRESENTED BY COMMISSIONAIRES:**

On Saturday, July 28, all current and former members of Canada’s Armed Forces who pre-register will be entitled to a “military pass” that will provide complimentary access to the tournament grounds and upgraded venues for themselves and their immediate family.

**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:

##### **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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