



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

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, March 31, 2019

Weather: *Partly cloudy, with a high of 83. Wind NE 7-14 mph*

Final-Round Leaderboard

Position	Name	Score
1	Graeme McDowell	73-64-64-69—270 (-18)
T2	Chris Stroud	70-68-64-69—271 (-17)
T2	Mackenzie Hughes	69-70-66-66—271 (-17)
4	Jonathan Byrd	68-67-71-66—272 (-16)

Things to Know

- Graeme McDowell collects his fourth PGA TOUR title and second-consecutive outside the U.S.
- Four Europeans have now won on the PGA TOUR in as many weeks for the first time since 1970
- Chris Stroud bogeys final two holes to drop from first, finishes T2
- Jonathan Byrd collects first top-10 finish in two years after three bogey-free rounds
- Sungjae Im collects third top-10 finish in last four starts
- Monday Qualifier Chip McDaniel makes 10 final-round birdies to shoot 63 and finish T5

Graeme McDowell (1st/-18)

Age: 39 (July 30, 1979)

With the Win

- #38 FedExCup (prior to the conclusion of WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play)
- 215 PGA TOUR starts
- 1 PGA TOUR top-10s in 2018-19
- 2 Starts at Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship (1st/2019, MC/2018)

PGA TOUR wins: 2010 U.S. Open, 2013 RBC Heritage, 2016 Mayakoba Golf Classic, 2019 Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship

- Collects his fourth career PGA TOUR title in his 215th start at the age of 39 years, 8 months, 1 day
- With the win, collects 300 FedExCup points and moves from No. 119 to inside the top 50 with 419 points. It took 377 points to qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs in 2018, 809 for BMW Championship and 1,432 for the TOUR Championship
- The victory brings a two-year exemption, carrying him through the 2020-21 season
- If not otherwise exempt, earns a spot into the following 2018-19 TOUR events; RBC Heritage, Charles Schwab Challenge, PGA Championship, the Memorial Tournament. Among others, also earns a spot into next season's Sentry Tournament of Champions and PLAYERS Championship
- Hit 12 of 14 fairways and 14 of 18 greens in regulation in the final round
- Offset four bogeys and a double bogey with 19 birdies to play the front nine in 13-under for the week
- With the win, becomes the fourth European winner on TOUR in as many weeks for the first time since 1970 (Francesco Molinari/Arnold Palmer Invitational, Rory McIlroy/PLAYERS Championship, Paul Casey/Valspar Championship, Graeme McDowell/Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship)
- Becomes the fourth international winner on the PGA TOUR in as many weeks for the first time since 2016, when there were five straight; Adam Scott/The Honda Classic, Adam Scott/WGC-Mexico Championship, Charl Schwartzel/Valspar Championship, Jason Day/Arnold Palmer Invitational, Jason Day/WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play

- 64-64—128 in rounds two and three marked his best 36-hole score (any rounds) on PGA TOUR by two strokes
- Round three 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
- Converts a 54-hole lead/co-lead for the first time (four occasions); 2011 THE PLAYERS/T33, 2012 U.S. Open/T2, 2014 WGC-HSBC Champions/T3
- Becomes the 12th player this season (22 stroke-play events) to convert a 54-hole lead into victory

Chris Stroud (T2/-17)

- Struggled down the stretch with bogeys on his 71st and 72nd holes to drop from the outright lead to a share of second with Mackenzie Hughes at 17-under 271
- Was looking for his second career PGA TOUR title (2017 Reno-Tahoe Tournament)
- Collects his 32nd top-10 finish on TOUR and third of the season (T2/Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, T7/Waste Management Phoenix Open, T10/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am)
- Following a triple-bogey-eight on his 13th hole in round one, played 49 holes, spanning all four rounds, without a bogey

Mackenzie Hughes (T2/-17)

- Closed with back-to-back 6-under 66s to finish third at 17-under 271
- Following four straight missed cuts, finished T13 at last week's Valspar Championship
- Was looking to become the first Canadian to win on the PGA TOUR since Adam Hadwin at the 2017 Valspar Championship
- Was making his 12th start of the 2018-19 season and 75th on TOUR
- Winner of the 2016 The RSM Classic after a playoff with four others
- Has now made five cuts this season

Chip McDaniel (T5/-15)

- Monday qualifier made 10 birdies against one bogey to tie the 18-hole tournament record of 9-under 63 and finish T5 at 15-under 273. Defending champion Brice Garnett opened last year's inaugural event with the same score
- With the top-10 finish, earns a spot into the field at this week's Valero Texas Open
- University of Kentucky alum was making just his second start on TOUR at Puntacana (T60/2018 Barbasol Championship)
- In 2017, eclipsed record held by former UK Athletics Hall of Famer and PGA TOUR winner, J.B. Holmes, during the three-round 102nd Kentucky Amateur Championship at Keene Trace Golf Club in Nicholasville, Kentucky. Posted a 54-hole score of 201, besting Holmes' mark of 202

Miscellaneous Notes

- Jonathan Byrd posted four sub-par scores to finish alone in fourth, his first top-10 finish on the PGA TOUR since the 2017 John Deere Classic (T7)
- A day after his 21st birthday, Sungjae Im, the highest-ranked player in the field in the FedExCup and Official World Golf Ranking closed with a 1-under 71 to finish T7 at 14-under 274 and notch his fifth top-10 finish of the season (17 starts)
- For the second straight year, 46-year-old Julio Santos was the only Dominican player to make the cut (T69/2019, T73/2018)
- Defending champion Brice Garnett finished T39 at 7-under 281

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)

R4 (6): Jonathan Byrd (66), Dylan Frittelli (67), Kramer Hickok (67), Matt Jones (67), Kelly Kraft (68), Alex Prugh (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
R3:	34.689	35.676	70.365	71.195
R4:	34.649	35.878	70.527	70.933

Easiest hole/week: Par-5 seventh (4.353)

Hardest hole/week: Par-4 13th (4.233)