



THE PLAYERS Championship 2019
(20th of 46 events in the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season)

Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida March 14-17, 2019
THE PLAYERS Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass

Purse: \$12,500,000 (\$2,250,000)
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,189

First-Round Notes – Friday, March 15, 2019

First-Round Leaderboard

Tommy Fleetwood	65 (-7)
Keegan Bradley	65 (-7)
Byeong Hun An	66 (-6)
Brian Harman	66 (-6)

Things to Know

- Anirban Lahiri, the only player who did not complete the first round on Thursday, returned Friday morning and completed his round at 8:56 a.m. ET (2-under 70).
- Fleetwood and Bradley were also co-leaders after 36 holes of last week’s Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard
- Tiger Woods, whose only opening-round in the 60s at THE PLAYERS led to a win in 2013, bogeyed the 18th hole to shoot a 70
- Harris English recorded the fifth albatross in tournament history and the third in the last three years
- Ryan Moore aced the 17th to become the ninth player to do so in tournament history

First-Round Lead Notes

- 15 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win THE PLAYERS
(most recent: Webb Simpson/2018)
- 5 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win in 2018-19
(most recent: J.B. Holmes/Genesis Open)

Comparing the co-leaders (entering the week)

	Tommy Fleetwood	Keegan Bradley
Age	28 (Jan. 19, 1991)	32 (June 7, 1986)
FedExCup	No. 59	No. 58
OWGR	No. 13	No. 34
Starts at THE PLAYERS	2	8
Top-10s at THE PLAYERS	1	1
PGA TOUR starts	46	219
PGA TOUR wins	0	4
Starts in 2018-19	5	9
Top-10s in 2018-19	2	2

Tommy Fleetwood (T1/-7)

- Holds first 18-hole lead/co-lead of PGA TOUR career; best career 18-hole positions:

T1	2019 THE PLAYERS Championship	finish TBD
T2	2014 WGC-HSBC Champions	T24
T4	2013 WGC-HSBC Champions	T18
T4	2017 U.S. Open	4 th
T4	2018 RBC Canadian Open	T6
- Records lowest first-round score of PGA TOUR career (47th start); best first-round scores:

65	2019 THE PLAYERS Championship
66	2018 RBC Canadian Open
66	2018 WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational
- Along with Bradley, first score of 65 or better in round one of THE PLAYERS since 2016 (Jason Day/63, five players/65)
- 30 ties low front-nine score of PGA TOUR career (R2/2019 WGC-Mexico Championship)

- Making third start at THE PLAYERS; tied for seventh in 2018
- Highest-ranked player in the OWGR without a win on the PGA TOUR (No. 13)
- Held the 36-hole co-lead at last week's Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard before shooting 76-68 on the weekend to finish T3
- Runner-up results in PGA TOUR career: 2017 WGC-Mexico Championship, 2018 U.S. Open

Keegan Bradley (T1/-7)

- Holds fifth 18-hole lead/co-lead of PGA TOUR career; previous results:

1	2011 TOUR Championship	T11
1	2013 AT&T Byron Nelson	2 nd
T1	2016 Valspar Championship	MC
T1	2016 CIMB Classic	6 th
- Along with Fleetwood, first score of 65 or better in round one of THE PLAYERS since 2016 (Jason Day/63, five players/65)
- Best result in first seven starts at THE PLAYERS: T35/2012 and 2016; coming off a T7 in 2018
- Failed to finish inside the top 40 after last two 18-hole positions of T2 or better (2018 Valero Texas Open/T45, 2019 Arnold Palmer Invitational/T46)
- Two top-10s in nine starts during 2018-19 season (6th/WGC-HSBC Champions, T10/WGC-Mexico Championship)
- Four career PGA TOUR wins; most recent: 2018 BMW Championship

Rory McIlroy (T5/-5)

- First score in the 60s at TPC Sawgrass since R2/2016 (64)
- Recorded four consecutive top-15s from 2013 to 2016 at THE PLAYERS (T8/2013, T6/2014, T8/2015, T12/2016); coming off a missed cut in 2018
- Has seven top-10s in last eight PGA TOUR starts dating back to the 2018 BMW Championship

Tiger Woods (T35/-2)

- Ties second-lowest first-round score at TPC Sawgrass in 19 starts and is lowest since winning in 2013 (67)
- Ranks 91st in Strokes Gained: Approach the Green (-0.252); has not met the minimum number of rounds to officially count on the stat leaderboards, but his +0.556 average entering the week would lead the TOUR
- Only player to win THE PLAYERS in both March (2001) and May (2013)
- Looking to join Jack Nicklaus (3) as the only players to win three or more times at THE PLAYERS

Ryan Moore – Hole-in-one at No. 17 (Par 3 / 121 yards)

- Ninth hole-in-one at No. 17 in tournament history
- There were 857 tee shots hit at No. 17 between Sergio Garcia (2017/R1) and Ryan Moore (2019/R1)
- Used a 54-degree wedge

Holes-in-one at No. 17

1986	R1	Brad Fabel
1991	R3	Brian Claar
1997	R4	Fred Couples
1999	R1	Joey Sindelar
2000	R3	Paul Azinger
2002	R1	Miguel Angel Jimenez
2016	R2	Willy Wilcox
2017	R1	Sergio Garcia
2019	R1	Ryan Moore

Harris English – Albatross at No. 11 (Par 5 / 539 yards)

- Fifth albatross in tournament history
- Second at No. 11
- Third in the last three years

2007	R2	No. 11	Hunter Mahan	(Driver/5-iron from 227 yards)
2007	R3	No. 2	Peter Lonard	(Driver/5-iron from 229 yards)
2017	R4	No. 16	Rafa Cabrera Bello	(Driver/8-iron from 182 yards)
2018	R4	No. 16	Brooks Koepka	(Driver/6-iron from 208 yards)
2019	R1	No. 11	Harris English	(Driver/3-iron from 236 yards)

Miscellaneous player notes

- A two-time runner-up on the PGA TOUR, **Byeong Hun An** (T3) has posted first-round scores of 66 or better in six of his last 14 starts; had one such score in his first 68 career starts on TOUR
- **Brian Harman** (T3) is second in the field in Strokes Gained: Putting (3.948); entered the week ranked 159th on TOUR in that category (-0.278 per round)
- **Vaughn Taylor** (T5) is the only player to make more than four starts (8) since the tournament moved to May and not make a cut; finished T8 the last time it was held in March (2006)
- **Phil Mickelson** (T104) has not shot a score in the 60s at TPC Sawgrass since R3/2011 (69), a span of 20 rounds
- **Jordan Spieth** (T130) has three missed cuts and a T41 (2018) since finishing T4 at THE PLAYERS in 2014; has not finished better than T35 (Farmers Insurance Open) in seven starts during the 2018-19 season
- THE PLAYERS is the only event at which **Dustin Johnson** (T13) has appeared 10 or more times and not had a top-10
- **Wyndham Clark** was disqualified for signing an incorrect scorecard; he signed for a 4 on No. 4 but made a 5
- **J.J. Spaun** withdrew after the first round

Balls in the water at No. 17 (since 2003)

Year	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
2019	14	-	-	-	14
2018	24	21	6	3	54
2017	19	29	10	11	69
2016	6	9	17	4	36
2015	21	16	3	5	45
2014	12	12	1	3	28
2013	15	9	7	13	44
2012	18	11	4	6	39
2011	12	14	8	6	40
2010	7	8	5	9	29
2009	16	6	4	6	32
2008	20	18	10	16	64
2007	50	21	10	12	93
2006	19	17	12	9	57
2005	7	8	25	28	68
2004	9	10	4	7	30
2003	6	10	3	10	29

Morgan Stanley Eagles for Impact Challenge

As part of its Eagles for Impact Challenge, Morgan Stanley will donate 1,500 books for every eagle made at THE PLAYERS to Book Trust—an early literacy non-profit that works to encourage students to become lifelong readers and learners—with the goal of providing students with greater access to books. A total of 23 eagles were made during the first round, which equates to 34,500 books. Here’s a breakdown of eagles made and books donated:

Round	Eagles	Books
R1	23	33,000

Billy Horschel – Feeding Northeast Florida

Ponte Vedra Beach resident Billy Horschel will donate \$1,000 for every birdie and \$5,000 for every eagle he makes at THE PLAYERS 2019 to Feeding Northeast Florida, a community food bank that connects millions of pounds of rescued food to a network of over 150 social service agencies and programs. Just \$1 can provide six meals for those in need. Horschel is encouraging fans and supporters to join the campaign by going to www.feedingnefl.org, clicking on “take action,” choosing “Billy Horschel’s #DriveOutHunger Campaign” and then selecting their donation amount.

Round	Birdies	Eagles	Total Donation
R1	4	0	\$4,000

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (6): Tommy Fleetwood (65), Vaughn Taylor (67), Rory McIlroy (67), HaoTong Li (69), Rory Sabbatini (68), Kyle Stanley (68)

Course Statistics

	Front Nine	Back Nine	Total	Cumulative
R1	36.517	35.287	71.804	
	Early	Late		
R1	71.51	72.10		