



2019 AT&T Byron Nelson

(The 29th of 46 events in the PGA TOUR season)

Dallas, Texas
Trinity Forest Golf Club

May 9-12, 2019

Purse: \$7,900,000 (\$1,422,000 to the winner)
Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,371

First-Round Notes – Thursday, May 9, 2019

Weather: Mostly cloudy. High of 72. Wind NW 10-15 mph, gusting to 20 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Denny McCarthy	63 (-8)
Tyler Duncan	64 (-7)
Tom Hoge	64 (-7)
Nine players	65 (-6)

Things to Know

- Tournament leader Denny McCarthy records personal-best score on the PGA TOUR (63)
- Dallas native Jordan Spieth opens with a 3-under 68
- Former Dallas Cowboys quarterback and current CBS Sports broadcaster Tony Romo cards a 5-over 76
- Defending champion Aaron Wise posts a 2-under 69 in bid to become event’s first repeat winner since 1980
- One year after leading with a career-low 61, Marc Leishman withdraws prior to the event with a back injury

First-Round Lead Notes

- Five first-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win this season, most recently J.B. Holmes at the Genesis Open
- The 18-hole leader/co-leader has won nine times at the AT&T Byron Nelson: Sergio Garcia (2016), Steven Bowditch (2015), Jason Day (2010), Scott Simpson (1993), Tom Watson (1979, 1980), Mark Hayes (1976), Chi Chi Rodriguez (1972) and Earl Stewart (1961)
- Two players have won the tournament in wire-to-wire fashion (Mark Hayes/1976 and Tom Watson/1980)

Denny McCarthy (1st/63)

Age: 26 (March 4, 1993)

Entering the Week

#104	FedExCup
#157	Official World Golf Ranking
42	PGA TOUR starts
0	PGA TOUR wins
17	PGA TOUR starts in 2018-19
2	PGA TOUR top-10s in 2018-19
1	Start at AT&T Byron Nelson (T42/2018)

- Posted a double bogey on the par-4 fourth hole and sat 2-over through five holes; rallied with 10 birdies the rest of the way en route to a career-best 8-under 63 on TOUR
- In comparison, the current course record of 10-under 61 was set by Marc Leishman in 2018
- Previous high number of birdies in a round was seven (set on three occasions)
- Closed with a 6-under 29 on the back nine at Trinity Forest Golf Club
- R1 stats: 11 of 14 fairways hit, 13 of 18 greens in regulation, 4 of 5 scrambling, 22 putts
- Led the field in Strokes Gained: Putting (+5.548)
- Prior to opening 63, previous-best score on the PGA TOUR was second-round 64 at the 2018 Mayakoba Golf Classic
- Two top-10 finishes this season: 2018 Sanderson Farms Championship (T7), 2019 Valspar Championship (T9)
- Finished No. 149 in the FedExCup during his rookie season on TOUR (2017-18); currently No. 104

- Career-best finish on the PGA TOUR: 2018 Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship (4th)
- Marks the first time holding the lead after any round on the PGA TOUR
- Is a former Byron Nelson International Junior Golf Award recipient (2011)
- Hoping to join the likes of Jordan Spieth, Justin Thomas and Xander Schauffele, just to name a few, as PGA TOUR winners from the High School Class of 2011

Additional Player Notes

- Dallas native Jordan Spieth had seven birdies, two bogeys and a double bogey en route to a 3-under 68; hit 12 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens and had 30 putts; made his PGA TOUR debut at the 2010 AT&T Byron Nelson as a 16-year-old amateur (T16/his best showing at this event)
- Former Dallas Cowboys quarterback and current CBS Sports broadcaster Tony Romo posted a 5-over 76, highlighted by a chip-in for eagle from 65'10" on the par-5 seventh hole; Previous low score in two prior TOUR starts (77/R1/2018 Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship)
- Tyler Duncan opened with a 7-under 64, highlighted by playing Nos. 1-7 (his back nine) in 6-under
- Tom Hoge recorded a bogey-free 7-under 64 in his fourth start at the AT&T Byron Nelson; also opened with a 64 in 2016 en route to his best finish in three prior starts at this event (T49)
- Defending champion Aaron Wise posted a 2-under 69 as he seeks to become the first repeat winner at the AT&T Byron Nelson since Tom Watson won three straight (1978-80); won in 2018 with scores of 65-63-68-65
- D.J. Trahan withdrew during the first round with a back injury

Miscellaneous Notes

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Tom Hoge (64), Shawn Stefani (65), Michael Thompson (66), Scott Piercy (67), Scottie Scheffler (67), Cameron Davis (67), Alvaro Ortiz (69)

Scoring Averages:	Front (36)	Back (35)	Total (71)	Cumulative
R1:	34.490	35.329	69.819	---

R1: Morning scoring average (68.70) vs. afternoon scoring average (70.92)

Toughest Hole

R1: Par-4 ninth hole at 4.323

Easiest Hole

R1: The par-5 first hole and par-5 seventh at 4.394