



**2019 Valero Texas Open**

*(The 24<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Final-Round Notes – Sunday, April 7, 2019**

*Weather: Due to inclement weather, the start to round four was delayed from 9:40 a.m. until 11:40 a.m. Mostly cloudy in the afternoon, with a high of 72. Wind NNE 8-12 mph.*

**Final-Round Leaderboard**

Position	Name	Score
1	Corey Connors	69-67-66-66—268 (-20)
2	Charley Hoffman	71-68-64-67—270 (-18)
3	Ryan Moore	68-70-69-64—271 (-17)
T4	Brian Stuard	67-70-70-66—273 (-15)
T4	Si Woo Kim	66-66-69-72—273 (-15)

**Things to Know**

- Corey Connors becomes the first Monday Qualifier to win on the PGA TOUR since 2010
- Connors is the 15<sup>th</sup> Canadian to win on TOUR
- International players have now won each of the last five weeks on the PGA TOUR
- Charley Hoffman records his 11<sup>th</sup> top-15 finish in 14 Valero Texas Open starts
- Si Woo Kim finishes T4 as he sought to become the event’s third wire-to-wire winner
- FedExCup points leader Matt Kuchar maintains lead following top-10 finish

**Corey Connors (1<sup>st</sup>/-20)**

**Age:** 27 (January 6, 1992)

**Following the week**

- #13    FedExCup
- 51    PGA TOUR starts
- 1    PGA TOUR win
- 13    PGA TOUR starts in 2018-19
- 3    PGA TOUR top-10s in 2018-19
- 2    Starts at Valero Texas Open (T26/2018)

- Entered the final round trailing Si Woo Kim by one stroke before a 6-under 66 led to a two-stroke victory
- Connors’ scorecard included 10 birdies, four bogeys (consecutive on Nos. 6-9) and four pars
- With the win, collects 500 points and moves from No. 66 to No. 13 in the FedExCup standings
- Victory comes in his 51<sup>st</sup> PGA TOUR start at the age of 27 years, 3 months, 1 day
- Becomes the first Monday Qualifier to win on the PGA TOUR since Arjun Atwal (2010 Wyndham Championship)
- Is the 15<sup>th</sup> Canadian to win on TOUR, joining George Knudson, Mike Weir, Ian Leggatt, Stan Leonard, Richard Zokol, Dan Halldorson, Dave Barr, Al Balding, Jules Huot, Al Johnston, Stephen Ames, Nick Taylor, Mackenzie Hughes and Adam Hadwin. (Note: Ames and Johnston became Canadian citizens prior to winning)
- Records the fifth win by an international player on the PGA TOUR in as many weeks; Francesco Molinari/Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, Rory McIlroy/THE PLAYERS Championship, Paul Casey/Valspar Championship, Graeme McDowell/Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, Connors/Valero Texas Open
- Sunday marked the fourth time he had played in the final pairing/grouping in the final round on the PGA TOUR: 2018 Valspar Championship (T16), 2018 Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship (T13), 2018 Sanderson Farms Championship (2<sup>nd</sup>), 2019 Valero Texas Open (1<sup>st</sup>)

- 268 is the lowest winning score since the Valero Texas Open moved to TPC San Antonio in 2010 (previous-low was 271 by 2018 champion Andrew Landry)
- Led the field with 29 birdies, seven more than Kevin Streelman's 22; also led the field in Strokes Gained: Approach the Green (+11.558) and Putts (GIR)
- Began the season playing out of the 126-150 category, with his win coming in his 13<sup>th</sup> start; now has a trio of top-3 finishes (Valero Texas Open/1<sup>st</sup>, Sanderson Farms Championship/2<sup>nd</sup>, Sony Open in Hawaii/T3)
- In his rookie year on the PGA TOUR in 2017-18, finished No. 130 in the FedExCup standings
- Missed the cut in five of his last six starts before this week (T41/THE PLAYERS Championship)
- If not otherwise eligible, receives a spot in the following 2018-19 season events (Masters Tournament, RBC Heritage, PGA Championship, Charles Schwab Challenge, the Memorial Tournament) and 2019-20 season events (Sentry Tournament of Champions, Desert Classic, Genesis Invitational, Arnold Palmer Invitational, THE PLAYERS Championship, RBC Heritage)

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- 2016 champion Charley Hoffman finished second for his 11<sup>th</sup> top-15 finish in 14 starts at the Valero Texas Open; marked the eighth runner-up finish on TOUR for the four-time winner; has never missed a cut at the event
- Ryan Moore (3<sup>rd</sup>) closed with a bogey-free 64; has never missed the cut in five starts at the Valero Texas Open (T53/2005, T8/2012, T18/2017, 7/2018, 3/2019)
- Brian Stuard finished T4 for his first top-10 in six Valero Texas Open starts (previous-best finish was T36 in 2018)
- Si Woo Kim finished T4 in his bid to join Mike Souchak (1955) and Bob Estes (1994) as wire-to-wire winners at the Valero Texas Open; entered the final round with a one-stroke lead over Corey Connors before final-round 72
- Kevin Streelman turned in an 8-under 64 (with nine birdies and a lone bogey on No. 18) en route to a sixth-place finish, his second straight top-10 finish at the Valero Texas Open (T8/2018); has never missed a cut in seven starts here
- Graeme McDowell followed up his win at last week's Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship with a T7 at the Valero Texas Open, marking his first back-to-back top-10 finishes on the PGA TOUR since winning the 2015 Mayakoba Golf Classic and finishing third at The RSM Classic
- After extending his TOUR-leading consecutive cuts made streak to 19 this week, Byeong Hun An (T7) earned his second top-10 finish of the season (Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard/T10); An's last missed cut came at the 2018 FedEx St. Jude Classic
- Jason Kokrak (T7) topped his previous-best finish in eight starts at the Valero Texas Open (T11/2015); now has four top-10 finishes in his last five starts this season (T9/The Honda Classic, T10/Arnold Palmer Invitational, T47/THE PLAYERS Championship, T2/Valspar Championship, T7/Valero Texas Open); has not missed a cut since the 2018 Open Championship (18 straight made cuts)
- Matt Kuchar maintained his lead in the FedExCup with a T7 finish, his third top-10 finish in 15 starts at the Valero Texas Open (T2/2001, T4/2014, T7/2019)
- Danny Lee (T7) played the par-4 fifth hole in 6-under this week (birdie-birdie-eagle-eagle)
- Rickie Fowler (T17) was bidding to become the first player to win the event in his first start since Ben Curtis (2012)
- Jordan Spieth finished T30 as he sought his first top-10 on TOUR since the 2018 Open Championship (T9)

### **Bogey-free rounds:**

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

**R2 (5):** Si Woo Kim (66), Matt Jones (68), Curtis Luck (68), Sam Burns (69), HaoTong Li (70)

**R3 (6):** Jason Kokrak (65), Lucas Glover (66), Jim Furyk (68), Mackenzie Hughes (69), Richy Werenski (69), Brian Stuard (70)

**R4 (6):** Ryan Moore (64), Byeong Hun An (66), Wyndham Clark (67), Charley Hoffman (67), Sungjae Im (69), Sung Kang (69)

### **Scoring Averages:**

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
<b>R1:</b>	36.245	35.154	71.399	--
<b>R2:</b>	36.113	35.447	71.560	71.479
<b>R3:</b>	35.912	34.962	70.875	71.346
<b>R4:</b>	35.286	35.414	70.700	71.242

### **Hardest hole**

**R1:** Par-4 fourth (4.245); **R2:** Par-4 ninth (4.298); **R3:** Par-4 fourth (4.363); **R4:** Par-4 12<sup>th</sup> (4.257); **Cumulative:** Par-4 fourth (4.194)

### **Easiest hole**

**R1:** Par-5 14<sup>th</sup> (4.643); **R2:** Par-5 14<sup>th</sup> (4.617); **R3:** Par-5 14<sup>th</sup> (4.475); **R4:** Par-5 14<sup>th</sup> (4.314); **Cumulative:** Par-5 14<sup>th</sup> (4.551)