



## 2019 Sony Open in Hawaii

(10th of 46 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Honolulu, HI  
Waialae Country Club

January 10-13, 2019  
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,044

Purse: \$6,400,000 (\$1,152,000)  
500 FedExCup points to winner

### First-Round Notes – Thursday, January 10, 2019

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 80. Wind ESE 7-12 mph.

#### First-Round Leaderboard

|               |         |
|---------------|---------|
| Adam Svensson | 61 (-9) |
| Andrew Putnam | 62 (-8) |
| Matt Kuchar   | 63 (-7) |

#### Things to Know

- PGA TOUR rookie Adam Svensson carded one eagle and seven birdies en route to a bogey-free 9-under 61
- Andrew Putnam collected a career-best nine birdies against one bogey on his way to an 8-under 62
- Defending champion Patton Kizzire opened with a 3-under 67 as he seeks to become the first player since 2014-15 to win back-to-back at the event
- In his third start of the 2018-19 season, Jordan Spieth sits T127

#### First-Round Lead Notes

- 5 First-round leaders/co-leaders at Sony Open in Hawaii to win (since 2000)  
Most recent: Justin Thomas/2017
- 3 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2018-19  
Most recent: Charles Howell III/The RSM Classic

#### Adam Svensson (-9/1<sup>st</sup>)

Age: 25 (December 31, 1993)

#### Entering the week

|      |                               |
|------|-------------------------------|
| #163 | FedExCup                      |
| #444 | OWGR                          |
| 0    | Starts at Sony Open in Hawaii |
| 11   | PGA TOUR starts               |
| 0    | PGA TOUR wins                 |
| 5    | PGA TOUR starts in 2018-19    |

#### Best results in 2018-19: T39/Sanderson Farms Championship, T41/Safeway Open

- 9-under 61 is career-low round on the PGA TOUR (previous: 67/twice; most recent: R1/2016 Puerto Rico Open) and lowest first-round score on TOUR since Brandt Snedeker's 59 at the 2018 Wyndham Championship
- Best career finish on TOUR to date is T34 at 2015 RBC Canadian Open
- Marks first lead after any round on TOUR (previous best position: T7/R1/2016 Puerto Rico Open; finished T47)
- Entered the week missing the cut in each of his last three starts (Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, Mayakoba Golf Classic, The RSM Classic)
- Only Justin Thomas has had a lower opening round at the Sony Open in Hawaii (59/2017)
- 2018 Web.com Tour Season: one win (The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic), five top-10s, 14<sup>th</sup>-place finish on the Regular Season money list

#### Andrew Putnam (-8/2<sup>nd</sup>)

- 8-under 62 marks career-low round on the PGA TOUR (previous: 64/fourth instance; most recent: R1/2018 Quicken Loans National)

- Front-nine 30 ties career-low front-nine score (R2/2015 Houston Open)
- Recorded career-best nine birdies
- Led the field in Strokes Gained: Putting (6.871)
- Needed only 23 putts on the round
- Made a career-best total of 174 feet, 3 inches of putts (previous: 154'8"/R1/2015 FedEx St. Jude Classic)

**Matt Kuchar (-7/3<sup>rd</sup>)**

- Collected seven birdies en route to a bogey-free 7-under 63
- 3/3 scrambling; entered the week ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in that category (69.39%)
- Making his 14<sup>th</sup> start at the event; has finished in the top five four times (T3/2015, T5/2013, T5/2011, T4/2002)
- Won the Mayakoba Golf Classic in his second start of the 2018-19 season
- Finished no worse than T13 (2016) in last five Sony Open starts

**Miscellaneous Notes**

- Justin Thomas notched two eagles during round one, completing the feat for the fifth time in his career (most recent: R4/2018 Dell Technologies Championship)
- Chez Reavie collected seven birdies against two bogeys en route to a 5-under 65 and sits T4
- In his sixth start at the Sony Open in Hawaii, Hudson Swafford sits T4 after capturing seven birdies against two bogeys for 5-under 65
- Playing on a sponsor exemption, Shugo Imahira captured seven birdies against two bogeys en route to a 5-under 65 and sits T4
- Kelly Kraft notched second career ace, doing so on the par-3 No. 7 with a 7-iron from 173 yards (previous: 2017 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open)

**Bogey-free rounds:**

R1: Adam Svensson (61), Matt Kuchar (63), Patton Kizzire (67), Abraham Ancer (68), Stewart Cink (68)

**Scoring Averages at Waialae Country Club:**

|            | <b>Front 9</b> | <b>Back 9</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Cumulative</b> |
|------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|
| <b>R1:</b> | 34.646         | 34.993        | 69.639       | ---               |
|            | <b>Early</b>   | <b>Late</b>   |              |                   |
| <b>R1:</b> | 70.22          | 69.06         |              |                   |