



2019 Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship
(The 23rd of 46 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
Puntacana Resort & Club (Corales Course)

March 28-31, 2019
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,670

Purse: \$3,000,000

Second-Round Notes – Friday, March 29, 2019

Weather: Mostly cloudy with a high of 85. Wind SE 5-10 mph

36-hole cut: 74 players at 2-under 142 from a field of 129 professionals and three amateurs

Second-Round Leaderboard

Position	Name	Score
1	Sungjae Im	67-67—134 (-10)
T2	Aaron Baddeley	68-67—135 (-9)
T2	Jonathan Byrd	68-67—135 (-9)
T2	Paul Dunne	66-69—135 (-9)
T2	George McNeill	70-65—135 (-9)

Things to Know

- Sungjae Im takes his second lead/co-lead after any round on PGA TOUR
- Graeme McDowell birdies six holes in a seven-hole stretch to post his lowest score to par since 2015
- Kelly Kraft makes one par on his first 12 holes en route to a 67 and a move into the top five
- First-round co-leader Matt Jones manages a 71 despite a quintuple bogey on his first hole of the day
- Tony Romo misses the cut after rounds of 79-80

Second-Round Lead Notes

- In last year's inaugural Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, Brice Garnett led by a stroke at 13-under 131
- Through 21 events this season, 12 second-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win, most recently Paul Casey at last week's Valspar Championship

Sungjae Im (1st/-10)

Age: 20 (March 30, 1998)

Entering the Week

- #17 FedExCup
- #59 Official World Golf Ranking
- 18 PGA TOUR starts
- 4 PGA TOUR top-10s in 2018-19
- 0 Starts at Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship

- PGA TOUR rookie overcame a double-bogey-five at No. 11 with eight birdies to post a 5-under 67 for the second straight day
- Highest-ranked player in the field in the FedExCup and OWGR will celebrate his 21st birthday on Saturday
- Takes second lead/co-lead after any round on the PGA TOUR for the second time (R2/2019 The Honda Classic/T51)
- 47 of 57 rounds this season have now been at par-or-better
- Three top-five finishes this season; T3/Arnold Palmer Invitational, T4/ Valspar Championship, T4/Safeway Open
- En route to earning his PGA TOUR rookie card, won the 2018 Web.com Tour's first event, The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay
- In 2018, became the first player in Web.com Tour history to lead the money list all year
- Has competed in every event he has qualified for this season, with the exception of the Puerto Rico Open (17 starts)

Jonathan Byrd (T2/-9)

- With scores of 68-67—135 (-9), is the only player in the field without a bogey
- Through 36 holes, has missed just five greens in regulation (15/18, 16/18)
- After opening with a 6-under 66 in last year's event, struggled with rounds of 74-73-73 to finish T54
- Finished T30 in the 2017 Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship on the Web.com Tour after four sub-par scores
- Competing out of the Past Champion category this season on the PGA TOUR
- Winner of five PGA TOUR events, most recently the 2011 Sentry Tournament of Champions

Aaron Baddeley (T2/-9)

- Reeled off five consecutive birdies on Nos. 3-7 en route to a 5-under 67
- Did not compete in last year's inaugural event at Puntacana
- At No. 68 in the FedExCup standings, has notched two top-5 finishes so far this season; T4/Safeway Open (with Sungjae Im, among others), T2/Puerto Rico Open
- Angling to finish inside the top-125 in the FedExCup and return to the Playoffs for the first time since 2016
- In search of his fifth career PGA TOUR win and first since the 2016 Barbasol Championship, also an additional event (was played opposite The Open Championship)

Paul Dunne (T2/-9)

- Overcame a double-bogey at the par-3 second with six birdies, good for a 3-under 69
- Making 16th PGA TOUR start, where his best finish is T5 at this event last year. The top-10 earned him a spot in the field at the following week's Houston Open (T8)
- Irishman attended the University of Alabama - Birmingham where, as a senior, he finished fifth in the individual competition at the 2015 NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championship

Graeme McDowell (T7/-7)

- In his second start in the event (MC/2018), followed a 1-over 73 with a bogey-free 8-under 64 to move from T81 to T7.
- Round was highlighted by six birdies in a seven-hole stretch (Nos. 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9)
- In search of his fourth career PGA TOUR title in his 215th start; 2015 Mayakoba Golf Classic, 2013 RBC Heritage, 2010 U.S. Open
- Currently No. 116 in the FedExCup, hopes to make a return to the Playoffs for the first time since 2016
- Currently No. 257 in the OWGR, has been ranked as high as No. 4 (Spring, 2011)

Miscellaneous Notes

- George McNeill posted a bogey-free, 7-under 65 to move to 9-under 135 and into a share of second place. Is looking for his third career PGA TOUR win and first since the 2012 Puerto Rico Open
- Kelly Kraft made just five pars in round two, and just one on his first 12 holes, en route to a 5-under to move to T7 at 7-under 137. He made a career-best nine birdies, five bogeys and five pars
- First-round co-leader Matt Jones took a quintuple-bogey-nine on his first hole of the day, No. 10, yet managed a 1-under 71 on the strength of six birdies (-7/T7)
- Defending champion Brice Garnett sits T37 at 4-under 140
- WDs in R2: Brendan de Jonge (illness), David Duval (back injury), Eric Axley

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 (2): Jonathan Byrd (68), Denny McCarthy (69)

R2 (11): Graeme McDowell (64), Jason Bohn (65), George McNeill (65), Derek Fathauer (66), Jonathan Byrd (67), Shawn Stefani (67), Chris Stroud (68), Chad Campbell (69), Ben Crane (69), Stephen Jaeger (69), Josh Teater (70)

Scoring Averages:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.341	36.811	72.152	--
R2:	34.797	35.891	70.688	71.431

Early Scoring Average: 70.71

Late Scoring Average: 70.66

Hardest hole: Par-3 second hole (3.320)

Easiest hole: Par-5 seventh hole (4.422)