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2019 TOUR Championship
(Finale of the FedExCup Playoffs)

Atlanta, Georgia
East Lake Golf Club

August 19-25, 2019
Par/Yards: 70/7,346

FedExCup Bonus Pool: \$60 million
Winner receives \$15 million

First-Round Notes – Thursday, August 22, 2019

Weather: Partly cloudy with a high of 93. Wind SW at 5-10 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Position	Starting Score	Player	Round 1	Total
T1	-4	Xander Schauffele	-6	-10
T1	-7	Brooks Koepka	-3	-10
T1	-10	Justin Thomas	-E	-10
4	-5	Rory McIlroy	-4	-9
T5	-8	Patrick Cantlay	-E	-8
T5	-4	Matt Kuchar	-4	-8
7	-3	Hideki Matsuyama	-4	-7

Things To Know

- The final 30 players from the FedExCup standings teed it up this week for a chance at the ultimate season-long prize, the FedExCup.
- New this year, the TOUR Championship, instituted a strokes-based system, FedExCup Starting Strokes, to determine the FedExCup champion. The FedExCup leader heading to the TOUR Championship began the event at 10-under, second place at 8-under, third 7-under, fourth 6-under and fifth at 5-under. Players ranked 6-10 started at 4-under, 11-15 at 3-under, 16-20 at 2-under, 21-25 at 1-under and 26-30 at even par.
- Xander Schauffele made the biggest jump in the standings from T6 to T1 with an opening-round 64 to move to 10-under-par.
- Brooks Koepka (-3) and Justin Thomas (Even) are tied with Schauffele at 10-under-par

First-Round Lead Notes

Largest come-from-behind leads in TOUR Championship during the FedExCup era following round 1

- 2008 – Camilo Villegas was eight strokes off the lead after round 1 before topping Sergio Garcia in a playoff
- 2009 – Phil Mickelson was seven strokes off the lead after round 1 before winning by three strokes over Tiger Woods

13 of 32 First-round leaders/co-leaders at the TOUR Championship to go to win (most recent: Tiger Woods, 2018))

8 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2018-19 (most recent: Justin Thomas/BMW Championship)

Xander Schauffele (entering the week)

Age	25 (October 25, 1993)
Country	USA
FedExCup	7
OWGR	11
PGA TOUR starts	77
PGA TOUR wins	4
PGA TOUR top-10s	16
Starts in 2018-19	20
Wins in 2018-19	2
Top-10s in 2018-19	5

Xander Schauffele

Position	Started	Round 1	Total
T1	-4	-6	-10

- Hit 8 of 14 fairways and 15 of 18 greens and took 27 putts
- With his opening-round 64, Xander Schauffele now has a scoring average 67.44 which ranks the lowest of any player in TOUR Championship history with a minimum of 8 career rounds
- The 2017 TOUR Championship winner has shot under par at East Lake Golf Club in 8 of the 9 rounds he has played
- Has reached the TOUR Championship in his first three seasons on the PGA TOUR; only rookie to win at East Lake (2017)
- Has two wins the season at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions and the Sentry Tournament of Champions
- Shot one of two bogey-free rounds on Thursday along with Bryson DeChambeau
- Marks the first time Schauffele has held or shared the lead after the opening round of an event

Brooks Koepka (entering the week)

Age	29 (May 3, 1990)
Country	USA
FedExCup	3
OWGR	1
PGA TOUR starts	124
PGA TOUR wins	7
PGA TOUR top-10s	38
Starts in 2018-19	20
Wins in 2018-19	3
Top-10s in 2018-19	8

Brooks Koepka

Position	Started	Round 1	Total
T1	-7	-3	-10

- Hit 6 of 14 fairways, 14 of 18 greens and 28 putts
- The only player of the top four in the FedExCup standings entering the week to shoot under par on Thursday. Justin Thomas (1st), Patrick Cantlay (2nd) and Patrick Reed (4th) all shot even-par in the first round
- Has led or shared the lead through 18 holes on five previous occasions on the PGA TOUR in his career and gone on to win once at the 2019 PGA Championship
- Reigning PGA TOUR Player of the Year entered the week at No. 3 in the FedExCup standings and leads the TOUR with three victories this season at THE CJ CUP AT NINE BRIDGES, the PGA Championship and the World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational.
- Best finish in the FedExCup standings in his career came last season when he finished 9th

Justin Thomas (entering the week)

Age	26 (April 29, 1993)
Country	USA
FedExCup	1
OWGR	5
PGA TOUR starts	136
PGA TOUR wins	10
PGA TOUR top-10s	43
Starts in 2018-19	19
Wins in 2018-19	1
Top-10s in 2018-19	6

Justin Thomas

Position	Started	Round 1	Total
T1	-10	E	-10

- Hit 6 of 14 fairways, 10 of 18 greens in regulation with 27 putts
- Thomas has shot 70 or better in 12 of 13 rounds at East Lake Golf Club in his career, with three top-7s in three appearances at the TOUR Championship – (T7 /2018, 2nd/2017, T6/2016)

- In six prior tries holding the 18-hole lead/co-lead, Thomas has converted four times including the BMW Championship last week
- Ranked 29th in Strokes Gained: Approach The Green in the first round (-3.028)
- Opened with a first-round 67 at the 2017 TOUR Championship en route to his 2017 FedExCup victory
- With a victory, can join Tiger Woods as the second player to win the FedExCup more than once

Rory McIlroy

Position	Started	Round 1	Total
4 th	-5	-4	-9

- Led the field in Driving Distance (317.7 yards) and hit 15/18 greens in round one
- The 2016 FedExCup and TOUR Championship winner is one off the lead after round 1 in his effort to join Tiger Woods as the second player to win the FedExCup more than once
- Has finished inside the top 10 in four of five starts at East Lake
- Has averaged 4.35 birdies/eagles per round at the TOUR Championship since 2010, the best of any player in that span with at least 12 rounds played. Converted five birdies in round one
- In his two victories this season through 18 holes, was two shots off the lead at THE PLAYERS Championship (T5) and four shots behind at the RBC Canadian Open (T25) en route to victories in both events this season.

Miscellaneous Player Notes

- All of the players with multiple wins during the 2018-2019 season are inside the top 5 following round one:

Player	2018-2019 victories	Standing thru round 1
Xander Schauffele	2 – WGC-HSBC Champions, Sentry Tournament of Champions	T1 (-10)
Brooks Koepka	3 – CJ CUP AT NINE BRIDGES, PGA Championship, WGC-FedEx St. Jude Inv	T1 (-10)
Rory McIlroy	2 – THE PLAYERS, RBC Canadian Open	4 (-9)
Matt Kuchar	2 – Mayakoba Golf Classic, Sony Open in Hawaii	T5 (-8)

- 2018 FedExCup champion **Justin Rose** is T13 and six strokes behind the leaders in his effort to become the first player to defend as FedExCup Champion

There are four players in the field who are making their TOUR Championship debut:

Player	R1 standing
Abraham Ancer	T17 (-2)
Corey Conners	T15 (-3)
Sungjae Im	T13 (-4)
Jason Kokrak	T28 (+1)

Rookies in the FedExCup Playoffs

Eight PGA TOUR rookies advanced to the FedExCup Playoffs to earn their first start at THE NORTHERN TRUST. Only Sungjae Im was successful in reaching the TOUR Championship. Im collected seven top-10s in 33 starts and entered the FedExCup Playoffs at 23rd. Here's a look at his progress through the Playoffs:

Event	Result	FedExCup Position
THE NORTHERN TRUST	T38	No. 26
BMW Championship	T11	No. 24
TOUR Championship	R1/-3/-4	T13 (-4)

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole **Easiest Hole**
R1: Par-4 8th (4.167) Par-5 6th (4.433)

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.567	34.667	69.233	---

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (2): Xander Schauffele (64), Bryson DeChambeau (68)