



## 2019 Barracuda Championship

(The 42<sup>nd</sup> of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Reno, Nev.  
Montrêux Golf & CC

July 25-28, 2019  
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,472

FedExCup Points: 300 (to the winner)  
Purse: \$3,500,000

### COMPLETED First-Round Notes – Friday, July 26, 2019

#### Weather

**Thursday:** Partly cloudy. High of 89. Wind SSW 6-12 mph, gusting to 18 mph. Play was suspended due to a thunderstorm at 5:10 p.m. PT. A decision was made to suspend play for the day at 7:10 p.m. **Friday:** Partly cloudy. High of 84. Wind SE 5-10 mph. The first round resumed at 6:56 a.m. Friday and was completed at 8:50 a.m. The second round began at 7:20 a.m., 30 minutes later than originally scheduled

#### First-Round Leaderboard

David Lingmerth	+18
Tyrone Van Aswegen	+13
Robert Streb	+13
Tom Hoge	+13
Collin Morikawa	+13

#### Things To Know

- Since Stableford format began in 2012, David Lingmerth's five-point lead is largest first-round margin in tournament history
- Players from Sweden, South Africa, United States, South Korea, Ireland and Canada occupy top 10 spots on leaderboard
- Tommy Gainey makes first hole-in-one of his PGA TOUR career
- Collin Morikawa, T2 and T4 in last two starts, sits T2 at +13, five strokes off the lead
- Jim Herman records the only eagle at No. 18 to lead Barracuda Bonus
- First suspension of play at Barracuda Championship since 2017 (R4)

#### Scoring

The Barracuda Championship is employing the Modified Stableford scoring format for the eighth time, the first PGA TOUR event to use the format since The International in 2006. Players are allocated points based on the number of strokes taken at each hole with the goal of achieving the highest overall score.

Score	Points
Albatross	+8
Eagle	+5
Birdie	+2
Par	0
Bogey	-1
Double bogey or worse	-3

#### First-Round Lead Notes

- 4 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win Barracuda Championship (most recent: Matt Bettencourt/2010)
- 7 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2018-19 (most recent: Nate Lashley/Rocket Mortgage Classic)

#### David Lingmerth (1<sup>st</sup>/+18)

Age: 32 (July 22, 1987)

Joined TOUR: 2013

#### Entering this week

#229 FedExCup  
#628 OWGR

162 PGA TOUR starts  
 1 PGA TOUR wins (2015 the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide)  
 12 PGA TOUR starts in 2018-19  
 0 Top-10s in 2018-19  
 2 Starts at Barracuda Championship  
 0/2 When holding the first-round lead/co-lead: 2017 the Memorial Tournament (T15), 2017 Quicken Loans National (T5)

- Posted nine birdies, including his final two holes (Nos. 8 and 9), for 18 points and five-point lead
- Since Stableford format began in 2012, five-point lead is largest first-round lead in tournament history and +18 ties first-round record (Nick Watney/2014, Zack Sucher/2015)
- Hit 14/14 fairways, 13/18 greens and required 22 putts
- Followed opening-round 79 with 63 at last week's Barbasol Championship (MC)
- Making third appearance at Barracuda Championship (T21/2014, MC/2018)
- Playing out of 126-150 category after finishing No. 143 in FedExCup last season
- Made three cuts in 12 starts this season (T49/Puerto Rico Open, T43/AT&T Byron Nelson, T41/the Memorial Tournament) and enters the week No. 229 in the FedExCup
- Lone TOUR victory in 162 starts is the Memorial Tournament in 2015
- Last top-10 finish on TOUR was T5 at 2017 Quicken Loans National

#### Collin Morikawa (T2/+13)

- Between an opening-hole bogey and a closing par, when he failed to get up-and-down for birdie from the front edge of the reachable par-5 green, posted seven birdies in his first appearance at the Barracuda Championship
- Finished T2 at inaugural 3M Open and T4 at John Deere Classic in his last two starts
- Sixth start as a professional; previous starts (all in 2019): RBC Canadian Open (T14), U.S. Open (T35), Travelers Championship (T36), 3M Open (T2), John Deere Classic (T4)
- Runner-up at 3M Open earned him Special Temporary Membership on the PGA TOUR, allowing him to accept unlimited sponsor exemptions for the remainder of the season; should he earn as many or more (non-member) FedExCup points as No. 125 in the FedExCup standings after the Wyndham Championship, he would earn full status for the 2019-20 season
- As a 19-year-old, then University of California standout contended at the Korn Ferry Tour's Air Capital Classic in 2016 posting weekend rounds of 63-63 for a 17-under total; lost to Ollie Schniederjans (first-round leader at 2018 Barracuda Championship) in a three-man playoff
- Four-time All-American and former top-ranked amateur in the world

#### Additional Notes

- Helped by a birdie-birdie-eagle stretch to close the front nine, South Africa's **Tyrone Van Aswegen** (T2/+13) added two additional birdies while making his sixth consecutive appearance at this event, where his best result is T15 in 2015; Holed second shot from 130 yards for eagle at No. 9; Seeks first TOUR title in his 154<sup>th</sup> start
- **Robert Streb** (T2/+13) notched seven birdies and a bogey while making his fourth start in Reno (T46/2013, T14/2014, T58/2018)
- Now in his fifth season as a PGA TOUR member, **Tom Hoge** (T2/+13) mixed four birdies with an eagle at No. 8; Advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs last season for the first time; Best result in 131 career starts is 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2018 Sony Open in Hawaii, where he held 54-hole solo lead. Making fifth start at Barracuda Championship (T10/2015, T66/2016, T4/2017, 35<sup>th</sup>/2018)
- 2009 PGA Championship winner **Y.E. Yang** (T6/+12) is the best of six major champions in the field
- **Seamus Power** (T8/+11) is trying to become the second player from Ireland to win in as many weeks on TOUR (Shane Lowry/The Open) and the third international player in as many weeks (Dylan Frittelli/South Africa/John Deere Classic)
- **Will Gordon** (T8/+11), a former Vanderbilt standout and sponsor exemption this week, will celebrate his 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday on Sunday's final round
- **Tommy Gainey** (T15/+9) holed a pitching wedge from 154 yards at No. 7 for his first hole-in-one on the PGA TOUR. Made a second eagle in his round (No. 13) to reach +12, but closed bogey-double bogey-bogey-birdie to finish +9
- **Cameron Beckman** (T121/-4) is making his 20<sup>th</sup> appearance at Barracuda Championship, most of any player
- Players from Sweden, South Africa, South Korea, Canada and Ireland occupy spots in the top-10 on the leaderboard. Australians Geoff Ogilvy (2014) and Greg Chalmers (2016) are the only international-born winners of the Barracuda Championship since the tournament's inception in 1999
- **Ben Crane** withdrew before the start of the first round. **Will MacKenzie** withdrew after nine holes. **Jhonattan Vegas** withdrew after completing the first round (+8) due to personal reasons

#### Barracuda Bonus

For the fourth-consecutive season, the Barracuda Bonus is a \$50,000 charitable donation given in the name of the player who collects the most Modified Stableford points on the par-5 18<sup>th</sup> hole at Montreux G&CC over the course of the four competitive rounds. One-half of the \$50,000 will go to charity or charities in the Reno-Tahoe area while the other \$25,000 will go to a charity of the player's choice. Additionally, \$100,000 will be donated to charity for the first player to record an albatross at No. 18.

- **Jim Herman** (T40/+5), last week's winner at the Barbasol Championship, was the only player to record an eagle at No. 18 in the opening round, therefore leads the Barracuda Bonus

**Bogey-free rounds**

**R1 (7):** David Lingmerth (+18), Tyrone Van Aswegen (+13), Tom Hoge (+13), Chris Stroud (+10), Beau Hossler (+8), Alex Cejka (+6), Scott Langley (+6)