



### 2019 Valspar Championship

(The 21<sup>st</sup> 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

### Final-Round Notes – Sunday, March 24, 2019

Weather: Sunny. High of 77. Wind E 5-10 mph.

### Final-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Score
1	Paul Casey	70-66-68-72—276 (-8)
T2	Louis Oosthuizen	70-72-66-69—277 (-7)
T2	Jason Kokrak	69-71-66-71—277 (-7)
T4	Bubba Watson	69-71-70-68—278 (-6)
T4	Sungjae Im	70-67-71-70—278 (-6)

### Things to Know

- Paul Casey becomes the first player to successfully defend Valspar Championship title
- Europeans have won in three consecutive weeks on the PGA TOUR for the first time since 2010
- Jason Kokrak collects his third runner-up finish on TOUR
- Sungjae Im collects his second top-five in his last three starts
- There were no bogey-free rounds Sunday and just five all week

### Paul Casey (Won/-8)

Age: 41 (July 21, 1977)

### Following the Valspar Championship

- #4 FedExCup
- 6 Starts at Valspar Championship
- 2 Wins at Valspar Championship
- 250 PGA TOUR starts
- 3 PGA TOUR wins
- 10 PGA TOUR starts in 2018-19
- 3 Top-three finishes on TOUR in 2018-19

**Wins (3):** 2009 Houston Open, 2018 Valspar Championship, 2019 Valspar Championship

- Claims his third career PGA TOUR title in his 250<sup>th</sup> start at the age of 41 years, 8 months, 3 days
- With the win, collects 500 FedExCup points and moves from No. 16 to No. 4 in the standings
- Is projected to move to No. 11 in the Official World Golf Ranking
- Becomes the first player to successfully defend a Valspar Championship title and third player to win the event multiple times, joining K.J. Choi (2002, 2006) and Retief Goosen (2003, 2009)
- Becomes the first player on the PGA TOUR to successfully defend a title since Brooks Koepka (2017, 2018 U.S. Open)
- Becomes the second player to win on TOUR during the 2018-19 season with an over-par score in the final round (joins Rickie Fowler/74/Waste Management Phoenix Open)
- Becomes the third consecutive European to win on TOUR (Francesco Molinari/Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, Rory McIlroy/THE PLAYERS Championship), which had not occurred since 2010 (Justin Rose/the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide, Lee Westwood/FedEx St. Jude Classic, Graeme McDowell/U.S. Open)

- Wins in his 10<sup>th</sup> start of the 2018-19 season, with other top-three finishes coming at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am (2<sup>nd</sup>) and WGC-Mexico Championship (T3)
- Has now converted two of six 54-hole leads/co-leads on the PGA TOUR into victory (2009 Houston Open, 2019 Valspar Championship)
- Led the field in Strokes Gained: Tee to Green (11.238)

#### Jason Kokrak (T2/-7)

- Was seeking his first TOUR victory in his 197<sup>th</sup> career start
- Now owns three runner-up finishes (2019 Valspar Championship, 2016 Genesis Open, 2012 Safeway Open)
- Collected top-10 finishes in three of the four Florida events on the PGA TOUR during the 2018-19 season: T9/The Honda Classic, T10/Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard, T2/Valspar Championship
- Collects his third top-10 finish in his ninth start at the Valspar Championship (T7/2015, T8/2018, T2/2019)
- Has not missed a cut since the 2018 Open Championship (span of 17 starts)

#### Louis Oosthuizen (T2/-7)

- Making his seventh start in the Valspar Championship, eagled the par-5 first hole en route to a 69
- Following three straight missed cuts in the event from 2013-2015, finished T7 in 2016 and T16 in 2018
- Collects his second top-five finish in his seventh start of the 2018-19 season (T5/CIMB Classic, T2/Valspar Championship)
- Lone PGA TOUR victory came at the 2010 Open Championship

#### Dustin Johnson (T6/-5)

- Was in search of his 21<sup>st</sup> TOUR victory and second of the 2018-19 season (WGC-Mexico Championship)
- Most recently failed to record a birdie in the final round of the 2017 WGC-HSBC Champions, where he lost a six-shot lead
- Last over-par score in the final round of a PGA TOUR event before this week was the 2018 Genesis Open
- Scoring on Nos. 1-4 in the first three rounds: 5-under; final round: 2-over
- Streak of rounds in the 60s ended at 14 (was longest-active on TOUR and his career-longest)
- Has finished in the top 10 in five of his last six starts, highlighted by the win at the WGC-Mexico Championship
- Missed the cut in each of his two previous starts at the Valspar Championship (2008, 2010)

#### Miscellaneous Notes

- **Sungjae Im's** T4 marked his second top-five showing in his last three starts (T3/Arnold Palmer Invitational)
- In his eighth start at the Valspar Championship, **Bubba Watson** closed with a 3-under 68 to finish T4. His only previous top-10 showing at Innisbrook was solo-third in 2010
- Following a 4-under 32 on his outgoing nine, **Sergio Garcia** (T54) posted a 6-over 41 on his inward half, including a quintuple bogey on the par-4 16<sup>th</sup>

#### Bogey-free rounds:

**R1 (1):** Sepp Straka (66)

**R2 (1):** Matt Jones (68)

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

**R4 (0):** None

#### Scoring averages at the Copperhead Course:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
<b>R1:</b>	36.729	35.410	72.139	---
<b>R2:</b>	36.573	35.531	72.105	72.122
<b>R3:</b>	36.200	35.043	71.243	71.950
<b>R4:</b>	36.543	35.600	72.143	71.981

	Easiest hole	Toughest hole
<b>R1:</b>	Par-5 first (4.722)	Par-4 third (4.271)
<b>R2:</b>	Par-5 first (4.559)	Par-4 third (4.406)
<b>R3:</b>	Par-5 11 <sup>th</sup> (4.614)	Par-4 16 <sup>th</sup> (4.300)
<b>R4:</b>	Par-5 1 <sup>st</sup> (4.400)	Par-4 16 <sup>th</sup> (4.414)