



2019 Waste Management Phoenix Open

(The 13th of 46 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Scottsdale, Arizona
TPC Scottsdale

Jan. 31 - Feb. 3, 2019
Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,261 yards

Purse: \$7,100,000 (\$1,278,000 winner)
500 FedExCup points to winner

Second-Round Notes – Friday, February 1, 2019

Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high of 71. Wind S 5-10 mph.

36-hole cut: 72 professionals and one amateur at 1-under 141 from a field of 131 professionals and one amateur.

Second-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Score
1.	Rickie Fowler	64-65—129 (-13)
2.	Justin Thomas	64-66—130 (-12)
T3.	Branden Grace	67-64—131 (-11)
T3.	Trey Mullinax	67-64—131 (-11)

Things to Know

- Rickie Fowler holds the 36-hole lead/co-lead for the ninth time in his career. He has failed to convert any of the previous eight into a victory.
- Fowler and Justin Thomas have both only made one bogey through two rounds.
- Branden Grace aced the par-3 7th hole en route to a 7-under 64.
- Grace records his lowest 36-hole total on TOUR with 11-under 131.
- Phil Mickelson fails to record his 500th official made cut on TOUR this week.

Second-Round Lead Notes

- 60 Lowest R2 score (most recent: Phil Mickelson/2005/Won).
- 5 Second-round leaders/co-leaders of the Waste Management Phoenix Open since 2000 to convert for the win.
- 6 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2018-19 (most recent: Justin Rose/Farmers Insurance Open).

Rickie Fowler (1st/-13)

Age: 30 (12/13/1988)

Entering the week

- #65 FedExCup
- #14 OWGR
- 10 Starts at Waste Management Phoenix Open
- 219 PGA TOUR starts
- 4 PGA TOUR wins
- 3 Starts in 2018-19
- 1 Top-10 in 2018-19

- Finished his second round with four consecutive birdies en route to a 6-under 65.
- Birdied Nos. 15-18 for the first time in the same round at TPC Scottsdale.
- Holds the 36-hole lead/co-lead for the ninth time in his career (most recent: 2018 Waste Management Phoenix Open). Has failed to convert any of the previous eight leads into a victory.
- 65 marks his 13th score in the 60s at TPC Scottsdale in his last 15 rounds.
- In 11 consecutive starts at the Waste Management Phoenix Open, owns two runner-up finishes. Lost to Hideki Matsuyama on the fourth hole of a playoff in 2016 and lost by a stroke to Hunter Mahan in 2010.
- Making his fourth start of the 2018-19 season, with a T4 at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open his lone top-10 finish
- In search of his fifth PGA TOUR win and first since the 2017 The Honda Classic

Justin Thomas (2nd/-12)

- Made only one bogey after 36 holes. Tied for the fewest in the field with Rickie Fowler, Charley Hoffman and J.J. Spaun (Spaun double bogeyed the second hole in the second round).
- Recorded his 11th consecutive sub-par round this season, which totals 46-under par.
- Making his fifth start in the Waste Management Phoenix Open, having collected T17 finishes in 2015 and 2018 and missed cuts in 2016 and 2017
- Making his fifth start of the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season, with a 3rd-place showing at the Sentry Tournament of Champions his best showing
- In search of his 10th career PGA TOUR win and first since the 2018 World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational

Branden Grace (T3/-11)

- Mixed two eagles, five birdies and a double bogey for a 7-under 64. Made two eagles in the same round for the first time on TOUR.
- Made a hole-in-one on the par-3 7th hole with an 8-iron from 194 yards.
- Carded his lowest 36-hole total on TOUR with 11-under 131. Previous best came on two separate occasions with total of 134 (2015 WGC-HSBC Champions and 2018 AT&T Byron Nelson).
- Making his first start at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. With a win, will become the tenth player to win this event in their first appearance (2015/Brooks Koepka, 2012/Kyle Stanley, 2006/J.B. Holmes, 1980/Jeff Mitchell, 1976/Bob Gilder, 1955/Gene Littler, 1948/Bobby Locke, 1944/Harold McSpaden and 1932/Ralph Guldahl).
- Seeking his second TOUR victory and his first since the 2016 RBC Heritage.
- Best finish in four starts this season was T41 at WGC-HSBC Champions. Comes off a missed cut at last week's Farmers Insurance Open.

Trey Mullinax (T3/-11)

- Seeking his first TOUR victory in his 63rd career start. If he goes on to win, he'll become the 13th player to earn their first win at the Waste Management Phoenix Open.
- After starting the 2018-19 season with three consecutive missed cuts, has improved his finish in each of the last four starts. Beginning with a T65 at The RSM Classic and most recently finishing T25 at last week's Farmers Insurance Open.
- Dating to the RSM Classic, has now posted 17 out of 18 rounds at par or better, including 11 consecutive sub-par rounds.

Phil Mickelson (MC/+1)

- Missed the cut with a 4-over 75, his first over-par round at the Waste Management Phoenix Open in his last 13 rounds at TPC Scottsdale.
- The three-time champion of the Waste Management Phoenix Open was seeking his 500th official made-cut on Tour this week in 597 career starts. He played the 1991 and 1994 Open Championship when the event was considered unofficial.
- Made a record 30th start in the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

Miscellaneous Notes

- **Matt Kuchar** (T5) owns three top-10 finishes at the Waste Management Phoenix Open in nine previous starts (T5/2018, T9/2017, T6/2009).
- In fourth consecutive start at the Waste Management Phoenix Open, **Cameron Smith's** (T5) best record is a T42 in 2017. Best finish is a T42 in 2017.
- In his 11th start at the Waste Management Phoenix Open, **Martin Laird** (T7) posted his 21st round in the 60s. He owns four top-10 finishes at TPC Scottsdale, highlighted by a T3 finish in 2011.
- **Bubba Watson's** (T7) 36-hole total of 133 is his lowest since the 2018 Travelers Championship, which he went on to win.
- In his PGA TOUR debut, **Matthew Wolff** (T24) made the cut as an amateur at 5-under 137. The 19-year-old led Oklahoma State University's to its 11th NCAA team championship as a freshman in 2018.
- Best finish by an amateur at the Waste Management Phoenix Open: J.T. Blair III/T3/1956, Jon Rahm/T5/2015, Ken Venturi/T6/1956 and Frank Stranahan/T7/1948.
- Eight past Waste Management Phoenix Open champions: **Gary Woodland**/2018 (T11), **Hideki Matsuyama**/2016, 2017 (T24), **Phil Mickelson**/1996, 2005, 2013 (MC), **Kyle Stanley**/2012 (MC), **Hunter Mahan**/2010 (T33), **Kenny Perry**/2009 (MC), **J.B. Holmes**/2006, 2008 (T24), **Aaron Baddeley**/2007 (MC)

- **Peter Uihlein** withdrew due to an injury.

Scoring Averages:

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	34.841	35.545	70.386	---
R2:	34.763	35.870	70.634	70.510
	Early	Late		
R1:	70.33	70.44		
R2:	70.97	70.30		

Bogey-free rounds at TPC Scottsdale:

R1: Rickie Fowler (64), Justin Thomas (64), J.T. Poston (65), Scott Piercy (66), Bubba Watson (66), Charley Hoffman (66), Andrew Landry (67), Xander Schauffele (67), Ollie Schniederjans (67), Adam Schenk (70)
R2: Brandon Harkins (66), Kevin Streelman (67), Carlos Ortiz (68), J.J. Spaun (69)