



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

Third-Round Notes – Saturday, March 23, 2019

Weather: Sunny. High of 75. Wind ENE 5-10 mph.

Third-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Score
1	Paul Casey	70-66-68—204 (-9)
2	Dustin Johnson	69-69-67—205 (-8)
3	Jason Kokrak	69-71-66—206 (-7)
T4	Luke Donald	67-70-70—207 (-6)
T4	Scott Stallings	69-68-70—207 (-6)

Things to Know

- Defending champion Paul Casey holds the 54-hole lead in his bid to become the first back-to-back winner of the event
- Casey has converted one of five 54-hole leads/co-leads entering the week
- Dustin Johnson sits one shot back, seeking his 21st TOUR victory, which would move him in a tie for 30st in the all-time TOUR winners list
- Jason Kokrak made an ace on the par-3 15th hole from 219 yards to move into third place

Third-Round Lead Notes

- 9 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Valspar Championship
(most recent: Adam Hadwin/2017)
- 10 Third-round leaders/co-leaders to win in 2018-19
(most recent: Dustin Johnson/WGC-Mexico Championship)

Comparing the final group (entering the week)

	Paul Casey	Dustin Johnson
Age	41 (July 21, 1977)	34 (June 22, 1984)
FedExCup	16	9
OWGR	15	1
Starts at Valspar Champ.	5	2
Wins at Valspar Champ.	1	0
Top-10s at Valspar Champ.	1	0
PGA TOUR starts	249	247
PGA TOUR wins	2	20
Starts in 2018-19	9	6
Top-10s in 2018-19	2	4

Paul Casey (1st/-9)

- Seeks to become the first player to successfully defend Valspar Championship title
- Represents his sixth 54-hole lead/co-lead of his PGA TOUR career; has converted one of the previous five to victory

Paul Casey's 54-Hole Leads

Tournament	54-Hole Lead	Finish
2009 Houston Open	Tied	Won
2016 Dell Technologies Championship	+3	2 nd

2017 TOUR Championship	+2	5 th
2018 Travelers Championship	+4	T2
2019 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am	+3	2 nd
2019 Valspar Championship	+1	TBD

- Earlier this season, began the final round of the 2019 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am with a three-shot lead over Phil Mickelson before carding a 1-under 71 to finish runner up
- Seeking to join K.J. Choi and Retief Goosen as multiple winners of the event
- Leads the field in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (10.059)
- Top-three finishes in the 2018-19 season: 2nd/AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, T3/World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship

Dustin Johnson (2nd/-8)

- Seeking his 21st TOUR victory in his 248th career start, which would move into a tie for 30st in the all-time TOUR winners list with Davis Love III, Willie Macfarlane, Lanny Wadkins and Craig Wood
- With a victory, would record his fourth consecutive season with multiple wins
- Eight of his 20 TOUR victories have been come-from-behind wins
- Missed the cut in his two previous starts at the Valspar Championship (2008, 2010)
- Extended his streak of rounds in the 60s to 14 (longest active on TOUR and his career-long)
- Has finished inside the top 10 in four of his last five starts, highlighted by a win at the WGC-Mexico Championship

Jason Kokrak (3rd/-7)

- Made an ace on the par-3 15th hole from 219 yards with an 8-iron, recording the 11th ace in tournament history
- Recorded his second ace on TOUR, followed by an ace at the 2013 RBC Canadian Open in the third round on No. 4
- Seeking his first TOUR victory in his 197th career start; owns two runner-up finishes (2016 Genesis Open, 2012 Safeway Open)
- Has not missed a cut since the 2018 Open Championship (span of 17 starts)
- Owns two top-10 finishes (T7/2015, T8/2018) in nine starts at the Valspar Championship

Miscellaneous Notes

- Former World No. 1 **Luke Donald (T4)** sits three shots back of the leader and entered the week tied with K.J. Choi, Jim Furyk and Charles Howell for most top-10 finishes at the event (T4/2014, T4/2013, 1st/2012, T6/2010)
- **Louis Oosthuizen (T6)** tied the lowest round of the day with Jason Kokrak with a 5-under 66
- Following a runner-up finish at THE PLAYERS Championship, 2010 Valspar Championship winner **Jim Furyk (T6)** carded a 3-under 68 to move inside the top 10; looking for his third consecutive top-10 finish of the season

Bogey-free rounds:

R1 (1): Sepp Straka (66)

R2 (1): Matt Jones (68)

R3 (3): Dylan Frittelli (67), Ryan Armour (68), Henrik Stenson (69)

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
R3	36.200	35.043	71.243	71.950

	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)
R3	Par-5 11 th (4.614)	Par-4 16 th (4.300)