



## 2019 Open Championship

(The 39<sup>th</sup> of 46 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Portrush, Northern Ireland  
Royal Portrush Golf Club

July 15-21, 2019  
Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,344

FedExCup Points: 600 to the winner  
Purse: \$10,750,000 (\$1,935,000)

### Second-Round Notes – Friday, July 19, 2019

*Weather: Mostly cloudy, with occasional rain showers. High of 66. Winds NNE 5-10 mph.*

#### Second-Round Leaderboard

J.B. Holmes	66-68—134 (-8)
Shane Lowry	67-67—134 (-8)
Tommy Fleetwood	68-67—135 (-7)
Lee Westwood	68-67—135 (-7)
Cameron Smith	70-66—136 (-6)
Justin Harding	71-65—136 (-6)
Justin Rose	69-67—136 (-6)

**Cut:** 73 professionals at 1-over 143 from a field of 150 professionals and six amateurs.

#### Things to Know

- Brooks Koepka (T8) enters the weekend in the top 20 for the 12th time in his last 12 majors played
- Despite a 14-shot improvement (79-65), Rory McIlroy misses the cut; last missed cut at The Open was in 2013, which he followed with a win (2014), T5 (2016), T4 (2017) and T2 (2018)
- Marks the first major (of 83 possible), Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson both played and missed the cut
- Portrush native Graeme McDowell (73-70) and defending champion Francesco Molinari (74-69) make the cut on the number
- Four players post 6-under 65s, low score through two rounds: Justin Harding (T5), Xander Schauffele (T18), Kevin Streelman (T48) and Rory McIlroy (MC)

#### Second-Round Lead Notes

- 47 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win The Open since 1892 (most recent: Jordan Spieth/2017)
- 16 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2018-19 (most recent: Nate Lashley/Rocket Mortgage Classic)

#### J.B. Holmes (T1/-8)

- 66-68—134 bests his low 36-hole total in a major by four shots; previously 138 (2009 The Open, 2010 PGA Championship, 2015 U.S. Open, 2017 U.S. Open)
- Did not compete in the 2018 Open Championship; the last player to win a major that they did not play in the year prior was Keegan Bradley at the 2011 PGA Championship
- Marks fifth second-round lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR (converted to victory once: 2008 Waste Management Phoenix Open; finished runner-up twice: 2010 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am/T2, 2015 WGC-Mexico Championship/2)
- Owns five PGA TOUR victories, most recently winning the 2019 Genesis Open

#### Shane Lowry (T1/-8)

- Holds second-round lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR for the second time (2019 RBC Heritage/T3 finish)
- Marks second lead/co-lead after any round of a major; held the 54-hole lead at the 2016 U.S. Open at Oakmont by four shots and closed with a 76 to finish T2
- Won the 2015 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational (formerly Bridgestone Invitational) as a non-member

- From Clara, Ireland; two-time Open Champion Padraig Harrington (2007, 2008) is the only champion from the Republic of Ireland
- Winner of the 2009 Irish Open at County Louth as an amateur

### Tommy Fleetwood (T3/-7)

- 68-67—135 marks best 36-hole total in 18 major championship starts
- Of two top-10s in majors, both are top-five finishes in the U.S. Open (4<sup>th</sup>/2017, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2018)
- Making sixth Open Championship start; best result: T12/2018
- Last player from England to win The Open Championship: Nick Faldo/1992/Muirfield, his last of three Open Championship titles
- Has four top-10s on the PGA TOUR in 2018-19: WGC-HSBC Champions (T7), Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard (T3), THE PLAYERS Championship (T5), Zurich Classic of New Orleans (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- At No. 20 in the Official World Golf Ranking, is the highest-ranked player in the world without a PGA TOUR victory
- 20 of the last 21 major winners entered the week in the top 25 of the Official World Golf Ranking (only Jimmy Walker/48th/2016 PGA Championship did not)
- Currently No. 44 in the FedExCup standings as he seeks his second consecutive berth to the TOUR Championship in second season as a full-time PGA TOUR member

### Lee Westwood (T3/-7)

- In search of first major championship title in 82nd career major start; with a win, would become the oldest first-time major winner and third-oldest major winner all-time (46 years, 2 months, 27 days)
- Records second bogey-free round in 86 rounds in The Open Championship

### Brooks Koepka (T8/-5)

- Seeks first Open Championship title to collect third leg of career Grand Slam: 2017 U.S. Open, 2018 U.S. Open, 2018 PGA Championship, 2019 PGA Championship
- Looks to become fourth player to win five or more majors before turning 30 (others: Bobby Jones, Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods)
- Fifth time opening a major championship with two rounds in the 60s

Tournament	R1	R2	Finish
2019 Open Championship	68	69	TBD
2019 U.S. Open	69	69	2 <sup>nd</sup>
2019 PGA Championship	63	65	Won
2018 PGA Championship	69	63	Won
2016 PGA Championship	68	67	T4

- Owns most rounds in the 60s in major championships since the start of the 2017 season

Player	# of Rounds in the 60s in majors (including this week)
Brooks Koepka	25
Jordan Spieth	20

- No player has ever finished first or second in all four majors in a single year; results in 2019 majors: T2/Masters Tournament, Win/PGA Championship, 2<sup>nd</sup>/U.S. Open

### Jordan Spieth (T8/-5)

- 2017 Open Championship winner posts eighth round in the 60s in last 11 rounds in The Open (dating to final-round/2016/Royal Troon)
- Has stood T9 or better through 36 holes eight times in majors and has finished T3 or better each time
- Scoring average ranks by round (2018-19 season on TOUR): 16-2-166-196

### Tiger Woods (MC/+6)

- Misses 20<sup>th</sup> cut as a professional in his 342<sup>nd</sup> professional start; third missed cut in 21 Open Championship starts
- Coupled with a missed cut at the 2019 PGA Championship, misses the cut in multiple majors in a single season for just the second time (3/2015)
- 148 is his second-highest 36-hole total at The Open (151/2015/St. Andrews)

### Additional Player Notes

- 2013 Open Championship winner Phil Mickelson (76-74/+8) misses fifth cut 24<sup>th</sup> Open Championship start
- This is just the second time in 18 starts in The Open that Justin Rose (T5) is inside the top 10 on the leaderboard heading into the weekend; best 36-hole position came in tournament debut as an amateur in 1998 when he was T2 after round two at Royal Birkdale (T4 finish)
- 2015 Open Championship winner Zach Johnson misses first cut in the event since 2006; he is one of 10 players that has advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs each season; he entered the week No. 141 in the standings
- U.S. Open champion Gary Woodland misses first cut in eight Open Championship starts
- Andrew Putnam, one of 32 players making their Open Championship debut, opens with rounds of 70-67 to sit T8. Putnam is the most recent winner of the Barracuda Championship, being played next week in Reno, Nevada.
- Dylan Frittelli (T8) opens his eighth major championship start with two rounds in the 60s (68-69), just days removed from his first career PGA TOUR win at the John Deere Classic; the last player to win the week before winning a major is Rory McIlroy in 2014 (WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational, PGA Championship)

Players (10) to make the cut in all four majors and THE PLAYERS in 2019					
Player	THE PLAYERS	Masters	PGA Championship	U.S. Open	The Open R2 Position
Tommy Fleetwood	T5	T36	T48	T65	T3
Cameron Smith	T56	T51	T64	T72	T5
Brooks Koepka	T56	T2	Won	2	T8
Matt Kuchar	T26	T12	T8	T16	T12
Dustin Johnson	T5	T2	2	T35	T18
Webb Simpson	T16	T5	T29	T16	T18
Rickie Fowler	T47	T9	T36	T43	T18
Matthew Fitzpatrick	T41	T21	T41	T12	T25
Louis Oosthuizen	T56	T29	T60	T7	T48
Francesco Molinari	T56	T5	T48	T16	T58

### Course Statistics

#### Toughest Hole

R1: Par-4 11 (4.404)

R2: Par-4 14 (4.532)

#### Easiest Hole

Par-5 second (4.628)

Par-5 12<sup>th</sup> (4.519)

### Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	36.641	36.346	72.987	---
R2:	35.910	35.474	71.385	72.186

### Bogey-free rounds

R1: Kiradech Aphibarnrat (68), Tony Finau (68), Tommy Fleetwood (68), Shubhankar Sharma (70)

R2: Andrew Putnam (67), Xander Schauffele (65), Erik Van Rooyen (68), Lee Westwood (67)