



2019 Genesis Open

(15<sup>th</sup> of 46 events in the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season)

Pacific Palisades, CA Riviera Country Club February 14-17, 2019

Purse: \$7,400,000 (\$1,332,000) Par/Yards: 35-36-71/7,322

# Completed Third-Round Notes – Sunday, February 17, 2019

Weather: Mostly sunny. High of 59. Wind W 8-16 mph.

## **Third-Round Suspension Summary**

- Round three began off Nos. 1 and 10 tees Saturday at 3 p.m. and was suspended due to darkness at 5:45 p.m.
- Round three resumed at 6:45 a.m. Sunday and was completed at 11:10 a.m.
- For the first time since the 2017 Mayakoba Golf Classic, players were not re-paired between the third and fourth rounds

#### **Third-Round Leaderboard**

Justin Thomas	66-65-65-196 (-17)
Adam Scott	66-65-69—200 (-13)
J.B. Holmes	63-69-68—200 (-13)
Jordan Spieth	64-70-70—204 (-9)
Rory McIlroy	72-63-69—204 (-9)

## Things to Know

- Following a third-round 6-under 65, Justin Thomas holds a four-stroke lead over Adam Scott and J.B. Holmes
- Thomas is seeking to become the fourth-youngest player since 1960 to win 10 times on the PGA TOUR
- Thomas ties the 54-hole record at the Genesis Open
- Thomas has never lost on the PGA TOUR with a 54-hole score of 196 or better
- Tiger Woods (T10) played his first four holes in 5-under for just the second time since 2003

#### **Third-Round Lead Notes**

- 3 Consecutive third-round leaders to win the Genesis Open (Bubba Watson/2016/2018, Dustin Johnson/2017)
- 9 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win in 2018-19 (most recent: Rickie Fowler/Waste Management Phoenix Open)

#### Comparing the final group (entering the week)

	Justin Thomas	Adam Scott	J.B. Holmes
Age	25 (April 29, 1993)	38 (July 16, 1980)	36 (April 26, 1982)
FedExCup	#14	#23	#61
OWGR	#4	#33	#100
Starts at Genesis Open	4	10	12
Top-10s at Genesis Open	1	4	4
PGA TOUR starts	122	307	300
PGA TOUR wins	9	13	4
Starts in 2018-19	5	5	7
Top-10s in 2018-19	3	2	1

# Justin Thomas (-17/1)

- At 196, ties the 54-hole scoring record at the Genesis Open (Mike Weir/2004, Dustin Johnson/2017)
- Has never lost with a 54-hole score of 196 or better (188/2017 Sony Open in Hawaii, 196/2015 CIMB Classic, 196/2018 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational)
- In search of his 10<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR victory in his 123<sup>rd</sup> start at the age of 25 years, 9 months, 19 days

- Should he win, would become the fourth-youngest player since 1960 to win 10 times on the PGA TOUR (Tiger Woods/23-6-4, Jordan Spieth/23-10-29, Jack Nicklaus (24-3-12)
- Wins (9): 2015 CIMB Classic, 2016 CIMB Classic, 2017 Sentry Tournament of Champions, 2017 Sony Open in Hawaii, 2017 PGA Championship, 2017 Dell Technologies Championship, 2017 THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES, 2018 The Honda Classic, 2018 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational
- Holds the 54-hole lead/co-lead for the ninth time; entered the week 6/8 when leading heading into the final round, including winning in his last three attempts
- Four-stroke 54-hole lead equals largest of season, most recently by Rickie Fowler at the Waste Management Phoenix Open
- Earlier this week, held the 36-hole lead/co-lead for the ninth time on TOUR (5/8 in those prior instances)
- Four previous starts at Genesis Open, highlighted by a T9 in 2018
- Has top-fives in three of his five previous starts of the 2018-19 season (T5/CIMB Classic, 3<sup>rd</sup>/Sentry Tournament of Champions, 3<sup>rd</sup>/Waste Management Phoenix Open)
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (+7.780)

# Adam Scott (-13/T2)

- After beginning the week a perfect 10/10 in scrambling (through the first 38 holes), is since 3-for-6 in his last six attempts
- Has two runner-up results in 10 previous starts at the Genesis Open (2<sup>nd</sup>/2006, T2/2016); earned an unofficial victory at the 2005 Genesis Open that was shortened to 36 holes
- Is seeking his 14<sup>th</sup> official PGA TOUR victory; In search of first victory since 2016, when he won The Honda Classic and WGC-Mexico Championship in back-to-back starts
- Finished second at the Farmers Insurance Open in one of five previous starts in 2018-19

# J.B. Holmes (-13/T2)

- Seeking his first TOUR win since his playoff victory at the 2015 Houston Open
- Seeking fifth overall victory in 301<sup>st</sup> TOUR start (2006/2008 Waste Management Phoenix Open, 2014 Wells Fargo Championship, 2015 Houston Open)
- Ninth-place finish at the season-opening Safeway Open is his lone top-10 finish in seven prior starts in 2018-19
- Making his 13<sup>th</sup> start at the Genesis Open; after a T51 in 2006, finished no worse than T12 in his next five starts (T7/2008, T6/2009, T3/2010, T12/2011, T8/2012)

# Tiger Woods (-7/T10)

- Began his round birdie-eagle-birdie-birdie; the second time since 2003 he has opened a round in 5-under through four holes (2009 Buick Open/R2)
- With eagles on Nos. 1 and 11, marks 19<sup>th</sup> career round with multiple eagles and first since The Honda Classic in 2012
- Made his TOUR debut at the 1992 Genesis Open, missing the cut as a 16-year-old amateur
- Genesis Open is the only event on TOUR at which Woods has made double-digit starts and not earned a victory
- Making second start of the 2018-19 season (T20/Farmers Insurance Open)
- Enters the final round with three eagles; has had four eagles in a tournament twice previously: 1996 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (5-round event), 2010 Masters Tournament
- Should Woods win Sunday, it would be the first time a player won a TOUR event when teeing of No. 10 in the final round since Derek Lamely at the 2010 Puerto Rico Open

# **Miscellaneous Notes**

- Rory McIlroy (T4) finished T20 in both prior Genesis Open starts (2016, 2018)
- Jordan Spieth (T4) has two top-10 finishes in six prior Genesis Open starts (T4/2015, T9/2018)

# **Bogey-free rounds**

**R1 (10):** Jordan Spieth (64), Tony Finau (66), Patrick Rodgers (66), Adam Scott (66), Jim Furyk (67), Jimmy Walker (67), Si Woo Kim (68), J.J. Spaun (68), Brian Harman (69), Brian Stuard (69) **R2 (3):** Rory McIlroy (63), Bubba Watson (66), Jon Rahm (70) **R3 (0):** None

# Scoring Averages

-	Front nine	Back nine	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.160	36.347	70.507	
R2:	35.127	36.423	71.549	71.024
R3:	34.882	35.947	70.829	70.983