



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

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, March 3, 2019

Weather: Mostly cloudy, with a high of 84. Wind SSE 12-20 mph.

Final-Round Leaderboard

Keith Mitchell	68-66-70-67—271 (-9)
Brooks Koepka	67-69-70-66—272 (-8)
Rickie Fowler	67-72-66-67—272 (-8)
Ryan Palmer	70-71-69-63—273 (-7)
Lucas Glover	66-69-72-66—273 (-7)

Things to Know

- Keith Mitchell wins for the first time on the PGA TOUR
- Jupiter residents Brooks Koepka and Rickie Fowler finish runner-up
- Mitchell posts the first single-digit winning score in a non-major since Justin Thomas won The Honda Classic in 2018
- Vijay Singh finishes sixth in his bid to become the oldest winner in PGA TOUR history
- Defending champion Justin Thomas finishes T30 in bid to become the event's second back-to-back winner

Keith Mitchell (1st/-9)

Age: 27 (January 7, 1992)

Following The Honda Classic

#17	FedExCup
Top 70	OWGR (projected)
2	Starts at The Honda Classic
1	Top-10 at The Honda Classic (1 st -2019)
40	PGA TOUR starts
1	PGA TOUR win
10	PGA TOUR starts in 2018-19

- Earns his first PGA TOUR victory in his 40th start at the age of 27 years, 1 month, 27 days
- Collects 500 points and moves from No. 102 to No. 17 in the FedExCup standings
- Joins Michael Thompson (2013), Y.E. Yang (2009), Mark Wilson (2007), Padraig Harrington (2005), Todd Hamilton (2004) and Matt Kuchar (2002) as players to earn their first TOUR win at The Honda Classic since 2000
- Single-digit under-par winning score is the first on the PGA TOUR in a non-major championship since Justin Thomas won The Honda Classic a year ago at 8-under 272
- Led the field this week in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (+11.917); ranked T2 in Scrambling (21 of 27)
- Follows victories by Rickie Fowler (2017) and Justin Thomas (2018), marking the first time Americans have won three straight at The Honda Classic since 2004 (Matt Kuchar/2002, Justin Leonard/2003, Todd Hamilton/2004)
- Joins the following University of Georgia winners on TOUR: Bubba Watson (12), Chris Kirk (4), Chip Beck (4), Tim Simpson (4), Billy Kratzert (4), Russell Henley (3), Brian Harman (2), Harris English (2), Kevin Kisner (2), Hudson Swafford, Brendon Todd, Ryuji Imada
- Missed the cut in last two starts, with the finish his first top-10 since the 2018 John Deere Classic (T7)
- Is the 10th second-round leader/co-leader to win in 18 events this season (shared the second-round lead with Sungjae Im)

Miscellaneous Notes

- Seeking his sixth PGA TOUR victory, Jupiter, Florida resident Brooks Koepka closed with a 4-under 66 to finish one stroke behind champion Keith Mitchell; was his seventh runner-up finish on TOUR

- In search of his sixth PGA TOUR win, Jupiter, Florida resident and 2017 Honda Classic champion Rickie Fowler posted a 3-under 67 to finish one shot behind Mitchell; now has 14 runner-up finishes on TOUR
- Three-time PGA TOUR winner Ryan Palmer opened his final round with a 6-under 29 en route to a 7-under 63 (his lowest score by two strokes in 46 rounds at the Honda Classic) to finish T4
- Lucas Glover posted bookend 4-under 66s to finish T4, his third top-10 finish in 11 starts at The Honda Classic; has steadily improved in his last four starts at PGA National (MC/2016, T21/2017, T17/2018, T4/2019); with the exception of a missed cut at the Waste Management Phoenix Open, has finished no worse than T17 in his other seven starts this season
- 56-year-old Vijay Singh finished sixth in his attempt to overtake Sam Snead as the oldest winner in PGA TOUR history; Snead won the 1965 Wyndham Championship at the age of 52 years, 10 months, 8 days; marks Singh's first top-10 finish since the 2016 Quicken Loans National (2nd)
- Third-round leader Wyndham Clark posted a final-round 2-over 72 to finish T7 in his first start at The Honda Classic, topping his previous career-best finish at the Puerto Rico Open (T10); since 2007, seven third-round leaders/co-leaders have won this event, most recently Rickie Fowler in 2017
- Kyoung-Hoon Lee (T7) recorded his first top-10 finish in 15 PGA TOUR starts
- Jim Furyk's T9 finish is his fifth top-10 showing in 10 starts at The Honda Classic (T4/2000, T7/2001, T5/2003, T9/2005, T9/2019)
- Jason Kokrak (T9) earns his first top-10 finish since A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier in 2018 (T3); 20th of his career
- Sergio Garcia followed last week's T6 at the WGC-Mexico Championship with a T9 at PGA National
- Defending Honda Classic champion Justin Thomas finished T30 in his bid to become just the second player to successfully defend his title at The Honda Classic (Jack Nicklaus, 1977-78)

Bogey-free rounds:

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

R2: David Pastore (69)

R3: John Huh (67)

R4: Lucas Bjerregaard (67)

Scoring Averages at PGA National:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.524	35.378	70.902	---
R2:	35.634	35.817	71.451	71.175
R3:	34.928	35.687	70.614	71.054
R4:	35.114	35.700	70.814	71.016

"Bear Trap" averages

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

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

R3: No. 15 (3.217/3rd toughest), No. 16 (4.108/7th toughest), No. 17 (3.253/1st toughest)

R4: No. 15 (3.029/11th toughest), No. 16 (4.057/10th toughest), No. 17 (3.243/5th toughest)

Cumulative: No. 15 (3.171/6th toughest), No. 16 (4.057/11th toughest), No. 17 (3.091/10th toughest)