



## 2019 Desert Classic

(11<sup>th</sup> 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

### Third-Round Notes – Saturday, January 19, 2019

*Weather: Sunny. High of 75. Wind light and variable at 4-8 mph.*

### Third-Round Leaderboard

Phil Mickelson 60-68-66—194 (-22) LQ-NT-SC  
Adam Hadwin 65-66-65—196 (-20) SC-LQ-NT  
Adam Long 63-71-63—197 (-19) NT-SC-LQ  
Steve Marino 66-65-67—198 (-18) SC-LQ-NT

**54-Hole Cut:** 73 professionals at 9-under 207 from a field of 155 professionals and one amateur advanced to Sunday's final round. The leading six amateurs (three net and three gross) also advance to Sunday's final round. Lowest cut in tournament history is 206 (-10) in 2013

### Things to Know

- Mickelson has converted for the win 25 of 39 times on the PGA TOUR with the 54-hole lead/co-lead
- With victory Sunday, Mickelson's time between his first and last win on TOUR would be 28 years, 10 days
- Hadwin is seeking to become the second Canadian and sixth international winner of the Desert Classic
- USC freshman Charlie Reiter's 9-under 63 at the Stadium Course is second-lowest by an amateur on TOUR
- Defending champion Jon Rahm sits T7 in bid to join Johnny Miller as only player to successfully defend tournament title (1975-76)
- Reigning FedExCup champion Justin Rose sits T29 at 12-under after three rounds of 68

### Third-Round Lead Notes

- 4 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Desert Classic (since 2012, when event became 72-holes) (Mark Wilson/2012, Patrick Reed/2014, Bill Haas/2015, Jason Dufner/2016)
- 7 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2018-19 (most recent: Matt Kuchar/Sony Open in Hawaii)
- 7 Largest 54-hole lead at Desert Classic (Patrick Reed/2014)
- 6 Largest come-from-behind win after 54-holes (Brian Gay/2013) \*72-hole tournament
- 2 Wire-to-wire winners (Rick Massengale/1977, Patrick Reed/2014)

### Phil Mickelson – SC (1<sup>st</sup>/-22)

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 opening-round 12-under 60 at La Quinta CC and a 4-under 68 at the Nicklaus Tournament Course in round two, birdied three of four par-3s on Stadium Course for bogey-free 6-under 66 to lead by two at 22-under
- Has converted 25 of 39 official PGA TOUR 54-hole leads/co-leads into victory *\*includes 90-hole 2004 Desert Classic but not 2009 WGC-HSBC Champions*
- Making 16<sup>th</sup> 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
- A victory Sunday would be his 44<sup>th</sup> at age 48 years, 7 months, 4 days in his 596<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR start
- With win Sunday, time between first and last win on TOUR would be 28 years, 10 days. Would remain fourth on the list of players in that category behind Ray Floyd (28y, 11m, 20d), Sam Snead (28y, 6m, 28d) and Davis Love III (28y, 4m, 4d)
- With victory Sunday, would be second consecutive player in 40s to win on TOUR following Matt Kuchar's win at Sony Open in Hawaii. Last three times back-to-back winners in 40s: 2017-18 (Mickelson/WGC-Mexico Championship – Paul Casey/Valspar Championship), 2016-17 (Rod Pampling/Shriners Hospitals for Children Open – Pat Perez/Mayakoba Golf Classic), 2014-15 (Padraig Harrington/The Honda Classic – Alex Cejka/Puerto Rico Open)
- In only prior start of the 2018-19 season, finished T17 at the Safeway Open

### **Adam Hadwin – NT (2<sup>nd</sup>/-20)**

**Age:** 31 (November 2, 1987)

#### **Entering the week**

#51	FedExCup
#70	OWGR
4	Starts at Desert Classic (best result, 2 <sup>nd</sup> /2017)
126	PGA TOUR starts
1	PGA TOUR wins
5	Starts in 2018-19
2	Top-10s in 2018-19

- Bogey-free 7-under 65 marked his 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive round of par-or-better at the Desert Classic
- Is a total of 91-under in 19 rounds played at the Desert Classic – rounds in the 50s (1), rounds in the 60s (13), rounds in the 70s (5)
- Seeking to become second Canadian and sixth international winner of the Desert Classic (Bruce Devlin/Australia/1970, Jesper Parnevik/Sweden/2000, Mike Weir/Canada/2003, Jhonattan Vegas/Venezuela/2011, Jon Rahm/Spain/2018)
- Shot course-record 59 at La Quinta CC in round three of 2017
- Making fifth start at the Desert Classic, including top-10s in each of the past three seasons (T3/2018, 2<sup>nd</sup>/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

### **Adam Long – LQ (3<sup>rd</sup>/-19)**

- Played the four par-5s at La Quinta CC in 6-under (two eagles, two birdies) for a 9-under 63, his second of the week
- Saturday's 63 matched first-round 63, his career-low 18-hole score (previous: 66/R1/2018 Safeway Open)
- Making sixth career PGA TOUR start and fifth of the 2018-19 season
- Will join Mickelson and Hadwin in the final-round final grouping – a first in his PGA TOUR career
- Best career PGA TOUR result: T63/2018 Safeway Open (only made cut)
- Making Desert Classic debut
- PGA TOUR rookie (No. 13 on 2018 Web.com Tour Regular Season money list)

### **Steve Marino – NT (4<sup>th</sup>/-18)**

- Despite starting on No. 10 at both the Stadium Course (Thursday) and the Nicklaus Tournament Course (Saturday), has played the front nine at each of the three venues in 5-under 31 in each round
- 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 222<sup>nd</sup> start this week

### **Michael Thompson – SC (T5/-17)**

- Starting at No. 10, 7-under 65 at the Stadium Course included opening nine 32 of six birdies and a double bogey (No. 15)
- Playing out of Web.com priority list (No. 46) after securing PGA TOUR card for 2018-19 season with 23<sup>rd</sup>-place finish in Finals money list
- Made two cuts in three starts this season (T17/Safeway Open, T69/Sony Open in Hawaii)

- Making fourth appearance at Desert Classic (T54/2012, T28/2016, MC/2017)
- Since joining the TOUR in 2011, has posted at least one top-10 result each season, except 2017-18 season
- Lone TOUR win came at The Honda Classic in 2013

#### Patrick Cantlay – LQ (T5/-17)

- Seven birdies and a bogey for 6-under 66 at La Quinta CC to move to T5 through 54 holes
- Missed the cut in his only other appearance at the Desert Classic in 2013 (65-72-71)
- Making his fourth start of the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season (T17/Safeway Open, T7/WGC-HSBC Champions, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Shriners Hospitals for Children Open)
- Finished T5 at the Hero World Challenge late last year
- Seeking second PGA TOUR title in 68<sup>th</sup> career start (Won 2017 Shriners Hospitals for Children Open)

#### Miscellaneous Notes

- Dominic Bozzelli's bogey-free 8-under 64 at La Quinta CC equaled his career low (six times) and is his fourth round of 64 this season (R1/Mayakoba Golf Classic, R2&3/Sony Open in Hawaii, R3/Desert Classic). Bozzelli missed the cut at this event in 2018 after finishing fifth in 2017
- USC freshman and sponsor exemption Charlie Reiter shot 9-under 63 on the Stadium Course, the low round on that course since it joined the Desert Classic rotation. Reiter's round is the second-lowest by an amateur in PGA TOUR history (60/Patrick Cantlay/2011 Travelers Championship). Reiter missed the cut for the second consecutive year (75-70-63—208)
- Sungjae Im, who last year became the first player in Web.com Tour history to lead the money list every week of the season (27 weeks), posted a bogey-free 64 at the Stadium Course to move to T7
- After starting with two bogeys in his first three holes at the Nicklaus Tournament Course, Talor Gooch reeled off eight birdies in a 10-hole stretch (Nos. 4-13), posting 6-under 66 following a pair of 67s
- Jamie Lovemark withdrew before the start of round three, while Pat Perez withdrew with a thumb injury during the third round

#### 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)

**R3 (21):** Dominic Bozzelli (64/LQ), Sungjae Im (64/SC), Dylan Frittelli (64/LQ), J.T. Poston (64/NT), Adam Hadwin (65/NT), Hudson Swafford (65/LQ), Scott Langley (66/LQ), Phil Mickelson (66/SC), Jason Kokrak (66/LQ), Fabian Gomez (67/NT), Brandon Hagy (67/LQ), James Hahn (67/NT), Charles Howell III (68/LQ), Peter Malnati (68/SC), Derek Fathauer (68/LQ), Lucas Glover (68/SC), Ollie Schniederjans (68/LQ), J.J. Spaun (68/NT), Daniel Berger (69/SC), Chez Reavie (69/SC), John Senden (70/NT)

#### Scoring averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
<b>SC/R1</b>	35.096	35.788	70.885	--
<b>SC/R2</b>	34.885	35.385	70.269	70.577
<b>SC/R3</b>	34.840	35.220	70.060	70.409
<b>NT/R1</b>	34.673	35.038	69.712	--
<b>NT/R2</b>	34.173	34.385	68.558	69.135
<b>NT/R3</b>	34.442	34.462	68.904	69.058
<b>LQ/R1</b>	33.827	35.596	69.423	--
<b>LQ/R2</b>	33.538	34.885	68.423	68.923
<b>LQ/R3</b>	33.615	34.692	68.308	68.718