



## 2019 The Honda Classic

(The 18th of 46 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Palm Beach Gardens, Florida Feb. 28 – March 3, 2019

Purse: \$6,800,000 (\$1,224,000/winner)

PGA National (Champion Course)

Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,125

### Second-Round Notes – Friday, March 1, 2019

*Weather: Mostly cloudy, with a high of 83. Wind ESE 6-12 mph.*

**36-hole cut:** 83 professionals at 2-over 142 from a field of 144 professionals. With more than 78 players making the cut, a 54-hole cut will take place following the third round to the low 70 and ties.

### Second-Round Leaderboard

Sungjae Im	70-64—134 (-6)
Keith Mitchell	68-66—134 (-6)
Lucas Glover	66-69—135 (-5)
Nine players	136 (-4)

### Things to Know

- Sungjae Im and Keith Mitchell share the second-round lead following rounds of 64 and 66, respectively
- First-round leader Jhonattan Vegas recorded a 3-over 73 to fall to T13
- Defending champion Justin Thomas made the cut on the number following a 4-over 74
- Notables to miss the cut: Adam Scott (+3), Jimmy Walker (+6), Erik Compton (+7)

### Second-Round Lead Notes

- 3 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win since the event moved to PGA National in 2007  
Most recent: Padraig Harrington/2015
- 9 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2018-19  
Most recent: Dustin Johnson/WGC-Mexico Championship

### Sungjae Im (-6/T1)

Age: 20 (March 30, 1998)

### Entering the week

#36	FedExCup
#88	OWGR
0	Starts at The Honda Classic
14	PGA TOUR starts
0	PGA TOUR wins
12	PGA TOUR starts in 2018-19

**Best results in 2018-19:** T4/Safeway Open, T7/Waste Management Phoenix Open

- 64 equals best score on TOUR, set twice previously and most recently in the third round at the Desert Classic
- Holds the lead/co-lead after a round for the first time in his TOUR career
- Led the field in Strokes Gained: Tee To Green during the second round (+5.751)
- Entered the week with two straight missed cuts (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, Genesis Open)
- International winners since the event moved to PGA National in 2007: Ernie Els/2008, Y.E. Yang/2009, Camilo Villegas/2010, Rory Sabbatini/2011, Rory McIlroy/2012, Padraig Harrington/2015, Adam Scott/2016
- The 20-year-old is seeking to become the youngest winner of The Honda Classic since 1983, with 2012 champion Rory McIlroy (22 years, 10 months) currently holding the distinction

### Keith Mitchell (-6/T1)

**Age:** 27 (January 7, 1992)

**Entering the week**

#102 FedExCup  
 #162 OWGR  
 1 Starts at The Honda Classic (MC/2018)  
 39 PGA TOUR starts  
 0 PGA TOUR wins  
 9 PGA TOUR starts in 2018-19

**Best result in 2018-19:** T14/THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES

- 64 falls one shy of career-best score on TOUR (63 set twice, most recently in R3 at the 2019 Sony Open in Hawaii)
- Seeking first top-10 finish since 2018 John Deere Classic (T7)
- Holds the lead/co-lead for the first time after any round on the PGA TOUR
- Entered the week with two straight missed cuts (AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, Genesis Open)

**Lucas Glover (-5/3<sup>rd</sup>)**

- In 10 previous starts in the event, finished inside the top 10 in 2005 (T9) and 2013 (T4)
- Made a return to the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of a 14<sup>th</sup>-place finish on the 2018 Web.com Tour priority list
- Underwent arthroscopic knee surgery in June 2018 before competing in the Web.com Tour Finals
- In seven starts this season, has six top-20 finishes, highlighted by a pair of T7 showings at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open and AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
- Three-time TOUR winner: 2005 Children's Miracle Network Classic, 2009 U.S. Open, 2011 Wells Fargo Championship

**Miscellaneous Notes**

- Defending Honda Classic champion Justin Thomas sits T67 (68-74) in his bid to become just the second player to successfully defend his title (Jack Nicklaus, 1977-78)
- 2016 champion Adam Scott missed the cut for just the second time at the event (2011); entered the week with four consecutive top-15 finishes at PGA National
- Lucas Bjerregaard (T22) and Jason Kokrak (T43) lead the field with 11 birdies
- After an opening-round 75 which included two birdies, five bogeys and a double bogey, David Pastore managed the only bogey-free round with a 1-under 69 Friday (1 birdie, 17 pars)
- Peter Uihlein withdrew during the second round with a back injury

**Bogey-free rounds:**

R1: Jhonattan Vegas (64), Sergio Garcia (67)

R2: David Pastore (69)

**Scoring Averages at PGA National:**

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
<b>R1:</b>	35.524	35.378	70.902	---
<b>R2:</b>	35.634	35.817	71.451	71.175

Morning Scoring Average: R1 (70.83), R2 (70.73)

Afternoon Scoring Average: R1 (70.97), R2 (72.15)

**"Bear Trap" averages**

R1: No. 15 (3.189/5<sup>th</sup> toughest), No. 16 (4.021/11<sup>th</sup> toughest), No. 17 (3.014/12<sup>th</sup> toughest)

R2: No. 15 (3.197/4<sup>th</sup> toughest), No. 16 (4.063/11<sup>th</sup> toughest), No. 17 (2.986/14<sup>th</sup> toughest)