



**2019 Charles Schwab Challenge**  
*(The 31<sup>st</sup> of 46 events in the PGA TOUR season)*

**Fort Worth, Texas**  
**Colonial Country Club**

**May 23-26, 2019**

**FedExCup Points: 500** Purse: \$7,300,000  
**Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,209**

**First-Round Notes – Thursday, May 23, 2019**

*Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 89. Wind SSE 15-20 mph, gusting to 30 mph.*

**First-Round Leaderboard**

Tony Finau	64 (-6)
Roger Sloan	65 (-5)
Jordan Spieth	65 (-5)
Nine players	67 (-3)

**Things to Know**

- Tony Finau holds his fifth first-round lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR
- Since 1990, the first-round leader/co-leader has won the Charles Schwab Challenge just three times
- Jordan Spieth posted his 26<sup>th</sup> round on the PGA TOUR with eight or more birdies (most since 2013)
- Spieth turned in his career-best Strokes Gained: Putting performance
- Colonial Country Club member Ryan Palmer posted the day’s only bogey-free round (68)
- Reigning FedExCup champion Justin Rose opened with a 4-over 74 in his bid to join Ben Hogan as the only back-to-back winners of the Charles Schwab Challenge

**First-Round Lead Notes**

- 17 First-round leaders/co-leaders at the Charles Schwab Challenge to win (most recent: Zach Johnson/2012)
- 3 Number of first-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Charles Schwab Challenge since 1990 (Steve Stricker/2009, David Toms/2011, Zach Johnson/2012)
- 6 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2018-19 (most recent: Brooks Koepka/PGA Championship)
- 62 Kevin Na’s tournament record-tying opening round score in 2018

**Tony Finau (64/1<sup>st</sup>)**

**Age:** 29 (September 14, 1989)

**Entering this week**

- #33 FedExCup
- #16 OWGR
- 134 PGA TOUR starts
- 1 PGA TOUR win
- 3 Starts at Charles Schwab Challenge
- 0 Top-10s at Charles Schwab Challenge (best finish/T19 in 2015)
- 15 PGA TOUR starts in 2018-19
- 2 Top-10s in 2018-19
- 0 Wins when holding 18-hole lead/co-lead (0/4)

**Win (1): 2016 Puerto Rico Open**

**Best 2018-19 results:** 2<sup>nd</sup>/2018 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions

- Had birdies on Nos. 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13; lone bogey came on the par-4 fifth hole
- Hit just three of 14 fairways (ranked T119 out of 122 players); hit 16 of 18 greens
- Led the field in Strokes Gained: Approach the Green (+4.099) and Putts/Greens in Regulation
- Horrible Horseshoe performance: No. 3 (birdie), No. 4 (birdie), No. 5 (par)

- Results when holding the 18-hole lead/co-lead on PGA TOUR; 2014 Mayakoba Golf Classic (T7), 2015 THE NORTHERN TRUST (T16), 2018 Farmers Insurance Open (T6), 2018 Genesis Open (T2)
- Entering this week, round-by-round scoring averages this season: R1 (69.29), R2 (70.00), R3 (69.08), R4 (71.58)

### **Jordan Spieth (65/T2)**

- Carded eight birdies (Nos. 1, 2, 4, 9, 13, 15-17), a double bogey (No. 18) and a bogey (No. 8) en route to a 5-under 65
- Marked his 26<sup>th</sup> round on the PGA TOUR with 8 or more birdies
- Most rounds with 8+ birdies on TOUR (since 2013): Spieth (26), Justin Thomas (19), Hideki Matsuyama (19)
- Turned in his career-best Strokes Gained: Putting performance (+5.464); previous-best total was +5.159 at the 2019 PLAYERS Championship (R2)
- Prior to T32 in 2018, 2016 champion finished no worse than T14 in five previous starts at the Charles Schwab Challenge (T7/2013, T14/2014, T2/2015, 1/2016, T2/2017, T32/2018)
- Round-by-round stroke averages at Colonial entering the week: R1 (67.00), R2 (68.50), R3 (68.50), R4 (66.50)
- Two over-par rounds in 25 trips around Colonial Country Club: second-round 73 in 2014 and third-round 71 in 2013

### **Additional Player Notes**

- Colonial Country Club member and recent Zurich Classic of New Orleans champion Ryan Palmer posted the day's only bogey-free round (2-under 68)
- Reigning FedExCup champion Justin Rose opened with a 4-over 74 in bid to join Ben Hogan as the only back-to-back winners of the Charles Schwab Challenge; marked his worst score in 21 rounds at Colonial (previous high score was a third-round 3-over 73 in 2010)
- Roger Sloan sits T2 following a 65, one shy of his career-low round on TOUR (64/R2/2018 Mayakoba Golf Classic)
- Louis Oosthuizen (neck injury) withdrew prior to the start of the round and was replaced by Kelly Kraft
- Tom Purtzer withdrew during the round with a right forearm injury
- Kenny Perry withdrew following an opening-round 80

### **Course Statistics**

#### **Toughest Hole**

**R1:** Par-4 third hole (4.306)

#### **Easiest Hole**

**R1:** Par-5 first hole (4.752)

#### **Horrible Horseshoe**

**R1:** Par-4 third hole (4.306; toughest hole of the day), No. 4 (3.190; 3<sup>rd</sup> hardest), No. 5 (4.298; 2<sup>nd</sup> hardest)

#### **Scoring Averages**

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
<b>R1:</b>	35.752	35.504	71.256	---

	<b>Early</b>	<b>Late</b>
<b>R1:</b>	70.44	72.08

#### **Bogey-free rounds**

**R1:** Ryan Palmer (68)