



### 2019 RBC Heritage

(The 26<sup>th</sup> 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

### Third-Round Notes – Saturday, April 20, 2019

#### Weather

Partly cloudy, windy and cooler. High of 69. Wind WSW 15-20 mph, gusting to 30 mph.

#### Third-Round Leaderboard

Position	Name	Score
1	Dustin Johnson	68-67-68—203 (-10)
T2	Shane Lowry	65-68-71—204 (-9)
T2	Ian Poulter	70-67-67—204 (-9)
T2	Rory Sabbatini	67-69-68—204 (-9)

#### Things to Know

- Dustin Johnson holds the third-round lead/co-lead for the 17<sup>th</sup> time on the PGA TOUR (72-hole events)
- Johnson is hoping to join 2017 champion Wesley Bryan as the only South Carolinians to win the RBC Heritage
- Johnson made 159'9" of putts in round three, more than the first and second rounds combined
- International leaderboard includes the following countries among the top 10: United States (4), England, Slovakia, Ireland, South Korea, Argentina, Chinese Taipei
- Shane Lowry's hopes for a wire-to-wire win this week ended with an even-par 71, falling to T2
- Nine of the 12 RBC Ambassadors in the field made the cut, led by tournament-leader Dustin Johnson

#### Third-Round Lead Notes

- Through 24 stroke-play events this season, 12 third-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win, most recently Graeme McDowell at the Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship
- The last 54-hole leader/co-leader to convert an RBC Heritage lead into victory was Carl Pettersson in 2012
- The last six winners of the RBC Heritage trailed by at least three shots after 54 holes; 2018 champion Satoshi Kodaira (2018) was six strokes behind entering the final round; Wesley Bryan (2017), Jim Furyk (2015), Matt Kuchar (2014) and Graeme McDowell (2013) were each four strokes back entering the final round; Branden Grace came from three shots back in 2016

#### **Dustin Johnson (1<sup>st</sup>/-10)**

**Age:** 34 (June 22, 1984)

**Joined TOUR:** 2008

#### **Beginning the week**

- #5 FedExCup
- #1 OWGR
- 3 Starts at RBC Heritage
- 0 Top-10s at RBC Heritage
- 20 PGA TOUR wins
- 9 PGA TOUR starts in 2018-19
- 1 Win in 2018-19
- 6 Top-10s in 2018-19 (Won/WGC-Mexico Championship, T2/Masters Tournament, T4/Sentry Tournament of Champions, T5/THE PLAYERS Championship, T6/Valspar Championship, T9/Genesis Open)

- World No. 1 and RBC Ambassador holds a one-stroke lead after 54 holes with three rounds in the 60s this week
- Seeking to join 2017 champion Wesley Bryan as the only South Carolinians to win the RBC Heritage
- Made 159'9" of putts in round three, more than the first round (68'6") and second round (78'1") combined
- Earlier this season, became the 38<sup>th</sup> player to win 20 or more PGA TOUR titles

- Among 20 wins, owns six World Golf Championships titles and is the only player to win each of the four WGC titles
- Johnson has converted eight of 16 54-hole leads/co-leads on TOUR (72-hole events)
- Johnson leads the field in Strokes Gained: Off The Tee and Driving Distance (all holes)
- Best finish in four previous starts at the RBC Heritage is T16 in 2018; missed the cut in 2008 and 2009
- Coming off a T2 at the Masters Tournament (his best result at Augusta National)
- Has six top-10 finishes this season, led by his 20<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR victory (WGC-Mexico Championship)
- Has won at least once in all 12 seasons on the PGA TOUR, the current best streak on TOUR

#### **Shane Lowry (T2/-9)**

- 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
- Has four missed cuts in six starts this season, with his best finish a T24 at the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play
- Missed the cut last week at The Masters (78-73)
- In search of his first top-10 finish on the PGA TOUR since the 2017 Wyndham Championship (T7)
- 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)
- Currently No. 203 in the FedExCup standings

#### **Ian Poulter (T2/-9)**

- After starting his round with a double bogey, rebounded with six birdies for a 4-under 67
- Seeking fourth PGA TOUR victory in his 263<sup>rd</sup> start (2010 World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play, 2012 World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions, 2018 Houston Open)
- Making his ninth start at the RBC Heritage, with a T7 in 2018 his lone top-10 finish; has never missed the cut at the event
- In nine prior starts this season, has two top-10s (T3/WGC-Mexico Championship, T10/THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES)

#### **Rory Sabbatini (T2/-9)**

- In search of his seventh PGA TOUR victory in his 514<sup>th</sup> start; most recent win came at The Honda Classic in 2011
- Making his 10<sup>th</sup> start at the RBC Heritage, with top-10 finishes in 2009 (T8), 2013 (T9) and 2014 (T9)
- In 13 prior starts this season, a T18 at the Valspar Championship marks his best finish
- Currently No. 130 in the FedExCup standings

#### **Miscellaneous Notes**

Defending champion Satoshi Kodaira sits in 69<sup>th</sup> place with rounds of 73-68-77; only three players have successfully defended their RBC Heritage title: Payne Stewart (1989-90), Davis Love III (1991-92) and Boo Weekley (2007-08)

Team RBC: Dustin Johnson (1), Matt Kuchar (T11), Webb Simpson (T13), Nick Taylor (T34), Ryan Palmer (T42), Brandt Snedeker (T42), Graeme McDowell (T47), Adam Hadwin (T58), Ben Silverman (T65), Jim Furyk (MC), Corey Connors (MC), Roger Sloan (MC)

Past RBC Heritage champions: Matt Kuchar (T11), Boo Weekley (T27), Brian Gay (T34), Brandt Snedeker (T42), Graeme McDowell (T47), Branden Grace (T65), Satoshi Kodaira (69), Stewart Cink (MC), Aaron Baddeley (MC), Jim Furyk (MC)

Bogey-free rounds:

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

R2: C.T. Pan (65), K.J. Choi (66), Brian Gay (68), Kevin Kisner (68), Danny Lee (69), Scott Piercy (70), Billy Horschel (70)

R3: Webb Simpson (65), Patrick Cantlay (66), J.T. Poston (67), Eddie Pepperell (68), J.J. Spaun (68)

<b>Scoring Averages:</b>	<b>Front (36)</b>	<b>Back (35)</b>	<b>Total (71)</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
R1:	35.481	35.550	71.031	---
R2:	35.380	35.721	71.101	71.065
R3:	35.186	35.857	71.043	71.061