



2019 Travelers Championship

(The 35th of 46 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Cromwell, Connecticut
TPC River Highlands

June 20-23, 2019
Par/Yardage: 35-35—70/6,841

FedExCup Points: 500 to the winner
Purse: \$7,200,000 (\$1,296,000)

First-Round Notes – Thursday, June 20, 2019

*Weather: Overcast, with light showers throughout the day. High of 74. Wind S 6-12 mph.
 Due to wet course conditions, preferred lies in closely-mown areas were in effect for round one.*

First-Round Leaderboard

Ryan Armour	64 (-6)
Bronson Burgoon	64 (-6)
Kyoung-Hoon Lee	64 (-6)
Abraham Ancer	64 (-6)
Mackenzie Hughes	64 (-6)
Zack Sucher	64 (-6)

Things To Know

- Each of the last four winners of the Travelers Championship has entered the week 12th or better in the FedExCup standings
- Six players tied for the 18-hole lead is the most on the PGA TOUR since the 2018 THE PLAYERS Championship (six players)
- Kyoung-Hoon Lee, Zack Sucher post career-low rounds of 64
- Viktor Hovland, the 2019 Masters and 2019 U.S. Open low amateur, posts 67 in his professional debut
- 2010, 2015 and 2018 Travelers Championship winner Bubba Watson opens with 69
- Last week's U.S. Open runner-up Brooks Koepka opens with 1-over 71

First-Round Lead Notes

- 6 Dating to 2000, first-round leaders/co-leaders at Travelers Championship to win: Jordan Spieth/2017, Bubba Watson/2015, Kenny Perry/2009, Hunter Mahan/2007, Peter Jacobsen/2003, Notah Begay III/2000
- 6 First-round leaders/co-leaders to win on PGA TOUR in 2018-19 (most recent, Brooks Koepka/PGA Championship)

Comparing the leaders (entering the week)

	Ryan Armour	Bronson Burgoon	K.H. Lee	Abraham Ancer	Mackenzie Hughes	Zack Sucher
Age	43	32	27	28	28	32
FedExCup	95	140	92	60	89	222
OWGR	126	197	246	63	200	505
Starts/Travelers	5	2	0	2	2	2
Top-10s/Travelers	0	0	0	0	0	0
PGA TOUR starts	156	67	25	71	82	36
PGA TOUR wins	1	0	0	0	1	0
Starts in 2018-19	21	14	23	21	19	3
Top-10s 2018-19	1	1	2	2	2	0

Ryan Armour (T1/-6)

- In five previous starts at the Travelers Championship, has three missed cuts, a T54 (2007) and T56 (2018)
- Has posted a round in the 60s in five of six first rounds at the TPC River Highlands, but is five-for-five with over-par scores in round two
- Seeks his second career win on the PGA TOUR (2017 Sanderson Farms Championship)
- In 21 starts this season before this week, claimed one top-10 finish (T6/Valspar Championship)

Bronson Burgoon (T1/-6)

- Opened with six birdies and no bogeys to post his lowest score on the PGA TOUR since round one of the 2018 CIMB Classic (63/T2)
- Looking to make his first cut at the Travelers Championship in his third attempt (2016, 2018)
- Made a return to the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of a 78th-place finish on last year's FedExCup points list
- Joined the TOUR in the 2015-16 season
- Remains in search of his first career TOUR win in his 68th start
- Best TOUR finishes are T2s from the 2018 John Deere Classic and 2018 CIMB Classic

Kyung-Hoon Lee (T1/-6)

- His bogey-free 6-under 64 marks his career-low round
- Hit 13 of 14 fairways and 16 of 18 greens in regulation
- Lone top-10 finish in individual stroke-play competition this season was a T7 at The Honda Classic. Also finished T3 at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans (two-man team event)
- PGA TOUR rookie in the 2018-19 Season

Abraham Ancer (T1/-6)

- Made seven birdies against one bogey
- Hit 12 of 14 fairways and 16 of 18 greens in regulation
- Making his third start in the Travelers Championship; T56/2016, MC/2018
- Has collected two top-10 finishes in 21 starts this season; T5/CIMB Classic, T4/Shriners Hospitals for Children Open
- Remains in search of his first career PGA TOUR win in his 72nd start this week

Mackenzie Hughes (T1/-6)

- Made six birdies against no bogeys to open with a 64, his best score since posting a 9-under 61 in round one of the 2016 The RSM Classic (1st)
- Is making his third start in the Travelers Championship (T17/2017, T42/2018)
- Hit 11 of 14 fairways, 13 of 18 greens in regulation and needed 25 putts to complete his round
- Two top-10 finishes this season; T2/Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, T8/Charles Schwab Challenge
- Seeks his second career PGA TOUR win in his 83rd start this week

Zack Sucher (T1/-6)

- Birdied four of his last five holes to post a bogey-free, 6-under 64, his career-low score
- 32-year-old played college golf at University of Alabama-Birmingham
- Lone top-25 finish in 36 PGA TOUR starts came at 2015 Barracuda Championship (T20)
- Owns one Korn Ferry Tour win (2014 Midwest Classic)

Paul Casey (T7/-5)

- Made six birdies against a lone bogey at his last hole of the day, No. 18
- Has collected three top-5 finishes in four previous starts at the Travelers Championship (2nd/2015, T5/2017, T2/2018)
- Has now posted 15 of 17 scores in the 60s at TPC River Highlands
- Is now 52-under par in 17 rounds in the event
- Tied his career-low round of 62 in round three of last year's Travelers Championship
- Among five top-10 finishes this season was his third career PGA TOUR win when he successfully defended his Valspar Championship title
- Comes off a T21 finish at last week's U.S. Open at Pebble Beach

Additional Notes

- 2010, 2015 and 2018 Travelers Championship winner **Bubba Watson** opened with a 1-under 69 (T61) in his 13th start in the event. Following an opening-round 70 last year, he posted second- and fourth-round 63s en route to his third win at TPC River Highlands
- With his 5-under 65 in round one (T7), **Keegan Bradley** remains tied with Bubba Watson for most rounds of par-or-better at the Travelers Championship since 2012 (25). Highlighted by three putts outside of 25 feet, Bradley made 150' 2" of putts, third-most feet of putts in a round of his TOUR career.
- Coming off last week's runner-up finish at the U.S. Open, **Brooks Koepka** made four bogeys and three birdies for a 1-over 71 (T112), just his third over-par score in his last 22 rounds in stroke-play events. His best finish in three previous starts at the Travelers Championship is T9 in 2016

- On the heels of his T3 finish at last week's U.S. Open, **Chez Reavie** opened with a 5-under 65 (T7), tying his best score in 29 rounds at the Travelers Championship
- **Patrick Cantlay**, whose 10-under 60 in round two of the 2011 event stands as the lowest score by an amateur in PGA TOUR history, posted a 4-under 66 (T13). He comes off a T21 finish at last week's U.S. Open
- Coming off a T12 finish at last week's U.S. Open as an amateur, Norway's **Viktor Hovland** opened with 3-under 67 (T25). With last week's finish at Pebble Beach, became the first player to take low amateur honors at the Masters and U.S. Open in the same year since Matt Kuchar in 1998. Hovland is making his professional debut this week.
- Making his professional debut this week, **Matthew Wolff** posted an even-par 70
- Making his sixth start at the Travelers Championship and first since 2003, 2001-02 Travelers Championship winner **Phil Mickelson** opened with a 3-under 67 (T25)
- **Hudson Swafford** (foot injury) and **Colt Knost** (injury) withdrew before round one and were replaced in the field, respectively, by **Chad Collins** (E/T87) and **Dominic Bozzelli** (74/T143)

Course Statistics

Toughest Hole

R1: Par-4 10th (4.160)

Easiest Hole

Par-5 6th (4.724)

Early Scoring Average

R1: 69.59

Late Scoring Average:

69.12

Scoring Averages

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.397	34.955	69.353	--

Bogey-free rounds

R1 (10): Bronson Burgoon (64), Mackenzie Hughes (64), Kyoung-Hoon Lee (64), Zack Sucher (64), Brady Schnell (65), Martin Laird (67), Daniel Berger (68), Justin Thomas (68), Kiradech Aphibarnrat (69), Francesco Molinari (69)