



2019 Masters Tournament

(The 25th of 46 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Augusta, Georgia
Augusta National Golf Club

April 11-14, 2019
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,475

FedExCup points: 600 (winner)
Purse: \$11,500,000

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, April 13, 2019

Weather: Mostly cloudy, with a high of 85. Wind SE at 5-10 mph.

Due to the possibility of severe weather Sunday afternoon, players will be grouped in threesomes with tee times scheduled to begin at 7:30 a.m. off the Nos. 1 and 10 tees. The leaders will tee off at 9:20 a.m. CBS will broadcast the final round live, beginning at 9 a.m.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Francesco Molinari	70-67-66—203 (-13)
Tony Finau	71-70-64—205 (-11)
Tiger Woods	70-68-67—205 (-11)
Brooks Koepka	66-71-69—206 (-10)
Webb Simpson	72-71-64—207 (-9)
Ian Poulter	68-71-68—207 (-9)

Things to Know

- Francesco Molinari attempts to become first reigning Open champion to win Masters since 2001
- Molinari looks to become sixth consecutive international winner in as many weeks on PGA TOUR
- Three players shoot 8-under 64 (Patrick Cantlay, Webb Simpson, Tony Finau)
- Each time Tiger Woods sat 11-under or better through 54 holes at Augusta National, he's won
- Four of last five 54-hole leaders at Augusta National have gone on to win
- Through 54 holes, there are 42 players under par. Since 2000, there have been as many as 37 (2011) and as few as zero (2007)
- Augusta National will utilize split tees with players in threesomes for first time (split tees in twosomes in 2005)

Third-Round Lead Notes

- The third-round leader/co-leader has gone on to win the Masters 45 (out of 82) times, most recently Patrick Reed (2018)
- Dating to 1991, with the exception of Zach Johnson (T4/2017), Bubba Watson (T3/2012), Adam Scott (3rd/2013) and Danny Willett (T5/2016), the Masters champion has been ranked no lower than T2 following 54 holes
- The eventual Masters champion has come out of the final Sunday pairing 23 out of the last 28 years, with Zach Johnson (2007), Charl Schwartzel (2011), Bubba Watson (2012), Adam Scott (2013) and Danny Willett (2016) the exceptions
- Only Masters champion who was not inside the top 10 on the leaderboard after 54 holes was Art Wall, Jr. in 1959 (T13)
- Through 23 stroke play events on the PGA TOUR this season, 12 third-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win, most recently Graeme McDowell/Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship

Player Notes

Francesco Molinari (1st/-13)

- Hit 10/14 fairways, 13/18 greens, 27 putts while bogey-free for the second day in a row. Played last 43 holes without a bogey. Only player with two bogey-free rounds this week (R2, R3)
- Ranks No. 2 in putting (80 putts) behind Justin Harding (79 putts) and has yet to three-putt a green
- Ranks No. 1 in Scrambling with 14/14
- Notched rounds of 70-67-66. Beginning the week, first-round 69 in 2012 marked his only sub-70 score in 24 previous rounds at Augusta National
- With a win Sunday, Italian would become the sixth-consecutive international winner in as many weeks on the PGA TOUR. The last time that happened was 2004. Note: In 2014, six international players won in a five-week span on TOUR
- T19 in 2012 marks best result in seven appearances at the Masters
- Second time with 54-hole lead/co-lead on PGA TOUR (2018 Quicken Loans National/Won)

- Winner of The Open Championship at Carnoustie in 2018. Last reigning The Open Championship winner to win the Masters: Tiger Woods/2001. Other reigning Open champions to win the Masters: Tom Watson/1981, Seve Ballesteros/1980, Arnold Palmer/1962
- Victory at Augusta National this week would mark his fourth win in 15 PGA TOUR starts
- Shot a final-round 64 to win the 2019 Arnold Palmer Invitational by Mastercard, his third victory in a span of 12 PGA TOUR starts (2018 Quicken Loans National, 2018 The Open Championship, 2019 Arnold Palmer Invitational)

Tony Finau (T2/-11)

- Birdied first three holes and added an eagle at No. 8 en route to 64, his career-low 18-hole score in a major
- First-nine 30 (-6) tied five other players with tournament record (most recent, Gary Woodland/R3/2014)
- Notched top-10 finishes in three of four major championships last year (T42/PGA Championship, T9/The Open, 5th/U.S. Open, T10/Masters Tournament)
- Leads Driving Distance through 54 holes (318.8 yards)
- With a win, would be the fifth consecutive player at Augusta who had not previously won a major (Jordan Spieth/2015, Danny Willett/2016, Sergio Garcia/2017, Patrick Reed/2018), extending the longest such streak in tournament history
- Won playoff for first PGA TOUR title at 2016 Puerto Rico Open. Lost playoff (to Xander Schauffele) while seeking his second victory at 2018 WGC-HSBC Champions
- T10 in his Masters debut (2018), came after suffering a high-ankle sprain while celebrating a hole-in-one during Wednesday's Par-3 Contest
- Six consecutive birdies on holes 12-17 in last year's final round were one shy of the most in tournament history (7 – Steve Pate/1999, Tiger Woods/2005)

Tiger Woods (T2/-11)

- 205 (-11) marks his best opening 54-hole total since 2005 (74-66-65—205), his last of four Masters wins
- Four times at 11-under or better through 54 holes in 21 previous starts at Augusta National he has gone on to win (2005/-11, 2002/-11, 2001/-12, 1997/-15)
- Owns 13 top-10 finishes, including four victories, at Augusta National in 21 previous starts (most recent: T4/2013)
- Seeking fifth Masters title and 15th major championship victory while chasing Jack Nicklaus' record in both (Masters/6, Majors/18). Victory would be his 81st win, one shy of Sam Snead's all-time record
- At No. 12 in the Official World Golf Ranking, the highest-ranked former champion in the field
- At 43 years, 3 months, 14 days on Sunday, would become the second-oldest winner: Jack Nicklaus/1986 (46 years, 2 months, 23 days)
- Would become seventh player in his 40s to win the Masters (Jack Nicklaus/46/1986, Ben Crenshaw/43/1995, Gary Player/42/1978, Sam Snead/41/1954, Mark O'Meara/41/1998, Ben Hogan/40/1953)
- Ranks T2 in Greens in Regulation with 43/54 behind Thorbjorn Olesen (45/54)
- Best finish in five starts this season came in last start – T5/WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play

Brooks Koepka (4th/-10)

- First- and second-round co-leader lost ground with 3-under 69 to sit three back
- Has won three of the last seven majors (2017 U.S. Open, 2018 U.S. Open, 2018 PGA Championship)
- Last reigning U.S. Open winner to win the Masters was Tiger Woods in 2001
- Last reigning PGA Championship winner to win the Masters was Phil Mickelson in 2006
- After missed cuts in his first two major championships (2012 U.S. Open, 2013 The Open), has not missed a cut in 18 such starts since
- Has a win (THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES) and a runner-up (T2/The Honda Classic) in eight starts during the 2018-19 season
- Does not have a top-10 in three starts at the Masters (best result: T11/2017) and missed the event in 2018 due to a wrist injury

Miscellaneous Notes

- Webb Simpson's 64 matched his low round in a major championship (R2/2013 PGA Championship)
- Ian Poulter (T5/-9), paired with Tiger Woods for the sixth time on the PGA TOUR and second time at the Masters (R3/2018/Woods-72, Poulter-74), has yet to better Woods when paired together (Woods-67, Poulter-68)
- FedExCup leader Matt Kuchar included four birdies in a row (Nos. 13-16) in third-round 68 to sit T7
- Xander Schauffele (T7/-8) seeks his fourth top-10 result in his eighth major championship start (T2/2018 The Open, T6/2018 U.S. Open, T5/2017 U.S. Open). Schauffele leads the field in birdies with 18 through 54 holes
- Louis Oosthuizen (T7/-8) is one of seven players (since 1923) to finish runner-up in all four major championships (Jack Nicklaus, Phil Mickelson, Arnold Palmer, Greg Norman, Tom Watson, Craig Wood)

- By advancing to the weekend, Rickie Fowler (T12/-7) joined Byeong-Hun An with 19 consecutive cuts made, the best active streak on TOUR
- Patrick Cantlay's 64 (-8) marks his second under-par round at the Masters, following an opening-round 71 in his first appearance while playing as an amateur in 2012. His rounds in between: 78-74-72-75-76-73-73
- Matt Fitzpatrick (T25/-3) requires 19 FedExCup non-member points to match 377 points, the number earned by No. 125 Seamus Power last season, to become eligible for PGA TOUR membership
- Thorbjorn Olesen (T14/-6) and Lucas Bjerregaard (T20/-5) could become eligible for PGA TOUR Special Temporary Membership if they earn 143 and 31 FedExCup points, respectively, and match No. 150 Ben Martin's 266 points from last season
- Four amateurs advanced to the weekend, the most since 1999 (4). U.S. Amateur champion Viktor Hovland (T31/-2) sits one ahead of Asia-Pacific Amateur winner Takumi Kanaya, while Alvaro Ortiz, winner of the 2019 Latin America Amateur and brother of PGA TOUR professional Carlos Ortiz, is 1-over. U.S. Amateur runner-up Devon Bling is 2-over
- With a 4-under 32, Takumi Kanaya equaled the low first nine for an amateur at the Masters, the seventh player to achieve this feat, most recently James Driscoll (2001)
- Nine of 20 past champions advanced to the weekend: Trevor Immelman (T63/+5), Zach Johnson (T61/+4), Bernhard Langer (T50/+2), Phil Mickelson (T14/-6), Patrick Reed (T47/+1), Adam Scott (T12/-7), Jordan Spieth (T22/-4), Bubba Watson (T20/-5), Tiger Woods (T2/-11)

Scoring Averages:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1	36.379	36.494	72.874	--
R2	36.149	35.828	71.977	72.425
R3	35.631	35.138	70.769	71.975

The par-4 fifth was the hardest in round three with an average of 4.431. The easiest hole was the par-5 13th hole, which played to an average of 4.385

Bogey-free rounds:

R1(1) – Brooks Koepka (66)

R2 (2) – Francesco Molinari (67), Jon Rahm (70)

R3 (4) – Patrick Cantlay (64), Tony Finau (64), Francesco Molinari (66), Justin Thomas (69)