



## 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

### Third-Round Notes – Saturday, July 27, 2019

#### Weather

Mostly sunny. High of 87. Wind SSE at 5-10 mph

#### Third-Round Leaderboard

Troy Merritt	+7/+12/+18 (+37)
Robert Streb	+13/+12/+10 (+35)
Collin Morikawa	+13/+7/+13 (+33)
John Chin	+9/+11/+11 (+31)
Roger Sloan	+10/+11/+9 (+30)

#### Things To Know

- Since Modified Stableford format began in 2012, the tournament has had a solo leader after 54 holes each year
- Troy Merritt has converted two of three previous 54-hole leads for the win
- Troy Merritt and Robert Streb were partners at 2019 Zurich Classic of New Orleans (T22) team event
- Collin Morikawa records his 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive round under par this season, with 11 of those rounds in the 60s

#### 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

#### Third-Round Lead Notes

13/20	Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win Barracuda Championship (most recent: Andrew Putnam/2018)
6/7	Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win Barracuda Championship since Modified Stableford format began in 2012
23	Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2018-19 (most recent: Jim Herman/Barbasol Championship)
7	Largest 54-hole lead since the Modified Stableford scoring format began in 2012 (Gary Woodland/2013)

Player	Barracuda Position	Current FedExCup	Projected FedExCup
Troy Merritt	1	112	52
Robert Streb	2	144	100
Collin Morikawa	3	(456 non-member points)	--
John Chin	4	217	185

#### Comparing the top two on the leaderboard (entering the week)

	Troy Merritt	Robert Streb
Age	33 (October 25, 1985)	32 (April 7, 1987)

Country	USA	USA
FedExCup	112	144
OWGR	165	281
PGA TOUR starts	199	188
PGA TOUR wins	2	1
PGA TOUR top-10s	13	17
Starts in 2018-19	17	26
Wins in 2018-19	0	0
Top-10s in 2018-19	3	1

#### **Troy Merritt (1<sup>st</sup>/+37)**

- Eagled No. 2 and made three birdies before closing birdie-eagle for 18 points for solo lead
- Fourth 54-hole lead/co-lead on PGA TOUR, winning two of previous three (1<sup>st</sup>/2015 Quicken Loans National, 1<sup>st</sup>/2018 Barbasol Championship, 3<sup>rd</sup>/2015 RBC Heritage)
- Will post his best result in three appearances in Reno after missed cuts in 2011 and 2017
- Seeks third PGA TOUR title in his 200<sup>th</sup> start (2015 Quicken Loans National, 2018 Barbasol Championship)
- A top-10 result Sunday would mark his fourth this season, the most in a single season of eight seasons on TOUR

#### **Robert Streb (2<sup>nd</sup>/+35)**

- 36-hole leader was bogey-free while posting +10 but sits solo second two points behind Troy Merritt
- Missed three of his last four cuts entering the week: Rocket Mortgage Classic (MC), 3M Open (T34), John Deere Classic (MC), Barbasol Championship (MC)
- Sole top-10 finish in 26 starts this season came at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (T4)
- Made the cut for the fourth consecutive time in Reno (2013/T46, 2014/T14, 2018/T58)
- Defeated Brendon de Jonge and Will MacKenzie in a playoff at 2014 The RSM Classic for his lone PGA TOUR victory

#### **Collin Morikawa (3<sup>rd</sup>/+33)**

- Mixed seven birdies with one bogey for 13 points while recording his 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive round under par this season, with 11 of those rounds in the 60s
- 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
- University of California's first Four-time All-American and former top-ranked amateur in the world

#### **Additional Notes**

- Entering this week, **John Chin** (4<sup>th</sup>/+31) had missed seven cuts in his last eight starts of his rookie season; In 22 career starts, best finish is a T21 at the 2019 Puerto Rico Open
- **Roger Sloan** (5<sup>th</sup>/+30) posted +9 for the day and recorded his 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive sub-70 round; Seeking fourth consecutive top-25 finish of the season, where he has progressively improved in each start (Rocket Mortgage Classic/T21, 3M Open/T15, John Deere Classic/T10)
- **Cameron Tringale** (T6/+29) notched 15 points in a round that included six birdies on his back nine; Made four previous starts at Barracuda Championship (2010/MC, 2016/T35, 2017/T45, 2018/MC; Seeks first PGA TOUR win in 263<sup>rd</sup> start; Three runner-up finishes among 21 career top-10s (T2/2015 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2015 Zurich Classic of New Orleans, T2/2014 THE NORTHERN TRUST)
- **Jonathan Byrd** (T6/+29) seeks sixth PGA TOUR victory, but first since 2011 Sentry Tournament of Champions; Owns two top-three results in nine previous starts at Barracuda Championship (T2/2013, T3/2014); Of 45 career top-10s, only two recorded in last five seasons (T5/2017 John Deere Classic, 4<sup>th</sup>/2019 Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship)
- Two sponsor exemptions making an impact: **Will Gordon** (T6/+29), the Vanderbilt standout who will celebrate his 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday during Sunday's final round. Gordon made eagle at the par-4 14<sup>th</sup> hole after driving the green. **Charlie Danielson** (14<sup>th</sup>/+27) finished T44 in his professional debut at the 2016 Barracuda Championship
- Three major champions advanced to the weekend: **Martin Kaymer** (T33/+21), **Y.E. Yang** (T51/+16), **John Daly** (T61/+14); Last time Daly made a cut on PGA TOUR – 2018 Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship/T65

#### **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.

- **Omar Uresti, Jim Herman and Will Gordon** share the lead in the Barracuda Bonus with seven points through 54 holes

**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)

**R2 (6):** Daniel Berger (+8), Andrew Landry (+12), Denny McCarthy (+12), George McNeil (+16), Sebastian Munoz (+8), Brendan Steele (+13)

**R3 (4):** Troy Merritt (+18), Nicholas Lindheim (+15), Jonathan Byrd (+12), Robert Streb (+10)