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2019 3M Open pre-tournament notes

Dates: July 1-7, 2019

Where: Blaine, Minnesota

Course: TPC Twin Cities, 35-36—par 71/7,468 yards

Field size: 156

2018 champion: New Event

Purse: \$6,400,000 (\$1,152,000/winner)

FedExCup: 500 points to the winner

Format: 72-hole stroke play

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Things to Know

- The 3M Open is a first-year PGA TOUR event; TPC Twin Cities previously hosted the 3M Championship, a PGA TOUR Champions event for nearly 20 years (1993-2018).
- The 3M Open is the first non-major PGA TOUR event in the state of Minnesota since the 1969 Minnesota Golf Classic; The last PGA TOUR tournament in Minnesota was the 2009 PGA Championship at Hazeltine; PGA TOUR players also competed in the 2016 Ryder Cup at Hazeltine.
- Marks the second consecutive first-time event on the PGA TOUR schedule, following last week's Rocket Mortgage Classic in Detroit, Michigan.
- There have been 11 PGA TOUR winners from Minnesota accounting for 30 total wins, led by Lee Janzen (8), Tom Lehman (5) and Tim Herron (4). Both Lehman and Herron received sponsor exemptions this week.
- TPC Twin Cities, an Arnold Palmer design with Tom Lehman as consultant, was renovated ahead of the TOUR event.
- Only five weeks (seven events) remain until the start of the FedExCup Playoffs, where only the top 125 players in the FedExCup standings qualify to compete.

Newest PGA TOUR events

The following events currently on the 2018-19 PGA TOUR schedule made their debut since 2000:

Tournament	First season	First winner
3M Open	2018-19	--
Rocket Mortgage Classic	2018-19	Nate Lashley
Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship	2017-18	Brice Garnett
THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES	2017-18	Justin Thomas
Barbasol Championship	2014-15	Scott Piercy
CIMB Classic*	2010	Ben Crane
The RSM Classic	2010	Heath Slocum
World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions*	2009	Phil Mickelson
Puerto Rico Open	2008	Greg Kraft
Safeway Open	2007	Mike Weir

Mayakoba Golf Classic	2007	Fred Funk
Wells Fargo Championship	2003	David Toms
Valspar Championship	2000	John Huston

**became official in 2013-14*

Notes on the field

- The field includes eight of the top 30 in the Official World Golf Ranking led by World No. 1 Brooks Koepka; also includes Bryson DeChambeau (8), Tony Finau (17), Jason Day (18), Patrick Reed (25), Phil Mickelson (28) and Keegan Bradley (29)
- Nine of the top 30 in the FedExCup standings, led by No. 2 Brooks Koepka
- Three winners of THE PLAYERS Championship: Phil Mickelson (2007), Jason Day (2016), Si Woo Kim (2017)
- Five players who competed for the victorious U.S. team at the 2016 Ryder Cup in Minnesota are in the field: Brooks Koepka, Phil Mickelson, Ryan Moore, Patrick Reed and Jimmy Walker
- 13 PGA TOUR winners during the 2018-19 season: Brooks Koepka (2), Cameron Champ, Bryson DeChambeau, Charles Howell III, Adam Long, Phil Mickelson, Martin Trainer, Keith Mitchell, Corey Connors, Max Homa, Sung Kang, Kevin Na, Nate Lashley

Current FedExCup standings

The top 10 in the FedExCup at the conclusion of the PGA TOUR Regular Season will share a \$10 million bonus pool through the Wyndham Rewards Top 10 program. Updated standings are below:

Position	Player	Points	Wins	Top-10s	Points Behind	Starts	Projected Bonus
1	Matt Kuchar	2,287	2	8		17	\$2 million
2	Brooks Koepka	2,198	2	6	89	15	\$1.5 million
3	Rory McIlroy	2,195	2	11	92	14	\$1.2 million
4	Xander Schauffele	1,817	2	5	470	16	\$1.1 million
5	Gary Woodland	1,789	1	8	498	19	\$1.0 million
6	Patrick Cantlay	1,658	1	8	629	16	\$850,000
7	Dustin Johnson	1,631	1	7	656	14	\$700,000
8	Paul Casey	1,541	1	6	746	17	\$600,000
9	Justin Rose	1,308	1	6	979	12	\$550,000
10	Rickie Fowler	1,293	1	5	994	16	\$500,000

Player notes

Phil Mickelson

- 44-time PGA TOUR winner seeks his second title of the season (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am)
- First competed in Minnesota as an amateur at the 1991 U.S. Open at Hazeltine National; finished T55

Brooks Koepka

- World No. 1 needs just 89 FedExCup points to claim the No. 1 spot in the FedExCup standings
- Six-time PGA TOUR winner looking for third title of 2018-19 campaign, having captured the CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES and the PGA Championship; also finished T2 at the Masters and second at the U.S. Open

Bryson DeChambeau

- Five-time PGA TOUR winner finished T8 in his most recent TOUR start at the Travelers Championship, his first top-10 on TOUR since January
- In 2018, won four tournaments in a 12-start stretch (2018 the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide, 2018 THE NORTHERN TRUST, 2018 Dell Technologies Championship, 2018 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open)

Jason Day

- Former World. No. 1 looks for 13th career PGA TOUR title and first win of the season in his 17th start
- Since adding caddie Steve Williams to the bag, has finished T21/U.S. Open and T8/Travelers Championship

Nate Lashley

- Last week's inaugural Rocket Mortgage Classic had a fairy-tale ending as Lashley – the last player into the field after failing to Monday qualify -- routed the field by six strokes. The fact that Lashley only had conditional TOUR status was just a small part of his backstory, as he had been dealing for years with a personal tragedy -- his parents and girlfriend died in a 2004 plane crash en route to see Lashley compete for the University of Arizona in Oregon.
- Native of Scottsbluff, Nebraska played collegiately at the University of Arizona
- 2016 PGA TOUR Latinoamerica Player of the Year

Additional Player Notes

- **Tony Finau**, who has three top-five finishes this season (P2/WGC-HSBC Champions, T5/Masters Tournament, 2nd/Charles Schwab Challenge), comes into the week with missed cuts in his last three TOUR starts
- **Hideki Matsuyama** leads the PGA TOUR with a current streak of 24 consecutive cuts made
- 2018 Masters winner **Patrick Reed** finished T5 at last week's Rocket Mortgage Classic to move to 62nd in the FedExCup standings; he has reached the FedExCup Playoffs finale, the TOUR Championship (top 30 players) the last five years
- Former TCU golfer **Tom Hoge** is a two-time Minnesota State Amateur champion while two-time PGA TOUR winner **Troy Merritt** is a former Spring Lake Park and Winona State golfer who transferred to Boise State after his sophomore year

Notable exemptions

Tom Lehman

- From Austin, Minnesota and played collegiately at the University of Minnesota
- Five wins on the PGA TOUR, including the 1996 Open Championship, and 12 on PGA TOUR Champions, most recently the 2019 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai
- Last PGA TOUR start was the 2018 Open Championship (MC)
- Only player in history to be named Player of the Year on the PGA TOUR, the Korn Ferry Tour and PGA TOUR Champions; Has 21 cumulative wins across all three Tours (4 wins/Korn Ferry Tour, 5/PGA TOUR, 12/PGA TOUR Champions)
- Consulted on course renovations at TPC Twin Cities where he played the 3M Championship eight times with a T2 in 2011 his best result

Tim Herron

- Minneapolis native who now lives in Wayzata is a four-time PGA TOUR winner, most recently at the 2006 Charles Schwab Challenge.
- Played collegiately at the University of New Mexico
- In 1992, defeated 15-year-old Tiger Woods in second round of U.S. Amateur, one of only two defeats Woods suffered in 23 U.S. Amateur matches

Matthew Wolff

- Third start as a professional; third sponsor exemption in as many weeks: Travelers Championship (MDF/T80) and Rocket Mortgage Classic (MC)
- Outstanding amateur career at Oklahoma State University; made the winning putt to clinch the 2018 NCAA Championship; won the 2019 NCAA individual title; received Phil Mickelson Award in 2017-18 as the nation's most outstanding freshman, and the Haskins Award in 2019 for top collegiate golfer
- Known for his distinctive, unique, efficient golf swing, is coached by instructor George Gankas
- From Agoura Hills, California

Viktor Hovland

- Third start as a professional; third sponsor exemption in as many weeks: Travelers Championship (T54) and Rocket Mortgage Classic (T13)
- Teammates with Matthew Wolff at Oklahoma State University; was on winning 2018 NCAA Championship team

- Before turning professional this season, became the first player since Matt Kuchar in 1998 to be low amateur at the Masters Tournament (T32) and U.S. Open (T12) in the same season; set U.S. Open record for lowest score by an amateur (280/-4), besting Jack Nicklaus' in 1960 (282)
- From Oslo, Norway

Collin Morikawa

- Making fourth start as a professional: RBC Canadian Open (T14), U.S. Open (T35), Travelers Championship (T36)
- As a 19-year-old, the Cal-Berkley star contended at the Korn Ferry Tour's Air Capital Classic in 2016 posting weekend rounds of 63-63 for a 17-under total before losing to Ollie Schniederjans in a three-man playoff
- From Los Angeles, California

Justin Suh

- Since making professional debut at the 2019 Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide, has yet to make a cut in three starts
- From San Jose, California; played college golf at the University of Southern California

Alvaro Ortiz

- Fourth professional start on TOUR; Older brother, Carlos, is one of four current Mexican PGA TOUR members
- Won 2019 Latin America Amateur Championship to earn invitation to the 2019 Masters, becoming the first Mexican to compete at Augusta National since Victor Regalado in 1979
- Played college golf at University of Arkansas

Charlie Danielson

- Sixth professional start and first since 2019 U.S. Open (T58); Best PGA TOUR result is a T22 at the 2016 John Deere Classic
- Current member on the Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada; has two top-10s this season
- From Osceola, Wisconsin; played college golf at the University of Illinois

Significant changes for PGA TOUR in 2018-19

1. The new schedule – with an improved flow, from start-to-finish, will allow fans to better follow and engage in the PGA TOUR all season long. THE PLAYERS move to March and the PGA Championship move to May has created a “Season of Championships” -- with six straight months of significant events starting with THE PLAYERS, bookended by the FedExCup Playoffs in August.
2. The FedExCup Playoffs – which have been reduced from four to three events beginning this season and will conclude before Labor Day, allowing the TOUR to compete to own the August sports calendar – will feature fields of 125 for THE NORTHERN TRUST, 70 for the BMW Championship and 30 for the TOUR Championship, where the FedExCup Champion will be determined.
3. A simplified, strokes-based scoring system at the TOUR Championship that crowns a singular champion. Instead of a points reset at the TOUR Championship, the TOUR is instituting a strokes-based system related to the FedExCup standings through the BMW Championship. The scoring system virtually replicates the win probabilities of the current system but uses strokes instead of points – which is much easier for golf fans, and the casual sports fan, to understand. The leader through the first two FedExCup Playoffs events will begin the TOUR Championship at 10-under par. The next four players will start at -8 through -5, respectively. The next five will begin at -4, regressing by one stroke per five players until players 26-30 start at even par. With the implementation of this change, the player with the lowest total score including FedExCup Starting Strokes will be the FedExCup champion and be credited with an official victory in the TOUR Championship. Two constants will the drama and the crowning of a deserving champion seen over the first 12 years of the FedExCup. Using next year's scoring at the 2018 TOUR Championship, Justin Rose – thanks to a birdie on the 72nd hole -- would have captured the FedExCup by a single shot over Tiger Woods, Billy Horschel and Dustin Johnson.
4. A \$10 million Wyndham Rewards-sponsored bonus – the Wyndham Rewards Top 10 -- where players will be rewarded for their outstanding play during the Regular Season, prior to the start of the

FedExCup Playoffs. The top Regular Season finisher in FedExCup points through the Wyndham Championship will earn \$2 million, followed by \$1.5 million for the runner-up with the 10th-place finisher earning \$500,000. Dustin Johnson led last year's FedExCup standings through the Wyndham Championship, just 83 points ahead of Justin Thomas.

5. Including the Wyndham Rewards Top 10, there will be a doubling of FedExCup total bonus money available to players, from \$35 million to \$70 million.