



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

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, March 17, 2019

Weather: Cloudy with intermittent showers. High of 59. Wind N 8-22 mph.

Final-Round Leaderboard

Rory McIlroy	67-65-70-70—272 (-16)
Jim Furyk	71-64-71-67—273 (-15)
Eddie Pepperell	72-68-68-66—274 (-14)
Jhonattan Vegas	72-69-67-66—274 (-14)

Things to Know

- Rory McIlroy joined Tiger Woods and Henrik Stenson as the only players to win at least one FedExCup, THE PLAYERS, a major and a World Golf Championships event
- Jim Furyk (67) birdied two of his last three holes to secure his second runner-up finish at THE PLAYERS and 31st in his PGA TOUR career
- Dustin Johnson became the first player since Steve Elkington in 1997 to record all four rounds in the 60s at THE PLAYERS; posted his first career top-10 at THE PLAYERS in his 11th appearance
- Jhonattan Vegas shot a bogey-free 66 and holed the longest putt in at No. 17 tournament history (69 feet, 7 inches)
- The 2019 tournament had three holes-in-ones, the most since 2006 (4)

Rory McIlroy (1st/-16)

Age: 29 (May 4, 1989)

Following THE PLAYERS Championship

1 st	FedExCup
10	Starts at THE PLAYERS Championship
4	Top-10s at THE PLAYERS Championship
156	PGA TOUR starts
15	PGA TOUR wins
7	PGA TOUR starts in 2018-19
6	Top-10s in 2018-19

- Wins 15th PGA TOUR title in 156th start at age 29 years, 10 months, 14 days. Most recent title came at the 2018 Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, nearly one year ago on March 18, 2018
- Began the week at No. 11 in the FedExCup standings and moved to No. 1 for the first time since winning the 2016 FedExCup.
- Moves to No. 4 in the Official World Golf Ranking, his best position since August 27, 2017
- Began the final round one stroke back of 54-hole leader Jon Rahm; marks eighth come-from-behind victory in a PGA TOUR stroke-play event, including the fourth consecutive
- First player from Northern Ireland to win THE PLAYERS and 15th international champion
- Becomes the third player to win at least one FedExCup, THE PLAYERS, a major and a World Golf Championships event joining Tiger Woods and Henrik Stenson
- McIlroy has won PGA TOUR events at three Pete Dye courses:
 - 2012 PGA Championship – The Ocean Course at Kiawah Island
 - 2012 BMW Championship – Crooked Stick Golf Club
 - 2019 PLAYERS Championship – THE PLAYERS Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass

- Marks his sixth consecutive top-10 on the PGA TOUR, which bests his previous streak of five in 2015: THE PLAYERS Championship (win), Arnold Palmer Invitational (T6), WGC-Mexico Championship (2), Genesis Open (T4), Farmers Insurance Open (T5), Sentry Tournament of Championship (T4)
- Led the field in par-3 scoring average (2.69); finished at 5-under for the week
- Led the field in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (13.262); finished second in Strokes Gained: Off the Tee (5.309) behind Tommy Fleetwood

Jim Furyk (2nd/-15)

- One of eight players with two runner-up finishes at THE PLAYERS (2014); fifth top-10 in 23 career appearances
- Earned his 31st career runner-up finish on the PGA TOUR and sits tied for second in total runner-up finishes among active players:
 - Phil Mickelson – 36
 - Tiger Woods – 31
 - **Jim Furyk – 31**
 - Davis Love III – 30
 - Vijay Singh – 28
- Finished T9 at The Honda Classic to earn enough FedExCup points to qualify for THE PLAYERS, one of the last three players in the field
- First back-to-back top-10s since 2016 (Travelers Championships/T5, Wyndham Championship/T10)
- One of 24 players in the 2019 field who played THE PLAYERS when it was held in March; he was one of 11 to make it to Sunday
- Was looking to become first the Ponte Vedra Beach resident to win THE PLAYERS since Fred Funk (2005); would have surpassed Funk as oldest champ in tournament history at age 48 years, 10 months, 5 days

Eddie Pepperell (T3/-14)

- Holed five birdies on the back nine for a 66 after beginning the final round seven strokes back
- T3 finish marks the best result among 22 first-time participants at THE PLAYERS
- Was looking to become the third player to win THE PLAYERS in his first appearance, not including the inaugural event (Hal Sutton/1983, Craig Perks/2002)
- Best finish in nine career PGA TOUR starts; previous best: T6/2018 Open Championship

Jhonattan Vegas (T3/-14)

- Final-round 66 was one of two bogey-free final rounds (J.T. Poston)
- Set the record for the longest putt made at No. 17 (69 feet, 7 inches), surpassing Bernhard Langer’s putt from 59 feet, 9 inches in 2008/R2
- Marks second top-10 in seven starts at THE PLAYERS (T7/2012)
- Second top-10 in 11 starts this season (T10/Waste Management Phoenix Open)
- Tied his best score at TPC Sawgrass in 24 total rounds (2015/R3)

Miscellaneous notes

- Holding the 54-hole lead for the first time of his PGA TOUR career, **Jon Rahm** carded a 4-over 76 to finish T12; 2006 champion **Stephen Ames** remains the last 54-hole leader to shoot a final round in the 60s
- It took 11 starts at THE PLAYERS Championship for World No. 1 **Dustin Johnson** to record his first top-10 (T5). Johnson (69-68-69-69) became the first player since **Steve Elkington** in 1997 to record all four rounds in the 60s at THE PLAYERS.
- First-time participant **Abraham Ancer** and **Brandt Snedeker** led the field in birdies with 23
- Two-time PLAYERS champion **Tiger Woods** recorded his first sub-70 round of the week – a final-round 69 – to finish T30; he did not have a three-putt this week
- After opening with a 2-over 74 (T104), 2018 FedExCup champion **Justin Rose** posted rounds of 66-68-68 to get to 12-under 276 (T8).
- **Sergio Garcia** (24) and **Adam Scott** (23) have the most rounds in the 60s in THE PLAYERS history
- Defending champion **Webb Simpson** carded rounds of 70-70-70-68 to finish T16
- Highest score at No. 17 this week was a quadruple-bogey 7 made by three players (Sam Ryder/R1, Paul Casey/R1, Tiger Woods/R2)

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

Year	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
2019	14	6	8	17	45
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. Here’s a breakdown of eagles made and books donated:

Round	Eagles	Books
R1	22	33,000
R2	17	25,500
R3	12	18,000
R4	11	16,500
Total	62	93,000

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
R2	4	0	\$4,000
R3	3	0	\$3,000
R4	5	0	\$5,000
Total	16	0	\$16,000

Bogey-free rounds

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

R2 (4): Martin Trainer (69), Jason Kokrak (68), Scott Piercy (68), Jim Furyk (64)

R3 (2): Brandt Snedeker (65), Rickie Fowler (68)

R4 (2): J.T. Poston (70), Jhonattan Vegas (66)

Course Statistics

	Front Nine	Back Nine	Total	Cumulative
R1	36.517	35.287	71.804	--
R2	36.057	35.291	71.348	--
R3	36.538	34.975	71.513	--
R4	35.548	35.712	71.260	71.513