



2019 Valero Texas Open

(The 24th of 46 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

San Antonio, Texas April 4-7, 2019
TPC San Antonio – AT&T Oaks Course

FedExCup Points: 500 Purse: \$7,500,000
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,435

First-Round Notes – Thursday, April 4, 2019

Weather: Mostly sunny, with a high of 85. SW wind 10-15 mph.

First-Round Leaderboard

Position	Name	Score
1 st	Si Woo Kim	66 (-6)
T2	Abraham Ancer	67 (-5)
T2	J.T. Poston	67 (-5)
T2	Brian Stuard	67 (-5)
T2	Jhonattan Vegas	67 (-5)

Things to Know

- Si Woo Kim makes 106 feet of putts en route to 6-under 66
- San Antonio resident Abraham Ancer offsets even-par front nine with a 5-under 31 on the inward half
- Despite fighting a fever and allergies, Jhonattan Vegas opens with 67
- In his first start at the Valero Texas Open, Rickie Fowler opens with 68
- 2015 Valero Texas Open runner-up Jordan Spieth opens with a 4-under 68 in fifth Valero Texas Open start

First-Round Lead Notes

- Through 22 events this season, five first-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win, most recently being J.B. Holmes at the Genesis Open
- Since 2000, only Justin Leonard (2000) and Robert Gamez (2005) have converted a first-round lead/co-lead into a win at the Valero Texas Open
- At last year’s Valero Texas Open, Grayson Murray led by a shot with a 5-under 67, before finishing T16

Si Woo Kim (1st/66)

Age: 23 (June 28, 1995)

Entering the Week

- #34 FedExCup
- #61 Official World Golf Ranking
- 116 PGA TOUR starts
- 2 PGA TOUR wins
- 13 PGA TOUR starts in 2018-19
- 3 PGA TOUR top-10s in 2018-19
- 3 Starts at Valero Texas Open

- Made seven birdies in a nine-hole stretch (Nos. 17, 18, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7) en route to a 6-under 66
- Made 105’ 10” of putts in round one
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Total (5.399)
- Takes his first 18-hole lead/co-lead on the PGA TOUR

- Making his fourth consecutive start at the Valero Texas Open; T45/2018, T22/2017, MC/2016
- Is making his 14th start of the 2018-19 season, highlighted by three top-10 finishes; T10/CIMB Classic, T4/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, 3rd/Genesis Open
- In search of his third career PGA TOUR win and first since the 2017 PLAYERS Championship

Abraham Ancer (T2/-5)

- San Antonio resident followed an even-par front with birdies at Nos. 10, 11, 14, 17 and 18, good for a 31 on the inward nine
- Is making his third start in the Valero Texas Open; T42/2016, T58/2018
- Is making his 14th start on the PGA TOUR this season, having finished inside the top 10 at the CIMB Classic (T5) and Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (T4)
- In his last two starts before this week, finished T12 at THE PLAYERS Championship and T17 at last week's World Golf Championships-Dell Match Play
- Claimed five top-10 finishes last season on TOUR en route to a 60th-place finish in the FedExCup
- Remains in search of his first career TOUR win in his 64th start this week
- Has never finished better than T4 (two occasions)

J.T. Poston (T2/-5)

- Made six birdies against one bogey to open his third Valero Texas Open with a 5-under 67
- Finished T27 in 2017 and T30 in 2018 at TPC San Antonio
- Lone top-10 finish in 14 starts this season is T7 at the Desert Classic
- Made a return to the PGA TOUR this season by virtue of his 117th-place finish in the 2018 FedExCup
- Remains in search of his first TOUR title in his 65th start this week

Miscellaneous Notes

- Despite nearly withdrawing from the event Wednesday due to a fever and allergies, Jhonattan Vegas opened with a 5-under 67
- Graeme McDowell, winner of last week's Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, opened with a bogey-free, 3-under 69
- A week removed from his T2 finish at the Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, Houston resident Chris Stroud offset one bogey with five birdies to open with a 4-under 68 in his 12th start in the Valero Texas Open (withdrew after last year's first round with a neck injury)
- Nearby Boerne, Texas resident and 2015 Valero Texas Open winner Jimmy Walker opened with a 2-under 70
- 2018 first-round leader (67) Grayson Murray withdrew during round one with a back injury
- D.A. Points withdrew following his first round with a neck injury

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 (3): Ted Potter, Jr. (68), Graeme McDowell (69), Seamus Power (69)

Scoring Averages:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	36.245	35.154	71.399	--

Early Scoring Average: 71.58

Late Scoring Average: 71.22

Hardest hole: Par-4 fourth (4.245)

Easiest hole: Par-5 14th (4.643)