



**2019 John Deere Classic**

*(The 38<sup>th</sup> of 46 events in the PGA TOUR Season)*

**Silvis, Illinois  
TPC Deere Run**

**July 11-14, 2019  
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,268**

**FedExCup Pts: 500 to the winner  
Purse: \$6,000,000 (\$1,080,000)**

**First-Round Notes – Thursday, July 11, 2019**

*Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 83. Wind N 8-15 mph.*

**First-Round Leaderboard**

Roberto Diaz	62 (-9)
Adam Long	64 (-7)
Russell Henley	64 (-7)

**Things To Know**

- Mexico’s Roberto Diaz posts becomes the fifth player in as many rounds on the PGA TOUR to shoot 62
- On the heels of four straight missed cuts, Russell Henley makes eight birdies to open with 64
- In his first start at the John Deere Classic, PGA TOUR rookie Adam Long comes up one stroke shy of tying career best
- Last week’s 3M Open winner Matthew Wolff opens with 4-under 67
- John Deere Classic Board member and 2012 champion Zach Johnson posts first over-par score in 42 rounds in event
- Defending John Deere Classic champion Michael Kim opens with 2-over 73
- John Deere Classic provides last chance to earn a spot into The Open Championship

**First-Round Lead Notes**

- 2 First-round leaders/co-leaders at the John Deere Classic to win since moving to TPC in 2000 (John Senden/2006, Brian Harman/2014)
- 7 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2018-19 (most recent: Nate Lashley/Rocket Mortgage Classic)

**Comparing the top three on the leaderboard (entering the week)**

Category	Roberto Diaz	Adam Long	Russell Henley
Age	32 (2/3/87)	31 (9/25/87)	30 (4/12/89)
Country	Mexico	USA	USA
FedExCup	158	51	165
OWGR	430	114	200
PGA TOUR starts	49	23	175
PGA TOUR wins	0	1	3
PGA TOUR top-10s	2	2	22
Starts in 2018-19	19	22	21
Wins in 2018-19	0	1	0
Top-10s in 2018-19	2	2	0

**Roberto Diaz (1<sup>st</sup>/-9)**

- Highlighted by an eagle-three at No. 10, Mexico’s Roberto Diaz included seven birdies to open with a bogey-free 62
- Lowest score in John Deere Classic history belongs to Paul Goydos (59/R1/2010)
- Only previous lead after any round on the TOUR was T1 following round two of this season’s Puerto Rico Open (T10)
- Second-year PGA TOUR member seeks his first career win in his 50<sup>th</sup> start this week
- Making his 20<sup>th</sup> start of the 2018-19 season, having collected top-10 finishes at the Puerto Rico Open (T10) and Travelers Championship (T8)
- In only previous John Deere Classic start, withdrew after round one last year

### **Russell Henley (T2/-7)**

- Made eight birdies and 1 bogey en route to his low score of the season
- Lone bogey came at his last hole of the day, the par-4 ninth.
- Making his second start in the John Deere Classic (2014/T27)
- Begins the week on the heels of four consecutive missed cuts
- In search of his first top-10 showing since finishing 10<sup>th</sup> in 2018 at A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier
- Winner of the 2013 Sony Open in Hawaii, 2014 The Honda Classic and 2017 Shell Houston Open
- When he won the 2013 Sony Open in Hawaii, he became the first rookie to win in his first official start as a PGA TOUR member since Garrett Willis in 2001 (Touchstone Energy Tucson Open)
- Hit 12 of 14 fairways and 14 of 18 greens in regulation

### **Adam Long (T2/-7)**

- In his first start at the John Deere Classic, offset one bogey (par-4 11<sup>th</sup>) with eight birdies
- PGA TOUR rookie claimed his first TOUR win earlier this season at the Desert Classic
- Comes to this week's John Deere Classic on the heels of three missed cuts in his last four starts
- Hit 13 of 14 fairways, 14 of 18 greens in regulation and needed just 26 putts in round one

### **Zach Johnson (T123/+1)**

- Highlighted by 2012 victory, has claimed seven top-10 finishes at the John Deere Classic (most recent: T5/2017)
- In 63 rounds at the John Deere Classic, has posted just seven over-par scores, with today's 1-over 72 being the first since round three of 2008 (41 rounds at par-or-better)
- Most recent missed cut (of three) came in 2007
- In search of his 80<sup>th</sup> top-10 finish on the PGA TOUR
- Lone top-10 finish in 16 starts this season came at last fall's The RSM Classic (T7)
- Since joining the PGA TOUR in 2004, has posted at least two (and as many as 10) top-10 finishes in a season
- Seeks 13<sup>th</sup> career TOUR title and first since a playoff victory at the 2015 Open Championship

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- Making his second start at the John Deere Classic (T29/2008), **Martin Laird** made seven birdies against one bogey to post a second consecutive 6-under 65 (final-round of last week's 3M Open/T42)
- **Vaughn Taylor** birdied four of his last six holes to post a 6-under 65, his ninth consecutive sub-par score this season
- **Ryan Palmer** birdied four of his first five holes to shoot 6-under 65. In 10 previous starts at TPC Deere Run, has made just four cuts and finished no better than T20 (2005)
- Last week's winner of the inaugural 3M Open, **Matthew Wolff**, opened with a 4-under 67 in his first event as a fully-exempt PGA TOUR member
- Sponsor invite **Viktor Hovland** opened with a 2-under 69 in his fourth professional start. The low amateur at the 2019 Masters and U.S. Open comes off T13 finishes in last two starts at the Rocket Mortgage Classic and 3M Open
- Defending John Deere Classic champion **Michael Kim** opened with 2-over 73. Kim has struggled this season, missing 18 consecutive cuts before this week

There are 12 players competing this week also scheduled to compete in next week's Open Championship at Royal Portrush: Austin Connelly (72), Charles Howell III (68), Doc Redman (69), Joaquin Niemann (66), Joel Dahmen (73), Kyle Stanley (68), Lucas Glover (67), Nate Lashley (67), Ryan Palmer (65), Stewart Cink (68), Sungjae Im (68), Zach Johnson (72)

The John Deere Classic is the final event of The Open Qualifying Series USA, offering one spot to the leading player (not otherwise exempt) who finishes among the top five and ties

Ben Crane withdrew during round one and was replaced by Robert Allenby (76). Stephan Jaeger withdrew during round one with a thumb injury

### **Course Statistics**

<b>Toughest Hole</b>	<b>Easiest Hole</b>
<b>R1:</b> Par-3 third (3.213)	Par-5 second (4.426)

### **Scoring Averages**

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
<b>R1:</b>	34.529	35.071	69.600	---

	<b>Early</b>	<b>Late</b>
<b>R1:</b>	69.27	69.92

**Bogey-free rounds**

**R1:** Roberto Diaz (62), Ryan Blaum (65), Andrew Landry (65), Dylan Frittelli (66), Sangmoon Bae (67), Matthew Wolff (67), Roger Sloan (68), Alex Cejka (69), Joey Garber (69)