



2019 BMW Championship

(The second of three events in the FedExCup Playoffs)

Medinah, Illinois **August 12-18, 2019** **FedExCup Points: 2,000 (winner)**
 Medinah Country Club (Course No. 3) **Par/Yards: 72/7,613** **Purse: \$9,250,000 (\$1,665,000)**

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, August 17, 2019

Weather: Mix of sun and clouds with isolated showers. Due to a dangerous weather situation, the third round was suspended at 11:29 a.m. CT and resumed at 12:45 p.m. CT for a total delay of one hour, 16 minutes. Wind SSW 6-12 mph. Due to overnight weather and anticipated weather in the morning, final-round tee times will be in threesomes off both tees, approximately 10:19 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. CT.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Justin Thomas	65-69-61—195 (-21)
Tony Finau	67-66-68—201 (-15)
Patrick Cantlay	66-67-68—201 (-15)
Rory Sabbatini	67-68-67—202 (-14)
Jon Rahm	68-69-66—203 (-13)

Things to Know

- Justin Thomas records eight birdies, two eagles and a bogey for course-record 61
- Tony Finau (T2) needs to finish third or better to secure automatic spot (top-eight) for U.S. Presidents Cup team
- Tiger Woods cards first bogey-free round on TOUR since the third round of the 2018 BMW Championship (Aronimink); current projections have Woods (T31) needing a T6 or better to qualify for TOUR Championship
- Of 22 players in the field who previously competed at Medinah, three are in the top 10: Rory Sabbatini/2006 PGA Championship/MC, Brandt Snedeker/2012 Ryder Cup, Lucas Glover/2006 PGA Championship/T46
- Current projections of players to fall **outside** top 30: Shane Lowry, Andrew Putnam, Harold Varner III
- Current projections of players to move **into** top 30: Rory Sabbatini, Lucas Glover, Hideki Matsuyama
 - Sabbatini (4th) in position to qualify for TOUR Championship for second time and first since 2007
 - Glover (T6) in position to qualify for TOUR Championship for second time and first since 2009
 - Matsuyama (T9) has never missed the TOUR Championship since joining the TOUR in 2014

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 10 of 19 Third-round leaders/co-leaders since 2000 at the BMW Championship to go on to win (most recent: Marc Leishman/2017)
- 24 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2018-19 (most recent: Patrick Reed/THE NORTHERN TRUST)

Justin Thomas (1st/-21)

- Records fourth round of 61 or better on TOUR: 59, 2017 Sony Open in Hawaii/R1; 61, 2015 Sony Open in Hawaii/R2; 61, 2015 CIMB Classic/R2; 61, 2019 BMW Championship/R3

Player	Rounds of 61 or better (since 1983)
Brandt Snedeker	5
Troy Matteson	4
Phil Mickelson	4
Robert Gamez	4
Tiger Woods	4
Justin Thomas	4

- Opens with five consecutive birdies; best opening birdie streak on TOUR came at the 2018 Waste Management Phoenix Open when he opened the third round with six straight birdies

- Leads the field with 21 birdies, four more than next best player; becomes fourth player to record two eagles in a round during the FedExCup Playoffs (Jason Day, Brandt Snedeker, Jonas Blixt)
- Round highlights include a chip-in for birdie on No. 14 and hole-out for eagle on the par-4 16th from 180 yards (8-iron), which bookmarked a par on 15 after he hit his tee shot into the water
- Records four scores of 2 in a round for the third time (2018 CIMB Classic/R4, 2016 Travelers Championship/R4)
- Holds 54-hole lead/co-lead for 10th time on the PGA TOUR; converted six of previous nine third-round leads/co-leads; most recently held the solo 54-hole lead at the 2019 Genesis Invitational; led by four before a 75, his worst final round of the season, resulted in a runner-up

Justin Thomas' 54-hole leads by three strokes or more		
Tournament	Lead	Finish
2017 Sony Open in Hawaii	7 strokes	Won
2019 BMW Championship	6 strokes	TBD
2019 Genesis Invitational	4 strokes	Runner-up
2018 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational	3 strokes	Won

- With a win, projected to move to No. 1 in the FedExCup standings; the 2017 FedExCup champion looks to join Tiger Woods as the only multiple winners of the FedExCup
- After eight wins over the last two PGA TOUR seasons, in search of first victory of the 2018-19 season and 10th overall
- Most recent PGA TOUR win: 2018 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational (at Firestone CC)
- Shared the first-round lead after a bogey-free 5-under 65 in round one
- Did not play from the Masters (April) until the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide (June) due to a wrist injury; has yet to record a top-10 since returning to competition

Entering this week	Justin Thomas
Age	26 (April 29, 1993)
Country	USA
FedExCup	15
OWGR	10
PGA TOUR starts	135
PGA TOUR wins	9
PGA TOUR top-10s	42
Starts in 2018-19	18
Wins in 2018-19	0
Top-10s in 2018-19	5
BMW Championship starts	4
BMW Championship top-10s	0

Tony Finau (T2/-15)

- Seeks first Presidents Cup appearance; needs to finish solo-third or better to break into the top-eight in the standings; current projections have him moving up two spots and into the eighth spot on the U.S. Team
- In search of second career PGA TOUR victory (2016 Puerto Rico Open); has four top-fives in 2018-19, highlighted by runner-ups (World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions/Playoff loss, Charles Schwab Challenge), a T5 at the Masters, and a solo-third at The Open Championship
- Fifth start in the BMW Championship with top-10s in last two starts (T8/2018/Aronimink, T7/2017/Conway Farms)
- No. 19 in FedExCup as he seeks third consecutive berth to the TOUR Championship
- Made 15 career starts in FedExCup Playoffs events and has five top-10s; best finish 2nd/2018 THE NORTHERN TRUST

Patrick Cantlay (T2/-15)

- Looks to secure first Presidents Cup team appearance; currently eighth in the U.S. Team standings; projections have him moving three spots to fifth in the standings
- In search of third career PGA TOUR victory (2017 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, 2019 the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide)
- Third consecutive appearance in the BMW Championship; T9 marks best result in 2017 at Conway Farms
- Is No. 6 in the FedExCup on the strength of a win (the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide) and seven additional top-10s; finished T12 in THE NORTHERN TRUST

Miscellaneous Player Notes

- Tiger Woods posts five birdies against no bogeys for first bogey-free round on TOUR in a year; last four bogey-free rounds have all come in the FedExCup Playoffs
 - 2019 BMW Championship/Medinah/R3/67
 - 2018 BMW Championship/Aronimink/R3/66
 - 2018 Dell Technologies Championship/TPC Boston/R2/66
 - 2018 THE NORTHERN TRUST/Ridgewood/R3/68
- At T18, current projections have Louis Oosthuizen securing final spot in the top 30; Has not competed in Atlanta since 2012 (WD in 2015); In 2017, missed out on the 30th spot by .72 points
- Brandt Snedeker has two hole-outs in round three: par-3 13th and par-3 17th

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	R3 Position	Projected FEC position
Sungjae Im	26	T24	29
Collin Morikawa	57	T47	59
Cameron Champ	58	T68	61
Adam Long	65	T51	68
Wyndham Clark	68	T18	56

Players on the TOUR Championship bubble

FEC Position	Player	R3 Position	Projected FEC Position
25	Shane Lowry	T58	33
26	Sungjae Im	T24	29
27	Corey Connors	T6	20
28	Louis Oosthuizen	T18	30
29	Harold Varner III	T68	38
30	Andrew Putnam	T51	37
31	Ryan Palmer	T36	34
32	Jason Kokrak	T24	32
33	Hideki Matsuyama	T9	27
34	Francesco Molinari	T51	41
35	Scott Piercy	T36	39

Course Statistics

	Toughest Hole	Easiest Hole
R1:	Par-4 4 th (4.101)	Par-5 5 th (4.087)
R2:	Par-4 6 th (4.217)	Par-5 5 th (4.435)
R3:	Par-4 6 th (4.145)	Par-5 5 th (4.290)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.319	34.957	69.275	---
R2:	35.159	35.188	70.348	69.812
R3:	34.754	34.913	69.667	69.763

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)

R2 (7): Patrick Cantlay (67), Tony Finau (66), Max Homa (67), Hideki Matsuyama (63), C.T. Pan (67), Rory Sabbatini (68), Xander Schauffele (68)

R3 (10): Paul Casey (67), Wyndham Clark (65), Marc Leishman (67), Louis Oosthuizen (68), Adam Scott (69), Webb Simpson (67), Brandt Snedeker (67), Vaughn Taylor (67), Gary Woodland (64), Tiger Woods (67)