



BMW Championship

2019 BMW Championship

(The second of three events in the FedExCup Playoffs)

Medinah, Illinois
Medinah Country Club (Course No. 3)

August 12-18, 2019
Par/Yards: 72/7,613

FedExCup Points: 2,000 (winner)
Purse: \$9,250,000 (\$1,665,000)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, August 15, 2019

Weather: Sunny. High of 79. Wind NNE 8-12 mph with gust of 15.

First-Round Leaderboard

Justin Thomas	65 (-7)
Jason Kokrak	65 (-7)
Patrick Cantlay	66 (-6)
Joel Dahmen	66 (-6)
Brandt Snedeker	66 (-6)
Lucas Glover	66 (-6)
Jim Furyk	66 (-6)

Things to Know

- Of the eight FedExCup champions in the field, three are in the top five on the leaderboard: Justin Thomas/2016 (T1), Brandt Snedeker/2012 (T3), Jim Furyk/2010 (T3); only Tiger Woods has won multiple FedExCups (2007 and 2009)
- In the first PGA TOUR stroke-play tournament at Medinah Country Club Course No. 3 since the 2006 PGA Championship, Justin Thomas and Jason Kokrak tie the course record (65)
 - Skip Kendall 1999 PGA Championship (Round 2)
 - Mike Weir 2006 PGA Championship (Round 3)
 - Tiger Woods 2006 PGA Championship (Round 3)
 - Justin Thomas 2019 BMW Championship (Round 1)
 - Jason Kokrak 2019 BMW Championship (Round 1)
- 2010 TOUR Championship winner and FedExCup champion Jim Furyk (No. 48) seeks to qualify for the TOUR Championship for the first time since 2015
- Current projections have Tiger Woods (T50) needing a solo-13th or better finish to advance to the TOUR Championship
- Current projections of players to move **into** top 30: Jason Kokrak, Lucas Glover, Jim Furyk, Scott Piercy, Ryan Palmer
- Current projections of players to move **outside** top 30: Sungjae Im, Shane Lowry, Louis Oosthuizen, Andrew Putnam, Harold Varner III

First-Round Lead Notes

- 7 of 19 First-round leaders/co-leaders since 2000 at the BMW Championship to go on to win (most recent: Marc Leishman/2017)
- 7 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2018-19 (most recent: Nate Lashley/Rocket Mortgage Classic)

Justin Thomas (T1/65)

- Holds sixth first-round lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR and first since the 2019 Waste Management Phoenix Open (3rd); has converted three 18-hole lead/co-leads to victory
- Has yet to record a victory this season; Has wins in each of the last three seasons, highlighted by a five-win season in 2017 when he claimed the FedExCup title
- Has seven top-10s in 16 FedExCup Playoffs events, including a victory at the 2017 Dell Technologies Championship

Jason Kokrak (T1/65)

- At No. 32 in the FedExCup, seeks first start at the TOUR Championship in his seventh FedExCup Playoffs appearance
- Has yet to win on the PGA TOUR in 208 starts; best results include three runner-ups: 2012 Safeway Open, 2016 Genesis Invitational, 2019 Valspar Championship

- Has just one missed cut in 22 starts this season; five top-10s mark a career-best on TOUR
- Marks second first-round lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR (2013 Desert Classic/T8) and fourth overall

Entering this week	Justin Thomas	Jason Kokrak
Age	26 (April 29, 1993)	34 (May 22, 1985)
Country	USA	USA
FedExCup	15	32
OWGR	10	60
PGA TOUR starts	135	208
PGA TOUR wins	9	0
PGA TOUR top-10s	42	24
Starts in 2018-19	18	22
Wins in 2018-19	0	0
Top-10s in 2018-19	5	5
BMW Championship starts	4	3
BMW Championship top-10s	0	0

Jim Furyk (T3/66)

- At age 49 years, 3 months, 3 days, Furyk is the oldest player in the field; seeks to become the oldest player to qualify for the TOUR Championship during the FedExCup era (Kenny Perry/2009/49 years, 1 month, 3 days)
- No. 48 in the FedExCup; as it stands after round one, needs a solo-ninth or better finish to move into the top 30
- Competing in the FedExCup Playoffs for the first time since 2016
- Makes 21st start in the BMW Championship, and first since 2015 (WD); owns 12 top-10s, with a victory in 2005 at Cog Hill and a 59 during the second round of the 2013 event at Conway Farms
- One of three players in the field who competed in all three events held at Medinah No. 3 in recent years (1999 PGA Championship, 2006 PGA Championship, 2012 Ryder Cup); Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson are the others

Tiger Woods (T50/71)

- A week after he opened with a 75 in the first round of THE NORTHERN TRUST and withdrew before the start of the second round with an injury, opened with a 1-under 71; Here's a comparison:

Round	Fairways	Greens	Scrambling	Putts	Feet of Putts Made`	Birdies	Bogeys/worse	Score
R1/TNT	9/14	10/18	3/8	30	60'6"	3	6	75
R1/BMW	7/14	11/18	5/7	29	92'11"	4	3	71

- Has failed to open with a round in the 60s this season; most recent first-round scores include a 78 (The Open) and 75 (THE NORTHERN TRUST)
- Makes 19th start in the BMW Championship; has five wins in the event (2009, 2007, 2003, 1999, 1997)
- Has two wins at Medinah No. 3 (1999 PGA Championship and 2006 PGA Championship)

Miscellaneous Player Notes

- In his first start at the BMW Championship, Joel Dahmen (No. 63) opens with a bogey-free 66
- After moving into the top 30 following the BMW Championship in both 2017 and 2018, Xander Schauffele (No. 7) posts a 5-under 67 and sits T8
- Despite posting four bogeys, FedExCup leader and World No. 1 Brooks Koepka opens with a 4-under 68 with six birdies and an eagle and sits T17
- Phil Mickelson (T36) is the only player to qualify for every BMW Championship during the FedExCup era
- Defending champion Keegan Bradley opens with a 3-under 69 (T25)
- This week marks the final week for players to move into the top eight in the Presidents Cup standings. After the top eight earn their spots on their respective teams following the BMW Championship on Sunday, August 18, International Team Captain Ernie Els and U.S. Team Captain Tiger Woods will have the opportunity to each make four additional Captains' selections following the conclusion of the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions in November.

Rookies in the FedExCup Playoffs

Eight rookies qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs and five remain. Since the inception of the FedExCup, the rookie who finishes the highest in the FedExCup has been voted Rookie of the Year.

Rookie	FEC Position	R1 Position	Projected FEC position
Sungjae Im	26	T36	32
Collin Morikawa	57	T8	44
Cameron Champ	58	T50	60
Adam Long	65	T59	68
Wyndham Clark	68	T25	66

Players on the TOUR Championship bubble

FEC Position	Player	R1 Position	Projected FEC Position
25	Shane Lowry	T59	35
26	Sungjae Im	T36	32
27	Corey Connors	T25	30
28	Louis Oosthuizen	T36	37
29	Harold Varner III	T59	39
30	Andrew Putnam	T50	38
31	Ryan Palmer	T17	29
32	Jason Kokrak	T1	<i>Top-3</i>
33	Hideki Matsuyama	T25	36
34	Francesco Molinari	T59	43
35	Scott Piercy	T8	27

Course Statistics

	Toughest Hole	Easiest Hole
R1:	Par-4 4 th (4.101)	Par-5 5 th (4.087)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.319	34.957	69.275	---

	Early	Late
R1:	69.25	69.30

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (10): Abraham Ancer (68), Wyndham Clark (69), Corey Connors (69), Joel Dahmen (66), Tommy Fleetwood (70), Jim Furyk (66), Lucas Glover (66), Hideki Matsuyama (69), Rory Sabbatini (67), Justin Thomas (65)