



## 2019 Farmers Insurance Open

(The 12<sup>th</sup> of 46 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

San Diego, Calif.

Jan. 24-27, 2019

Purse: \$7,100,000 (\$1,278,000 to the winner)

Torrey Pines Golf Course

500 FedExCup points to winner

South Course (Host)

Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,698

North Course

Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,258

### First-Round Notes – Thursday, January 24, 2019

Weather: Sunny. High of 70. Wind NW 7-14 mph.

### First-Round Leaderboard

Jon Rahm	62 (-10) NC
Justin Rose	63 (-9) NC
Doug Ghim	63 (-9) NC
C.T Pan	64 (-8) NC
Jordan Spieth	65 (-7) NC

### Things to Know

- 2017 Farmers Insurance Open winner Rahm matched his career low in 202 rounds on PGA TOUR
- Eleven of the 14 players to shoot 66 or better played the North Course
- For third consecutive year, Rose opens with sub-70 score after posting just one first-round sub-70 in his first seven appearances
- Sponsor exemption Ghim recorded 63 in his 10<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start
- Pan records 10 birdies in a round for the first time in his PGA TOUR career
- Spieth posted a 65 in his first start at Torrey Pines since 2015
- Brandon Hagy, Chris Stroud and Charles Howell III post low round on the South Course (66)

### First-Round Lead Notes

61	Lowest R1 score (Brandt Snedeker/NC/2007)
63	Low start by a winner (George Burns/1987)
32	Years since George Burns (1987) was last first-round leader/co-leader to go on to win the Farmers Insurance Open
3	First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2018-19 (most recent: Charles Howell III/The RSM Classic)
8	Consecutive winners to play South Course in first round (Ben Crane/2010 was last player to start on North Course and win)
5	Last five winners have shot 72 or higher in first round (Tiger Woods/2013/68 is last player to start with sub-70 and win: Jason Day/2018/73, Jon Rahm/2017/72, Brandt Snedeker/2016/73, Jason Day/2015/73, Scott Stallings/2014/72)

### Jon Rahm – NC (1<sup>st</sup>/-10)

Age: 24 (November 10, 1994)

### Entering the week

#39	FedExCup
#7	OWGR
2	Starts at Farmers Insurance Open
1	Wins at Farmers Insurance Open (2017)
58	PGA TOUR starts
2	PGA TOUR wins
3	Starts in 2018-19
2	Top-10s in 2018-19 (T8/Sentry Tournament of Champions, 6 <sup>th</sup> /Desert Classic)

- Opened with 7-under 29 on back nine of North Course, posting two eagles (Nos. 10 and 17), before closing with four birdies in last five holes for 10-under 62, matching career low on TOUR (R1/2018 Desert Classic)

- Only Brandt Snedeker (27/back nine/NC/2007), Jeff Julian (28/back nine/NC/1996) and Nick Watney (28/back nine/SC/2011) have posted lower nine-hole scores at the Farmers Insurance Open
- Hit 7/14 fairways, 15/18 greens and needed 26 putts
- Won his first career PGA TOUR title at the 2017 Farmers Insurance Open. Posted T29 while defending in 2018
- In November, won the Hero World Challenge for his sixth worldwide victory
- Posted 2-and-1 win over Tiger Woods in Singles at 2018 Ryder Cup in France

#### **Justin Rose – NC (T2/-9)**

- World No. 1 opened with an eagle at No. 10 and notched seven birdies for bogey-free 9-under 63, his lowest score in 33 rounds at Torrey Pines (including 2008 U.S. Open)
- Marked third consecutive year he's opened Farmers Insurance Open with a sub-70 round (65/2017, 69/2018, 63/2019) after posting one (68/2007) in his first seven starts
- Owns top-10s in his last two starts at the Farmers Insurance Open (T8/2018, T4/2017)
- Making his 10<sup>th</sup> career start in the Farmers Insurance Open
- Finished T34 at last week's Desert Classic, his second start of the season following a third-place showing in the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions
- Won the 2017-18 FedExCup by a margin of 41 points over Tiger Woods

#### **Doug Ghim – NC (T2/-9)**

- After a bogey at No. 3 to sit 1-over, posted nine birdies, all in an 11-hole stretch (Nos. 4-14), before an additional bogey at No. 16 and an eagle at No. 17 for 9-under 63 in his tournament debut
- 63 marks lowest round on TOUR (24 rounds): previous-low was 64/R2/2018 Wyndham Classic
- Playing on a sponsor exemption, makes his third PGA TOUR start of the season after two starts in the fall (71<sup>st</sup>/Sanderson Farms Championship, MC/Shriners Hospitals for Children Open)
- Last week, he finished T45 in his first start on the Web.com Tour at The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic
- Former University of Texas golfer finished runner-up in the 2017 U.S. Amateur to Doc Redman at the 37<sup>th</sup> hole
- Made his first cut as a professional at the 2018 Quicken Loans National (T71)
- Posted T20 at the 2018 Wyndham Championship with four rounds in the 60s for his best TOUR result to date

#### **C.T Pan – NC (4<sup>th</sup>/-8)**

- Recorded 10 birdies and two bogeys en route to 8-under 64
- Ten birdies in a round is most in his career (223 rounds: previous best was eight in R1 of 2018 CIMB Classic)
- Finished T2 in his first Farmers Insurance Open appearance during his rookie season in 2017 with 70-69-69-70 and T35 last year with 70-70-68-79
- With two career runner-up finishes (T2/2017 Farmers Insurance Open, T2/2018 Wyndham Championship), seeks first PGA TOUR win in his 71<sup>st</sup> career start
- Recorded three top-25s in six starts this season with T16 at Mayakoba Golf Classic his best result

#### **Jordan Spieth – NC (5<sup>th</sup>/-7)**

- Opening-round 65 marks lowest round on TOUR since 64 in R3 of 2018 THE NORTHERN TRUST (4 months, 30 days ago)
- Playing the Farmers Insurance Open for the first time since 2015; Only made cut in three previous starts was a T19 in 2014
- Made his professional debut on TOUR at the 2013 Farmers Insurance Open
- Has missed cuts in his last two starts on TOUR: 2019 Sony Open in Hawaii, 2018 Mayakoba Golf Classic

#### **Charles Howell III – SC (T6/-6)**

- Joins Brandon Hagy and Chris Stroud as low score for R1 on the South Course (also only bogey-free round on South Course)
- Hit 17 greens in regulation, only player to do so on South Course in R1
- Making 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive appearance at Farmers Insurance Open where he owns eight top-10s, including three runner-up results (T2/2017, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2007, T2/2005)
- Never missed a cut in 17 starts at this event
- Recorded third career PGA TOUR win with victory at The RSM Classic this season. Also posted top-10s at CIMB Classic (T5) and Sony Open in Hawaii (T8)

#### **Bud Cauley – NC (T6/-6)**

- Making sixth appearance at Farmers Insurance Open with T13 in his tournament debut (2102) his best result
- Never posted an over-par score in the opening round at this event
- T10 at Shriners Hospitals for Children Open is lone top-10 result in five starts this season (MC at last week's Desert Classic)

- T10 in Vegas was first top-10 finish since car accident in June 2018 left him hospitalized with multiple injuries
- Won 2014 Hotel Fitness Championship on Web.com Tour but seeks first PGA TOUR win in his 145<sup>th</sup> career start on TOUR
- Owns three 3<sup>rd</sup>-place finishes on TOUR – most recent, T3 at 2017 Desert Classic

#### Tiger Woods – SC (T53/-2)

- Making first start of the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season and first since winning the 2018 TOUR Championship, his 80<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR title, mixed five birdies, including one at the final hole, and three bogeys for 2-under 70
- 70 marks his first sub-par opening-round at Farmers Insurance Open since 68 in 2013, his most recent win of eight at Torrey Pines
- Hit 7/14 fairways, 12/18 greens and needed 28 putts. Proximity to the hole on approach shots was 32'11" (ranked T25)

#### Additional Player Notes

- Defending champion **Jason Day** sits T15 after a first-round 67 at the North Course. Marks first time he's broken par in the opening-round of this event since 2014 (66)
- **Rory McIlroy's** 1-under 71 at the South Course leaves him T74 in his first appearance at the Farmers Insurance Open
- **Braden Thornberry** (T74) posted a 1-under 71 on the South Course in his professional debut on the PGA TOUR
- Farmers Insurance ambassador **Rickie Fowler** (T118) failed to break par in the opening round for the fourth consecutive time, finishing bogey-bogey for 1-over 73 at the South Course. Fowler missed the cut each of the last three years
- **Jon Rahm** and **Richy Werenski** were the only players to record two eagles in the opening round (last player to record two eagles in a round – **Adam Long** (R3/La Quinta), winner of last week's Desert Classic
- **Peter Malnati** withdrew before the start of round one with a back injury and was replaced by **Brady Schnell** (T133/74/NC)

Seven past champions are in the field:

Player	R1 Score	Course	Position
Jason Day	67	NC	T15
Jon Rahm	62	NC	1 <sup>st</sup>
Brandt Snedeker	68	NC	T27
Scott Stallings	69	NC	T41
Tiger Woods	70	SC	T53
Ben Crane	71	SC	T74
Nick Watney	72	SC	T98

#### Bogey-free rounds

**R1 (9):** Justin Rose (63/NC), Charles Howell III (66/SC), Hideki Matsuyama (66/NC), Richy Werenski (66/NC), Matt Jones (67/NC), Seth Reeves (67/NC), Keegan Bradley (68/NC), Grayson Murray (68/NC), Ollie Schniederjans (71/NC)

#### First-round scoring averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
SC	35.167	36.462	71.628	--
NC	34.910	34.487	69.397	--