



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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, March 30, 2019

Weather: Partly cloudy with occasional showers and a high of 83. Wind NE 5-10 mph

Third-Round Leaderboard

Position	Name	Score
1	Graeme McDowell	73-64-64—201 (-15)
2	Chris Stroud	70-68-64—202 (-14)
T3	Sungjae Im	67-67-69—203 (-13)
T3	Aaron Baddeley	68-67-68—203 (-13)

Things to Know

- Graeme McDowell's 64 included a career-best 20 putts (16 one-putts)
- Chris Stroud is on a streak of 41 bogey-free holes
- Sungjae Im seeks to become the sixth Korean national to win on TOUR
- Aaron Baddeley's 74 putts through 54 holes ties McDowell for best in field
- Sungjae Im (T3), Sepp Straka (T5), Kelly Kraft (T5) and Paul Dunne (T5) all seek first PGA TOUR win
- Eight countries represented among top 12 players on leaderboard (Northern Ireland, USA, South Korea, Australia, Canada, Austria, Ireland and Sweden)

Third-Round Lead Notes

- In last year's inaugural Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, Brice Garnett led by two strokes at 16-under 200
- Through 21 events this season, 11 third-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win, most recently Paul Casey at last week's Valspar Championship

Graeme McDowell (1st/-15)

Age: 39 (July 30, 1979)

Entering the Week

#119 FedExCup
#257 Official World Golf Ranking
214 PGA TOUR starts
0 PGA TOUR top-10s in 2018-19
1 Starts at Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship (MC/2018)

- Made 10 birdies (career-best is 11/R4/2011 Sentry Tournament of Champions) and two bogeys for second 64 in a row
- 64-64—128 is his best 36-hole score (any rounds) on PGA TOUR by two strokes
- Round was highlighted by 16 1-putts (2-putted Nos. 16 and 17) for 20 total putts. TOUR record for putts per round is 18 (10 players (most recent, Gary Woodland/R4/2019 THE PLAYERS Championship)
- His previous-best putts per round was 21 at 2014 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational
- Holds 54-hole lead/co-lead for fourth time on PGA TOUR, but failed to convert previous three into wins (2011 THE PLAYERS/T33, 2012 U.S. Open/T2, 2014 WGC-HSBC Champions/T3)
- In search of his fourth career PGA TOUR title in his 215th start; 2015 Mayakoba Golf Classic, 2013 RBC Heritage, 2010 U.S. Open
- Plays in the final grouping for the first time on the PGA TOUR since 2015 The RSM Classic (finished 3rd)
- Currently No. 119 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)

Chris Stroud (2nd/-14)

- Bogey-free 64 included one eagle (No. 4) and six birdies. Marked his lowest round on TOUR since 64/R3/2016 Charles Schwab Challenge
- Played front nine 9-under this week despite a triple-bogey 8 at No. 5 in the first round
- Has current streak of 41 bogey-free holes
- 2017 Reno-Tahoe Tournament is his lone PGA TOUR victory in 332 previous starts on TOUR
- Two top-10 results in 11 starts this season came in consecutive weeks (T7/Waste Management Phoenix Open, T10/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am)
- Currently No. 110, seeks to advance to FedExCup Playoffs for the eighth time in his career

Sungjae Im (T3/-13)

- Reached 16-under when he chipped in for birdie at No. 12 before dropping three shots in last six holes
- Highest-ranked player in the field in the FedExCup and OWGR celebrated his 21st birthday Saturday with a 3-under 69, his 48th of 58 rounds this season 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
- Played every event for which he was eligible this season, with the exception of the Puerto Rico Open (17 starts)
- With a victory Sunday, Im would become the sixth Korean national to win on TOUR. It would also come in his 19th career start on TOUR, the earliest of any Korean player

Player	Wins	Start for 1 st win
Sungjae Im	0	19 th (with win Sunday)
Si Woo Kim	2	39 th
Sangmoon Bae	2	43 rd
Y.E. Yang	2	47 th
K.J. Choi	8	74 th
Seung-Yul Noh	1	78 th

Aaron Baddeley (T3/-13)

- Hit 8/14 fairways and 10/18 greens with 25 putts for 4-under 68
- One of three players with three rounds in the 60s (Sungjae Im, Jhonattan Vegas)
- 74 putts through 54 holes ties best in field with leader Graeme McDowell
- 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)

Miscellaneous Notes

- Canadian Mackenzie Hughes (T5/-11) matched his low score of the season with 6-under 66 (R1/Safeway Open)
- PGA TOUR rookie Sepp Straka (T5/-11), the only Austrian TOUR member, recorded four birdies in a row on holes 12-15
- Making 16th PGA TOUR start, where his best finish is T5 at this event last year, Irishman Paul Dunne seeks a top-10 finish to earn a spot in the field at next week's Valero Texas Open. Last year's top-10 earned him a spot in the field at the following week's Houston Open (T8)
- PGA TOUR rookie and two-time Japan Golf Tour winner K.H. Lee (T9/-10) was 5-under through his first seven holes before finishing with 5-under 67. In 16 previous TOUR starts, his lone top-10 result is T7 at The Honda Classic earlier this month
- After starting the third round as the only player in the field without a bogey, Jonathan Byrd (T9/-10) began double bogey, bogey before going on to shoot 71. The five-time TOUR winner seeks his first victory since the 2011 Sentry Tournament of Champions
- George McNeill sat T8 at 9-under through 54 holes here last year before finishing T13. He's T9 at 10-under this year
- First-round co-leader Matt Jones sits T33 at 6-under
- Defending champion Brice Garnett sits T44 at 5-under

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)

R3 (4): Chris Stroud (64), Julian Etulain (66), Alex Prugh (68), Seth Reeves (68)

Scoring Averages:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.341	36.811	72.152	--
R2:	34.797	35.891	70.688	71.431
R3:	34.689	35.676	70.365	71.195

Hardest hole: Par-3 2nd (3.203)

Easiest hole: Par-5 4th (4.257)