



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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, March 9, 2019

Weather: Partly Cloudy. High of 84. Wind SE 5-10 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Matthew Fitzpatrick	70-70-67—207 (-9)
Rory McIlroy	72-70-66—208 (-8)
Aaron Baddeley	70-70-69—209 (-7)
Matt Wallace	71-69-69—209 (-7)
Kevin Kisner	70-69-70—209 (-7)

Things to Know

- Non-member Matthew Fitzpatrick holds his second PGA TOUR lead in his 46th start on TOUR
- Defending champion Rory McIlroy is poised for his 15th career PGA TOUR victory
- Saturday's final pairing of Tommy Fleetwood (+4) and Keegan Bradley (+3) played a combined 7-over
- Three players had rounds of 66: Tyrrell Hatton (T11), Chris Kirk (T6), Rory McIlroy (2nd)
- International players have won the last three Arnold Palmer Invitationals
- In the last five years of the Arnold Palmer Invitational, only Jason Day (2016) converted a 54-hole lead to victory
- Aaron Baddeley, Charles Howell III and Luke List eye spots in The Open Championship

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 21 54-hole leaders/co-leaders to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational (in a four-round event) since 1983
(most recent: Jason Day/2016)
- 10 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win in 2018-19
(most recent: Dustin Johnson/WGC-Mexico Championship)

Comparing Fitzpatrick and McIlroy (entering the week)

	Matthew Fitzpatrick	Rory McIlroy
Age	24 (September 1, 1994)	29 (May 4, 1989)
FedExCup	N/A	15
OWGR	44	6
Starts at Arnold Palmer Invitational	4	4
Tops-10s at Arnold Palmer Invitational	0	2
PGA TOUR starts	45	154
PGA TOUR wins	0	14
Starts in 2018-19	3	5
Top-10s in 2018-19	0	4

Matthew Fitzpatrick (1st/-9)

- Holds second PGA TOUR lead after a round on the PGA TOUR in his 46th start on TOUR; previously led after the first round of the 2017 Arnold Palmer Invitational (finished T13)
- Sheffield, England native is not a member of the PGA TOUR and is in the field via his Official World Golf Ranking (44)
- Best PGA TOUR finishes: T7 (2015 WGC-HSBC Champions), T7 (2016 Masters Tournament)
- Winner of the 2013 U.S. Amateur (The Country Club, Brookline, Massachusetts)
- Best finish in four previous Arnold Palmer Invitational starts is a T13 in 2017
- Has five international victories, most recently back-to-back titles at the Omega European Masters (both via playoffs)
- Competed on the 2016 Ryder Cup European Team

- Played one season for Northwestern University before leaving school to turn professional in 2014

Rory McIlroy (2nd/-8)

- Began the third round seven shots off the lead; entered the final round of the 2018 Arnold Palmer Invitational two shots off the lead and birdied five of his last six holes en route to a bogey-free 64
- In search of 15th career PGA TOUR victory and first since the 2018 Arnold Palmer Invitational
- Entered the week with consecutive top-fives in each of his last four PGA TOUR starts, marking the first time in his career he accomplished that feat (Sentry Tournament of Champions/T4, Farmers Insurance Open/T5, Genesis Open/T4, WGC-Mexico Championship/2)
- Last two starts at the Arnold Palmer Invitational include a win (2018) and T4 (2017). His final-round scoring average at Bay Hill is 67.00 thanks to four sub-par rounds of 70 (2015), 65 (2016), 69 (2017) and 64 (2018)
- Three players have won the Arnold Palmer Invitational in back-to-back years: Loren Roberts (1994-95), Tiger Woods (2000-03, 2008-09, 2012-13) and Matt Every (2014-15)
- Has entered the final round trailing by one or two strokes on nine occasions; won three times
- Seven of McIlroy's 13 stroke-play wins have been in come-from-behind fashion:

McIlroy's Come-from-Behind wins on PGA TOUR (7 of 13 stroke-play events)

Date	Tournament	Strokes trailing entering final round
5/2/2010	Wells Fargo Championship	4
9/3/2012	Dell Technologies Championship	3
9/9/2012	BMW Championship	1
8/3/2014	WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational	3
9/5/2016	Dell Technologies Championship	6
9/25/2016	TOUR Championship	2
3/18/2018	Arnold Palmer Invitational	2

Miscellaneous Notes

- Aaron Baddeley has 14 of 15 sand saves through 54 holes. Two weeks ago, Baddeley entered the final round of the Puerto Rico Open with the solo lead before finishing T2, his second top-five of the season (T4/Safeway Open)
- For the first time, the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard will offer three spots into The Open Championship at Royal Portrush (July 14-21). Three players who finish in the top 10 and ties who are not already exempt will qualify. In the event of a tie for a qualifying place, the player with the higher OWGR as of March 4 will earn the spot.

Bogey-free rounds

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

R2 (2): Henrik Stenson (66), Sam Saunders (68)

R3 (2): Matthew Fitzpatrick (67), Jason Kokrak (68)

Balls in the Water

R1: 94 (the most in any round at Bay Hill since 2003; previous record: 92; R1/2017, R1/2012, R2/2005)

R2: 70

R3: 39 (203 through 54 holes this week, is the most through three rounds since 2003)

Scoring averages

	Front nine	Back nine	Total	Cumulative
R1:	37.025	35.975	73.000	---
R2:	36.443	35.607	72.049	72.525
R3:	36.286	36.057	72.343	72.464