



2019 Desert Classic

(11th of 43 events in the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season)

La Quinta, California

(SC) Stadium/PGA WEST

(NT) Nicklaus Tournament/PGA WEST

(LQ) La Quinta CC

January 17-20, 2019

Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,113

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FedExCup points: 500 (winner)

Purse: \$5,900,000

Second-Round Notes – Friday, January 18, 2019

Weather: Sunny. High of 74. Wind NW 6-12 mph.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Phil Mickelson 60-68—128 (-16) LQ-NT

Curtis Luck 64-66—130 (-14) LQ-NT

Adam Hadwin 65-66—131 (-13) SC-LQ

Steve Marino 66-65—131 (-13) SC-LQ

Things to Know

- Mickelson has converted for the win 17 of 32 times on the PGA TOUR with the 36-hole lead/co-lead
- Mickelson has not converted any of his last three 36-hole leads/co-leads
- Carlos Ortiz plays last six holes at La Quinta CC in 7-under to shoot 62 and move to 10-under 134
- Defending champion Jon Rahm opens with back-to-back 6-under 66s in bid to join Johnny Miller as only player to successfully defend tournament title (1975-76)
- Reigning FedExCup champion and World No. 1 Justin Rose is eight strokes off the lead at 8-under 136

Second-Round Lead Notes

9 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Desert Classic (since 2000)
(most recent: Hudson Swafford/2017)

5 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2018-19
(most recent: Matt Kuchar/Sony Open in Hawaii)

Phil Mickelson – NT (1st/-16)

Age: 48 (June 16, 1970)

Entering the week

#136 FedExCup
#34 OWGR
15 Starts at Desert Classic
2 Wins at Desert Classic
595 PGA TOUR starts
43 PGA TOUR wins
1 Start in 2018-19
1 Top-25 in 2018-19

43 wins; most recent: 2018 World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship

2018-19 results: T17/Safeway Open

- Following his 12-under 60 at La Quinta CC, posted a 4-under 68 at the Nicklaus Tournament Course in round two. He made six birdies against a double-bogey at the par-4 18th (his ninth hole of the day)
- In the round that followed his scores of 60 at the 2005 and 2013 Waste Management Phoenix Open, posted scores of 5-under 66 in 2005 and 6-under 65 in 2013, before winning both events at TPC Scottsdale.
- Is 17 of 32 in his career with the 36-hole lead/co-lead. Has not converted for the win the last three times he has held at least a share of the 36-hole lead. Most recent victory from that position was the 2013 Waste Management Phoenix Open

- Making 16th start at the event, highlighted by wins in 2002 and 2004 as well as a T3 in 2016
- Of 43 career PGA TOUR wins, 13 have come in the state of California
- In only prior start of the 2018-19 season, finished T17 at the Safeway Open

Curtis Luck – NT (2nd/-14)

- In Desert Classic debut, followed an 8-under 64 at La Quinta CC with a 6-under 66 at the Nicklaus Tournament Course
- Hit 12 of 14 fairways and needed just 23 putts for the second day in a row
- Has made eight birdies in each of the first two rounds
- Making 19th career PGA TOUR start and sixth of the 2018-19 season
- Best career PGA TOUR result: T5/2017 Quicken Loans National
- First-year member on PGA TOUR (No. 18 on 2018 Web.com Tour Finals money list)

Adam Hadwin – LQ (T3/-13)

- Birdied four of his last six holes at La Quinta CC (Nos. 4-7) en route to a 6-under 66
- Shot course-record 59 at La Quinta CC in round three of 2017, where he posted a 6-under 66 in round two this week
- With today's 66, moves to 30-under par in five competitive rounds at La Quinta CC
- Making fifth start at the Desert Classic, including top-10s in each of the past three seasons (T3/2018, 2nd/2017, T6/2016)
- Making sixth start of the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season, with T10s at THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES and the Mayakoba Golf Classic
- Winner of the 2017 Valspar Championship

Steve Marino – LQ (T3/-13)

- Playing on a Major Medical Extension, followed three consecutive birdies at Nos. 4-6 with an ace at the 166-yard seventh hole at La Quinta Country Club, using an 8-iron. It marked the first ace of his PGA TOUR career and came on his 2,843rd par-3 in competition.
- In relation to par, 13-under is his lowest 36-hole score since the 2011 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am (-13/finished T4)
- Began the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season with four events to earn 284 FedExCup points and extend his Medical Extension through the remainder of the season. With this being his final start on the Medical Extension, needs 260 points this week, which translates to a victory or solo-second.
- Five times a runner-up, remains in search of his first career PGA TOUR win in his 222nd start this week

Miscellaneous Notes

- **Carlos Ortiz** played his last six holes at La Quinta CC (Nos. 4-9) in 7-under (B-B-E-B-B-B) to post a 10-under 62. His 28 on his inward nine marks the lowest nine-hole score on TOUR since Brandt Snedeker posted a 27 on the front nine of the 2018 Wyndham Championship. Meanwhile, Ortiz' brother, Alvaro, is one shot off the lead at the 2019 Latin American Amateur Championship in the Dominican Republic. The winner of the event earns an invitation to the 2019 Masters Tournament.
- Before this week's 66-66 start, defending champion Jon Rahm had never posted consecutive rounds off 66 or better.

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (20): Phil Mickelson (60/LQ), Curtis Luck (64/LQ), Trey Mullinax (65/NT), Wyndham Clark (65/LQ), Jhonattan Vegas (66/SC), Alex Cejka (66/NT), Abraham Ancer (66/LQ), Robert Streb (66/LQ), Adam Svensson (66/LQ), Talor Gooch (67/SC), Charles Howell III (67/NT), Kramer Hickok (67/NT), Chez Reavie (67/LQ), Nick Watney (68/SC), Max Homa (68/NT), John Huh (68/NT), Harold Varner III (68/LQ), Aaron Wise (68/LQ), Beau Hossler (69/LQ), Ryan Armour (69/LQ), Peter Malnati (70/LQ)

R2 (22): Scott Langley (65/SC), Scott Piercy (65/NT), Peter Malnati (65/NT), Steve Marino (65/LQ), Sam Burns (66/NT), Sam Ryder (66/LQ), Patrick Cantlay (66/SC), Kevin Streelman (66/LQ), Tyler Duncan (66/LQ), J.J. Spaun (67/LQ), Sepp Straka (67/SC), Scott Brown (67/LQ), Ryan Armour (68/NT), Aaron Baddeley (68/SC), Lucas Glover (68/NT), Brandon Hagy (68/SC), Zach Johnson (68/NT), Kevin Kisner (68/SC), Pat Perez (68/NT), Justin Rose (68/NT), Danny Willett (68/NT), Brady Schnell (70/NT)

Scoring averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
SC/R1	35.096	35.788	70.885	--
SC/R2	34.885	35.385	70.269	70.577
NT/R1	34.673	35.038	69.712	--
NT/R2	34.173	34.385	68.558	69.135
LQ/R1	33.827	35.596	69.423	--
LQ/R2	33.538	34.885	68.423	68.923