



2019 Open Championship

(The 39th 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)**

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, July 20, 2019

Weather: Cloudy with periods of sunshine. High of 66. Winds WNW 7-10 mph with gusts of 18-22 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Shane Lowry	67-67-63—197 (-16)
Tommy Fleetwood	68-67-66—201 (-12)
J.B. Holmes	66-68-69—203 (-10)
Brooks Koepka	68-69-67—204 (-9)
Justin Rose	69-67-68—204 (-9)

Things to Know

- Shane Lowry seeks first major win; looks to join Pdraig Harrington as second Open champion from Republic of Ireland, as The Open Championship is contested outside England and Scotland for just the second time (1951/Royal Portrush)
- Since 2000, 12 players have led by four or more strokes after 54 holes in a major; three did not go on to win: Shane Lowry/2016 U.S. Open, Adam Scott/2012 Open Championship, Rory McIlroy/2011 Masters
- Tommy Fleetwood is the highest-ranked player in the Official World Golf Ranking without a PGA TOUR victory
- Brooks Koepka (T4) has either won or finished second in the last four majors
- Only three players under the age of 35 have won The Open during the FedExCup era (2007-present); Lowry (32) and Fleetwood (28) could become the fourth

Year	Player	Age
2017	Jordan Spieth	23 years, 361 days
2014	Rory McIlroy	25 years, 77 days
2010	Louis Oosthuizen	27 years, 272 days

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 66 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win The Open since 1892 (most recent: Jordan Spieth/2017)
- 21 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2018-19 (most recent: Matthew Wolff/3M Open)
- 16 Of the last 23 third-round leaders/co-leaders in majors (dating to 2014 season) have gone on to win

Shane Lowry (1st/-16)

- 197 sets 54-hole scoring record at The Open (previously: 198/Tom Lehman/1996/Royal Lytham & St. Annes)
- 197, career-best 54-hole total (previously: 198 twice, most recently, 2019 RBC Canadian Open/T2)
- 63, career-best round on TOUR; ties most birdies in a round (8), the most in a major championship round
- Holds third-round lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR for the second time; held the 54-hole lead at the 2016 U.S. Open at Oakmont by four shots and closed with a 76 to finish T2
- Has missed the last four cuts in The Open Championship (2015-18)
- Won the 2015 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational (formerly Bridgestone Invitational) as a non-member
- From Clara, Ireland; two-time Open Champion Pdraig 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 (2nd/-12)

- Has fewest bogeys of any player through 54 holes (2)
- Seeks first major win in 18 major starts; is the highest-ranked player in the world (No. 20) without a PGA TOUR victory; the last player to win a major for first PGA TOUR title was Danny Willett (2016 Masters)
- Last player from England to win The Open Championship: Nick Faldo/1992/Muirfield
- 68-67-66—201 marks best 54-hole total in a major, and second-lowest on TOUR (195/2018 BMW Championship)
- Of two top-10s in majors, both are top-five finishes in the U.S. Open (4th/2017, 2nd/2018)
- Making sixth Open Championship start; best result: T12/2018
- 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 (2nd)
- 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

J.B. Holmes (3rd/-10)

- 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
- Best major championship finish: 3rd/2016 Open Championship/Royal Troon
- Owns five PGA TOUR victories, most recently winning the 2019 Genesis Open earlier this season

Brooks Koepka (T4/-9)

- Owns most rounds in the 60s in major championships since the start of the 2017 season (26, Jordan Spieth is second with 21)
- 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, 2nd/U.S. Open
- Has 10 top-six finishes in 23 career major starts

Koepka's third-round positions when finishing T6 or better in a major		
Tournament	R3 Position	Finish
2019 Open Championship	T4	TBD
2019 U.S. Open	T3	2
2019 PGA Championship	1	Won
2019 Masters Tournament	4	T2
2018 PGA Championship	1	Won
2018 U.S. Open	T1	Won
2017 Open Championship	T3	T6
2017 U.S. Open	T2	Won
2016 PGA Championship	T3	T4
2015 PGA Championship	T13	T5
2014 U.S. Open	T7	T4

Additional Player Notes

- Lee Westwood seeks first major championship title in 82nd career major start; marks second-most major starts without a victory (Jay Haas/87)
- 2017 Open Championship winner Jordan Spieth posts ninth round in the 60s in last 12 rounds in The Open (dating to final-round/2016/Royal Troon)
- Rickie Fowler posts low 54-hole score (205) in 10 Open Championship starts and ties his best round in the event (66); previous-low of 206 came en route to T2 in 2014 at Royal Liverpool; has most top-fives in majors since 2014 without a win (in that span)

Player	Top-fives in majors since 2014 without a win (in that span)
Rickie Fowler	7
Justin Rose	5
Xander Schauffele	4
Branden Grace	4
Hideki Matsuyama	4

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 R3 Position
Tommy Fleetwood	T5	T36	T48	T65	2 nd
Brooks Koepka	T56	T2	Won	2	T4
Rickie Fowler	T47	T9	T36	T43	T6
Cameron Smith	T56	T51	T64	T72	T12
Matt Kuchar	T26	T12	T8	T16	T12
Webb Simpson	T16	T5	T29	T16	T23
Matthew Fitzpatrick	T41	T21	T41	T12	T23
Dustin Johnson	T5	T2	2	T35	T29
Louis Oosthuizen	T56	T29	T60	T7	T50
Francesco Molinari	T56	T5	T48	T16	T54

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole

R1: Par-4 11th (4.404)

R2: Par-4 14th (4.532)

R3: Par-4 14th (4.329)

Easiest Hole

Par-5 2nd (4.628)

Par-5 12th (4.519)

Par-5 2nd (4.329)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	36.641	36.346	72.987	---
R2:	35.910	35.474	71.385	72.186
R3:	35.575	35.493	71.068	71.974

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)

R3: Tommy Fleetwood (66), Matt Kuchar (69), Shane Lowry (63), Danny Willett (65)