



**2019 AT&T Byron Nelson pre-tournament notes**

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**Dates:** May 6-12, 2019

**Where:** Dallas, Texas

**Course:** Trinity Forest Golf Club

**Defending champion:** Aaron Wise

**Purse:** \$7,900,000 (\$1,422,000/winner)

**FedExCup:** 500 points to the winner

**Field size:** 156 **Format:** 72-hole stroke play

**Notes on the field**

- 8 of the top 30 in the FedExCup standings, led by Brooks Koepka (8) and Charles Howell III (10)
- 3 FedExCup champions: Bill Haas (2011), Henrik Stenson (2013), Jordan Spieth (2015)
- 7 major champions: Ernie Els (4), Padraig Harrington (3), Brooks Koepka (3), Jordan Spieth (3), Henrik Stenson (1), Jimmy Walker (1), Patrick Reed (1)
- 5 past winners: Ernie Els (1995), Rory Sabbatini (2009), Sangmoon Bae (2013), Brendan Todd (2014), Aaron Wise (2018)

**A look back at 2018 AT&T Byron Nelson**

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Aaron Wise	65	63	68	65	261/-23
2	Marc Leishman	61	66	69	68	264/-20
T3	Branden Grace	66	68	69	62	265/-19
T3	J.J. Spaun	64	69	69	63	265/-19
T3	Keith Mitchell	65	68	69	63	265/-19

- Rookie Aaron Wise earned his first PGA TOUR victory in his 26<sup>th</sup> career start on TOUR
- Wise became the second youngest winner of the AT&T Byron Nelson (21 years, 10 months 29 days) behind Tiger Woods who won in 1997 (21 years, 4 months, 18 days)
- His 23-under par total set the tournament scoring record relative to par.

**AT&T Byron Nelson and the FedExCup**

- AT&T Byron Nelson is the 29<sup>th</sup> event in the 2018-19 FedExCup season
- 7 of the 12 winners of the AT&T Byron Nelson in the FedExCup era have advanced to the season-ending TOUR Championship: Scott Verplank (2007), Jason Day (2010), Keegan Bradley (2011), Jason Dufner (2012), Brendon Todd (2014), Steven Bowditch (2015), Aaron Wise (2018)
- Wise was the only rookie to reach the 2018 TOUR Championship, finishing 24<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup

**Wyndham Rewards Top 10 – Current top 10 in the FedExCup standings**

Pos.	Player	Points	Wins
1	Matt Kuchar	2,030	2
2	Xander Schauffele	1,562	2
3	Rory McIlroy	1,532	1
4	Paul Casey	1,370	1
5	Dustin Johnson	1,242	1
6	Rickie Fowler	1,197	1
7	Jon Rahm	1,136	1
8	Brooks Koepka	1,121	1

9	Gary Woodland	1,102	0
10	Charles Howell III	1,086	1

### Tournament Notes

- Trinity Forest Golf Club hosted the AT&T Byron Nelson for the first time in 2018 after 35 years at TPC Four Season Las Colinas in Irving, Texas
- AT&T Byron Nelson was the first TOUR event to be named in honor of a professional golfer
- The event is the ninth-oldest, non-major on TOUR, dating back to 1944

### Player Notes

#### Brooks Koepka (No. 8 in FedExCup, No. 3 in OWGR)

- Making his fifth start at the event, highlighted by a runner-up finish in 2016
- Holds the highest FedExCup position (8) among the players in the field
- Has a win (THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES) and two runner-up finishes (The Honda Classic, Masters Tournament) in 10 starts during the 2018-19 season
- Has won three of the last seven majors (2017 U.S. Open, 2018 U.S. Open, 2018 PGA Championship)

#### Marc Leishman (No. 13 in FedExCup, No. 22 in OWGR)

- Recorded his best round on TOUR in the first round of the 2018 AT&T Byron Nelson with a 10-under 61, setting the course record at Trinity Forest
- Finished runner-up in 2018, one of three top-threes in 10 starts in the event (2<sup>nd</sup>/2018, T3/2014, T3/2012)
- Opened the 2018-19 season with four top-five finishes in first six starts, including a win at the CIMB Classic
- Leads the Presidents Cup standings for the International Team; has played on each of the last three teams and holds an overall record of 3-7-3

#### Aaron Wise (No. 89 in FedExCup, No. 62 in OWGR)

- Became the first rookie to win the AT&T Byron Nelson since Keegan Bradley in 2011
- Owns one top-10 finish (T10/Mayakoba Golf Classic) in 11 starts during the 2018-19 season
- Won both the Individual and Team NCAA Championship in 2016 for the Oregon Ducks

#### Jordan Spieth (No. 153 in FedExCup, No. 39 in OWGR)

- AT&T Ambassador and Dallas native
- Making ninth start at the event, with best result a T16 in 2010, where he made his TOUR debut at age 16
- In search of his 12<sup>th</sup> TOUR career victory and first since the 2017 Open Championship

### Tony Romo

- Former Dallas Cowboys quarterback and current NFL on CBS analyst accepted his third sponsor exemption on TOUR, following back-to-back invites at Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship (CUT/2018, CUT/2019)
- Member at Trinity Forest Golf Club
- Reached First Stage of 2018 Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament after Japan's Tomo Watanabe was disqualified for signing an incorrect scorecard at a pre-qualifier; Failed to reach Second Stage following a 13-over 297 to finish T72 at Firewheel at Garland Bridges
- Won the 2018 Racine Tri-Course Amateur Championship at Meadowbrook Country Club in Wisconsin by nine strokes with rounds of 68-71-69
- Advanced to the sectional stage of qualifying for the U.S. Open in 2010, but withdrew due to his practice schedule with the Cowboys.

### Notable Tournament Records/History

- 18-hole scoring record: 60 (Sam Snead/R2/1957, Arron Oberholser/R2/2006, Keegan Bradley/R1/2013)

- 72-hole scoring record: 259 (Steven Bowditch/2015)
- Youngest winner: Tiger Woods, 1997 (21 years, 4 months, 18 days)
- Players to have claimed their first TOUR win at AT&T Byron Nelson: (Johnny Pott/1960, Charles Coody/1964, Mark Hayes/1976, Neal Lancaster/1994, Robert Damron/2001, Ted Purdy/2005, Brett Wetterich/2006, Jason Day/2010, Keegan Bradley/2011, Sangmoon Bae/2013, Brendan Todd/2014, Aaron Wise/2018)
- Dating to 2000, there have been 10 international winners, with Sergio Garcia performing the feat twice