



2019 RBC Heritage

(The 26th of 46 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Hilton Head Island, SC
Harbour Town Golf Links

April 15-21, 2019

Purse: \$6,900,000 (\$1,242,000 to the winner)

Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,099

First-Round Notes – Thursday, April 18, 2019

Weather

Partly cloudy, with a high of 77. Wind SSE 10-15 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Position	Name	Score
1	Shane Lowry	65 (-6)
T2	Trey Mullinax	66 (-5)
T2	Daniel Berger	66 (-5)
T2	Luke List	66 (-5)
T2	Ryan Moore	66 (-5)
T2	Ryan Palmer	66 (-5)

Things to Know

- Shane Lowry's bogey-free round leads to his second first-round lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR
- Of the RBC Ambassadors in the field, Ryan Palmer opened the strongest with a 5-under 66
- Defending champion Satoshi Kodaira posts opening-round 73 for the second straight year
- Five-time RBC Heritage champion Davis Love III withdrew due to family reasons

First-Round Lead Notes

- Through 24 stroke-play events this season, five first-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win, most recently J.B. Holmes at the Genesis Open
- The 18-hole leader/co-leader has won two of the last five years at the RBC Heritage (Matt Kuchar/2014, Branden Grace/2016); prior to that, Peter Lonard last performed the feat in 2005
- After round one a year ago, Rory Sabbatini held a two-stroke lead following a 7-under 64; eventual champion Satoshi Kodaira was T82 following a 2-over 73

Shane Lowry (1st/-6)

Age: 32 (April 2, 1987)

Entering the Week

#203 FedExCup
 #50 Official World Golf Ranking
 87 PGA TOUR starts
 1 PGA TOUR win
 6 PGA TOUR starts in 2018-19
 0 PGA TOUR top-10s in 2018-19
 1 Starts at RBC Heritage (T44/2017)

- T1 in Driving Accuracy (13 of 14 fairways), Sand Saves (3 of 3), Scrambling (4 of 4)
- Seeking second PGA TOUR victory (2015 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational)
- Three-time winner on the European Tour, with his most recent win coming at the 2019 Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship; opened that week with a course-record 10-under 62
- Takes his second 18-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR (finished T6 at the 2016 Waste Management Phoenix Open)
- Best finish in six starts this season is T24 at the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play Championship
- Missed the cut last week at The Masters (78-73)
- Hoping to become the fifth international winner of the RBC Heritage in the last eight years (Satoshi Kodaira/2018, Branden Grace/2016, Graeme McDowell/2013, Carl Pettersson/2012)

Additional Player Notes

World No. 1 and RBC Ambassador Dustin Johnson posted a 3-under 68. He is making his fourth start in the event (T16/2018, MC/2009, MC/2008).

Defending champion Satoshi Kodaira opened with a 2-over 73 for the second straight season. The only three players to successfully defend an RBC Heritage title are Payne Stewart (1989-90), Davis Love III (1991-92) and Boo Weekley (2007-08).

Two-time RBC Heritage champion Boo Weekley recorded a 2-under 69. Due to injuries, he has made just two starts on TOUR since missing the cut at the 2017 RBC Canadian Open (2019 Puerto Rico Open/T35, 2019 RBC Heritage/TBD).

Luke Donald, who has collected five runner-up finishes in the RBC Heritage, carded a 1-under 70.

Five-time RBC Heritage winner Davis Love III (1987, 1991, 1992, 1998, 2003) had to withdraw due to family reasons.

Sam Ryder withdrew during the first round with a left wrist injury.

Miscellaneous Notes

Team RBC Ambassadors: Ryan Palmer (66), Graeme McDowell (68), Dustin Johnson (68), Webb Simpson (69), Matt Kuchar (69), Jim Furyk (70), Brandt Snedeker (71), Adam Hadwin (71), Nick Taylor (72), Ben Silverman (73), Corey Connors (74), Roger Sloan (82)

Past RBC Heritage champions: Graeme McDowell (68), Matt Kuchar (69), Boo Weekley (69), Branden Grace (70), Jim Furyk (70), Brandt Snedeker (71), Stewart Cink (71), Brian Gay (71), Aaron Baddeley (72), Satoshi Kodaira (73)

Bogey-free rounds:

R1: Shane Lowry (65), Ryan Moore (66), Patrick Cantlay (67), Billy Horschel (67), Andrew Landry (69), Boo Weekley (69)

Scoring Averages:	Front (36)	Back (35)	Total (71)	Cumulative
R1:	35.481	35.550	71.031	---

R1: Morning scoring average (71.68) vs. afternoon scoring average (70.39)