



2019 RBC Canadian Open

(The 33rd of 46 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

**Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
Hamilton Golf & Country Club**

June 6-9, 2019

**Purse: \$7,600,000 (winner: \$1,368,000)
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/6,967**

First-Round Notes – Thursday, June 6, 2019

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 72. Wind NNE 4-8 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Keegan Bradley	63 (-7)
Shane Lowry	64 (-6)
Sungjae Im	64 (-6)
Nick Taylor	64 (-6)
Erik van Rooyen	64 (-6)
Roberto Castro	64 (-6)

Things to Know

- Keegan Bradley opens with his third sub-65 score in his last four rounds at the RBC Canadian Open
- Winners of last two TOUR events each finished fourth at that event in 2018; Bradley finished fourth at 2018 RBC Canadian Open
- Five Canadians are within three shots of the lead; there has not been a Canadian winner of the national open since 1954
- Team RBC member and FedExCup leader Matt Kuchar opens with 65

First-Round Lead Notes

- 4 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win the RBC Canadian Open since 2000 (most recent: Scott Piercy/2012)
- 6 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win in 2018-19 (most recent: Brooks Koepka/PGA Championship)

Keegan Bradley (1st/-7) – entering the week

Age	32 (June 7, 1986)
FedExCup	72
OWGR	37
Starts at RBC Canadian Open	3
Wins at RBC Canadian Open	0
Top-10s at RBC Canadian Open	1
PGA TOUR starts	227
PGA TOUR wins	4
Starts in 2018-19	17
Wins in 2018-19	0
Top-10s in 2018-19	2

- Shoots third sub-65 score in last four rounds at the RBC Canadian Open (63/R2/2018, 73/R3/2018, 64/R4/2018, 63/R1/2019)
- Made five consecutive birdies (Nos. 7-11) tying his career-long streak on the PGA TOUR (R2/2018 CIMB Classic)
- Holds sixth career 18-hole lead/co-lead and second of the season; has never previously converted to victory (2011 TOUR Championship/solo, 2013 AT&T Byron Nelson/solo, 2016 Valspar Championship/tied, 2016 CIMB Classic/tied, 2019 THE PLAYERS Championship/tied)

- Finished fourth at the 2018 RBC Canadian Open; each of the last two winners on the PGA TOUR came in solo-fourth the year prior to winning that event

Last three PGA TOUR events	Winner/leader	2018 result
RBC Canadian Open	Keegan Bradley (<i>leader</i>)	4 th
the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide	Patrick Cantlay	4 th
Charles Schwab Challenge	Kevin Na	4 th

- Hit 17 of 18 greens in regulation; has hit all 18 only once in his career (R3/2018 THE NORTHERN TRUST)
- Celebrating 33rd birthday tomorrow, June 7

Shane Lowry (T2/-6)

- Ties career-low with a 64 (previous 64s: R2/2017 Wyndham Championship, R2/2018 PGA Championship)
- Has top-10s in each of his last two individual events (T3/RBC Heritage, T8/PGA Championship); prior to that stretch, had none since the 2017 Wyndham Championship (T7), a span of 25 starts
- Finished T12 at the 2018 RBC Canadian Open in his second start at the event (MC/2017)
- Making 91st career start on the PGA TOUR; winner of the 2015 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational

Nick Taylor (T2/-6)

- From Abbotsford, British Columbia
- 64 ties the second-lowest score of his career; shot career-best 63 in the final round of the final event of the 2017-18 Regular Season, the Wyndham Championship, to move from outside the top 125 to No. 119 in the FedExCup standings and qualify for the Playoffs
- Making 10th start at the RBC Canadian Open; best result: T53/2008
- Has one top-10 in 19 starts during the 2018-19 season (T9/Zurich Classic of New Orleans with partner Martin Laird)
- Winner of the 2014 Sanderson Farms Championship
- Making 142nd career start on the PGA TOUR and has qualified for the FedExCup Playoffs in three of his four seasons on TOUR

Adam Hadwin (T6/-5)

- Native of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, and resident of Abbotsford, British Columbia
- First score of 65 or lower in 29th career round at the RBC Canadian Open
- Best result in nine previous starts at the event: T4/2011
- Currently No. 55 in the FedExCup; tied Phil Mickelson for second at the 2019 Desert Classic
- Shot a 59 at the 2017 Desert Classic (R3) and won the Valspar Championship later that season

Matt Kuchar (T6/-5)

- Led the PGA TOUR in First-Round Scoring Average entering the week (68.29)
- Is No. 1 in the FedExCup with a 254-point lead over Brooks Koepka
- Has seven top-10s in 15 starts during the 2018-19 season, highlighted by two wins (Mayakoba Golf Classic, Sony Open in Hawaii); missed first cut of the season at last week's the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide
- Has never won three times in one season on the PGA TOUR
- In 12 starts at the RBC Canadian Open, has earned five top-10s, including a stretch of four in a row from 2013 to 2016
- Team RBC member

Mackenzie Hughes (T15/-4)

- Native of Dundas, Ontario (about 3 miles from Hamilton)
- Was 6-under through 17 holes before making a double-bogey-6 at the 18th
- Has won the last two Rivermead Cups as low Canadian in the field (T32/2017, T8/2018)
- Has two top-10s during the 2018-19 season, highlighted by a T2 at the Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship

Miscellaneous notes

- Sungjae Im** (T2) tied his career-low with a 64 and leads the PGA TOUR in Birdies (335, 44 more than any other player) and Rounds in the 60s (37, two more than any other player); playing his 26th event in 30th week of the PGA TOUR season
- With 143 non-member FedExCup points, **Erik van Rooyen** (T2) is 123 points shy of earning Special Temporary Membership on the PGA TOUR for the remainder of the 2018-19 season (solo-fourth result or better)
- Roberto Castro** (T2) hit all 18 greens in regulation for the first time in his career en route to a 64
- David Hearn** and **Drew Nesbitt** (T15) join Taylor, Hadwin and Hughes as Canadians within three shots of the lead

- The top three finishers in the top 10 and ties not otherwise exempt will receive exemptions to The 2019 Open Championship at Royal Portrush; Im, Taylor, van Rooyen and Castro are all T2 and not currently exempt

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (13): Keegan Bradley (63), Roberto Castro (64), Sungjae Im (64), Adam Hadwin (65), Matt Kuchar (65), Jimmy Walker (65), Adam Schenk (66), Webb Simpson (66), Henrik Stenson (66), Colt Knost (67), Kelly Kraft (68), Josh Teater (68), Paul Barjon (68)

Scoring averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1	34.840	34.571	69.410	--

	Early	Late
R1	69.18	69.64

	Toughest hole	Easiest hole
R1	Par-4 11 th (4.212)	Par-5 4 th (4.583)