



2019 Valspar Championship

(The 21st of 46 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Palm Harbor, Fla.

March 21-24, 2019

Purse: \$6,700,000 (winner: \$1,206,000)

Innisbrook Resort & GC (Copperhead Course)

Par/Yards: 36-35 - 71/7,340

Second-Round Notes – Friday, March 22, 2019

Weather: Sunny. High of 70. Wind NW 6-12 mph.

36-hole cut: 70 professionals at 1-over 143 from a field of 143 professionals and one amateur.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Score
T1	Paul Casey	70-66—136 (-6)
T1	Austin Cook	69-67—136 (-6)
T3	Scott Stallings	69-68—137 (-5)
T3	Sungjae Im	70-67—137 (-5)
T3	Luke Donald	67-70—137 (-5)

Things to Know

- Defending champion Paul Casey holds the 36-hole co-lead in his bid to become the first back-to-back winner of the event
- Luke Donald's most recent made cut (2018) and win (2012) came at the Valspar Championship
- Gary Woodland misses the cut for the first time in his last 23 starts, snapping a TOUR-best streak
- 17-year-old Akshay Bhatia misses the cut in his PGA TOUR debut
- Seven shots between the leaders and the 36-hole cut is the smallest margin since the 2017 Wells Fargo Championship

Second-Round Lead Notes

- 4 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Valspar Championship (most recent: Adam Hadwin/2017)
- 11 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win in 2018-19 (most recent: Rory McIlroy/THE PLAYERS Championship)

Comparing the co-leaders (entering the week)

	Paul Casey	Austin Cook
Age	41 (July 21, 1977)	28 (March 13, 1991)
FedExCup	16	125
OWGR	15	151
Starts at Valspar Champ.	5	1
Wins at Valspar Champ.	1	0
Top-10s at Valspar Champ.	1	0
PGA TOUR starts	249	48
PGA TOUR wins	2	1
Starts in 2018-19	9	9
Top-10s in 2018-19	2	0

Paul Casey (T1/-6)

- Holds the 36-hole co-lead in bid to become the first player to successfully defend Valspar Championship title
- Last player to repeat as champion at a PGA TOUR event was Brooks Koepka at the 2018 U.S. Open
- Represents his second 36-hole lead/co-lead of the season and seventh of his PGA TOUR career; has converted one of the previous six to victory

T1	2009 Houston Open	Won
1	2011 Safeway Open	T7
1	2014 the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide	T13
T1	2017 U.S. Open	26 th
T1	2017 TOUR Championship	5 th
T1	2019 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am	2 nd
T1	2019 Valspar Championship	TBD

- Stood T2 after the second round of the 2018 Valspar Championship en route to victory
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green (8.004)
- Top-three finishes in the 2018-19 season: 2nd/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, T3/World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship

Austin Cook (T1/-6)

- Holds the 36-hole lead/co-lead for the second time in his PGA TOUR career; held the solo-lead at The RSM Classic in 2017 en route to his first victory
- In search of first top-10 since 2018 A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier (T5), a span of 16 starts entering the week
- Has not finished in the top 60 in any of his last five starts
- Making second start at the event; finished T40 in 2018

Luke Donald (T3/-5)

- Most recent made cut came at the 2018 Valspar Championship (376 days ago)
- Most recent win came at the 2012 Valspar Championship (2,560 days ago)
- Former World No. 1 is currently ranked No. 919, his lowest position since September 1, 2001 (No. 1,133)
- Began the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season on a Major Medical Extension (herniated disc) with 15 starts available to earn 336 FedExCup points to match No. 125 (Seamus Power/377) in 2017-18 FedExCup points
- Is making just his second start of the season and first since a missed cut at the Sony Open in Hawaii

Miscellaneous Notes

- Rookie **Sungjae Im** (T3) ties Charles Howell III for the TOUR lead in under-par rounds during the 2018-19 season (37)
- In his first start at the event since 2010, **Dustin Johnson** (T6) opened with rounds of 69-69, extending his streak of rounds in the 60s to 13 (longest active on TOUR and career-long)
- **Gary Woodland**'s TOUR-best streak of 22 consecutive starts without a missed cut snapped after playing the first two rounds in 3-over; last missed the cut at the 2018 PLAYERS Championship
- 17-year-old amateur **Akshay Bhatia** (+4) missed the cut in his PGA TOUR debut; top-ranked junior would have been the youngest to make a cut on TOUR since 2013
- With the leaders at 6-under and the 36-hole cut at 1-over, the seven-shot gap is the smallest since the 2017 Wells Fargo Championship (**Francesco Molinari** led at 6-under; 36-hole cut was 1-over)

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 (1): Sepp Straka (66)

R2 (1): Matt Jones (68)

Scoring averages at the Copperhead Course:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1	36.729	35.410	72.139	---
R2	36.573	35.531	72.105	72.122

	Early	Late
R1	71.49	72.79
R2	71.31	72.94

	Easiest hole	Toughest hole
R1	Par-5 first (4.722)	Par-4 third (4.271)
R2	Par-5 first (4.559)	Par-4 third (4.406)