



2019 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard
(19th of 46 events in the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season)

Orlando, Florida
Bay Hill Club & Lodge

March 7-10, 2019

Purse: \$9,100,000 (\$1,638,000)
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,454

First-Round Notes – Thursday, March 7, 2019

Weather: Sunny. High of 73. Wind NE 6-12 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Rafa Cabrera Bello	65 (-7)
Keegan Bradley	67 (-5)
Graeme McDowell	68 (-4)
Patrick Rodgers	68 (-4)
Bubba Watson	68 (-4)
Phil Mickelson	68 (-4)
Billy Horschel	68 (-4)

Things to Know

- Rafa Cabrera Bello holds the first solo-lead after any round in his PGA TOUR career
- Cabrera Bello has never finished better than third in 76 career PGA TOUR starts
- Zach Johnson recorded a career-low 21 putts in round one
- Francesco Molinari and D.A. Points each made a hole-in-one at No. 7
- 2016 champion Jason Day withdrew due to a back injury after completing six holes

First-Round Lead Notes

- 3 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational since 2000
(most recent: Jason Day/2016)
- 5 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win in 2018-19
(most recent: J.B. Holmes)

Comparing the top two (entering the week)

	Rafa Cabrera Bello	Keegan Bradley
Age	34 (May 25, 1984)	32 (June 7, 1986)
FedExCup	No. 44	No. 55
OWGR	No. 34	No. 32
Starts at Arnold Palmer Inv.	0	7
Tops-10s at Arnold Palmer Inv.	0	2
PGA TOUR starts	76	218
PGA TOUR wins	0	4
Starts in 2018-19	6	8
Top-10s in 2018-19	1	2

Rafa Cabrera Bello (1st/-7)

- Holds first solo-lead after 18 holes in his PGA TOUR career; co-led 2016 Wyndham Championship

T1	2016 Wyndham Championship	T5
1	2019 Arnold Palmer Invitational	TBD
- Ties his lowest score of the 2018-19 season

R3	2018 THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES
R4	2018 THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES
R1	2019 Arnold Palmer Invitational

- Records third opening-round score of 65 or better in his PGA TOUR career

63	2016 Wyndham Championship	T5
65	2017 BMW Championship	T33
65	2019 Arnold Palmer Invitational	TBD
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Approach-the-Green, setting a career-best in that category (4.675; previous: 4.271/R1/2018 The Honda Classic)
- Making tournament debut
- Best career PGA TOUR result (3rd) in 76 prior starts came at the 2016 World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play, defeating Rory McIlroy 3-and-2 in the consolation match
- Has two T3s in stroke-play events on the PGA TOUR: 2018 WGC-Mexico Championship, 2018 THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES

Keegan Bradley (2nd/-5)

- Has a runner-up (2014) and a T3 (2013) in seven starts at the event
- One stroke off best score in 27 rounds at Bay Hill (66 in R3/2013, R3/2014)
- Best position through 18 holes since 2018 Valero Texas Open (T2; finished T45)
- In most recent start, finished T10 at the WGC-Mexico Championship, closing with a 65
- Four career PGA TOUR wins; most recent: 2018 BMW Championship

Phil Mickelson (T3/-4)

- Leads the field in Driving Distance (328.0 yards)
- Winner of 1997 Arnold Palmer Invitational; has additional top-fives in 1999 (T5), 2001 (2nd) and 2002 (T3)
- Making 15th start at the event and first since 2013 (MC)
- Won 44th PGA TOUR title at 2019 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and finished runner-up at the 2019 Desert Classic
- Entered the week No. 9 in the FedExCup standings

Miscellaneous Notes

- Billy Horschel (T3) has not missed a cut in six starts at the event nor in nine starts during the 2018-19 season
- Graeme McDowell (T3) has one top-10 in his last 47 PGA TOUR starts (T10/2017 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open); best position through 18 holes since 2015 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational (T2, finished T17)
- Zach Johnson (T14) needed 21 putts in round one and had a Strokes Gained: Putting mark of 5.712, his career-bests in 1,351 PGA TOUR rounds (previous: 22 putts, 5.561)
- Francesco Molinari and D.A. Points each recorded a hole-in-one at the par-3 seventh, marking the first hole with at least two holes-in-one in the same round since the second round of the 2018 Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship (Shawn Stefani, Harris English); last ace Arnold Palmer Invitational came in 2013 (Kevin Chappell/No. 14)
- 94 balls were hit in the water, the most in any round at Bay Hill since 2003 (previous record: 92; R1/2017, R1/2012, R2/2005)

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (2): Keegan Bradley (67), Tommy Fleetwood (69)

Scoring averages

	Front nine	Back nine	Total	Cumulative
R1:	37.025	35.975	73.000	